



December 2012

New Hope News



2012 WATCHWORD

**Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, God
of truth. Psalm 31:5**

New Hope *Moravian Church*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Everywhere we turn during the months of November and December, we see signs that remind us that this is a special time of the year. We see Season's Greetings, Happy Holiday and Merry Christmas! We know that in the mystery of God's love and His "Gift" of love and hope; Christmas ushers in a "New Season" for all of us.

Each year we are reminded to reflect on what this "New Season" means for each one of us and all of us as the body of Christ. Christmas is a season of gifts, but most especially the "Gift"... this is God's "Gift" of love to all mankind. Mary's child, the Son of God, Emmanuel—God is with us.

Because of this mystery of God's love, the wrapping on every gift we share must be wrapped with love and care—that reflects God's love and not an attitude of duty and obligation. If we keep this in mind, it will remind all of us of the true meaning of God's abounding love found in our relationship with God and others. It will help us to celebrate as Christians the "New Season" with the joy of faith, hope and love for our world and one another. It will help us to have abundantly happy hearts that generate peace and unity in our own family and our church family. This kind of harmony lessens the anxieties and tensions that so quickly destroy what this joyous Season is really all about.

For those of you—in our church family—who are travelling, I pray that you will take the joy of Christ Jesus with you wherever you go. Keep the joy and love of Mary's child, the Son of God, Emmanuel—God is with us; with you as you travel. Leave with those you meet and greet along the way God's "Gift" of love and hope; then, God's "Gift" to the world will be multiplied in and through each one of you.

For those who are staying here at home and for family and friends who travel to be with us, let us remember to celebrate the "Gift" of God's love with all those in our homes and community. The goal of Christmas for all of us should be to love God more abundantly and celebrate Christ's birth more richly.

Merry Christmas to all,

Pastor Betty

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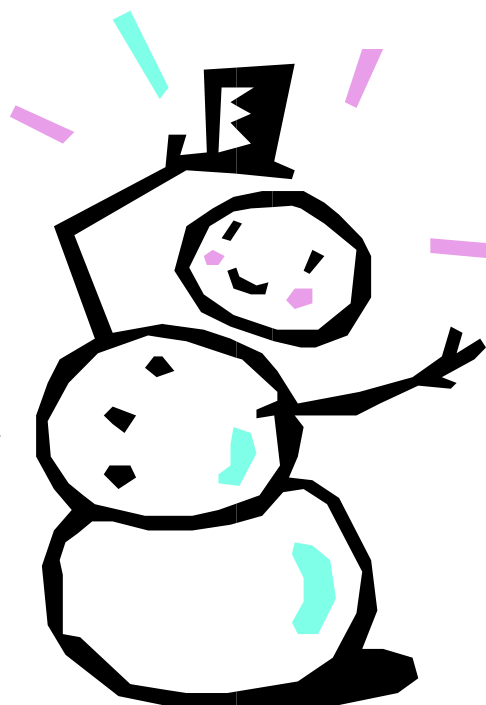
December Themes

Our themes for December are centered on Christmas and Jesus' birth. The children will learn the Christmas story and even act it out in our annual Christmas program. The four year old class will also learn about the solar system in addition to their letters and numbers of the week. The children will also experience our putz, a German nativity tradition. It is a narrated story of Christmas with lights set to music.

Be sure to check out our hallway and classroom bulletin boards; the teachers get extra crafty this

time of year!

Ms. Jane and Mr. Steve will visit twice this month



in preparation for our Christmas program. We will also practice our play during chapel time on Wednesday mornings. Our annual Christmas pageant will be held on our last day of preschool for the year, Thursday, December 20th at 10 am. Our church family is invited to attend, but come early to get a seat! A reception in the fellowship hall will follow.

Children's Morning Out will be closed Monday, December 24th— Tuesday, January 1st.

Special Events Calendar:

- ☺ Chapel— Wednesday at 9:00
- ☺ Stretch n Grow— Dec. 11th at 10:30
- ☺ Music with Ms. Jane and Mr. Steve- Thurs.

New Hope Staff:
Lauren Westmoreland
Director
Margaret Schultz
Volunteer
Angela Baker
4 yr. Class
Julie Robinson
3 yr. class
Patty Holland
2 yr. class

Kindness Rocks!

In addition to our chapel study of the Fruit of the Spirit, Stretch n Grow has started a Kindness Rocks campaign in Catawba County. The goal

is for children to go out of their way to do kind acts for other people, not just family and friends. Stretch n Grow supplied each of our

children with a chart to keep up with all of their kind deeds and will award prizes at the end of January. As a school, we have made a kindness





Service & Witness NEWS!!

Salvation Army Stockings are available in the Shopping Cart. Take one & fill it for a girl or boy & return it to the cart no later than Sunday **Dec. 9th**. These will be distributed to needy children throughout Catawba County.

Adopt-A-Family-For-Christmas

A family of FOUR is in need of our help this Christmas Season. A single mother, grandmother and two teenage girls. We would like to provide gifts and a meal for them. You can shop on your own or donate money & I will shop for you. The girls were described by their mother as simple and not real prissy. Both said their favorite color was blue. Please shop in the Junior dept.

Kaylyn (middle school)

Jeans - sz 3/4
Shirts/sweaters - sz small
Winter Coat - sz small
Shoes - size 5

Chelsea (high school)

Jeans - sz 8
Shirt sz medium/large
Winter coat - sz medium
Shoes - sz 6

Mom said she & grandma would each love to have an outfit. See the following sizes Shop for them in the **Petite Dept**.

MOM - pants size 12 petite
shirt/sweater sz XL petite

GRANDMA - pants size 8 petite
shirt/sweater sz med/large petite

MEAL SHOULD CONSIST OF donated NON-PERISHABLE FOOD WITH A GIFT CARD TO FOOD LION FOR A TURKEY OR HAM.

Please take note of a list on the bulletin board to sign up for how you'd like to help. All donations should be turned in no later than Sunday **Dec. 16th** so a timely delivery can be made.

Thank you for your giving Spirit...I can feel it already!!!

For Him, Linda

A Special “Thank You” To All Salsa Lovers At New Hope



New Hope produced 263 jars of Salsa this year and we are down to our last 90 jars. As you empty your jars, please keep in mind that we have a collection basket in the fellowship hall for empty pint and half pint jars in preparation for “Salsa Making” this summer.

Church Council Meeting

Church Council will be held immediately following worship on Sunday Dec. 16th to elect new Board Members for 3 year terms. Those who have completed their terms are Nancy Miller, John Furmage & Linda Long. Thanks for your dedicated service.

We will also be electing one new RCC Rep for a 2 year term. Many thanks to Craig deBlois who completes his term.



Box Tops for Education

Participating schools receive 10 cents for each top collected! Several of us at church collect the tops for children or grandchildren. We could share them. It is a big waste for them to be thrown away!

See Nancy Miller

New Hope Church Family... A Reminder

Are you wondering where your favorite pair of reading glasses are or that lid to your casserole ??? Don't forget to check the Lost and Found Box in the Fellowship Hall.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



December Birthdays

- 1 Richard Elmore
- 3 Amanda Long
- 4 Clyde Allen
- 6 Brandon Rowe
- 12 Tom Schultz
- 16 Meggie Bumgarner
- 31 Leela Sain

Yum... “Homemade Chicken Pie”

On Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16th and 17th there was a lot of activity and some mouth watering aromas coming from the inside and outside of New Hope. **This was Chicken Pie Making Day!** In the kitchen, laughing volunteers gathered around pots of chicken broth, and mounds of cooked chicken to be chopped, while in the fellowship hall many of the pie crust rollers were adorned with a little too much flour. Outside in the warm sunshine, several men stirred boiling pots of the minced chicken and swapped some tall tales while they worked. Each person who helped shared a spirit of fellowship while preparing 130 chicken pies for the upcoming Candle Tea/ Bazaar. A special thank you to all of New Hope church family who supported this event by donating supplies, time and your talents in this fun project.

Another Chicken Pie Day is scheduled for the end of January. Pie sales will be opened to the congregation and members will be asked to offer pre-ordered/pre-paid pies to co-workers, family, and neighbors . An order form will be in the bulletin beginning mid December. Look for more information and details concerning how you can be a part of the next **“Chicken Pie Making Day”** just in time for Valentine’s Day. The theme for this project is... ***Nothing says “love” like a Chicken Pie!***



Margie Furmage is to be commended for all her hard work in preparing and leading us through the monumental task of making our famous chicken pies!!!

Christmas Eve & Candlelight Services **5:00 & 7:30**

Things you might want to know about our services:

- 1) Please park on the grass areas to leave the lot for all the guests. Need 2 folks to come forward to direct traffic.
- 2.) Don't forget to bring covered dish type things between the 2 services for all who are in Band, Choir, Ushers, Greeters, Parkers, Deiners, Nursery workers, etc...in other words...anyone who comes and helps make this event happen for our community.
- 3.) Choir to practice & warm up @ 4:00. Bells @ 4:15. Band @ 4:30sh. - subject to change.
- 4.)Volunteers needed: Parking/ traffic area attendants. 2 Ushers to actually seat folks & have them move over as needed. Folks to commit to help Mark with picking up lovefeast Ode/bulletins & restuffing them between services. Cleaning/freshening up Sanctuary & bathrooms. Set up & clean up of our meal. Watch for sign up sheet on bulletin board.

Many thanks to all who are working hard to prepare for this special worship service that means so much not only to us, but to our greater community.

Malissa Bumgarner





Our Focus:

Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with
all vigilance,
for from it flow the
springs of life.



Lucetta Zaytoun CPCC.

Professional Life Coach



Lucetta Zaytoun raised six children and lived to tell about it! Then, after an unexpected turn of events in her life she had the freedom to create a completely new one. So, she did what any normal person would do; Lucetta put everything she owned in a storage locker and traveled by herself around the world for a year, in developing countries. She is now a professional life coach, speaker, writer, and the founder of Your Life In Bold, llc.

Springs of Life

New Beginnings Moravian Church

Huntersville NC

Women's Day

Saturday February 16th 2013

9:00am—3:00pm

Guest Speakers

Sister Lucetta Zaytoun,

Sister Joyce Vance

Reverend Betty Helms

