

October 2022

New Hope Moravian Church

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2022 Watchword

“If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”
(1 John 1:7)



The Board of World Mission Watchword for 2022: Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. – John 12:16

New Hope is focusing on the work and ministry of The Board of World Mission (BWM) this month. The BWM continues the work begun in 1745 by The Society for Propagating the Gospel, North America’s oldest Protestant mission society. Founded in 1949, BWM acts on behalf of the Northern, Southern, and Alaskan Provinces and its affiliate, Unity of the Brethren.

The worlds’ needs are great. BWM helps meet those needs with financial resources and mission teams as well as to provide support to Moravian congregations around the globe. Their ministry for 2021 included the following:

1. Assisting congregations in Labrador, Cuba, Peru, Costa Rica, Honduras, Western Tanzania
2. Responding through the Moravian Disaster Response (MDR) for:
 - a. Haiti earthquake assistance
 - b. Covid -19 supplies and vaccinations
 - c. Hurricane relief in Nicaragua and Honduras
 - d. North American congregations to obtain software/hardware to live stream services
3. Funding 25 unique global projects in the Mission Grant Program which included Sierra Leone schools, Star Mountain in Palestine, education costs for a medical student in Honduras.

You are encouraged to read or review again the BWM Annual Report (2021) in the June/July 2022 issue of *The Moravian*. Please prayerfully consider a donation to BMW which will help to grow ministries around the world.

Plan to be present for our Mission Sunday service on October 23 when we will be honored to have Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler, BWM Director of Mission Engagement as well as manager of Moravian Disaster Response deliver our message.

God of steadfast love, have mercy upon us. In gratitude for your care of us, help us to see the needs of others in our community and worldwide. Out of our abundance, may we bless others, so they know the love of God through us. Amen.

New Hope Mission Committee 2022 (Margaret Schultz, Chair; Ann Carr, Bonnie Everhart, Dan Greaser, Tom Schultz, Rachel Snipes, Leslie Srail)



On October 23rd, New Hope will celebrate Mission Sunday. The Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler, Director of Mission Engagement for the Board of World Mission, will be our guest speaker. (Read on in the newsletter to learn more about him.) As we look forward to hearing more about missions in the Moravian Church, it is a good time to look back on what New Hope has done to help its neighbors.

Since our last Mission Sunday in October 2021, we have:

- Donated Christmas gifts for 21 children to Exodus Home's Angel Tree
- Collected donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring that were given to the Corner Table
- Participated in monthly ECCCM workdays
- Supported the fundraiser for the playground renovations
- Held a Red Cross blood drive that collected 33 units of blood
- Collected food for the Backpack Program in the school systems
- Fulfilled 19 Claremont Elementary teachers' wish lists

Looking ahead to November, we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly to be donated to the guardian ad litem's campaign for local Backpack Programs and food banks. Then, once again, we will be supporting the angel tree from Exodus Home for our December project.

New Hope has been blessed with members that give generously to the local community. Thank you for supporting our efforts to show love for our neighbor!

Margaret Schultz, Mission Committee chair

1 John:17-18 “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”

New Living Translation

Introducing

BIO: The Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler
Director of Mission Engagement

Chris began his ministry with the Board of World Mission in September of 2018 and feels that his lifelong connection with the Moravian Church and its mission focus has prepared him to be part of the BWM staff.

Chris brings with him a wide range of experiences having been served by and serving the wider Moravian community. He lived in Nicaragua, where his parents were serving as Moravian missionaries until he was nine years old. At that time his family moved to Winston-Salem, NC, where he was an active part of the Friedberg, King, and Bethabara Moravian congregations as his father served as pastor. While serving on the M-Staff for six summers at Laurel Ridge he felt the call to serve the Lord and the Moravian Church and thus continued his studies at Moravian College and Theological Seminary. During his college years, he met his wife Tina, and they were married while he was in seminary. Following his graduation, Chris was ordained in 1986 and then served as pastor of the Bethesda and Redeemer congregations in the Southern Province. From there he served for eight years as the Chaplain at Moravian College and Theological Seminary and then became the Director of Youth Ministry for the Eastern District, leading workshops, youth events, camps, and retreats. In this role, he also helped to organize many of the Youth and Young Adult Convos of the 1990s and 2000s. From there he served as pastor of the Edgeboro and Emmaus congregations in the Eastern District, continuing his active involvement with camping ministry. He was elected a Bishop of the Moravian Unity by the Synod of the Northern Province in 2010. Chris and Tina have two adult children, their spouses, and six grandchildren, who light up their lives. He enjoys running and traveling but mostly spending quality time with his family.

Chris’ focus with the Board of World Mission is to keep congregations and their members informed about Board of World Mission initiatives, as well as to help them find their own passion for mission in the neighborhoods where they are located. He also hopes to assist individuals to hear God’s voice, discern their spiritual gifts and call, and respond in loving service.



Living in God's Abundance

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

**Keith Crowe
c/o Caring House
2625 Pickett Road
Room # 101
Durham, NC 27705**

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Reception for Mission Sunday

October 23 Following Worship

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a reception right after worship in honor of our special guest Mission Sunday speaker. Watch for more details on this dignitary and exciting worship service from the Mission Committee.

We are planning on offering heavy refreshments. Please be watching for the sign-up sheet for suggested items to prepare. Everyone is invited to participate, help with needed items and enjoy finger foods together.

Malissa Bumgarner, Fellowship Committee Chair



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

PLACE

12 N Main Ave
Newton, NC US 28658

DESCRIPTION

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.

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.

2:00PM - Registration

2:45PM - Welcome, Warm-Up, & Awards

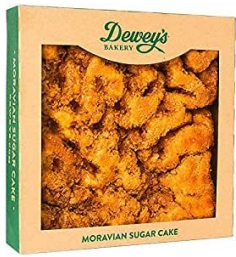
(Awards will be provided for Largest Team, Top Team Fundraiser, and Top Individual Fundraiser)

3:00PM - Walk (5K and 1 Mile Option)

(Refreshments will be provided following the walk)

REGISTER

[Eastern Catawba County Hunger Walk Online Registration \(runsignup.com\)](http://runsignup.com)



Sugar Cake and Cookies



Like most things there has been a significant increase in the cost of sugar cake and cookies for the bazaar. At this point it looks like both cookies and sugar cake will need to be \$10.00 each. Due to the price hike and not knowing how well these will sell with our first bazaar in years, it will be a guessing game on how much to order. With this current situation we will **NOT be taking pre-orders** for church members this year. There will likely be some leftover from the bazaar for members to purchase. If by chance all are sold, then an order can be placed after the bazaar for church members.

Thank you for your understanding during this unique situation of unknowns.

Mark Bumgarner



Stewardship Committee Meeting - October

An October meeting date will be set once budget information comes from the Provincial Finance Office. Our 2023 Budget will then be prepared for presentation to Church Board.

Mark Bumgarner, Stewardship Chair

Important Note from the Women's Fellowship:



We are all excited about our first Candle Tea/Bazaar to be held after 2 years of quarantine. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 3, 2022!**

Your help is needed also on Thursday, December 1, at 2:00 for furniture rearranging (see Mark) and setup.

Friday, December 2 is the big preparation day. We will meet at 9:30 to get ready for our guests. Even something as simple as cutting sugar cake needs loving hands. Lunch will be coordinated by Malissa. See her if you can help.

Saturday, December 3 is the big day. Please be here by 8:30, and plan to stay for cleanup. We can have another great Candle Tea/Bazaar if we all pitch in.

Crafts are needed and can be placed on a back pew in sanctuary when completed. Baked goods, especially chocolate, sell very well. Yum!

Craig will see that the parking lot is organized & peaceful but needs help.

Mark needs box lids for customers' purchases.

We will have chicken pies and apple pies for purchase once again. See Jane if you can help with that. Canned goods will be collected for ECCCM.

If we each do what we can, your heart will swell, and the community will be the big winners!

Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candlelight Service *December 24, 2022*

Great News ... New Hope is having a Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candlelight service not only for our members, but also for the community at large. There will be one service, which will begin at 5:00pm on Christmas Eve. We will have dieners, choirs, special music, lovefeast and lighting of our candles. There will not be a covered dish planned for those working.

Please help us spread the word to friends, family and the community of our

Christmas Eve Lovefeast Candlelight Service
at 5:00 pm December 24th.

We will be looking forward to this special and moving service.

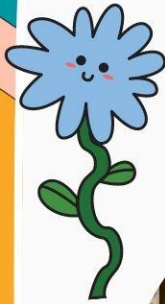
Pastor Betty

The Board of Elders

The Worship Committee



NEW HOPE PRESCHOOL



STAR STAFF OF THE MONTH PATTY HOLLAND



A staff member from our preschool will be featured each month so that we can get to know them and honor them for their hard work.

This month we focus on Patty Holland, the staff member that has worked for the preschool the longest.

ABOUT MS. PATTY

Patty was born in the Philippines, grew up in Texas and moved to Catawba County in 1985. She lives with her husband and son. She has another son that lives in Texas and a daughter in Washington. Patty also shares her home with 17 rescue cats.

Patty started working for the preschool in 2012. She was hired after she volunteered for a week. She has a special, patient, and loving manner with the youngest children and has spent her entire time teaching the two-year-old class. She says that "I love, love, love my job. This is my dream job."

FAVORITES

- Hobby: Kayaking, hiking, and sometimes just being a homebody
- Color: Orange
- Beverage: Coffee or diet caffeine free Pepsi
- Food: Tex Mex especially brisket
- Book: Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier
- Movie: Anything by Alfred Hitchcock
- Childhood Dream Job: A veterinarian

THANK YOU MS. PATTY!!

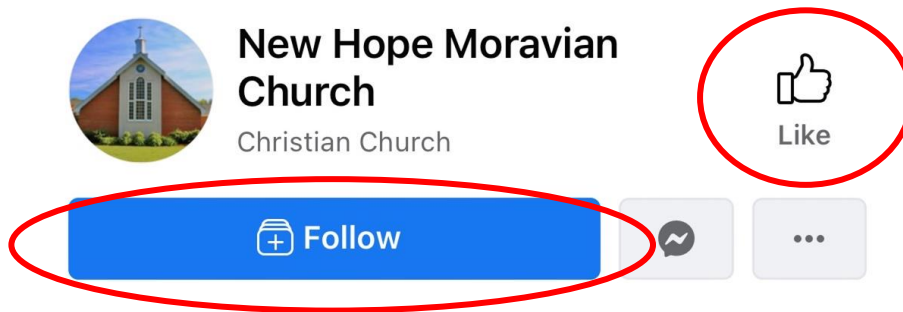
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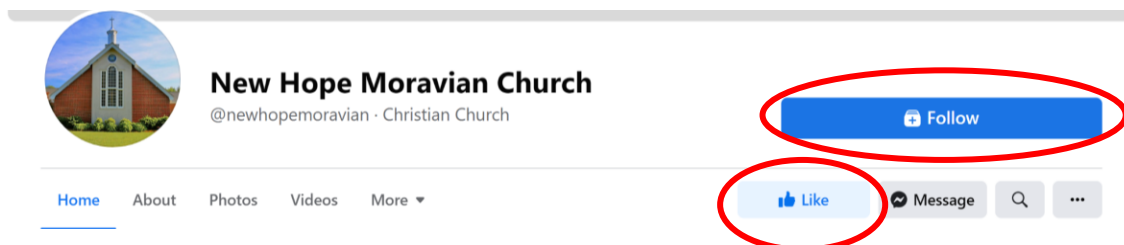
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Salem Walk Fall 2022

“Salem Walk” is an in-person opportunity to learn about three people enslaved by Moravians in Salem between 1771 and 1860. Stories about Sambo/Abraham, Cathy, and Phoebe will be shared by walking to places where they lived, worked, and are buried. After gathering at Home Moravian Church (529 S. Church St.), participants will split into groups, each group focusing on the life of one individual. Discussion and worship will follow. The experience will take approximately two hours.

Salem Walk is sponsored by the Moravian Team for Racial, Cultural, and Ethnic Reconciliation.

Dates:

Saturday Oct 1: 1:30 PM

Tuesday Oct 4: 10 AM

Tuesday Nov 8: 10 AM

Pre-registration is required.

- Register by emailing the Moravian Team for Reconciliation: MTR@mcsp.org
- Provide your name, email, and contact information.
- Provide the date you plan to attend.
- You'll receive more specific information near the date of the walk.
- If we don't have enough sign up on a particular date to have the Walk, we will contact you to reschedule at another date.

If you have further questions, please email MTR@mcsp.org or contact Betsy Bombick at (336) 723-2281. ***Please be prepared for a lot of walking, some of it on uneven ground. We will cancel if it is raining.***



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/>.

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 at newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com with any questions about the items above.

New Hope Service on



Click on the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCagQSb0gw2QUC-UFiwe5ikg>

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 2nd – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

World-Wide Communion

Wednesday, October 5th – **Handbell Practice 6:15-7 pm**
Chancel Choir 7-8 pm

Thursday, October 6th – ECCCM Workday

Sunday, October 9th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Praise and Play

Board of Elders Meeting, 11:15 am

Wednesday, October 12th – **Handbell Practice** 6:15-7 pm
Chancel Choir 7-8 pm

Sunday, October 16th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Wednesday, October 19th – **Handbell Practice** 6:15-7 pm
Chancel Choir 7-8 pm

Sunday, October 23rd – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Mission Sunday

Reception following Worship

Wednesday, October 26th – **Handbell Practice** 6:15-7 pm
Chancel Choir 7-8 pm

Thursday, October 27th – **Preschool Trunk or Treat**

Friday, October 28th – **November Newsletter Articles Due**

Sunday, October 30th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Monday, October 31st –





October Birthdays

8th – Craig deBlois
12th – Mark Helms (Pastor Betty's son)
24th – Terry Ellis
25th – John Prevatte
28th – Dan Greaser
30th – Will Simpson

Pray Every Day October 2022

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Pray for Ukrainian refugees and the Moravian response in the Czech Republic.
2. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Pray for Michael and Naomi Woo and their missionary leadership course.

3. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Pray for disaster relief workers and Moravian Disaster Response.
4. Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
5. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Pray for Louis and Susan Sutton in Singapore.
6. The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
7. As you go, preach this message: "The kingdom of heaven is near." Pray for the government leaders and unity in our country.
8. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Pray for short term mission teams.
9. Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
10. Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
11. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother. Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
12. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
13. I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
14. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
15. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
16. I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
17. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news! Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
18. It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
19. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Pray for Robert and Anne Thiessen.
20. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
21. Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
22. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
23. I will have mercy on whom I have mercy and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
24. That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
25. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
26. As surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God. Pray for Dusty and Christin Harrison with Greek Intervarsity.
27. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
28. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
29. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
30. Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
31. Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.



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