

November 2019
New Hope Moravian
Church

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2019 Watchword

“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” (2 Chronicles 16:9 NIV)



Spiritual Fullness in Christ: “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)

November’s beautiful fall colors and cool air remind me Thanksgiving Day is not far off. It also reminds me that I need to be more thankful for whatever my circumstances are. Colossians 2:6-7 affirms how thankful we should be...The phrase, “*overflowing with thankfulness,*” remind me of the Pilgrims first Thanksgiving together. I can only imagine their prayers of gratitude and thankfulness to God for His blessings and provisions.

Jesus said, “*Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.*” These words make me ask myself, “What’s in my heart?” Do I, do more complaining than giving thanks? Am I selfish? Do I only think of my needs? Am I filled with pride? Do I fail to give God the praise He is rightly due? Do I really live my life with gratitude and true thanksgiving?

Living a life of “gratitude and true thanksgiving” is the mark of a genuine Christian. Scriptures states, “*Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus*” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Being truly thankful to God in all of our circumstances changes our

hearts; it makes us look up in faith to God, rather than looking all around us in fear! Thanksgiving towards God and others stirs and motivates us to fulfill the Great Commandment in our lives. Scripture states, *"We are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as our self"* (Luke 10:27). I cannot think of a better way to express God's abounding love more than living a life of "Gratefulness" and "Thanksgiving," not just on Thanksgiving Day but all year long!

Will your Thanksgiving Day be filled with gratefulness and thanksgiving? Will it be like the Pilgrims first Thanksgiving? On December 21, 1620 the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. Through the dead of winter the colony struggled with poor living conditions and inadequate and insufficient amounts of food, their labor and journey was strenuous, as they struggled physically in the bitter cold and freezing winds that chilled them to the bone. Many suffered rapid diseases... Nearly half the 102 Mayflower passengers did not live to see Cape Cod Bay in the Spring. Yet, despite all these severe trials and struggles, God who is "always faithful" sent Indians--Samoset, Squanto, and Massasoit--to help the English settlers plant, hunt, and fish. The bountiful harvest that autumn led Governor Bradford to invite the Indians to celebrate God's goodness. It's told that Ninety strong braves accepted the invitation to join the Pilgrims in a feast of Thanksgiving to God for His over-flowing abundance and blessings to His people. God was faithful!

The Pilgrims lived by the bounty of the soil; no crop no food! The Pilgrims learn quickly just how dependent they were on God's providence and provisions for them. They learned, to thank God in the midst of the bitterness of past winters and to also thank Him for the winters of over-flowing abundant blessings too... At times, it is so easy for us to be ungrateful toward God. How often do we forget to acknowledge His goodness? Does this mean life is going to be perfect for us... certainly not. God says *"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"* (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

This "Thanksgiving" let us as a Church family, like the early Pilgrims lift our prayers of thanksgiving toward God together. *"What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord."* (Psalm 116:12-13). This Thanksgiving... Let us "Give thanks in all things." Let us be over-flowing in thankfulness and experience our spiritual fullness in Christ Jesus together!



In Christ Love and Service,

Pastor Betty

Reception

*On Sunday, November 10th, we gather to Worship and receive Holy Communion in celebration of November 13th Festival of Christ as our Chief Elder. Following Worship and Communion, there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall in honor of **Brother Bill Biles and his wife Elaine.***

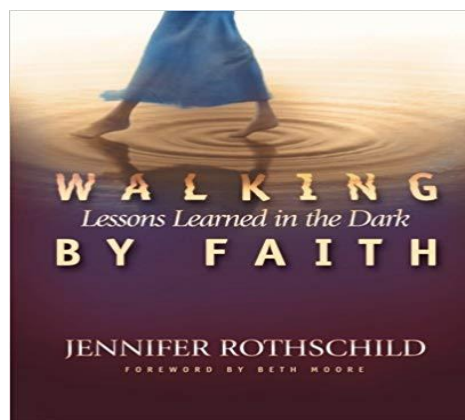
It is with much sadness we have learned they are moving out of this area. It is with grateful hearts to know they will be moving to be close to one of their sons in Indiana. Please come celebrate as we send them off with a Blessing and Well Wishes. They will definitely be missed ... (aka Pew 5 far right).

Hospitality Committee

**** New Bible Study ****

Beginning Wednesday, November 6th at Noon in Sanctuary

**Walking By Faith: Lessons Learned in the Dark
By Jennifer Rothschild and Beth Moore**



Jennifer lost her eyesight as a teen, but says she gained something much more valuable ... spiritual insight. This popular Bible study by Jennifer Rothschild (over 250,000 sold) contrasts the evidences of walking by faith and walking by

sight and encourages participants to take risks, give God control, persevere through hardship, receive God's gifts, be guided by the Truth rather than feelings, and seek God.

This six weeks of study...allows time for personal daily Bible study (approx. 30 minutes per day). Each week we will view a short video; then have personal time for studying God's Word together, personal reflection and group discussion.

Questions: Contact Pastor Betty

Sunday School

The Ray Vander Laan DVD series has begun in Sunday School. This 10-part DVD series is entitled "Death and Resurrection of the Messiah". We will travel with Ray to the area in proximity to the Sea of Galilee. Come hear the exciting news about where and when you will have an opportunity to hear this amazing minister/teacher/historian in person in the coming months in our area.

Fellowship time will start at 9:40 am where coffee, hot apple cider and home baked goods will be available.

Sunday School will begin at 10 am.

Questions? Contact Ned & Janie Setzer.

IT'S TIME TO MAKE OUR FAMOUS CHICKEN PIES

November 14-16

PLEASE, mark your calendar to come and help with this church-wide project of making chicken pies to sell at our annual bazaar. We will only be making 400!

"Many Hands Make Light Work for All"

The dates are:

Thursday, Nov. 14 1:00 set up and make boxes

Friday, Nov. 15 7:00 chicken cookers arrive
 8:00 dough makers arrive
 9:00 gravy makers and all other helpers arrive
Saturday, Nov. 16 8:00 all workers arrive and begin pie assembly

Your help is needed any of the days with special emphasis on Friday and Saturday! Please bring a snack, drink or lunch item, to share on Friday, so that we can take breaks and enjoy lunch together. We have a special task just for you as we work together with this church-wide project and have a lot of laughs, fun and chatter. You don't want to miss this event! Please come join us!

Women's Gathering Sunday, November 23rd

The women will gather in the Fellowship Hall to put finishing touches on crafts for the bazaar. We will also be pricing them and putting them in the sanctuary to wait for bazaar setup. If you have crafts, please bring them and help us out. We will meet from 10 am until we are done. Lunch will be provided.

Getting New Hope Dressed for Advent

Come join in the fellowship and fun as we, the body of New Hope, decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Following our Thanksgiving Lovefeast – **Sunday, November 24** – you are invited to a quick lunch (soup and sandwich) in the fellowship hall – then we will divide in groups decorating the sanctuary. All food and materials are provided... we will be putting up the Chrismon tree, adorning the windows with wreaths and candles, and putting up outside wreaths on the light posts.

Again... Many Hands Make Light Work for All
Please plan to join us as we prepare for the Advent Season.



Give Thanks to the Lord

**“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His love endures forever.”
1 Chronicles 16:34**

Traditionally the month of November is noted as “A Season of Thanksgiving”. It is a perfect time for Christians to reflect on all the blessings that we have received throughout the year. In keeping with the season, we would like to give you the opportunity to express your thanks to our Lord in a unique way.

There will be slips of colored paper in a basket at the vestibule for you to write the many blessings for which you are thankful. Please put your slips on the cross near our church entrance. We will be displaying our blessings for the month of November. Pastor Betty will remove the slips following our Thanksgiving Lovefeast, **Sunday, November 24**. You don't need to sign your name...this is between you and our Lord.

Let's fill the cross this month with our thankfulness to the Lord for all He has done for us!



The quilt will be on display as of Sunday, November 3rd. Raffle tickets will be available to buy and sell. Our stitchers do beautiful work so the congregation can take pride in a job well done.

**Thank you,
Pat**



It's time to check around the house and see what size candles you need. Candle Tea is only a month away, and then, Christmas is just around the corner.

Pat



Pizza Time!

New Hope Preschool is selling Little Caesars pizza kits as a fundraiser. Order form brochures are available on the table outside the sanctuary.

Orders are due by Monday, November 4th and pizza kits will be available to **pick-up on Thursday, November 21st** between 11:15 am -12:30 pm. Checks should be made out to New Hope Moravian Preschool.

You can also order online by going to pizzakit.com, click on "Products", then "Shop". The fundraiser ID# is 375253. Any money raised will go toward a new play-set and some upgrades to the playground next school year. Your support is appreciated!

Carolina Caring, Our Local Hospice, Needs Your Help

The month of November is National Hospice Month. New Hope is offering you the opportunity to help Carolina Caring's patient needs.

(New Hope Members are encouraged to donate as much as you can from this list during the month of November.)

The following items are frequently requested or needed by our patients. Thank you for your interest in supporting CC patients and families.

Miscellaneous

- Ensure/Boost/Glucerna-store brand OK
- Extra long twin sheet sets for hospital beds

Personal toiletry items (travel size preferred)

- Shaving cream/disposable razors
- Baby wipes
- Non-slip socks
- Deodorant
- Tooth paste (travel size)

Bereavement bag items for families holding vigil

- Individual packaged peanuts
- Crackers
- Nutri-grain bars/cereal bars
- Individual packs of chips, cookies, oatmeal cakes, pretzels, etc.

Food pantry items for patients in need

- Macaroni and cheese
- Spaghetti noodles/Ramen noodles
- Spaghetti sauce/tomato sauce
- Microwaveable meals, ready to fix meals
- Soups/Stews
- Canned meats: tuna, chicken, etc.
- Canned vegetables: green beans, pinto beans, corn, etc.
- Canned fruit: peaches, pears, pineapple, applesauce, etc.
- Peanut butter
- Boxed cereal/instant grits/oatmeal
- Cereal bars
- Sugar Free items

Please help New Hope fill the grocery cart for Carolina Caring.
Your response will be greatly appreciated.

New Hope Mission Committee



Church Cleaning



Please consider signing up to clean the church. For many years this has been done by volunteers. We truly hope to continue this way in order to not have to add another expense to the budget. This only takes an hour or so each week.

Cleaning can be done anytime towards the end of the week or Saturday. If you can only manage to do this one or two weeks of any particular month, that is fine. Just put your name by the week you can on the list on the board and state “only”. That way we know you are not taking the whole month.

I will be glad to meet with you to show you what is to be done and where the supplies are. Please feel free, if you wish, to bring your own. **NO CHURCH KEY.....NO WORRY**. Arrangements can easily be made to let you in.

Won't you help us keep this house of worship looking good for all who enter here to worship.

Mark Bumgarner
Vice Chair

November Cleaners: Margaret & Tom Schultz



November Hymn of the Month
What Splendid Rays of Truth and Grace
Tune: Ingham
596 Moravian Book of Worship

What Splendid Rays of Truth and Grace was written about 1784 by Christian Gregor (1723-1801). He was born at Dirsdorf, the son of Georg Gregor, a peasant living in the Silesian village of Dirsdorf, near Peilau. In 1742 Christian went to Herrnhut, where he was first employed in tuition. He became leader of the music in the Brethren's (Moravian) congregation in Herrnhag in 1748, and in 1749 at Zeist; but in 1753 he returned to Herrnhut as cashier of the Brethren Board of Direction. In 1756 he was ordained diaconus, in 1767 presbyter, and in 1789 bishop of the Brethren church. He died on November 6, 1801 having been struck with paralysis earlier that day as he walked into his house at Bethelsdorf, near Herrnhut. Gregor's hymns are characterized by childlike fervor of devotion to his crucified Lord. He was an excellent organist and edited in 1784 a collection of accompanying tunes for the Moravian hymnbook of 1778.

The tune Ingham was composed by John Antes (1740-1811) who was born in Frederick, Pennsylvania and died in Bristol, England. Antes was a missionary, watchmaker, business manager, and composer. Born near the Moravian community of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, he was trained in the Moravian boys' school and later received religious education and further training as a watchmaker in Herrnhut, Germany. From 1770 to 1781 he served as a missionary in Egypt and from 1783 until his death was the business manager of the Moravian community in Fullneck, England. Although music was his avocation, Antes was a fine

composer and musician. Among his compositions are a number of anthems, several string trios, and over fifty hymn tunes.

No information was found about the tune name Ingham or the significance of its title.

November Happenings

Sunday, November 3rd – Church Council, 12:15 pm



Daylight Saving Time Ends

*Move your clocks **back** one hour on Saturday night*

Monday, November 4th – Little Caesar pizza orders due to the Preschool

Tuesday, November 5th – Election Day

**Wednesday, November 6th – *New Bible Study to Begin*
Noon in the Sanctuary**

Title: Walking by Faith: Lessons Learned
in the Dark
By Jennifer Rothschild & Beth Moore

Thursday, November 7th – ECCCM Workday

Sunday, November 10th – November 13th Festival – *Christ as Chief Elder Communion*

Board of Elders Meeting, 12:15 pm

Reception for Bill & Elaine Biles following Worship

Monday, November 11th – Veterans Day



Thursday, November 14th – Saturday, November 16th - Chicken pie making for the Christmas Bazaar (See above for more details)

Sunday, November 17th – Reign of Christ/Christ the King Sunday

Tuesday, November 19th – Women's Circle Meeting, 1 pm
At New Hope (Fay Ayers)
Lesson by Cheryl Hendrix

Friday, November 22nd – December Newsletter Articles due to Office

Saturday, November 23rd – Women's Craft Gathering, 10 am until

Sunday, November 24th – Thanksgiving Lovefeast

Decorate the Sanctuary for Advent
Soup and sandwich lunch provided
(See above for more details)

Wednesday, November 27th – Preschool Closed

Thursday, November 28th – Preschool & Office Closed



Upcoming Out-of-Town Events:

Saturday, November 9th – Moravians Past & Future: Comenius Learning Series
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Hope Moravian Church

This year's Comenius Learning Series event focuses on how Moravians of the past were innovators in ways of "doing church" in their own time and how Moravians today can be innovators of reinventing the church in response to an ever evolving culture. Craig Atwood, Professor of Moravian Theology at MTS, will discuss the past and Andrew Heil, Associate Pastor of Home Moravian Church, will discuss the future.

[Click Here to Register.](#)

Laurel Ridge Annual Fall Workday
Saturday, November 9th, 8:30 am

Meet at the Summer Camp Dining Hall at 8:30 am and work until lunch (provided at Higgins Lodge) and complete tasks in the early afternoon. Goals include a retaining wall, some winterizing, painting inside, painting outside, minimal drywall finishing, and general shut down of the Summer Camp facilities. Any interested parties, please contact Michael Sawtelle in the Laurel Ridge office by phone (336)359-2951 or by email michael@laurelridge.org.

All are welcome to come up and lend a hand. All necessary tools and protective equipment will be provided.



Tour de Putz
Sunday, December 15th
2:00-5:00 pm

This tour is sponsored by the Aging Well Team. We will visit 3 churches to see each Putz. The 3 churches are Hopewell, Konnoak Hills, and Unity. See the bulletin board for more information. If you are interested in carpooling, contact Pam Prevatte.

Aging Well Conference
Saturday, April 18, 2020
9 am until about 1 pm

This is an event sponsored by the Aging Well Team. There will be 2 sessions that you can attend and lunch. It will be held at Fairview Moravian Church. More information will be sent out as plans are finalized.



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