October 2021 New Hope Moravian Church

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2021 Watchword

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

(Ephesians 3:20-21 NRSV)



New Hope's Mission Committee Report ~ 2021

So far this year, New Hope has supported several organizations that care for our neighbors in need. I have tried to quantify the items that were donated to keep the congregation informed. For instance, our food donations for The Corner Table's Parade of Cans weighed in at 296 pounds. However, I feel it is also important to realize what each of these items can mean to someone who is having difficulty in life.

Our donations to The Corner Table help provide meals for our neighbors that suffer from food insecurity. These meals are served without judgement and provide hope for the soul along with nourishment for the body.

Donations to the pantries, at Safe Harbor and The Women's Resource Center, give women the supplies they need to care for themselves and their families. These personal care and household cleaning supplies cannot be purchased through government assistance benefits, such as SNAP or WIC, but are essential to the safety and wellness of those in our community.

Our school supply donations for the Stuff the Bus campaign were distributed to schools in Catawba County. Each notebook, binder, and pencil mean that a child has the supplies to succeed in school.

Members of our congregation also volunteer their time at organizations, such as ECCCM, Carolina Caring(hospice), Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, and Guardian Ad Litem. A few hours of their time help provide food, shelter and love for countless people.

On October 10, Mission Sunday, New Hope will be welcoming a speaker from Carolina Caring. During worship we will hear about their new program, Cardinal Kids, and learn how we can help. Donations to this

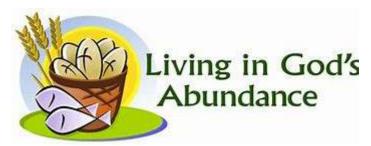
program help to make life less stressful for parents of pediatric patients by giving them needed essential items. (More information is in an additional newsletter article).

So, whether it is a can of beans, bottle of shampoo, pack of diapers or hour out of our day, what we donate is more than a total number of items and does more than feed or clean. It is a tangible way to share God's love.

Thank you for supporting New Hope's outreach to the community!

Margaret Schultz
Mission Committee Chair

1 John:17-18 New Living Translation, "If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion – how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other, let us show the truth by our actions."



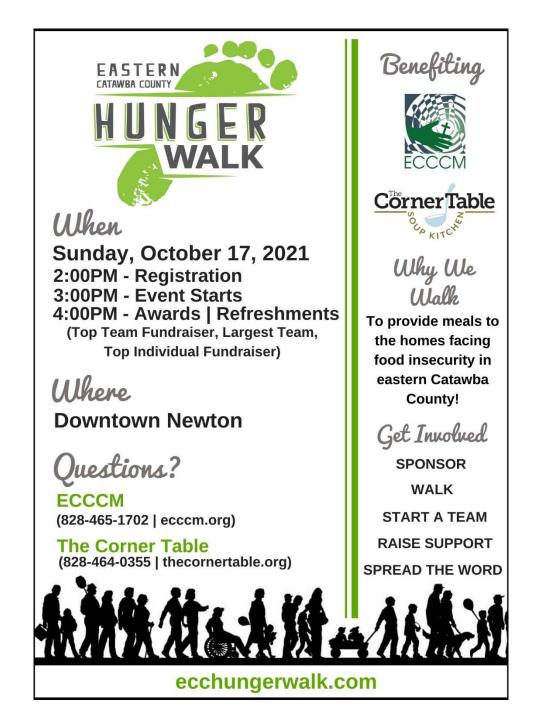
We have everything we need but do not see what God has given us....

A legend tells the story of a fisherman called Aaron. Aaron lived on the banks of a river. Walking home with his eyes half-closed one evening after a hard day's work, he was dreaming of what he could do if he were rich. As he walked his foot struck against a leather pouch filled with what seemed to him to be small stones.

Absentmindedly, he picked up the pouch and began throwing the pebbles into the water. "When I am a rich man," he said to himself, "I'll have a large house". And he threw another pebble into the river. He threw another one and thought, "My wife and I will have servants and rich food, and many fine things". And this went on until just one stone was left. As Aaron held it in his hand, a ray of light caught it and made it sparkle. He then realized that it was a valuable gem. Sadly, he had been throwing away the real riches in his hand, while he dreamed of unreal riches in the future. (From stories by Rev RJ Fairchild).

This legend summarizes the situation of many of us as Christians. We have been given everything we need or could want, it has been placed in our hands, and we have been invited to enjoy it. But for some reason we do not look into our hands, we do not take what God has given us, and actually use it. Instead, we dream of the day when we will be richly blessed, we dream of the day when the joy of the banquet will be ours.

Blessings, Pastor Betty



For Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries (ECCCM) and The Corner Table, the month of October is normally synonymous with the Eastern Catawba County Hunger Walk. The purpose of the walk is to raise funds for hunger relief efforts in Eastern Catawba County, and to heighten awareness of the hunger issue within our community. Sadly, due to COVID-19 and safety issues, the walk was cancelled in 2020. However, due to the pandemic, hunger is even more prevalent, and therefore the need for funds is greater than ever. Since the onset of COVID-19, we have seen a 60% increase of need in our community. ECCCM and The Corner Table are asking that you will find it in your heart to support our hunger relief efforts. All ECC Hunger Walk donations will be shared evenly between these two organizations, and you may rest assured that your gift will be used to feed the hungry here in Eastern Catawba County. Thank you for helping ECCCM and The Corner Table in our common ministry of feeding those who suffer from hunger.



Carolina Caring's largest annual fundraiser, this October event invites golfers for a day of camaraderie and worthwhile play. Held at Catawba Country Club in Newton, Friends Fore Hospice is a much-anticipated yearly favorite of casual and competitive golfers. Planning for the 19th Annual Friends Fore Hospice Golf Tournament is underway and we want you!

www.carolinacaring.org/golf



During the month of October New Hope Church family and the Preschool partner in collecting supplies for children served through **Cardinal Kids Program** offered by Carolina Caring, our local hospice.

You might ask... What is Cardinal Kids and who do they serve?

Cardinal Kids program was established to help children, between birth and young adult, and their families as they face challenges when diagnosed with a life-limiting illness or condition. The staff partners with the child's physician and their families to manage and treat symptoms caused by his/her illness. While most of our care takes place directly in children's home, our staff also provide services in the hospital setting.

How can we help? Cardinal Kids Wish List

(Please place donated items in marked collection box in hallway)

No Specific Brands Needed

Diapers - size newborn to size 6 – no pull-ups please Baby Wipes Bath Soap/ Baby Wash Lotions Diaper Rash Creams

Thank you in advance for the love and support that you give to Carolina Caring and the **Cardinal Kids Program**. A neighbor helping a neighbor! Thank You.

Children's Morning Out/Preschool



The 2021-2022 school year began September 7th with an enrollment of 34 children. A new classroom was added this year to accommodate an increase in demand. There are now 5 classes with a total of 7 staff. Although COVID protocol continues to require some adjustments, there are some fun and exciting activities planned. There will be a trip to Devine Farms to pick out a pumpkin and learn about life on the farm. Also, a trunk-or-treat is scheduled for the morning of October 28th. New Hope members are invited to join the fun by decorating their car and handing out treats to the students. If you are interested in participating, please contact Margaret Schultz for more information.

The Preschool Advisory Committee



Ways to Give to New Hope

Thanks to the Moravian Ministries Foundation of America (MMFA), we now have an online option to donate to New Hope via credit card or direct debit (automatic bank to bank transfer). The MMFA provides the portal for this

electronic giving and they directly deposit any funds to the New Hope bank account. Here is the link to the online giving portal: https://mmfa.info/new-hope-moravian-church-north-carolina-donation-form/.

This is a great option for Friends of New Hope that no longer live in the area. These donations will be tracked for tax filing purposes. Transaction fees do apply, just under 3% for credit card transactions and \$0.75 for direct debit transactions.

The MMFA also provides a means to donate securities/stocks. Your broker transfers the securities/stocks to MMFA and the MMFA executes the securities/stocks into cash. Securities/stocks executed in this way are not subject to capital gains tax. Please contact Tom Schultz if you are interested in the process for this type of monetary transaction.

Please contact Tom Schultz at newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com with any questions about the items above.

New Hope Service on



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This will take you directly to the homepage of our New Hope YouTube channel. Here you can choose from different videos that are available.

Mark Your Calendar for October

Sunday, October 3rd – Sunday School 9:00 am Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service 10:00 am

World-Wide Communion

Monday, October 4th – Friends Fore Hospice Golf Tournament
Catawba Country Club

Thursday, October 7th – ECCCM Workday

Sunday, October 10th – Sunday School 9:00 am Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service 10:00 am

Monday, October 11th – Board of Elders Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm

Columbus Day

Sunday, October 17th - Sunday School 9:00 am Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service 10:00 am

Eastern Catawba County Hunger Walk

Monday, October 18th – No School for New Hope Preschool or Catawba County Schools

Sunday, October 24th – Sunday School 9:00 am Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service 10:00 am

Monday, October 25th - November Newsletter Articles Due

Thursday, October 28th – Preschool Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 31st – Sunday School 9:00 am Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service 10:00 am





October Birthdays

8th – Craig deBlois 12th – Mark Helms 24th – Terry Ellis 25th – John Prevatte 28th – Dan Greaser 30th – Will Simpson

Pray Every Day October 2021

- 1. I am making everything new! Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true. Pray for disaster relief workers and Moravian Disaster Response.
- 2. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
- 3. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for others. Pray for firefighters and police officers.

- 4. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
- 5. You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. Pray for the Moravian churches in Haiti.
- 6. Make every effort to add to your faith, goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance, and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. Pray for the government leaders in our country.
- 7. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. Pray for short term mission teams.
- 8. For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leonne.
- 9. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Pray seminarians and candidates for ordination.
- 10. Be patient, then brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
- 11. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
- 12. Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
- 13. Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
- 14. Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
- 15. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
- 16. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith who for the joy set before him endured the cross. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
- 17. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the day approaching. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
- 18. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Pray for the Thiessens in Mexico.
- 19. For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
- 20. God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
- 21. Therefore since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Pray for the medical personnel caring for Covid-19 patients.
- 22. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
- 23. He saved us not because of righteous things we have done, but because of his mercy. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
- 24. For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all people. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
- 25. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
- 26. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, and discharge all the duties of your ministry. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
- 27. I thank God whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
- 28. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
- 29. Now to the King, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
- 30. Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
- 31. For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.



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