

October 2016 New Hope News



2016 WATCHWORD

Christ says, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." John 15:4 (NRSV)

New Hope Moravian Church

"Be Still and Know That I Am God"

Well, the season of fall is upon us! Fall is a time when things begin to go dormant. Yet, before this deadness happens, we enjoy the beautiful colorful leaves that adorn the trees. We feel the crisp coolness and nip in the air. We also notice the days are getting much shorter.

In the South, most of us love the fall because we can go outside without melting in the heat. The cooler air is both energizing and invigorating, as we take our daily walks. We have happy and sad thoughts that Winter is not far off.... All of these slight changes make us think about what comes next with the grass dying, leaves falling from trees, and the barrenness of Winter's coldness. The changes in the seasons, remind us that life ultimately has many changes. Life has time-tables of warmness, coldness, activity and in-activity that we all experience in our lives.

As I grow older and (hopefully) wiser, I am beginning to understand the importance of having a bit more dormancy or periods of temporarily being inactive. This is certainly not easy for me, but I'm working on it. We all need to recharge and rethink our life's situation and circumstances. We all need to step back from our busy lives, to allow God to restore and replenish our souls in the midst of this quietness. Lots of activities in our "life" can be a good thing, and can be productive. Yet, just like the seasons of the year, getting quiet (settling in) and taking a respite is greatly needed too. Sometimes, we just need to re-elevate where we are in our life. Are we busy and being spiritually productive for God; or are we just spinning our wheels?

How "busy" are you? What are you trying to make happen in your life? Are you just going through the motions? Are you being productive for God's Kingdom? The real question is, "Are you tending to your soul?" Have you considered that even in your busyness, perhaps your body and soul needs restoring? Maybe your heart is scorched from the heat of your hectic schedule! Perhaps, you've not taken the time for self-care and soul-care the way that you should.

For us to be all God wants us to be; we must die to ourselves and live for Christ Jesus. We must nourish our body, our minds and our souls so that we might hear the voice of God speak to us. The true follower of Christ Jesus must "be still" to hear the voice of God. God desires to fully equip us for all His seasonal good works, so that we will bear much fruit for His Kingdom.

Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God." The NASB says it this way, "Cease striving." As followers of Christ Jesus, our call is to trust God as the days grow cooler, the nights grow longer and the darkness surrounds us. We are to let God speak to us in our stillness?

Jesus said in John 12:24, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Jesus was talking about Himself and His upcoming death. But, He was also talking about the resurrection and the life that He would give to all of us. We would be the fruit that He would bear and it would come through His death. In a similar way, when we die to ourselves; we too find that our hearts can be restored in the quiet.

Questions for Reflection:

- How is God revealing His love to you this fall season? Explain.
- How is God's Truth in the Bible speaking to you? How can you follow and obey God's Truth?
- How do you trust God for the busyness and the respites of your life? Explain.
- How can you love others sacrificially? Who is God calling you to love?
- How can you witness to others how God is working in your life? Who do you need to pray for?

In Christ Service, Pastor Betty

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We will have a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot of the church on Monday, October 31 from 6:30 until 7:30. This is for any children. CMO students have been invited, and we should get some from the community.

If you are willing to participate please sign list on the bulletin board at church.

You can dress up, decorate your car, have a game with a few prizes, and candy to hand out. (Game does not need to be hard or complicated. They really just want the candy.)

If you can't participate, please help by donating candy. Just bring to church and leave for Pam Prevatte. She will get it out to those participating.

In the event of rain, we will move into the church.



Feel the excitement...Upcoming worship services

World Wide Communion Oct. 2nd

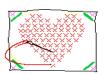
Oct. 9th Mission Lovefeast, Guest speaker-Joe Jarvis

Covered dish

Oct. 30th All Saint's Day

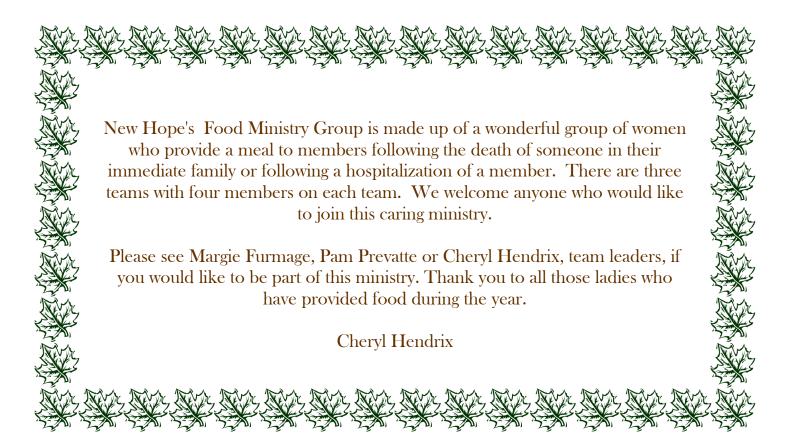
Thank you to all our talented cross stitchers. The quilt has been started and should be ready for display soon. This year I added a few new square designs. Please let me know what you think of them, good and bad. I have had some feedback already, you will not hurt my feelings. I want the quilt to look the way you want it to look.

And a big thank you to Margaret. What would we do without her?



Thank you all, Pat





Fall Gathering and Wienie Roast Sunday, October 30th, 3:00 PM Howard Reinhardt farm

Fishing, Games, Wienie roast, Marshmallow roasting, Bon-fire, Singing and good down home fun



Hotdogs provided. Bring a side dish and drink and get ready to have a great time! If you have one, bring your musical instrument and we can pick and grin by the fire. Don't forget your fishing pole, yard games and lawn chair!



Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board

Don't miss the fun!





Circle Schedule Date Location Lesson Person 10-18-16 Pam: Session 1 Pat deBlois 11-15-16 Carolyn: Session 2 **Nancy Miller** 1-17-17 Nancy M.: Session 3 **Leslie Srail** 2-21-17 Pat: Session 4 **Thelma Greaser** 3-21-17 **Thelma: Session 5 Malissa Bumgarner** 4-18-17 **Nancy Olson Terri: Session 6** 5-16-17 **Leslie: Session 7 Carolyn McDonald** 6-7-17 6:30 at Leslie's house for a hot dog cookout Start time is 7:00 except for 6-7-17.







