

# November 2016 New Hope News



## 2016 WATCHWORD

Christ says, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." John 15:4 (NRSV)

## *New Hope Moravian Church*

### "Who'll Say Grace?"

This month of November, I'd like to share with you a story by Dr. Ralph Wilson entitled "Who'll Say Grace?" Wilson writes: "A hot, glistening bird commands the laden table, as grandma calls everyone to dinner. Eight-year-old Jennifer proudly lugs her July-born sister to the table. Grandpa and dad get up slowly with a long backward glance to see the tight end catch a pass and be forced out of bounds at the twenty yard line. The game continues in the background without them."

"Who'll say grace?" grandma asks. Grown-ups look awkwardly at each other in strained silence. Finally Uncle John snickers and parrots the word "grace," and laughter spills over the tension. Grandma steps in. "Jennifer, why don't you say the prayer you learned in Sunday School when you were in kindergarten." She recites. and then their feast begins." (*Dr. Ralph F. Wilson-Joyful Heart Ministries*)

How many of you around the Thanksgiving Day dinner table find yourself...with embarrassed silence or without even a blessing of thankfulness being said at the mealtime. Sometimes, in our haste, even Christians take little time to give God thanks for all they are blessed to have...even on Thanksgiving Day. Oh, I know, there's lots of talking and confusion with all the family; after all, we're grateful. But, think what a witness you can be to those who share this special "turkey day" bounty. What a witness you are to how grateful you are for all God has given you. Clearly, giving thanks--is an expression of our gratitude and thankfulness to God for the abundance we've received through-out the year! Yet, it's too often absent from our holiday tables; people eat and forget their need to "say grace."

We read, in Matthew 15:16, Jesus "*took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples.*" In Matthew and Mark, at the Last Supper Jesus took bread and gave thanks, lifted the Cup, gave thanks and offered it to His followers. Jesus always prayed before meals.

We can, too; it's what we're called to do. A simple prayer of thanksgiving at each family meal of the year will gradually restore our hearts to one of gratitude and thankfulness. Then as our children and others see us humble ourselves to thank our Creator, they too learn to be grateful and appreciative of all we have. Robert Lintner says it well: "Thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up in a single day."

The habit of family thankfulness can begin around all our tables this Thanksgiving--perhaps, the first of many prayers of thanksgiving to be offered, in the future, not just by Jennifer, but by her thankful mother and father and all of us, as well.

What are you most thankful for this year? Tell God, He already knows, but He still wants to hear! Perhaps, you need to make a list and then come Thanksgiving Day, you will be prepared to "Say Grace!" Then, there will be no question of "Who's Saying Grace?" at your Thanksgiving Day dinner table.

Blessings and Happy Thanksgiving to you all,

*Pastor Betty*

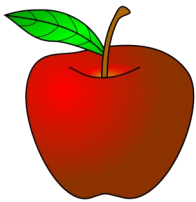


## Service and Witness

Thank you to everyone who has donated the ECCCM requested pasta meals during September and October. We appreciate those members who have been making our deliveries on a timely basis.

We are shifting our focus for November to filling stockings for the Salvation Army which we have done for the past few years. Thank you all who took stockings to fill. We need to change the date the stockings are due back to the church. With Thanksgiving coming up and Candle Tea the weekend after we will need the stockings returned by Sunday, **November 20th**. There will be a box in the foyer for the filled stockings. Thank you for your flexibility and generosity.

In December, we will resume food collection for ECCCM by collecting any non perishables for their food pantry. As part of our annual Candle Tea, we encourage the community to bring canned goods to donate so we are asking the congregation to participate in that effort as well. Hopefully, on December 3, we will have two overflowing grocery carts instead of just one!



Don't forget... **Apple Pie Making Day**—  
Friday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> - 1:00-3:30

Please bring your apple peelers and join the group as we work and laugh together!

“Many hands makes light work for all”, quoted by our fearless leader – Pastor Betty.



## 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 3rd, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

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.

Dear Women's Fellowship,

Thank you so much for your generous financial gift to help with our adoption expenses. Brett and I were able to use it in China on Ping Jun's visa and passport fees. Our family is humbled and grateful for the love and support we have received. New Hope truly is a small church with a big heart!

With much love,

Amanda & Brett Sain

*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 19th  
10:00 AM - 11:30 PM

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

See Pam Prevatte for details

**Daylight savings time ends  
Sunday, November 6th .**



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



## MUSIC NOTES

As the leaves are turning many beautiful colors and eventually falling to the ground, the Chancel Choir is busy preparing for two upcoming Lovefeast celebrations that are *fast approaching!!!* The first is our **Thanksgiving Lovefeast on Sunday, November 20th during morning worship** and the second is our **Christmas Eve Lovefeast on December 24th at 5:00 PM and again at 7:30 PM.**

Many of you like to sing with us during these lovefeast services and we encourage all who will to join us now during our choir rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM as we prepare for both of these special services. We need your voice and your presence. Please come and share your love of singing with us.

Also, the Advent season begins on Sunday, November 27th. This season our Advent celebrations will be even more special. The choir is using an Advent anthem **LIGHT OF HOPE** all four Advent Sundays to support the lighting of the Advent candles. This anthem celebrates the gifts of hope, peace, love and joy through Jesus coming into this world. It includes a choral opening, followed by a call and response litany, and a reading recited during the lighting of each candle. At the conclusion of the candle lighting, choir and congregation join together with a choral response, which will be on an insert in your bulletin. And each weekly ceremony concludes with a closing prayer.

Please consider becoming part of the choir during this most celebratory time of Advent. If you decide to make a "joyful noise" this Thanksgiving and Advent season, you will bless the choir and The congregation, but most of all you will richly bless someone else beyond belief .....yourself.

Dear New Hope Church Family,

I would like to thank you for the cards, messages, and food that you have so thoughtfully given to Steve and me following my recent hip replacement. All were a gift given from the heart!

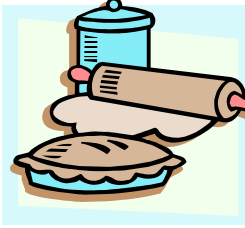
There is one special gift that you have done for me and for Steve. That was intercessory prayer for me for relief from pain and healing during the past 6 months. Our Lord hears each prayer and asks that we pray for one another. There is no greater gift than to pray for a person in need. Our prayers are being answered by the Great Physician and all I can say is "*Thank You and Praise Be To God*".

Your sister in Christ,

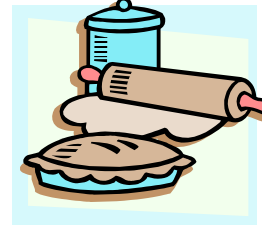
Jane Bumgarner







## CHICKEN CHATTER



Once again, we have really outdone ourselves! By all working together as the church family that we are, we have topped the \$11,000.00 mark in the chicken pie account. This after all of the special projects have been completed and paid for. It is a true blessing from our Lord and Savior that a church this small is able to accomplish so much, and something that each one of us should be proud of!

With that being said, it is time once again to make chicken and apple pies. These pies will be held and sold at Candle Tea. Should there be pies that are not sold, the congregation will have first option to purchase.

Please highlight the following dates on your calendar, and plan to join us as we cook, chop, crimp and bag our delicious pies! Absolutely NO experience necessary!

### APPLE PIES

#### **Friday 11/4/16**

1:00 PM Boxes, Crusts and Apples all done at the same time!

### CHICKEN PIES

#### **Thursday 11/10/16**

1:00 PM - Assemble boxes

3:00 PM - Prep-work and Set-up

#### **Friday 11/11/16**

7:00 AM - Chicken cookers arrive

8:00 AM - Dough makers arrive

9:00 AM - Gravy makers and all others arrive

#### **Saturday 11/12/16**

8:00 AM - All workers arrive to begin pie assembly

As is our custom, please bring a snack or drink and something to share for lunch. This is your last opportunity to join in the fun of making our pies for 2016, so come be a part of the fellowship and outreach. You don't want to miss it. See you then!



## A SPECIAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE


Sunday, November 20th

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, November 20. Several special events will happen at New Hope that Sunday. We will share a Thanksgiving Lovefeast. In addition to wonderful anthems prepared by both our bell choir and the chancel choir, we will also hear from a representative of the Sipe's Orchard Home. Globally Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, is recognized as Orphan Sunday... A Sunday where we celebrate adoption, foster Care and global orphan care that reveals God's heart. This is reflected through scripture, "A father to the fatherless...is God in the holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families." Psalm 68:5-6

There will be a Free Will Love Offering Basket in the vestibule in support of the program of care and love that the Sipe's Orchard Home provides to the children of our community.

During this Thanksgiving Season may we praise God and thank Him for all of the many blessings that He gives to each of us.





*November* is the month, we focus more on the things we are thankful for.

Thanksgiving is made from two words: thanks and giving. Thanksgiving comes to us in many different ways. Often we overlook our many blessings. This month of November, at New Hope, all of you will have the opportunity to count your many blessings. This month, try to sit down and reflect on the good that surrounds you. If you count your blessings with gratitude, you will soon see how truly blessed you are. Proverbs 10:6 says, "Blessings crown the head of the righteous."

A thought on the appreciation of "**BLESSINGS** and **THANKSGIVING**"-  
"I murmured that I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet."

This November, at New Hope we will have a "Blessing and Thanksgiving" board and also a basket placed in the vestibule...This will give you the opportunity to display your notes of "Blessings and Thanksgiving." November gives us the opportunity to thank God for His gift of grace that gives us strength and courage to live our Christian life with "Thanksgiving!"

So, this November...Let us:

Count our blessings instead of our burdens;

Count our gains instead of our losses;

Count our joys instead of our grief's.

Count our laughter instead of our tears;

Count our successes instead of our failures;

Count our health instead of our wealth.

Let us: Love our neighbor as much as we love our self.

This month of November...let us not only be grateful, but pay our "Blessings and Thanksgiving" forward...Pay it forward" describes the beneficiary of a good deed repaying it to others instead of to the original benefactor. This concept is old; a phrase believed coined by Lily Hardy Hammond in her 1916 book *In the Garden of Delight*. This November as we remember all we have to be thankful for; let's "pay it forward" to others. Let's take action and "pay forward" the blessings bestowed upon us by doing something "kind for another." Let's make November the month to keep "Paying our Blessings forward" by being thankful and blessing others...If you are the receiver of a blessing, then be thankful and keep the blessing moving forward by being the source of giving "Blessings and Thanksgiving" to all those around you and in the world.

Blessings and Thanksgiving,

*Pastor Betty*







*Quilt for Candle Tea – Tickets Now For Sale...  
Raffle Tickets are in the vestibule*

## Pray Every Day November 2016

1. All Saints Day. Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters. Pray for Antioch Cohort Event. Pray for Charlie & Vickie Brent & Family with Bridges International in campus ministry.
2. The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent serving with Campus Crusade in Croatia.
3. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison (Greek InterVarsity, Clemson) and the students they are serving. ([www.greekiv.org](http://www.greekiv.org))
4. Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Pray for K & C in the Middle East.
5. Continue securely established and steadfast in the faith. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF.
6. Sunday. I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. Pray for Wayne Miller and the aviation ministry in Honduras.
7. Let everyone who calls on the name of the Lord turn away from wickedness. Pray for Phil & Eunice Raiford, MX.
8. The manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. Pray for Phil & Ashley Sineath in Campus Outreach Global.
9. When your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton serving with WEC (World Evangelization for Christ).
10. O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God. Pray for Michael, Cecilia, and Blessing Tesh serving at the Ray of Hope Orphanage in Kenya.
11. I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. Pray for Rob & Anne Thiessen, Mexico.
12. In the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Pray for the Woo Family on medical leave.
13. Sunday. The Lord knows those who are his. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF Headquarters.
14. Through those who are near me I will show myself holy, and be glorified. Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima in the Mission area of Sierra Leone.
15. I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. Pray for the Antioch Project Jill Kolodziej, Director, & BWM Staff.
16. Let all those rejoice who put their trust in you. Pray for Ed Dehnert & Barb Weide AK Bible Seminary, Bethel, AK.
17. God's eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been seen and understood through the things he made. Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman with HIV/AIDS ministry.
18. We do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Holy Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. Pray for Ruth Snyder, Claire Wilson with "Changed Choices."
19. Whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. Pray for Annie B., Star Mountain Palestine.
20. Sunday. Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations. Pray for Western Tanzania mission outreach to Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi.
21. Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Pray for Joe Jarvis and the work with Cuban Moravian Church.
22. As the mountains around Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people. Pray for Allen & Deedee lobst in Spain.
23. Noah did all that God commanded him. Pray for Justin Rabbach [justin@moravianmission.org](mailto:justin@moravianmission.org)
24. I know that my Redeemer lives. Pray for Charlie & Vickie Brent and Family serving with Bridges International in campus ministry.
25. The human mind plans away, but the Lord directs the steps. Pray for the Mission Areas of Sierra Leone, Cuba, and Peru.
26. The righteous are like trees planted by streams of water. Pray for Disaster Relief volunteers. Pray for victims of natural disasters.
27. Sunday - My word shall not return to me empty, but shall accomplish that which I purpose. Pray for the Medical Clinic and the church in Ahuas, Honduras.
28. Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments. Pray for the advisory board of the Unity Women's Desk.
29. The gifts and the calling of God are in irrevocable. Pray for the Solar Program and the Food Program in the Sierra Leone Moravian Church.
30. Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert with thanksgiving. Pray for our retired ministers.