

October 2018
New Hope Moravian Church
Newsletter



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2018 Watchword

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.
Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21 (NKJV)



“Lord Grow Me Spiritually!”

Spiritual Maturity! Don't you wish you could just take a pill, or snap your fingers or quote Bible verses enough times to become spiritually mature? I mean, really! This journey of our spiritual growth is hard work; isn't it? Quite frankly, there are days when the journey gets so heavy; we want to escape to a remote island. Spiritual maturity takes real work! Sometimes it hurts, sometimes it's inconvenient, sometimes it seems out of our reach, and sometimes it calls for a deep desire within us that we are not quite sure, we've got.

Yet, there is no easy way around it. Spiritual maturity is NOT automatic! It takes intentional commitment to grow. We must WANT to grow! We must DECIDE to grow. We must MAKE AN EFFORT to grow. And we must PERSIST to grow! We like a young child must learn to crawl before we walk and learn to walk before we can run; real life is just like that. Real spiritual maturity like the maturity of a young child begins with the inner motivation and decision to be persistent every day, no matter what our mental and physical feelings tell us. Clearly, even our daily scheduled commitments can motivate us spiritually or destroy us, but nevertheless, they will define us. So, I ask you today, what are you wholly committed to in your life? What is it that remains front and center in your life regardless of the shifting tides and turbulent winds of your life? Is it Christ Jesus or the ways of the world? Is your life defined by your faith or by your lack of faith?

In John 11, Mary and Martha's hearts were broken at the loss of their brother, and yet, they were STILL committed to Christ. They STILL believed He could do the impossible. They STILL honored Him even though they couldn't begin to understand the logic of Jesus' decision to tarry when Lazarus needed Him the most. STILL, in time, their commitment to STILL follow Christ revealed the underlying rationale in their experience.

What do you think...Do we as followers of Christ fail to be completely committed to STILL growing spiritually; or do we bail-out too soon? Do we give up trying to grow in our faith; we're just happy with a little of Jesus. Anymore and it might seem like, we are being a Jesus fanatic or a little to "churchie" for those around us. Friends, when we bail-out, we are giving up on the true abundance of Christ and the reality of enjoying the benefits of true spiritual maturity. When we bail-out, we never really experience and taste the joy available for those who STILL remain faithful EVEN when they don't understand what God is doing in their situation. In these times of being STILL, we must remind ourselves that in the dark hours of our lives, in the discouraging times that absolutely nothing is hidden from God. He knows our

deepest feelings, our desires, our excuses, and our heartfelt needs; God knows us. He knows everything about us. He REALLY knows US! He knows us individually and personally, He knows us far better than we know ourselves. And yet, He STILL loves US and draws US to Himself! So, why fret? Why struggle? Why bail-out? Why seek another route? When you think about it, there isn't another route or way...Not really. For, all of our life, the real freedom of our life and our joy is found only in Christ Jesus and no other. Without Christ, in our life; our life is a miserable and meaningless existence. Without Jesus there is no HOPE.

Why don't you tell Jesus how you feel today; He already knows. Ask Him to grow you spiritually? Tell Him, how much you need Him in your life...Tell Him you cannot live another day without Him! Then, fully commit yourself to Him, wholly and completely, no matter what interruptions, or trials or stormy clouds are pressing in, on you...No matter how hard the rain begins to fall on your situation. Say, Lord Jesus, I am STILL Yours forevermore...Lord, GROW ME spiritually; Lord, I want to be more like Christ Jesus!

In Christ Service,
Pastor Betty

“Chicken Chatter”

On behalf of the chicken pie committee, I would like to thank each of you for the tremendous turn-out of help we had in making our famous chicken pies. We made 536 chicken pies, all of which were pre-sold. This was on top of the apple pies that had previously been made! Thank you to Jane and Steve for their donations of beets, salsa, Moravian slaw, and pepper jelly. And don't forget about the honey! All of these items add monetary gain to the account.

As is always the case, it was wonderful to hear the chatter and laughter as we all worked together toward a common goal. The upgrades that we have been able to make, because of the sales of our pies, have been tremendous. It is only with all of us working together that we are able to accomplish so much. We are truly a church family working together to glorify God.

I don't usually call out specific names, but I would like to give a special thank you to Margaret and Anita, who were such troopers and helped all 3 days! We could not have done it without you! Thank you, thank you!!

Thank you again to everyone for the years of support, hard work, and time given in making this project so successful! Rest up, as we will soon be announcing a date to make pies to be sold at the Candle Tea Bazaar.

In His service,
Margie and your chicken pie committee



From the Chicken Pie Breakroom

I'd like to thank all those who prepared or bought some type of breakfast, snack, lunch or dessert items during the whole process. It was wonderful having a variety with which to take a break. The beverages were important also. Jane B made sure we all had access to water to keep hydrated as we “slaved away”. Kidding, it truly was a pleasure to work together on such an invaluable (and yummy) project.

Thanks,
Malissa Bumgarner



Cleaners Needed for November & December

Sign-up sheet posted on bulletin board. More than one family can work together. All cleaning supplies are provided, but some prefer to bring their own favorite ones. Preschool has begun. They do a good job of cleaning their areas, but do take a quick look in case others have used the building after school.

Please consider a turn at keeping God's House spick and span.

October Cleaners: Nancy Miller and Fay & Jeff Ayers

Many thanks to those who have cleaned thus far.



Fall School Supplies Collection Continues:

When you wish upon a star...

Look for the stars with the staff wishes for our preschool. The stars are now located next to the preschool bulletin board across from the restrooms. Place your donation in the church office. Please consider picking a star with a teacher request and making her wish come true.

Thank you for your generous support of our program!

Margaret Schultz

Chair of Preschool Advisory Board



Sunday, October 7th – Worldwide Communion

Worship Committee Meeting, 12:15 pm. Light lunch provided.

Register today: College Age Fall Event

6:30 p.m., Friday, October 12, 2018 | Rural Hall Moravian Church, Rural Hall, NC

This event will begin with dinner at Rural Hall Moravian Church followed by a trip to the haunted attraction, Hacker House, in Pilot Mountain. Dinner will be provided, but the cost of admission to the attraction is not.

More information and online registration: Moravian.Online/CollegeAgeFallEvent

FUNDRAISING DINNER FOR ALASKAN SEMINARY

Make your reservations by OCTOBER 3, 2018 for the Salmon Bake at **New Philadelphia Moravian** on **October 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.** Ed Dehnert, Dean of the Alaska (AK) Bible Seminary, and his wife Barb will deliver fresh AK salmon and share updates from the Seminary in AK. For reservations, contact Sheila Beaman at sbeaman@mccsp.org or call 336-773-1732. The meal is provided free, and donations will benefit the ministry of the Seminary.

Sunday, October 14th Mission Sunday with Reception to Follow Guest Speaker: Mr. Evon Crooks

Evon has been a member at New Philadelphia Moravian for the past 25 years. He currently serves on the board of elders and is chair of the missions committee. Evon has led a number of mission trips to Jamaica between 2001 and 2005 for the rebuilding of Camp Hope. He served as president of the mission society from 2006 to 2010. Evon has led mission trips to Ray of Hope Orphanage in the Republic of Kenya to install solar power. He has participated in mission trips to the Ukraine to teach bible based business principles. Over the past 4 years Evon and his team has been instrumental in growing the Moravian church in Cuba. He and his wife Carol just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They have three children and 6 grandchildren. Allison Snyder is Mr. Crooks' daughter.

Board of Elders Meeting after the reception on October 14th.



Aging Well Fall Rally

Senior Adults (Male & Female) are encouraged to attend

Tuesday, October 16th, 2018

Konnoak Hills Moravian Church, W-S

Key Note Speaker: The Rt. Rev. Carol Foltz
(1st Female Bishop, Southern Prov.)
Topic: "I Got Gratitude"

Cost will be \$10.00 for materials and lunch

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, October 10th

Tickets available from Pam Prevatte (our Aging Well liaison)

WOMEN'S CIRCLE & BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, October 16th

7:00 at Pat deBlois' House

All women are invited to join in on the fun!

We are continuing with the same study that was started last year.

Each attendee should bring a Bible.

Hope you can make it.

Thanks to Marge Furmage for hosting the circle covered dish in September.

EASTERN CATAWBA COUNTY



HUNGER WALK

When
Sunday, October 21, 2018
 2:00PM - Registration
 3:00PM - Event Starts
 4:00PM - Awards | Refreshments
 (Top Team Fundraiser, Largest Team, Top Individual Fundraiser)

Where
Downtown Newton
 (Registration: North Side of Museum)

Questions?
ECCCM
 (828-465-1702 | ecccm.org)
The Corner Table Soup Kitchen
 (828-464-0355 | thecornertable.org)

Benefiting



Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry
 A Circle Of Light To Those In Need

The Corner Table
 SOUP KITCHEN

Why We Walk
 To provide meals to the 20% of homes facing food insecurity in eastern Catawba County!

Get Involved
 SPONSOR
 WALK
 START A TEAM
 RAISE SUPPORT
 SPREAD THE WORD



ecchungerwalk.com



Youth Fall Rally
 Oct. 21

4:00 to 6:00
 Olivet Moravian Church

4:00 p.m-6:00 p.m., Sunday, October 21, 2018 | Olivet Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC

Youth in high school and middle school are invited to attend the Fall Youth Rally! After the crop walk, head out to Olivet Moravian for a fun afternoon! The event will include pumpkin carving, a costume contest (church appropriate), and fellowship. Snacks will be provided.

Saturday, October 27th – Old Salem field trip. Details to be discussed at New Hoppers and more information to follow.

Women's Fellowship Fall Festival

Saturday, October 27th

Christ Moravian Church

919 W Academy Street, Fellowship Building

Located at the corner of Granville Dr and Academy St

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Basement Sale:

Household goods, furniture and much more

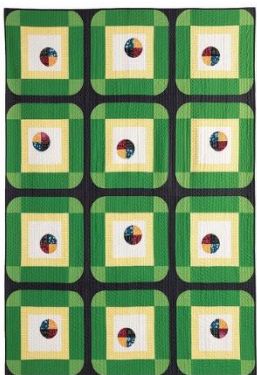
Fellowship Building:

Chicken Pies, Baked Goods, Canned Goods from the Garden, Pecans, Jewelry, Thirty-One, Soaps, Body Scrubs, Origami, Wreaths, Crafts, Woodworking by Lou and much more!

Breakfast – Coffee, Breakfast Biscuits, Sweets

Lunch – Hotdogs and Homemade Vegetable Soup

Sunday, October 28th – All Saints Sunday



Bazaar Quilt

Margaret has pulled all of us cross stitchers together to outperform ourselves. And for the second year in a row this was accomplished **ON TIME!** Thank you all!

You'll notice that this year's quilt is 3 squares by 3 squares. The quilt will be the first and only prize. Reflecting these changes, raffle tickets will simply be \$1.00 each. I hope each of you will take pride in selling (or buying) chances to win this year's quilt. Good luck!

Pat deBlois

FYI – This year's quilt has a Christmas patterned fabric. Check out the sample on the bulletin board!

(INTERNATIONAL) MORAVIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Time to Register and put this event on your calendars, Ladies!

It's in Winston this time- June 20-23, 2019

Early bird pricing available now until Jan 1. Limited scholarships on first come first serve from PWB. Our Women's Fellowship is also planning to assist with scholarships. Notify Nancy Miller.

Free housing with family available for those who wish to stay over or carpooling can be arranged.

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
RACHEL HELD EVANS

with Additional Keynotes by
BISHOP KAY WARD and THE REV. CHRISTIE MELBY-GIBBONS

— at —

Unleash Your Power!
2019 Moravian Women's Conference

JUNE 20-23, 2019
Embassy Suites by Hilton | Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Moravian.Online/Women
REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 1, 2018

Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all we can ask or imagine, by his power at work within us. Ephesians 3:20

Pray Every Day October 2018

1. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper the work of our hands. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF in Nampa, Idaho.
2. Settle matters quickly with your adversary. Pray for Brian & Heather Marx with MAF - Bmarx@maf.org.
3. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Pray for outreach to disaster victims.
4. Make sure there is no root among you that produces bitter poison. Rejoice with those who rejoice but mourn with those who mourn.
5. He shall be the one of peace. Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima in Sierra Leone.
6. Teach and admonish one another in all wisdom and with gratitude. Pray for volunteers and donations to aide disaster victims.
7. Sunday. I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. Pray for Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide, Alaska Bible Seminary, Bethel, AK.
8. Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Pray for the Moravian Volunteer Resources.
9. The Lord is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Pray for unity of government and private organizations in disaster relief efforts.
10. The disciples said to each other, "were not our hearts burning within us while he opened the Scriptures to us?" Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman with HIV/AIDS ministry.
11. Do not let the wise boast in their wisdom, nor the mighty in their might. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
12. I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly. Pray for Michael, Cecilia & Blessing Tesh in Kenya.
13. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; make a joyful noise to him. Pray for Charle & Vickie Brent and Family serving in campus ministry in TX.
14. Sunday. Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord will put his spirit on them!.Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton serving with WEC in Singapore.
15. Live as children of light. Pray for Ruth Snyder and Claire Wilson with "Changed Choices."
16. To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice. Pray for Kevin & Charity in the Middle East.
17. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Pray for Annie B.Mission with Star Mountain in Palestine.
18. Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Pray for the Moravian Mission Areas of Sierra Leone, Cuba, and Peru.
19. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and glorify your father. Pray for the advisory board of the Unity Women's Desk.
20. Will their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God. By no means! Pray for Justin Rabbach Director of Board of World Mission.
21. Sunday. Everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, but received with thanksgiving. Pray for Ashley and Philip Sineath in Campus Outreach in AL.
22. Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you. Pray for the Medical Clinic and the church in Ahuas, Honduras.
23. The secret things belong to the Lord but the revealed things belong to us. Pray for Joe Jarvis and the work with Cuban Moravian Church.
24. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit. Pray for Allen and Deedee lobst in Spain in campus ministry.
25. I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
26. My flesh and heart may fail, but God is my strength and portion forever. Pray for Wings of Mercy, Honduras.
27. Let us lay aside every weight in the sin that clings so closely. Pray for the Moravian churches & missions in Peru
28. Sunday. The Lord has done great things for us. Pray for R and B in the Sudan.
29. Stand up and tell them everything that I command you. Pray for Moravians in Albania, the most atheistic country in Europe.
30. Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Pray for Missionary Aviation Repair Center (MARC) that partners with other ministries to share the Good News.
31. It is Jesus Christ who died, was raised, and sits at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us. Pray for the leaders of our mission efforts; for the Mission Societies and those that support them; the Exec. Director, the directors, and Staff of the BWM; and the continuing visioning for the future efforts of the BWM.



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