

# *November 2014*

## *New Hope News*



**2014 WATCHWORD**  
God said, "Let there be light";  
and there was light.  
Genesis 1:3

*New Hope*  
*Moravian Church*

Hello All,

As I reach the end of my 3 year term on the Church Board, I reflect back and it hits me: WOW, the Lord has truly blessed New Hope! The blessings are abundant, but I would like to focus on three.

First, when I started my term on the Board, New Hope was without a Pastor. Working through the call process, the Lord chose Betty Helms to be our new Pastor. What a blessing this has been! Pastor Betty has brought an energy and excitement for the Lord that is contagious. She cannot hold back the fire for the Lord that burns in her heart. I am very thankful God has made Betty a part of New Hope's life.

Also, God has blessed New Hope with a giving spirit. We all live under different financial means and support the church as God leads us. I have served on the Board multiple times in the last 24 years and this is the first time money/finances have not dominated the Board time. We are financially healthy and this opens the door for new ministry opportunities!

Finally, the Lord has blessed New Hope with people to do his will on this earth. In Sunday School recently, we covered a passage in 1 Peter chapter 2 where Peter describes Christ as the cornerstone of the Church and the faithful in Christ are the stones that make up the Church. Each stone is different, but is part of the one body of Christ. I truly see this in New Hope. We are individual stones working together for Christ, combining our gifts and talents to do the work of Christ on earth!

Thank you all for a wonderful Church Board experience over the last 3 years! This was the best Board experience I have had as a member of New Hope.

In Christ love,

Tom Schultz

**Service & Witness Committee Will Meet Following Church Council  
Sunday, Nov. 2nd.** A light lunch will be served.



We will then put together college care packages about 2:00. Anyone who would like to attend/help is welcome.

Also, Salvation Army Stockings will be distributed Sunday, Nov. 9th. They need to be filled and returned for collection by Sunday, Nov. 30th

Please see Karen Warren if you have any questions!

**Daylight savings time ends Sunday,  
November 2nd .**

Don't forget to fall back and get an  
extra hour of sleep!



***Prepare for Advent and Christmas Season***

The Journey Sunday School Class would like to invite you to travel with them on "*The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*" as Adam Hamilton guides us from Nazareth to Bethlehem...examining the geographical, cultural, and historical setting of the events of Christ's birth.

The five week session begins Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> , with *Mary of Nazareth*, followed by *Joseph of Bethlehem*, *Mary's Visit to Elizabeth*, *From Nazareth to Bethlehem*, and the final session *The Manger*. Each session contains a 10-12 minute video, followed by a brief period of reflection and discussion.

The Journey class meets in the fellowship hall from 10-10:40. We hope That you will join us for "*The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*" as we add a new depth and joy to our Christmas season.



## Women's Fellowship Prepares for December Candle Tea

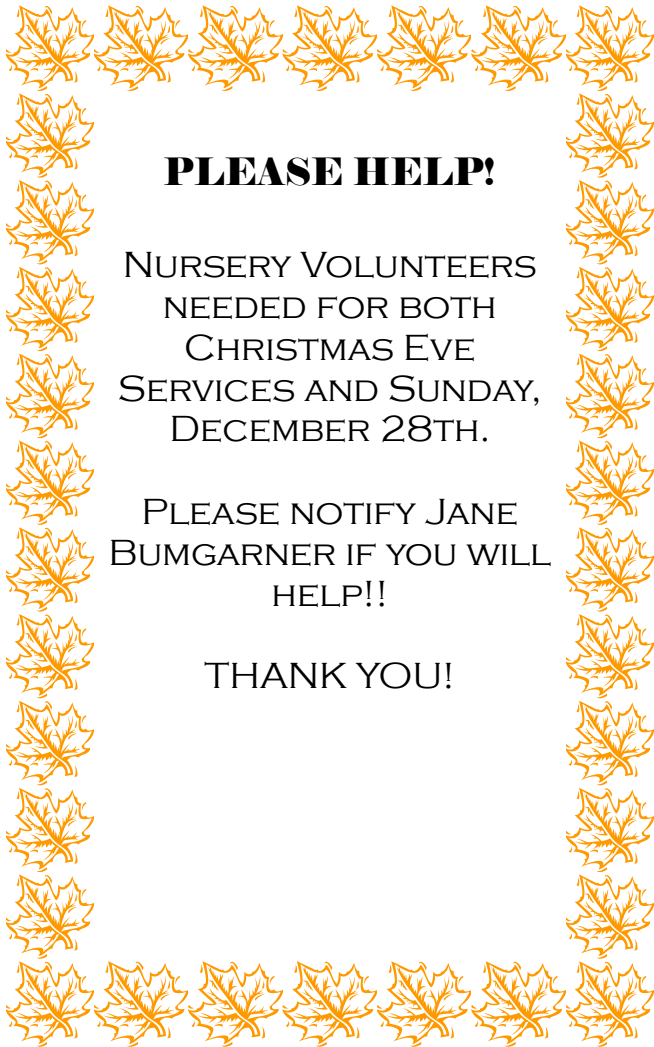
Hard to believe that Candle Tea is just a few weeks away! Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, December 6th** when our congregation will invite our community to come see and experience the Moravian faith.

Women's Fellowship has worked all year preparing for this one day and it takes all of us to make it a success. Outside vendors have been invited to bring their crafts to sell for the bazaar but the most sought after items are always from our own members. Please be thinking of something you can share with us. Check out that closet with all those crafty items, look on Pinterest, browse through a Christmas magazine for inspiration and be inspired!

Of course not all of us can be crafty but you can plan to bring something for our Bake Shop. **The Bake Shop** is always a big hit with our guests and we need your help there too! There will be something for everyone to participate in on that day as well. We will need everyone to help that day from parking cars, working in the sanctuary, helping move our visitors from one venue to another, working in the bazaar area or checking out all those purchases for the day. But most of all, we need your friendly face to greet our guests. There is always a need to help our guest take things to their cars and help them in some way.

**Now...you decide where you'd like to help...we need you all!**

Thank you, New Hope Congregation, for always helping us make this a wonderful day for us and our community.



**PLEASE HELP!**

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED FOR BOTH  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
SERVICES AND SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 28TH.

PLEASE NOTIFY JANE  
BUMGARNER IF YOU WILL  
HELP!!

THANK YOU!



*All Children and Youth!*

Please join us to once  
again decorate  
**Gingerbread Houses.**

It's a great way to start the  
Holiday season!

**Saturday**  
**November 22nd**  
**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Look for a forthcoming  
sign-up sheet on the  
bulletin board.

Join us November 2nd  
for a worship service of  
Praise and Adoration to God  
as we celebrate  
Pastor Betty's second

*GLORIOUS*

year at New  
Hope  
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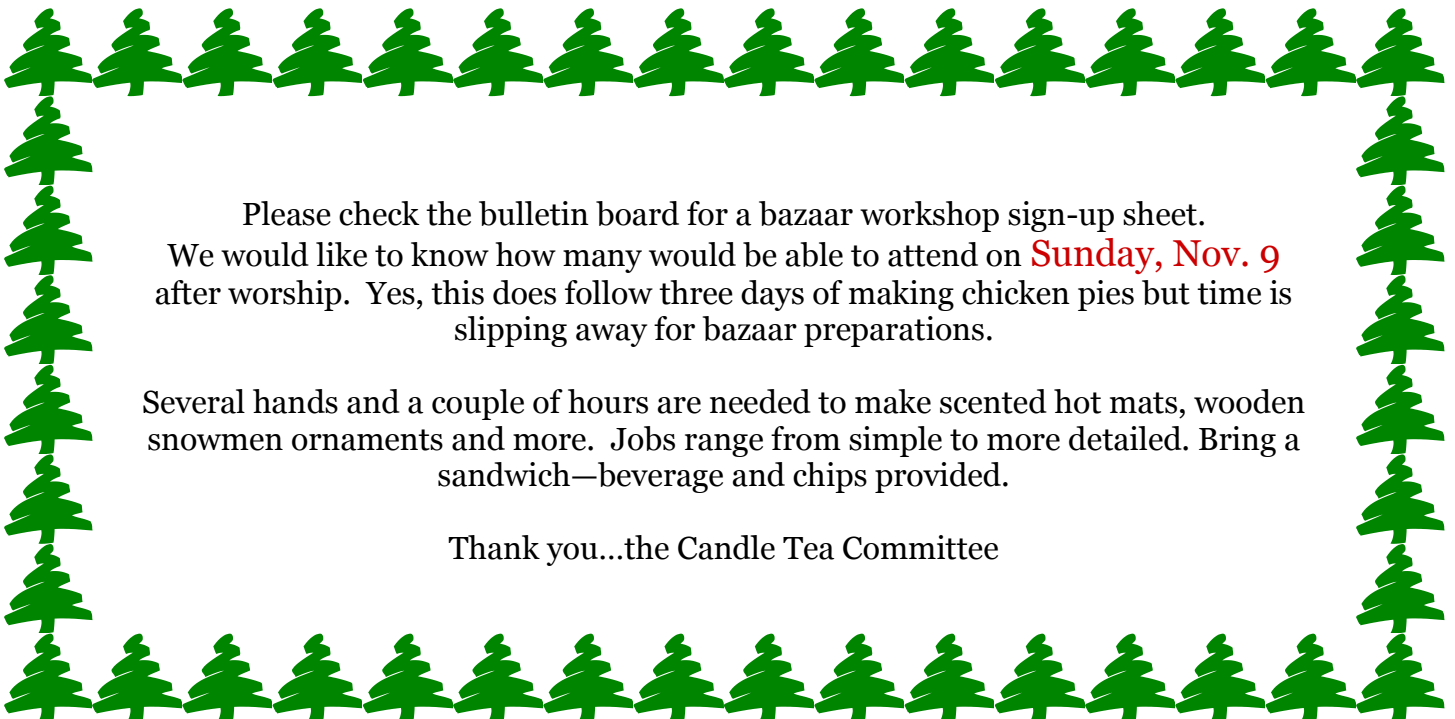



## Silent Auction for 2014

Our 2014 Silent Auction will benefit FIRST STEP, a program for domestic violence victims sponsored by the Family Care Center of Catawba County. Last year's auction raised \$1,072 for the Women's Resource Center of Hickory and we would like to earn a similar amount this year.

Please consider a donation to the auction of a Moravian themed item, handcrafted pieces, or the "uniques" that often generate lots of bidding. Look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board to provide information about your auction donation. (See Ann Carr with questions.)

Thank you from the Candle Tea Committee on behalf of FIRST STEP!



Please check the bulletin board for a bazaar workshop sign-up sheet. We would like to know how many would be able to attend on **Sunday, Nov. 9** after worship. Yes, this does follow three days of making chicken pies but time is slipping away for bazaar preparations.

Several hands and a couple of hours are needed to make scented hot mats, wooden snowmen ornaments and more. Jobs range from simple to more detailed. Bring a sandwich—beverage and chips provided.

Thank you...the Candle Tea Committee

## THE CHICKENS ARE CALLING!

Once more we will gather to make our delicious chicken pies to sell at Candle Tea. I cannot express the amount of gratitude we have for each and every one of you who have given so much of your time to help with the pies in the past. Once more, **after** upgrading the bath rooms, buying a meat shredding machine, tiling the floor in the Putz room, and the purchase of a couple of other needed items, we are nearing the \$10,000.00 mark in our account. God has overwhelmingly blessed our church and church family, and continues to smile upon us and show us His grace and reward. What a magnificent way to serve our Lord, not only by helping ourselves, but also by serving the community. Our pies have certainly put New Hope on the map, and our love and spirit continues to impress those with whom we come in contact. *God's light shines brightly at New Hope!*

Come share the warmth and love as we work together toward a common goal. There are many jobs, some large and some small, but definitely a job for everyone. With all hands working together, the job becomes easier.

Dates are as follows:

### **Thurs. – Sat. November 6th, 7th and 8th**

Thursday 11/6/14 @ 1:00 PM – Pre Measure and fill baggies with dough making ingredients

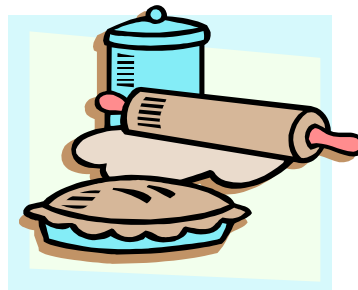
Friday 11/7/14 @ 7:00 AM - Chicken cookers set up in preparation for chicken to arrive  
@ 8:00 AM - Dough makers arrive  
@ 8:30 AM - Gravy makers arrive  
@ 9:00 AM - ALL OTHER WORKERS ARRIVE

Saturday 11/8/14 @ 8:00 AM - Dough makers arrive  
@ 8:30 AM - All other workers arrive to begin the assembly of the pies

Can't wait to see you then!

In Christian fellowship,

Your Chicken Pie Committee



## An opportunity for you to help New Hope – Readers for Holy Week

It is a Moravian tradition that congregations gather nightly the week before Easter Sunday, Holy Week, for a service of readings and songs to reflect Christ's activities during Holy Week. Over the years the Holy Week Readers format has changed several times. As a result, New Hope has several different editions of readers that are used during Holy Week services which can cause confusion when trying to locate the pages for our services. We would like to remedy this by having the same type of Holy Week Reader for everyone, and not a mixture of different types.

The newest version of the reader is \$15.00. It is a hardback with large print and the songs include the music scores so they can be sung by those who might be less familiar with the hymns. Many in our congregation like to have their own copy of the Holy Week Readings to bring to services. If you would like to order books for your personal use or if you would like to order some in honor or memory of loved ones please use this order form. A label will be added to the front of the donated book stating who it is honoring or in memory of. Thank you for helping us to make all of our Holy Week Readers uniform and facilitate a less confusing order of service.

Additional order forms will be on the table as you enter the sanctuary.

### New Hope Moravian Holy Week Reader Order

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ book/s for my personal use.

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ book/s in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ book/s in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Cash  Check (checks payable to New Hope Moravian Church) - \$15.00 per book

***Please order your books by Christmas. Place order & payment in the offering plate or marked envelope attached to the office door. Thank You for your help.***

The Worship Committee

## Pray Every Day - November 2014

1. How great are your works of Lord. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison in Campus Ministry, Clemson, SC
2. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. Pray for the Mission Society Lovefeast at Christ Moravian, Sunday, Nov 2 at 3:00 p.m.
3. Bless God in the great congregation. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF, ID.
4. You were called that you might inherit a blessing. Pray for Safiatu & Mohamed Braima & Sierra Leone.
5. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Rob & Anne Thiessen in Mexico
6. My soul thirst for God, for the living God. Pray for the Antioch Project and for Jill Kolodziej, Dir.
7. There is joy in heaven when a sinner repents. Pray Mission Conf. planning in the CZ Republic.
8. When I was brought low, the Lord saved me. Pray for the leaders of our mission efforts, the Mission Societies, and those that support them.
9. Keep awake for you know neither the hour nor the day. Pray for our 16 Mission Areas.
10. The son of God was revealed to take away sins. Pray for Dr. Louis & Susan Sutton with WEC, Singapore.
11. I desired to gather your children as a hen gathers her brood but you were not willing. Pray for Mountain Laurel Moravian Fellowship in Laurel Springs, NC.
12. The Lord has punished me but not given me over to death. Pray for C & M in Asia.
13. This is my commandment, that you love one another. Pray for Ed Dehnert & Barb Weida & the students at Alaska Bible Seminary, Bethel, AK. Pray for the Samaritan Purse building project.
14. Repent and turn away from your idols. Pray for Ruth and George Goff, a pilot in Honduras.
15. You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things. Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman and the HIV/AIDS ministry in Tanzania.
16. Teach us oh God to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Pray for Michael, Cecilia & Blessing Tesh & the children of Ray of Hope orphanage in Kenya. Pray for healing for Michael.
17. Be glad and rejoice in what I am creating. Pray for Michael and Brenda with Cru in Croatia.
18. I believe; help my unbelief! Pray for C & V & Family with Bridges International in campus ministry, TX.
19. Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Pray for K & C serving the Magi People in the Middle East.
20. Have you not brought this upon yourself by forsaking the Lord your God, Pray for Glenna and George Tasedan in Labrador.
21. You know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin. Pray for Unity Women's Desk.
22. O Lord my rock did not refuse to hear me. Pray for the peace of Israel and the Jewish people.
23. I will seek the lost and bring back the strayed. Pray for peace in Palestine and protection for Annie B. Mission at Star Mountain.
24. Whatever God does endures forever. Pray for Phil Sineath, Regional Director of Campus Ministries Outreach in Birmingham, AL, and his wife Ashley pursuing a Master's Degree.
25. God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Pray for Ruth Snyder & Claire Wilson working to give women a "Second Choice."
26. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed. Pray for Phil & Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
27. Give your servant a discerning heart. Pray for Love In the Name of Christ (Love, INC),
28. The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Pray for Adopt-a-Village Program supporting orphans in Tanzania.
29. The remnant of the house of Judah will again take root. Pray for solar project in Sierra Leone
30. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last. Pray for Brian & Heather Marx with MAF, Indonesia.