

# November 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)



*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

Can you believe it... Once again, this month, we will celebrate as a nation what we call Thanksgiving Day. Where does the time go? Yet we all do look forward, to the traditional “yummy” foods, that come with celebrating this special day. It’s certainly true, that you don’t need a turkey, dressing & gravy, mash potatoes, greens beans, cranberry salad, and pumpkin pie to celebrate Thanksgiving. We sure look forward to gathering with our family and friends for a BIG meal filled with good food and much gratitude.

This special day also serves as a reminder that giving thanks should be part of who we are as people of faith. We demonstrate faith when we are grateful. We are a blessed people and have plenty of reasons to be grateful. I can assure you this year I find myself being very grateful and thankful for all that God has done for me this past year, as well as what He has done for you. I am so grateful to God for what He has done in the lives of ALL of you here at New Hope. God has so richly blessed New Hope, and continues to do so. We ALL have so much to be thankful for.

WHY SHOULD WE BE THANKFUL? First, because it honors God. When we are thankful, we recognize that God exists. We declare our dependance on Him. We acknowledge His sovereign control, His infinite wisdom, and His divine purpose for our lives, and His bestowed grace upon us.

WHAT CAN WE BE THANKFUL FOR? Let's start with what you see... Our beautiful Church where we gather to worship each week. Your health... The homes you live in, the car or truck you drive, the clothes you wear, the food in your refrigerator and pantry, the beauty of a fall day; we have a lot of those in North Carolina. We can be thankful for the people we love both family and friends. Next, we can be thankful for the things God has given to each one of us that cannot be held in our hands—things like the blessings of our faith, hope, forgiveness, freedom, salvation, and your future home in heaven. When we take time to be thankful, we are quickly reminded of just how BIG our God is, and how good our life is, no matter what we may be dealing with.

Clearly, we cannot separate faith and gratitude; It's like bookends. Giving thanks equals gratitude... Giving God our heartfelt thanks is an expression of our faith in our sovereign God. It intertwines our gratitude, our faith, our hope, and our oneness together with: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ) and God the Holy Spirit.

It is humanly impossible for us to understand and receive all that Christ did for us on the Cross and not be grateful. For those of us who have been given so much, it is important that we continually express our genuine appreciation to our Heavenly Father both in our words and deeds by the way we live our lives. For the Christian, every day should be a day of gratefulness and thanksgiving.

(Ephesians 1:3 NKJV)- *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ."* Therefore, we should give thanks to God the Father for Christ through which we receive our eternal salvation and the freedom, favor, and blessings of belonging to God's family. Amen.

In Christ Love & Service,  
Pastor Betty



**"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"** or **"Give Thanks"** is an American Christian worship song written by Henry Smith in 1978.

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son  
Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"  
Give thanks Give thanks  
Give thanks with a grateful heart (with a grateful heart)  
Give thanks to the Holy One (to the Holy One)  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son  
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Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich (I am rich)  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"  
Give thanks  
We give thanks to You  
Give thanks  
We give thanks  
Give thanks  
Give thanks  
Give thanks  
We give thanks to You!

(Colossians 1:12-14 NKJV)- *"Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."*



## Update On Poinsettias for Christmas Services

Well folks, it's official. New Hope is having to think about Christmas and our favorite Christmas items way ahead of time again: cookies, sugar cake, apple pies, chicken pies and now poinsettias.

Due to health situations in the greenhouse owner's family, the beautiful poinsettias that we normally order from Bethlehem Green House (a family run business) **will not be available this year**. They have only planted half the normal crop due to the above which means they cannot assure us that there will be any left by the time we normally order and use them. We have received our poinsettias from this vendor for as long as can be remembered with its stellar quality. This interruption of service should only affect this year (2022).

Your worship leaders assure you that our sanctuary will be beautifully decorated along with some poinsettias bought just for decoration. So, **we will not be taking orders** for "In Memory or Honor Of" at this time. We anticipate returning to this tradition next year.

Bruce Huffman apologizes profusely for the inconvenience of his temporary changes to the Christmas growing season. He thanks New Hope for our long-standing patronage.

Worship Leadership

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### **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

**Friday, November 25, at 9:00 we will be decorating the Sanctuary for the Season of Advent and Christmas. If you are able, please come and help. Putting up the Chrismon tree, window decorations and wreaths is a wonderful way to prepare for this season. Starting at 9, we should be finished by 11. Won't you consider helping with this joyful way of beginning your Christmas Season?**

**"Many hands make light work for all!"**



# Church Council – Sunday – November 13, 2022

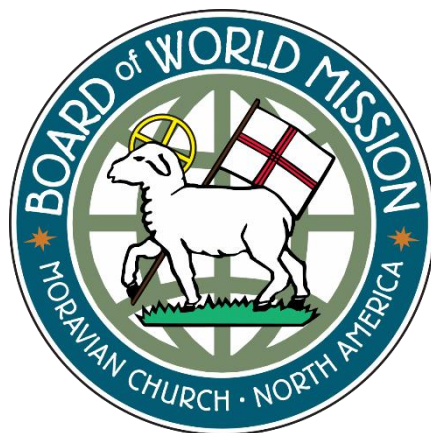
Church Council will be held immediately following worship Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to attend in the sanctuary, masks are optional, but due to the flu season and other new viruses please try use the six-feet social distancing.

Questions? Please contact Pastor Betty or one of the Board of Elders.

## Mission Committee Update

New Hope members donated \$1150.00 to the Moravian Board of World Mission as part of our Mission Sunday celebration.

Thank you for your wonderful generosity!



MONTH OF NOVEMBER  
PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY  
COLLECTION



WE ARE COLLECTING PLASTIC JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY FOR GUARDIAN AD LITEM'S DRIVE. THEY DONATE ALL COLLECTED ITEMS TO THE CORNER TABLE'S BACKPACK PROGRAM.

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

Please Send Me a Card





Jerry & Allison Snyder  
3645 West Clark Street  
Unit 61  
Dewitt, MI 48820



*The Miller and Shuford families would like to thank the members of New Hope Moravian for the love and support that was shown to our families during the unexpected death of Tyler.*

*Losing a loved one is never easy, but because of our faith, we believe that he is in a better place and that he is at peace.*

*Penny and Nancy Miller*

# Big Thanks from Claremont Elementary

Thank you's from teachers at Claremont Elementary for the Wish List Items

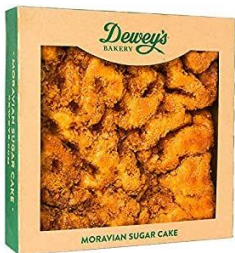
Thank you all so very much for the music items! I cannot wait to use them in my classroom! 😊  
God Bless You!  
Brooke

**Thank you so much for your generosity to our school! The big ball, dots and whistles were greatly appreciated for the PE program.  
Thank you,  
Darla**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class wanted to thank you for your generosity. We really liked the new basketballs & air pump. You made our recess more fun!

Love,  
Mrs. Mateyunas & her 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class

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## 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



# 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!

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## *Financial Update for Third Quarter of 2022*

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To keep the congregation informed the Board of Elders will continue to give quarterly updates on our financial status. Over the last year and early 2022 the Covid-19 Virus continued to present many issues for each of us and our sweet little church.

Our monthly budget for 2022 is \$10,685 for general expenses. The following reflects what our monthly giving and exact expenses were for the second quarter of 2022:

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
<b>July</b>	\$9,741.00	\$8,030.00
<b>August</b>	\$9,535.00	\$11,908.00
<b>September</b>	\$10,674.00	\$8,633.00

As always, please prayerfully consider your giving. There are several ways now to give that offers you more convenience:

1. Drop off in offering plate as you enter or as you exit the Sanctuary.
2. Drop a check in the mail preferably to: New Hope Moravian, C/O Mark Bumgarner,  
2249 Dove St, Newton, NC 28658 (the church mail box is not monitored regularly)
3. Donate online option: To New Hope via credit card or direct debit (automatic bank to bank transfer). The Moravian Ministries Foundation of America (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/>.

The Board appreciates everyone's financial support of our church.

Mark Bumgarner  
Stewardship and Commitment Chair

# *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 24<sup>th</sup>.*

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

Pastor Betty

The Board of Elders

The Worship Committee





# Star Staff of the Month

## Dana Florez

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Our Star Staff Member for November is Dana Florez. She has been a preschool staff member for 8 years. Dana has taught in the four-year-old class, upper elementary class in summer camp, and is currently teaching the transitional kindergarten class. Dana has a calm, caring way with the children as she prepares them for elementary school. She has high expectations for them while always letting them know that they are loved.

### About Ms. Dana

Dana was born in Indianapolis, Indiana and has lived in Catawba County for 11 years.

She is married and has two children, a daughter that is a senior at NC State University and a son (a graduate of our preschool) that is a sophomore at Discovery High School. They share their home with a dog and a goldfish.

### Favorites

Hobby: making costumes, puzzles, spending time with family

Color: red

Beverage: coffee

Snack Food: caramel popcorn

Food at Thanksgiving: turkey with cranberry sauce (from the can!)

Book: The Anne of Green Gables Series

Movie: any Marvel or Star Wars movie

Superhero: Bruce Banner

Holiday: Thanksgiving (with a decorated Christmas tree!)

Childhood Dream Job: Maternity Nurse



## 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:

**Tuesday Nov 8: 10 AM**

### Pre-registration is required.

- Register by emailing the Moravian Team for Reconciliation: [MTR@mcsp.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Find us on Social Media

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## *Mark Your Calendar for November*

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Handbell Practice** 6:15-7 pm  
**Chancel Choir** 7-8 pm

Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – ECCCM Workday

1:00 pm Set up for chicken pie making

Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 am Cooker/chicken cutters arrive  
8:30 am Dough makers arrive  
9:00 am All other works arrive

We will not be setting up a lunch station as in the past. Please bring your own bagged lunch. Water and chips will be provided. Chairs will be set up in the vestibule for eating.

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am Assemble the pies. Hope to be finished and cleaned up by 12:00.

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – **Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**

**Board of Elders Meeting 11:15 am**



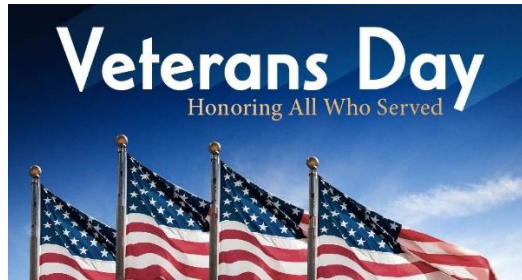
Daylight Saving Time Ends  
Don't forget to turn you clocks **back** one hour on Saturday!

Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – Election Day



**Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** – **Handbell Practice** 6:15-7 pm  
**Chancel Choir** 7-8 pm

**Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** –



**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** – **Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**

**Chief Elder Communion**

*Praise and Play*

**Church Council following Worship**

**Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** – **Handbell Practice** 6:15-7 pm  
**Chancel Choir** 7-8 pm

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** – **Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**

**Thanksgiving Lovefeast**

**Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** – **No Handbell or Choir Practice**

**Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>** –



**Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** – **Decorate the Sanctuary** 9 am



**Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**

***First Sunday of Advent***

**Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> – December Newsletter Articles Due**

**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – Handbell Practice 6:15-7 pm**  
**Chancel Choir 7-8 pm**



***November Birthdays***

4<sup>th</sup> – Roberta Frazier  
8<sup>th</sup> – Linda Stack Morgan  
10<sup>th</sup> – Shawn Snipes  
12<sup>th</sup> – Ben Johnson  
18<sup>th</sup> – Phyllis Little  
25<sup>th</sup> – Rachel Schultz Snipes  
27<sup>th</sup> – Gabriel Snyder  
28<sup>th</sup> – Mark Bumgarner

## Pray Every Day November 2022

1. Turn oh Lord and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
2. Keep me safe O God, for in you I take refuge. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
3. Hear O Lord, my righteous plea; listen to my cry. Give ear to my prayer. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
4. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock in whom I take refuge. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
5. You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. Pray for the Thiessens in Canada.
6. The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
7. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
8. In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
9. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
10. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahuas.
11. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
12. The Lord is my light and my salvation, who shall I fear? Pray for Moravians in Peru.
13. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
14. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
15. O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
16. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
17. Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
18. We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. Pray for Ukrainian refugees and the churches in the Czech Republic.
19. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
20. Your love, O Lord, reaches to the Heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. Pray for the government leaders of our country.
21. The days of the blameless are known to the Lord, and their inheritance will endure forever. In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
22. O Lord, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God. Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior. Pray for new and emerging ministries of the Moravian Church.
23. I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
24. Be pleased, O Lord, to save me; O Lord, come quickly to help me. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
25. As the deer pants for the streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
26. Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. Pray for firefighters and police officers.
27. All this happened to us, though we had not forgotten you or been false to your covenant. Our hearts had not turned back; our feet had not strayed from your path. Pray for the Board of World Missions.
28. Rise up and help us; redeem us because of your unfailing love. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
29. Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth! Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.
30. Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love. Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Pray for disaster relief workers and Moravian Disaster Response.



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