

November 2023

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2023 Watchword

“The righteous are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.
Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.”
(Psalm 1:3)



Giving Grace ... At Thanksgiving and Any Time

How many of you when you gather around the *Thanksgiving Day* table find yourself... with uncomfortable silence? Or perhaps without even a blessing of gratitude being said at mealtimes. Sometimes, in our haste, even Christians (take too little time) to give thanks for all they are blessed to have... even on *Thanksgiving Day*. Oh, I know, there's lots of loud talking with all the family coming in for the special event. After all, we really are grateful... Aren't we??

But think about it, when we say “grace” what a witness we can be to those who share this special “turkey day” bounty with us. Telling God how grateful we are, and giving thanks is an expression of our gratitude to God for the abundance we’ve received throughout the year! Yet too often it’s absent from our holiday tables; People eat and forget their need to say “grace.”

Sometimes, “grace” is absent from our meal gatherings, not because people forget or are ungrateful but because they’re uncomfortable praying aloud. Saying grace before a meal, whether you’re the host or guest, can be terrifying. Because the number one thing most people fear is public speaking: even among their closest family members and

friends. They don't want to mess up and there's a measure of stress to make their prayer sound elegant and perfect.

Yet, I agree with one young boy who repeatedly asked after his prayers: "How'd I do Mom?" She'd always tell him he did great." Then he'd respond, "I ask Mom, just in case I messed up. After all, I'm talking to God. I really want to get it right! I don't want to be a bad pray-er?" Yes, he's right, we are talking to God, and no one wants to be "a bad pray-er"; But any prayer is a good prayer.

So, what if we mess up while we're praying? We all, like the young boy, have felt the pressure to get it just "perfect". I remember years ago when I struggled with my prayers and speaking in public. But I also remember that even in my times of fear, I took it to God. I ask for His mercy and grace to be upon me and give me the words to say. After all, I was talking to God, and what I was praying and saying was coming from my heart. I was not trying to impress others. Finally, I slowly got over my fear, and now I rejoice at every opportunity I have to pray and give thanks.

I advised people who struggle with the fear of praying or speaking to first write out what they want to say in advance and even practice it. By the way, there's nothing wrong with doing that, it doesn't make your words any less authentic or less spiritual. Like public speaking, praying aloud gets easier the more you do it. There's never a bad time to say prayers of thanksgiving to God!

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 should too! It's what we're called to do. A simple prayer of thanksgiving at family meals will gradually restore our hearts and the hearts of others to be filled with gratitude and thanksgiving. We are setting an example of our "gratefulness" before others.

Philippians 4:4-9 NIV states: ⁴*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!* ⁵*Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.* ⁶*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.* ⁷*And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* ⁸*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.* ⁹*Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."*

Don't forget: There are "no bad pray-ers" ... Saying Grace... and Giving Thanksgiving to God was never meant to be done on just one single day, but every single day of our life. Amen.

Blessings and Happy Thanksgiving to you all,
Pastor Betty



In November, New Hope recognizes Pastor Betty's 11 years of service and spiritual leadership of our church family. We are very blessed to have her as the shepherd of our flock.
Thank you Pastor Betty ... We Love You!



Chicken Pies will be made for the upcoming Annual Candletea /Bazaar.

Thursday, Nov 2

1:00 pm - Set up for pie making

Friday, Nov 3

7:30 am - Chicken Cookers

8:00 am - Dough Makers

8:30 am - All other helpers arrive

Saturday, Nov 4

9:00 – 12:00 Assemble pies and clean up fellowship hall

Making chicken pies is a church family project. The proceeds from the pie sales benefit our Chicken Pie Fund which is used for maintenance, repair and edification of our church and property.

Thank you for your willingness to always give of your time, talent and energy for the making of our chicken pies!

Thanks from Claremont Elementary ...

We thank you all so very much for your act of kindness not just to our Kindergarten class, but to our school! What a HUGE BLESSING!

I live by 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 ... so generously reap generously ... and I do so cheerfully!

God bless you all!

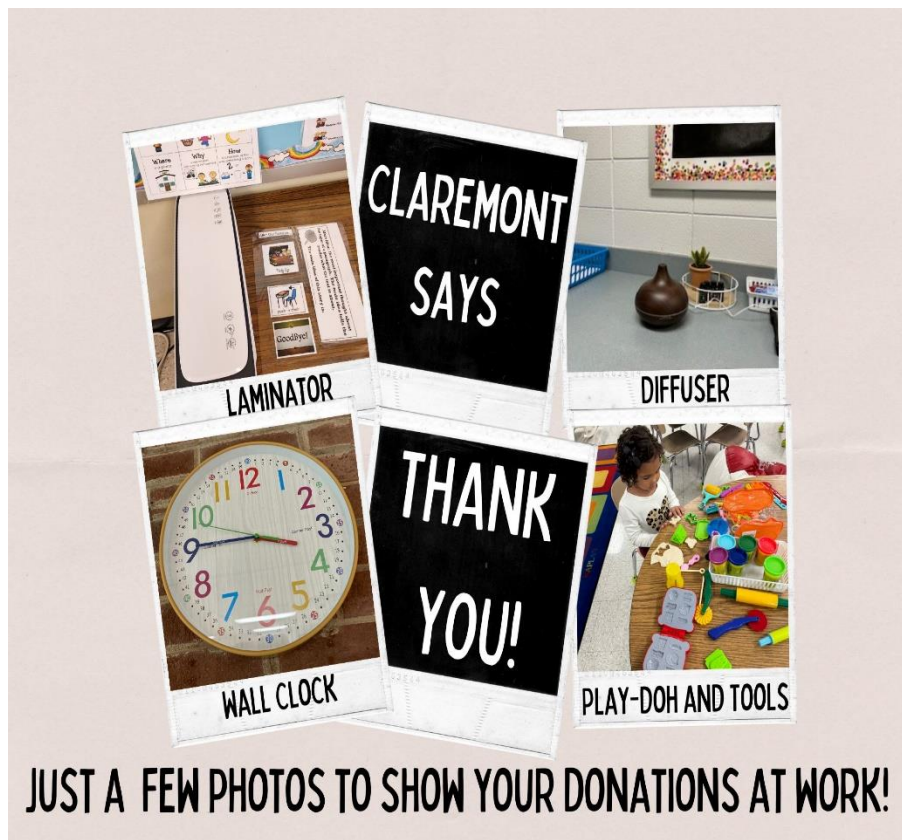
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To all those of New Hope Moravian and to Mrs. Snipes,

Thank you so very much for the hot laminator. I make a TON of therapy materials, and this will make it so much more convenient! I love it! May God bless you for your thoughtful kindness. I know everyone here at school feels it!

Tara Cole

Speech Language Pathologist
Claremont Elementary



Church Council Sunday, November 19th

Church Council will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, November 19th. All members are invited to attend in the sanctuary.

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



Candle Tea will be here before we know it (Dec 2)! Your help is needed on that exciting day.



If you need candles for any craft, please let Pat know.



The quilt will be on display at the church. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the church for \$2 each.

Any questions? Contact Pat deBlois

Mission Lovefeast

New Philadelphia Moravian Church Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 5

3:00 PM



The Mission Society will host its annual Mission Lovefeast on Sunday, November 5, at 3:00 PM in the New Philadelphia Fellowship Hall. The missionaries and mission teams supported by the Mission Society will share video and slideshow updates throughout the service. There will be special music featuring the New Philadelphia choir and others. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Boles at 336-773-1732.

A note from Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler thanking New Hope for our donation of \$500 to cover shipping fees for the water filters that the congregation assembled:

“Dear Friends at New Hope’s Women Fellowship:

Thank you, thank you! Your gift to us to help support our ‘Blessings Flow’ project is deeply appreciated. Clean water leads to healthy lives for all God’s children. Your gift will save lives for many years to come. These filters can last for 10 years or more and provide more than a million gallons of clean water. Thanks be to God!

Peace in Christ,
Chris Giesler”

Director of Mission Engagement, Board of World Mission of the
Moravian Church



BOARD OF WORLD MISSION

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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!

The Board of World Mission's Blessings Flow Project has provided clean water to over 400 families in the La Moskitia region of Honduras this year through the distribution of household water filters. Through a partnership with local leaders and an organization called One Atta Time, we have blessed every family in the villages of Tumtum Tara and Warunta, with plans to serve three additional communities in the first stage of the project.

As we approach the end of the year, now is the best time to let the Blessings Flow! Our partners at One Atta Time are graciously extending the price of \$50 per filter to our Moravian donors through the end of the year, despite having increased their general rate to \$100 this summer. This means that by giving before December 31st, the impact of your donation will be doubled!

Your \$50 donation covers the cost of purchasing the filter, shipping costs to get it in country, the purchase of the bucket, visits by BWM and One Atta Time staff to do health assessments, filter distribution, training on how to use and maintain the filter, and a follow-up visit to measure impact and ensure continued proper usage. That's a lot of value to give EVERY family in these communities a decade or more of clean water to limit days of work and school lost to the effects of water-borne illnesses!

Those in the US can send checks to: Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. Canadians can send checks to: Moravian Church in Canada, 600 Acadia Drive SE, Calgary, AB T2J 0B8. Interac e-Transfer donations may be sent to treasurer@moravian.ca. Please indicate that your donation is for "Blessings Flow."

Learn more at www.MoravianMission.org/BlessingsFlow.



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.



Toy Collection for The Corner Table

New Hope's December Mission Project will support The Corner Table's "Christmas on the Corner". We will be collecting **new, unwrapped** toys for children 12 years and under in age. **The deadline to have your donations at the church is December 10.**

The holidays can be a time of great joy, but for many of the hungry and homeless, Christmas may not come at all. Because of the loving support of our community, The Corner Table can provide a Christmas for the men, women, and children who are in need each year. In the past, more than 250 of our neighbors were served barbecue and given food and toiletry bags. Books and toys were provided to the children.

Please consider helping The Corner Table share the joy of Christmas with the children this year by purchasing a toy or two.

Contact Margaret Schultz with questions (828-234-8184).

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving!



FUNDRAISER

The Preschool is selling Nothing Bundt Cakes this month!

All proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new preschool sign near our entrance.

Choose from a variety of flavors and sizes!

*Chocolate Chocolate Chip, Red Velvet
White Chocolate Raspberry, Lemon,
Confetti, Pumpkin*

Bundtlets - \$7 each

8" Cake (Serve 8-10) - \$32 each

10" Cake (Serve 18-20) - \$45 each

Perfect for family gatherings over the holidays, or for a personal treat!

Cakes will keep over a week in the fridge or for a few months if frozen (set out to defrost)

All order forms due Monday, November 13th

Order forms are at the church

Orders will be in and need to be picked up from Preschool on
Monday, November 20th



Financial Update for Third Quarter 2023

To keep the congregation more informed the Board of Elders is giving a quarterly update on our financial status. Some months are higher in expense since we pay for some items once a year, like insurance.

Our monthly budget for 2023 is \$10,913.00. The following reflects what our monthly giving and exact expenses were for the second quarter of 2023:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
July	\$10,350.00	\$11,319.00
August	\$10,049.00	\$11,122.00
September	\$11,856.00	\$ 9,340.00

During the year so far, our contributions have stayed up with actual expenses. This has been a blessing, and we hope it continues.

As recommended by the Worship Committee and approved by the Board, the offering plates will continue to be positioned in the back and not passed in the pews. The reason for this is that many give their donations once a month or even as much as for an entire year at one time. This leaves very few who give weekly. We are used to placing our offerings in the plate as we enter prior to the service. This can be revisited in the future as needed.

Please continue to prayerfully consider your giving. There are several ways now to give that offers you more convenience:

1. Drop off your donation in the offering plate as you enter 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 mailbox 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 Committee Chair



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.**

➔ **November Cleaners: Pastor Betty**

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 November

Wednesday, November 1st – Handbell Practice 6:15 pm
Chancel Choir 7 pm

Thursday, November 2nd – ECCCM Volunteer Day

Set up for Pie Making 1:00-3:00 pm

Friday, November 3rd – Chicken Cookers Arrive 7:30 am
Dough Makers Arrive 8:00 am
All Other Helpers Arrive 8:30 am

Saturday, November 4th – Pie Assembly & Clean-up 9:00-12:00

Sunday, November 5th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

Infant Baptism of Garrett Graham Simpson



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

Tuesday, November 7th –



Wednesday, November 8th – Handbell Practice 6:15 pm
Chancel Choir 7 pm

Saturday, November 11th –



Sunday, November 12th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

Communion – Christ as Chief Elder

Praise and Play

Board of Elders Meeting 11:15 am

Monday, November 13th – Nothing Bundt Cake Orders due to Preschool

Wednesday, November 15th – Handbell Practice 6:15 pm
Chancel Choir 7 pm

Sunday, November 19th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

Thanksgiving Lovefeast

Church Council Meeting following Worship

Monday, November 20th – Pick up Nothing Bundt Cake orders from
Preschool

Wednesday, November 22nd – No Handbell or Choir Practice

Thursday, November 23rd –



Sunday, November 26th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Reign of Christ Sunday

Monday, November 27th – **December Newsletter Articles Due**

Wednesday, November 29th – **Handbell Practice 6:15 pm**
Chancel Choir 7 pm



November Birthdays

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

Pray Every Day November 2023

1. Turn oh Lord and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love. Pray for the conflicts in Ukraine and Israel.
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 reconciliation for Moravians in Nicaragua.
5. You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. Pray for the Blessings Flow water project in Honduras.
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 Joey Yokeley with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
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 Intersarsity.
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 Anna Faircloth with YoungLife.
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 the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
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 Mission.
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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