

November 2024

New Hope Moravian Church

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2024 Watchword

“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.”

Colossians 3:12

You Are Important – To God



"The Lord gave me this message: "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born, I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:4-5 (NLT).

In the first chapter of Jeremiah, we read of Jeremiah’s calling. In this passage God tells us **He knew us, He set us apart, He appointed us.** Many may believe this passage applied only to Jeremiah, but I believe these Words of “The Lord” applies to ALL of us. Therefore, this Bible passage applies as much to you and me as it did to Jeremiah. We may not all be called to be a prophet, but the God who formed us, has chosen us for doing important tasks in His Kingdom.

There are three principles in today's passage that God is calling each of us to listen to:

“I knew you” ... God knew everything about us even before we were born. God knows us better than we know ourselves! Psalm 139:16, "Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

“I set you apart” ... God has chosen us for a purpose. We are special to Him. Deuteronomy 14:2 says, "You have been set apart as holy to the LORD your God, and he has chosen you from all the nations of the earth to be his own special treasure."

“I appointed you” ... God has called each one of us, and He sends us out as His witnesses to the world. John 15:16 says, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you."

There may be times when we lose sight of our God-given purpose because we feel inadequate, and perhaps, even discouraged. However, just as God prepared Jeremiah, He has also prepared you and me. He has been preparing us since before we were born; **He knew us—He set us apart—He appointed us!** Therefore, we can be confident that God remains with us, no matter the challenges of our life.

Each one of us are uniquely made by God ... Our sovereign Creator has not made another person like you or me, and He never will; No one else possesses the identical gifts as you do. Nor are they gifted to do the exceptional things God has planned for you and me to do. God is our strength, and we can trust as Scripture states (Philippians 4:13), "I can do all things through Christ who strengthen me!" We can do all things through Christ Jesus ... Even in our times of dismay. Let us never forget: God has chosen us to do great things. He knows everything about us, and yet, He still chose us. So, let us choose to see ourselves as God sees us (uniquely formed and equipped), to reach our God-given potential. So, just as "The Lord" told Jeremiah so many years ago; He is also telling us "Get up and prepare for action!" (Jeremiah 1:17 NLT)

Prayer: Father God, what a privilege to be fully known and fully loved by You. Thank You for choosing to make us Your unique chosen ones; Called to serve You and others. Help us to believe that we can do great things, not because of what we have done, but because of what You have done for us. Thank You for being with us every day preparing us to bear much fruit for Your Kingdom. We are ready Father to be used by You. Thank You for hearing and answering our prayer. In Jesus' Name... Amen.

In Christ Love and Service,
Pastor Betty

It's that time of year again. The joy of Christmas and Candle Tea is near! Raffle tickets for the 2024 Christmas quilt are now available on the table in the narthex. Please take as many as you think you can sell or purchase for yourself. The raffle will be held after Candle Tea on Saturday, December 7th.



Will your ticket be the winner?



Preschool News

Thanks to the generosity of our preschool's families, staff and New Hope members, our preschool students were able to pack over 200 Blessing Bags. These bags were sent to first responders, linemen, and emergency workers in Boone, Ashville, and Marion. A big **"thank you"** to Jen and the staff for providing a way for our preschoolers to serve others.

Annual Church Council Meeting
Sunday, November 17th
11:15 am



Members, please plan to attend!
Thank you!

MONTH OF NOVEMBER
PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY
COLLECTION

The illustration shows two jars with cute, smiling faces. The jar on the left is orange and represents peanut butter, with a small white flower-like shape above it. The jar on the right is purple and represents jelly, with a small white flower-like shape above it. Both jars have simple black dots for eyes and a curved line for a smile. The background is a solid brown color with faint, darker brown circular patterns.

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.

DON'T
FORGET

Chicken pies will be made for the upcoming
Annual Candletea/Bazaar



Thursday, November 14
Set up fellowship hall at 1:00

Friday, November 15
Please bring a bag lunch. Water and chips
provided. Making only 320 pies.
7:30 chicken cookers
8:00 dough makers
8:30 all workers

Saturday, November 16
Assemble pies 9-11:30

From the Board of World Missions – Moravians in Mission (Issue 3 of The Moravian)

“Just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.”

In these final months of 2024, we have a unique opportunity to live out Jesus’ teaching through our giving. Let’s come together to make a tangible difference in the lives of those who need it most. As you consider your year-end giving, remember that your support not only impacts lives but is a direct response to Jesus’ call to serve Him through serving others.

- \$15 = a package of medication for one family at the Ahuas Clinic.
- \$50 = three days of schooling for a child impacted by war in Ukraine.
- \$100 = a decade of clean drinking water for a household in La Moskitia, Honduras.
- Any amount provides tangible services and supports lasting relationships.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. Together, we are making a lasting impact in the lives of the “least of these”. Give online at MoravianMission.org/Give. If you wish to mail your donation, please make checks payable to “Board of World Mission” and send to:

Board of World Mission
1021 Center Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

If you or someone you know needs assistance after Hurricane Helene, please contact FEMA at the number below.



The poster features the FEMA logo at the top right. The main heading is "DISASTER ASSISTANCE" in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the text reads "To apply and get answers to your questions, call:" followed by the phone number "1-800-621-3362" in a very large, bold font. Underneath the phone number, it says "711 or Video Relay Service (VRS): 1-800-621-3362". The poster is divided into two columns of text. The left column is titled "Please have the following available:" and lists six bullet points: "Your address with zip code", "Condition of your damaged home", "Insurance information, if available", "Social Security number", "Phone number where you can be contacted", and "Address where you can get mail or email address to receive electronic notifications". The right column is titled "Direct Deposit:" and explains that disaster assistance funds can be sent directly to a bank account, asking for account type, number, and routing number. Below that, it says "Stay in touch with FEMA:" and notes that applicants will receive a FEMA registration number and should save it for future contact. At the bottom left, there is a QR code and the text "Online registration also available" with a green arrow pointing to the right. At the bottom right, the website "DisasterAssistance.gov" is listed, with the tagline "ACCESS TO DISASTER HELP AND RESOURCES" underneath. A small disclaimer at the very bottom states: "Disaster assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, English proficiency, or economic status."



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 & Carolyn McDonald**

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

Sunday, November 3rd – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Daylight Saving Time Ends
Don't forget to turn your clocks **back** one hour on Saturday, November 2nd!

Tuesday, November 5th – **Chancel Choir 2 pm**
Handbell Practice 3:15 pm

Election Day



Thursday, October 7th – **Ashure Ministry Volunteer Day 10 - 12**

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

November 13th Festival
Christ as Chief Elder Communion

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Board of Elders Meeting 11:15 am

Praise and Play

Monday, November 11th –



Tuesday, November 12th – Chancel Choir 2 pm
Handbell Practice 3:15 pm

Thursday, November 14th – Set up fellowship hall at 1 pm

Friday, November 15th – Chicken cookers arrive 7:30 am
Dough makers arrive 8 am
All others arrive 8:30 am

Please bring a bag lunch. Water & chips provided.

Saturday, November 16th – Assemble pies 9-11:30 am

Sunday, November 17th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Annual Church Council Meeting 11:15 am



Tuesday, November 19th – Chancel Choir 2 pm
Handbell Practice 3:15 pm

Sunday, November 24th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

**Thanksgiving Lovefeast
Reign of Christ Sunday**

Wednesday, November 27th – December Newsletter Articles Due

Thursday, November 28th –



Saturday, November 30th – Decorate for Christmas & Candle Tea 9 am



November Birthdays

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

Pray Every Day November 2024

1. Turn oh Lord and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love. Pray for disaster relief workers and Moravian Disaster Response.
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 Leonne.
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 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 the conflicts in Ukraine and Israel.



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