

December 2018
New Hope Moravian Church
Newsletter

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2018 Watchword

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21 (NKJV)



Dear New Hope Saints,

Everywhere we turn during the months of November and December we see signs that a special time of the year is forth coming. We see banners with Season’s Greetings, Happy Holiday and Merry Christmas! We also see and smell giant cedar and pine trees on the corner lots for sale...All ready to be decorated and covered with colorful lights. And of course, what would Christmas be without the coldness of brisk air, amidst just a few snowflakes to set the stage for a possible white Christmas. All this enchantment sets the stage for the most important day of all time...the story of Jesus Christ and His birth. Amidst all the banners, greenery, and bright festival of lights are revealed something so glorious and magnificent; it’s hard to take it all in. God in His wonderful way ushers in His “GIFT” of “LOVE and HOPE”! Jesus: the Christ-child is born!

Each year during the Advent Season, we are reminded to reflect on God’s great gift of “Christmas” and what it really means for each of us; as the body of Christ. Christmas is the season of gifts; most especially the most precious “Gift” of all time...God’s “Gift” to all mankind. The Virgin Mary’s child, the Son of God...Emmanuel—God is with us.

Because of God’s great love and hope, all our words and our deeds must be wrapped like every gift we give; they must be wrapped with love and care—that reflects God’s great love for His people! If we keep this in mind, it will be certain to remind us of the true meaning of God’s abounding love found in our personal relationship with Him and others. It will help us celebrate Christmas as God intended with the joy of faith, hope and love for our world and one another. It will help us to generate hearts of joy that (melt away hate); hearts that seek to generate peace and unity in our own family, our Church

family and in the world at large. God's love and peace lessens the anxieties that so quickly try to destroy what this joyous season is really all about. Jesus is the one and only reason for the Christmas season...Christmas should be all about Jesus!

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 and peace with all those in our homes and communities. The goal of Christmas for all of us should not just be the parties we attend, or the gifts under the tree. This Christmas, let's cherish more deeply God's "gift of eternal life." Let's celebrate His "gift of love and hope" to each one of us...This year, let's celebrate the true reason for the season..."God's Gift of His Son Jesus Christ! May God's rich blessings be upon you...Merry Christmas...to you all!

In Christ Love and Service,

Pastor Betty



Christmas Poinsettia orders are due this Sunday, December 2nd! You can pick up an order form at church!



Cleaners for December

Sign-up sheet posted on bulletin board. More than one family can work together. All cleaning supplies are provided, but some prefer to bring their own favorite ones. Preschool does a good job of cleaning their areas, but do take a quick look in case others have used the building after school.

Please consider a turn at keeping God's House spick and span.

December 2nd, 9th, 16th Cleaners: Ashley & Steve Larsen
Please share cleaning duties for December 22nd and 25th.

Many thanks to those who have cleaned thus far.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, calls, cards, emails, texts, loan of equipment, visits and for all the food provided to me and my family after my surgery. My kids and neighbors couldn't believe all that was being done for all of us. I will never forget it. We are truly a loving church family and I feel blessed to be a part of it.

Nancy Miller



Something New Beginning in December at New Hope **Introducing “*Hymn of the Month*”**

The Moravian Book of Worship, our hymnal, has many beautiful hymns that are unfamiliar to our congregation. To help us become better acquainted with these hymns, the Worship Committee is beginning a “Hymn of the Month” study. The hymn selected for December during this Advent Season is “**Comfort, Comfort Now My People**”.

Comfort, Comfort Now My People - Hymn # 264

Author: Johann Olearius, born in Halle, Germany (1611) into a long line of Lutheran Theologians. This hymn was written in 1671 and was translated from German to English by Catherine Winkworth. Louis Bourgeois (1510-1560) was the composer.

About this hymn:

“**Comfort, Comfort Now My People**” is a paraphrase of Isaiah 40:1-5, in which the prophet looks forward to the coming of Christ. More specifically, the coming of the forerunner of Christ – John the Baptist – is foretold. Though Isaiah's voice crying in the desert is anonymous, the third stanza ties this prophecy and one from Malachi (Malachi 4:5) to a New Testament fulfillment. “For Elijah's voice is crying in the desert far and near” brings to mind Jesus' statement, “but I tell you that Elijah has already come...” Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.” (Matthew 17:12, 13 ESV)



Chicken Chatter

Once again we came together as a church family and did the impossible! We made 427 chicken pies ready to sell at Candle Tea. On Saturday, it only took 3 hours to assemble the pies and clean up. That has to be a record!

Once again, we try to find the words to express the gratitude of the CP Committee, to all of you who give of your time and efforts to make these sales so extremely successful. We will have

people lined up on Saturday morning, waiting to purchase pies. It is incredible, the way these pies, in addition to the apple and pecan pies, will be snatched up, and such a blessing to see the happy faces of those buying them. Some are purchased as gifts for others, some are for a quick meal for a working mom, some are cooked when a guest “drops in”, and some are purchased just because Moravian Chicken pies have become a household name and are so yummy. What a wonderful tradition we have started, and what a blessing for New hope this tradition has become.

“Thank you” are such simple words, and can never fully express what your giving deserves. Just know it is straight from the heart. What we accomplish could never be done without each one of you and the important role you play. Most importantly, all Glory goes to God for all that He provides!

Have a blessed Christmas,
Your Chicken Pie Committee



Christmas Card Tradition at New Hope

For our newer members or those that forget, feel free to bring your Christmas cards for your church family to church beginning now. Place them on the back pew in alpha order. It is always exciting to find cards with your name on them.

If the cards you have made have not been picked up by the last Sunday before Christmas, please go ahead and take them home to be mailed. Sorry, but the church doesn't mail your cards.

Moravian Stuff for Your Favorite People
#MoravianSwag

Lots of people have discovered our Moravian SWAG, have you?

Shop our entire collection at MoravianSwag.org or at Sunnyside Ministry's Dewey's Store on Peters Creek Parkway (611 Peters Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem, NC)!

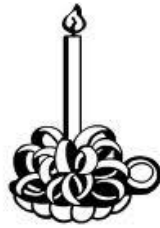
These items are perfect stocking stuffers and are great for people of all ages! If you have a relative that is hard to shop for, then #MoravianSwag is the perfect gift! Not sure what your Moravian friend or family member might want from the #MoravianSwag collection? That's not a problem because we now offer E-Gift Cards through MoravianSwag.org.



The best part? Your purchase directly benefits the Board of Cooperative Ministries, particularly leadership and youth development as well as the creation of new Moravian resources.

December Happenings

NEW HOPE MORAVIAN CHURCH **35th Annual Candle Tea & Christmas Bazaar**



EXPERIENCE THE SEASON
Saturday, December 1, 2018
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Christmas Music Performed by Meggie Bumgarner, Emily and Kimberly McDonald, Soloists

- ❖ Putz, A narrated Nativity set to Music
- ❖ Beeswax Candles
- ❖ Moravian Sugar Cake & Cookies
- ❖ Stained Glass & Tin Ware
- ❖ Baked Goods
- ❖ Handmade Arts and Crafts
- ❖ Old Salem Quilt raffle
- ❖ Moravian Chicken Pies, Apple Pies, Pecan Pies & Moravian Slaw
- ❖ Silent Auction

Payment accepted by cash or check only.

No admission is charged, however, you are invited to bring canned goods and staple groceries for the ECCCM food pantry.



Please remember to bring your unsold or sold (with the \$1 for each ticket) raffle tickets to the church by Saturday, December 1st.

Money can be given to Pat or Nancy M.

It's almost time for the big drawing! Who will win???

Candle Tea & Bazaar Last Minute Info

The sanctuary will run very much as it did last year. Guests will be greeted and seated if they want coffee and sugar cake. There will be music and singing. Guests will use disposable cups that they will dispose of as they leave the sanctuary.

(Anyone working in the sanctuary should wear black and white if they are serving.)

Beginning Sunday, November 18, you can bring bazaar items to the sanctuary. Please price your items. There will be pens and tags in the sanctuary for you to use.

All craft items must be at the church by lunch on Friday, November 30. If you are helping on Friday, please bring a light lunch item.

Bakery items should be delivered to the church on Friday as soon as possible.

Please do not wait until Saturday to bring any items for the bazaar to be sold. We will not be able to handle them.

Schedule for Set up:

We will begin on Thursday at 3:00 PM and set up tables and rearrange things as needed.

We will begin Friday's set up at about 9:00 AM and continue until we are done. (Vendors will also be coming in to set up their areas.)

ON SATURDAY, all workers should arrive by 8:00 AM. Please stop by the Choir room and find your nametag or make one. There will be a chair or two in this room with bottled water in case you need a break during the morning. If you think you will need a snack, please pack your own. Do not leave purses in the Choir room as it will not be locked.

Remember to park behind the church. Please be prepared to stay until the bazaar is over and help put the church back in order. This does not take long only if we have enough help.

Most people will be assigned to a specific job. Please let me know if you do not have a job.

The Women's Fellowship wants to thank you all for your support and participation. Even though this yearly event is coordinated by the Women's Fellowship, it is a church wide project and could not be done without you!

There are flyers available for you to pick up and put up in different places, and please do not forget the quilt tickets.

Sunday, December 2nd – First Sunday of Advent



*Christmas Poinsettia Order Forms are Due **Today!***
Place your order and payment in folder on the office door.
Make checks payable to New Hope. Only prepaid orders can be placed.

Following worship, there will be a very brief worship committee meeting to review upcoming Christmas Eve services and responsibilities. Worship Committee members, please plan to stay. No lunch will be provided.

Sunday, December 9th – Second Sunday of Advent

Board of Elders Meeting after Worship

Waldensian Presbyterian Church Lovefeast, Valdese, 5 pm

Tuesday, December 11th – Candle Trim 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 16th – Third Sunday of Advent

Thursday, December 20th – CMO/Preschool Christmas Pageant 10:00 am

Sunday, December 23rd – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 24th – **Christmas Eve Candlelight Lovefeast**
5:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Christmas Eve Dinner: For all those who are “working” the Lovefeast and Candlelight Services on Christmas Eve, we eat a light meal between services. Please bring something that is “covered dishish” to share. It helps to be quick pick up and eat items as we don’t have very long between services. Ex: sandwiches, soups

Tuesday, December 25th –



Merry Christmas!

Wednesday, December 26th – NO Handbell or Choir Practice

Sunday, December 30th – Christmas Reading Service; No Sunday School

Monday, December 31st –

**NEW
YEAR'S
EVE**



50th Anniversary Celebration
The Faith of Fifty Years

ECCCM is preparing for a year-long celebration in 2019, commemorating our 50th Anniversary, with planned events to include your congregation.

Currently we are searching for any past volunteers who worked with ECCCM. Our paper records, which predate computer records, did not capture everyone. If someone from your congregation has a history with ECCCM we would love to hear from them!

Please contact ECCCM at (828) 465-1702 if you volunteered.



Unleash Your *Power!*

2019 Moravian Women's Conference

"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us."

Ephesians 3:20

June 20-23, 2019

Embassy Suites by Hilton, Winston-Salem

**Registration: \$350/person (early bird special through January 10)
\$415/person (regular registration beginning January 11, 2019)**

Come enjoy the sounds of Moravian Women from around the world singing the same hymns, but in different languages, etc. It's an amazing and deeply meaningful experience. The numerous presenters for the mini sessions have excellent backgrounds and will speak on the theme of "Unleashing Your Power" in several different factors and ways.

Registration is open with an **"early bird" discount to registration fee until Jan 10.** The rate for full event does not include the stay at the hotel where the event is being hosted. You are on your own to make reservations or stay at one of the homes being offered by Malissa Bumgarner's family or drive back and forth. Our W.F. has scholarship funds available but amounts TBA.

There is a one day registration rate available if you wish to only attend all day on Saturday. Separate fees are available for special parts of the event for those who wish to join in for one thing such as the key note speaker, etc.

Questions on what the event is like please see the following who have attended before: Malissa B, Nancy M, Thelma G, Allison S, Pastor Betty Helms. Our own Allison Snyder is on the planning committee. She will be updating us soon about scholarship availability from the Southern Province.

For more information, registration on-line or forms to mail, schedule, and speaker info please go to the following website:

www.Moravian.Online/Women

Pray Every Day December 2018

1. Let those who love your salvation say evermore," God is great." Pray for Safie Braima in the loss of our dear Mohamed, Missionary to Sierra Leone.
2. Sunday-The Lord God says, "Repent and turn away from your idols." Pray for the Thiessens in Mexico.
3. The Lord raises up the poor from the dust. Pray for those suffering loss due to flooding and fires.
4. Repent and live! Pray for the Teshes in Kenya.
5. The Lord is your keeper, your shade at your right hand. Pray for Alas de Socorro in Honduras.
6. Grant us help against the foe, for human help is worthless. Pray for the Harrisons with GreekIV in Clemson.
7. You alone are Holy. All nations will come and worship before you. Pray for Moravians in Peru.
8. Peter remembered what Jesus said," Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Pray for Armando Rusindo Foundation, helping Moravians in Cuba.
9. Sunday-Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test every spirit to see if it is from God. Pray for BWM, directors, staff, and Justin Rabbach, Ex. Dir.
10. I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach, AL.
11. Jesus became wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption for us. Pray for Annie B Mission at Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center.
12. Even now, my witness is in heaven and he that vouches for me is on high. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx, MAF.
13. *I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist.* Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
14. From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised. Pray for the Hoffman's in HIV/Aids ministry.
15. I call upon God and the Lord will save me. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with MAF, Indonesia.
16. Sunday- Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Pray for Jenna and Andrew Craver, pastor in Bethel Alaska.
17. Jesus cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me." Pray for Moravian Volunteer Resources, Chris Giesler, Dir.
18. Abraham believed in the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Pray the new tribe and village in Sierra Leone, building a Moravian Church and spreading the Gospel.
19. The testimony of the Lord is true, making wise the simple. Pray for Dr Benno and Teresa Marx, Washington state.
20. I will be glad and exalt in you; I will sing praise to your name. Pray for Moravian Disaster Relief in TX.
21. The memory of the righteous is a blessing. Pray for Moravian Clinic and church in Honduras.
22. Happy are all who take refuge in Him. Pray for the food program in Sierra Leone.
23. Sunday-The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him. Pray for Allen and DeeDee Jobst in Spain.
24. To you is born this day a savior, who is the Messiah. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
25. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God. Pray for Charlie & Vicki Brent, campus ministry, TX.
26. The Lord God said, "It is not good for man to be alone." Pray for Adopt a Village in Tanzania.
27. For freedom The Lord has set us free. Pray for 16 Mission Areas and 5 Mission Provinces.
28. A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance. Pray for Moravian ministers everywhere.
29. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
30. Sunday-Surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life. Pray for Ed and Barb at the Bible seminary in Bethel Alaska.
31. In Jesus Christ, every one of Gods promises is a yes. Pray for disaster relief teams traveling to NC & the Virgin Islands.



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