

October 2024

New Hope Moravian Church

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2024 Watchword

“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.”
Colossians 3:12

Investing the Talents God Gives You

"I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground."
(Matthew 25:25 NIV)

Oswald Chambers said, "God who made the birds never made bird cages. It's men who make bird cages [and put people in them] and after a while we become cramped and can do nothing but chirp and stand on one leg."

In one of Jesus parables, He illustrated how everybody is responsible for making good use of the talents he or she has been given. The one who had been given ten talents invested in them wisely and was rewarded accordingly. The man who had only one talent (hid his talent in the ground); thus, he lost it.

This principle is uniquely true in many areas of life: For example, as in this story, "*Apples of Gold*" ... A few years ago, a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding.

All but one! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his heartfelt feelings and experienced a twinge of great concern and compassion for the girl whose apple stand had just been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his reason for taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor.

He was glad he did return ... The 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was tenderly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly

groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her; no one stopping to help her, and no one trying to assist her in her time of difficulty.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become very badly battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the blind girl, "Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears. He continued with the words, "Forgive us, I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly."

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister...." He paused and turned to look back into her blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

He stopped in mid-stride and wondered ... As he quickly went back and said, "No, I am nothing like Jesus—He is good, kind, caring, loving, and would never have bumped into your display in the first place."

"The girl gently nodded: "I only asked because I prayed for Jesus to help me gather the apples. He sent you to help me, so you are like Him—because only God knows who will do His will. Thank you for hearing His call, Mister."

Then the salesman quickly and safely made his way to catch the later flight with the blind girl's burning question bouncing about in his heart and mind: "Are you Jesus?"
(Story "Apples of Gold" from Acts-Daily Encounter)

Do your words and actions reflect Jesus? Do people mistake you for Jesus? Do you use the talents God has given you? Helping others and showing compassion can be talents given to us for the good of helping and serving others. When we use our talents, we please God. When we (do not) use our talents, we take the risk of losing them. Jesus' parable teaches us, when we use our God-given talents, we are investing our talents and our lives, in the things of God, and bearing much fruit for God's Kingdom.

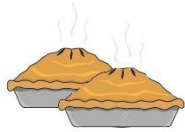
Remember, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver."
(Proverbs 25:11 NKJV)

Prayer: "Dear God, thank you for the many gifts and talents you have entrusted to us. Help us to invest and use them wisely to help and serve others and bear fruit for Your Kingdom. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for using ordinary people to do extraordinary things in Your Kingdom. Appreciatively in Jesus' Name. Amen.

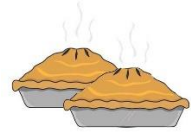
In Christ Love & Service,
Pastor Betty

Handbell and Chancel Choir practices have changed!

New Day and Times!
Tuesdays starting October 8th
Chancel Choir 2:00 pm
Handbells 3:15 pm



Pie Sales for the Community



Saturday, October 5th, from 9-12 we will be selling chicken and apple pies to the community. Chicken pies are \$16 each with a limit of 5. Apple pies are \$12 and there is no limit. In addition to the pies, some canned items will be for sale. Pickled beets and Salsa will also be available for \$5/pint.

Canned items will be available for purchase to the church family on Sunday, October 6th and 13th.

Proceeds from the sales will benefit the Chicken Pie Fund.



"Poor Man's Luncheon"

Sunday, October 13, following our Mission Sunday Worship Service with guest Josh Farmer from Ashure, we will enjoy a Poor Man's Luncheon in the fellowship hall. The meal will consist of pinto beans, slaw, cooked apples, and cornbread with sides. Ladies of the church will provide desserts.

Please make plans to attend worship and the luncheon on this special day as we recognize ways we serve our community.



**American
Red Cross**

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**Monday, October 7, 2024
2 PM TO 6:30 PM**

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS and enter New Hope Moravian to schedule an appointment.



It won't be long before it is time for the Red Cross Blood Drive to be held here at New Hope. Please be in prayer for the drive and participate as you feel led to do by donating blood, bringing something for the canteen, or inviting a friend or family member to come. Much blood is needed by the Red Cross to help those who need blood. The process is easy, and it takes less time than in the past. Please sign up today! If you need assistance, don't hesitate to call me. Thank you for your act of love and service!

Carolyn McDonald

New Hope's Mission Happenings

As we have entered the last quarter of the year, we have also entered our busy time for New Hope's missions. Our Moravian Day of Service project saw 34 of us putting together 70 birthing kits for the Unity Women's Desk. Also, that day, Julie Tomberlin spoke to the congregation about the work the Unity Women's Desk does for women around the world.

On Sunday October 13th, we will celebrate Mission Sunday. Josh Farmer, Development Director for Ashure Ministry, will be our guest speaker. Please plan to be there to learn about all the wonderful services Ashure offers our neighbors in need. Lunch will be provided after the service.

Ongoing collections:

- Plastic grocery bags for Ashure Ministry. They have a constant need for these bags.
- Medicine bottles for CCM. This new collection project will allow you to drop off your empty pill bottles, with labels removed, at church. These will be taken to CCM in Hickory, where they are cleaned and used in their pharmacy. This pharmacy offers qualified patients access at no cost to low-cost medications through patient assistance programs and partnerships.

Upcoming projects:

- Peanut Butter and Jelly collection in November. Plastic jars only since these items are sent home with school children in backpacks.
- Toys for Christmas on the Corner in December. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for children birth through 12 years of age for The Corner Table's Christmas event. The early notification is to allow members to shop early if they wish. However, please don't bring the toys to church until after Candle Tea so nothing gets misplaced in all the activity.

Your Mission Committee thanks you for your support!



Thursday, October 10 | 10 am-2 pm | First United Methodist Church, Hickory

Join us for the Faith & Mental Health Symposium, a dynamic and transformative event dedicated to exploring the vital intersection of faith and mental health. This symposium aims to equip faith leaders, congregants, and community members with the knowledge and tools to support mental health within their communities.

TO REGISTER:

<https://ncchurches.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/register?id=212&reset=1>

We are excited to welcome Vergel L. Lattimore, President of Hood Theological Seminary, as our featured speaker for the Symposium. He will speak to us about “Critical Self-Care: Requisites and Essentials for Faith & Wellness.”



The day will also include an informative panel discussion on faith and mental health.

The poster features a dark blue background with light blue accents. At the top left, there are logos for 'Partners in Health and Wholeness' and the 'North Carolina Council of Churches'. The event date and time are listed as 'THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024' from '10 A.M. - 2 P.M.' at 'FIRST UMC, HICKORY'. The main title 'FAITH & MENTAL HEALTH Symposium' is prominently displayed. Three circular portraits of the featured panelists are shown. The text 'FEATURED PANELISTS' is written in large, bold letters. Below each portrait, the name and professional title of the panelist are listed. The bottom right corner features a decorative pattern of white plus signs.

Partners in Health and Wholeness
North Carolina Council of Churches

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FIRST UMC, HICKORY

**FAITH &
MENTAL HEALTH
Symposium**

**FEATURED
PANELISTS**

Keri Gaylord, LCSW
Specializing in Parenting, Pregnancy, Pre/Post-Partum Trauma, PTSD

Brian Combs
Pastor, Haywood Street Congregation (Asheville)

Dr. Lisa Curtin
Clinical Psychology Program Director, Professor, App State

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REGISTER NOW

SUNDAY | 3PM
OCTOBER 13, 2024
DOWNTOWN NEWTON
(Frank & Sue Jones Amphitheatre)

BENEFITING



WHY WE WALK

To provide meals to the homes facing food insecurity in Catawba County!

INFORMATION

2:00PM - Registration 2:45PM - Awards
(Top Team Fundraiser, Largest Team, Top Individual Fundraiser)

QUESTIONS

Ashure Ministry
(828-465-1702 | ashureministry.org)

The Corner Table
(828-464-0355 | thecornertable.org)

Hickory Soup Kitchen
(828-327-4828 | hickorysoupkitchen.org)



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH



Share the Harvest

BENEFITING:



FROM 5PM - 11PM

HICKORY METRO CONVENTION CENTER
1960 13TH AVE DR SE, HICKORY

EAT | FELLOWSHIP | DANCE | RAFFLES & MORE

Details

TICKETS

Individual Tickets - \$40 each

Table (8 top) - \$320

LIVE MUSIC BY

THE EXTRAORDINAIRES

DINNER PREPARED BY

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Purchase by October 1, 2024

FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.ashureministry.org



Church Cleaning: Please consider **cleaning the Church.**

Through the years, we have been blessed with volunteers who signed up to clean the Church. We hope to continue this so there will be no added expense to the Church budget. It only takes an hour or so each week at your convenience. Do a whole month or just one or two weeks. **Sign-up list on Church bulletin board...**

NO CHURCH KEY... NO WORRY. Arrangements can be made to let you in the Church. Cleaning supplies are provided, or you can bring your own. **Let's ALL work together to keep New Hope clean & looking good for ALL who enter here to worship.**

➔ **October Cleaners: Pastor Betty & Carolyn McDonald**

Board of Elders Small Bulletin Board- In the vestibule you will find (for transparency) at the Fellowship Hall doors summaries of the Board of Elders meetings, Quarterly Average Attendance Report and Quarterly Financial Report. Please look for these updates.

STAYING CONNECTED AT NEW HOPE

WORSHIP:

- 1) Inside
- 2) Parking Lot (Tune to FM 87.9)
- 3) YouTube

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

DONATE:

Online Giving

<https://mmfa.info/new-hope-moravian-church-north-carolina-donation-form/>.

Please contact Tom Schultz at newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com with any questions.

SOCIAL MEDIA:



Facebook & Instagram
@newhopemoravian



Mark Your Calendar for October

Thursday, October 3rd – Ashure Ministry Volunteer Day 10 - 12

Saturday, October 5th – Sell apple & chicken pies to the public, 9 - 12

Sunday, October 6th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Board of Elders Meeting 11:15 am

Monday, October 7th – **New Hope Blood Drive**, 2–6:30 pm



Tuesday, October 8th – Chancel Choir 2 pm
Handbell Practice 3:15 pm

Sunday, October 13th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Mission Sunday

Tuesday, October 15th – Chancel Choir 2 pm
Handbell Practice 3:15 pm

Sunday, October 20th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Praise and Play

Tuesday, October 22nd – Chancel Choir 2 pm
Handbell Practice 3:15 pm

Sunday, October 27th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Monday, October 28th – November Newsletter Articles Due

Tuesday, October 29th – Chancel Choir 2 pm
Handbell Practice 3:15 pm

Thursday, October 31st –



New Hope Preschool
Trunk or Treat
9:30 am



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 2024

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Pray for Unity Synod. 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.
2. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Pray for disaster relief workers and Moravian Disaster Response.
3. 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.
4. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Pray for Joey Yokeley with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
5. 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.
6. As you go, preach this message: "The kingdom of heaven is near." Pray for the government leaders and unity in our country.
7. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Pray for short term mission teams.
8. Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leonne.
9. 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.
10. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother. Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all you mind. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
14. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. Pray for Moravians in Nicaragua and their churches.
15. 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.
16. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news! Pray for the missionary work with Ukrainian refugees and the war in Ukraine.
17. 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.
18. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Pray for The Dwelling and local homeless shelters.
19. 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.
20. 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 Anna Faircloth with YoungLife.
21. 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 and their scholarship recipients.
22. 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.
23. 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 Sunnyside Ministry and other crisis agencies.
24. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. 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.
28. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. Pray for outreach of the local church.



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