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New Hope News



2014 WATCHWORD
God said, "Let there be light";
and there was light.
Genesis 1:3

New Hope
Moravian Church

WOW, what a year 2013 was for New Hope!

In my 23 years at New Hope, 2013 ranks as one of the best I have experienced. Church life at New Hope grew in multiple ways. There were more opportunities for spiritual growth including worship experiences like the 'Upper Room' on Maundy Thursday, Prayer Bible Study, and two adult Sunday school classes. We fellowshiped more through covered dish meals, pie making, picnics and the return of the talent show: New Hope's Got Talent (that was the topic of conversations for a while)! Outreach saw the addition of the MOPS program along with 7 collections opportunities, a thriving Children's Morning Out, supporting the Corner Table and member's participation in Meals on Wheels.

I touched on some of the highlights, there were many more. All this is made possible by you, the people who actively participate in the life of the New Hope Congregation! Your stewardship – dedication of your time, talents and resources makes New Hope a wonderful place. In fact this is the first year since I have been at New Hope where we finished income ahead of expenses with a full time Pastor! This is an excellent achievement and enables us as a body of Christ to not get distracted by the money situation and we can focus our energy on being Christ's messengers in our communities.

Thank you all for a wonderful 2013 and let's depend on the Lord and have a great 2014!

Board Vice Chairperson

Tom Schultz

A message from your Chicken Pie Committee

It is with gratitude and admiration we write this to all of you who have so graciously given of your time, talents and given up Saturdays to help with our chicken pie making. As you probably know by now, we have become completely self-sufficient, as well as quite profitable. We have now opened a separate checking account, removing this from Woman's Fellowship (thank you Nancy for keeping up with this for us!), and putting it under the auspices of the Stewardship Committee, with Mark Bumgarner being "in charge" of deposits as well as making recommendations of the needs of the church and where the money should be spent. All pie sales dollars will go into this account to be used for the maintenance and edification of the church building. Hopefully one day we will be able to add on to the kitchen and fellowship hall as God has so graciously brought us to a point that we are bulging at the seams!

Our next planned dates for making chicken pies are as follows:

Thursday, March 20th - Pre-measure flour, Crisco, etc.

Friday, March 21st - Cook and pull chicken, make gravy,
make crust dough balls

Saturday, March 22nd - Press crusts and assemble pies

Please search your hearts, check your calendars and plan to come share in the fellowship. There is not a job too big or too small and we need all hands working together to continue the success we have already seen. Hope to see you there!

Cheerfully in Christ,
The Chicken Pie Committee



The Weekend” — “Celebration of Faith”

Moravians have traditionally always been about Church renewal and restoration. Traditionally, many of us do not like change. Perhaps it makes us feel uncomfortable. We understand restoration but the word *renewal* draws all kinds of uncomfortable and unclear responses. Webster’s defines “renewal” as *the state of being made new, fresh, or strong again: the state of being renewed.*

Throughout Moravian history, some of the most significant components of our Church community and ministry have been our focus on renewal or “the celebration of our faith.” We desire to understand God’s significant plan and purpose for our lives. We desire to know Christ and to grow spiritually in our relationship with God and with others.

For Moravians, we find this “celebration of our faith” in the form of our liturgies and our music filled with Scripture and prayers. For the early Moravians, there was a daily and almost hourly importance of gathering to read Scripture and to pray and meditate. I believe that we too, need to seek the same blessings of faith abundance from God the early Moravians sought after.

Brothers and Sisters, our “Celebration of Faith—Weekend” on March 14-16 promises to be much like the early Moravians experienced. This is a special gift, a time for all of us to come together and celebrate our faith and receive God’s blessings for us at New Hope. This is a “Celebration of Faith” that can be cherished and embraced. During this “Weekend,” we will get to know one another better as we seek to discern God’s future vision for New Hope! Last month I quoted Benjamin Franklin and it bears repeating, “Those who fail to plan are planning to fail!” Another person once said, “By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”

Effective Churches train and develop active members and active leaders; they get to know one another better, and they understand what it means to serve Christ and others. At our “Celebration of Faith” we will have “fun, fellowship, and food!” What’s not to like about that? At the same time, we are better equipping our members to be more active members and active leaders. This is what we did at the January Board Planning Retreat as we planned the calendar dates, but we also got to know one another a little better as we enjoyed our time in our small group and broke bread together.

A Church that prepares and sets goals will be a Church that experiences God do the impossible. Healthy Churches purposefully seek God’s specific direction and vision for their ministries. They intentionally develop ways to accomplish God’s plan and purpose for their lives. It is my belief with God’s leading, our obedience, and much prayer, “The Weekend—Celebration of Faith” will be one that has lasting effects on New Hope. It will be an experience with your Church members that you do not want to miss. We want this to be 100% of our Church family.

So please, put this date on your calendar for March 14-16, 2014. I am asking you to spend time with me and participate with other Church members in *Koinonia*, translated in the [Greek](#) as (κοινωνία), which means communion; joint participation. This is an opportunity of a lifetime for our Church to enjoy fun, food, and fellowship with one another. Take it from me...you do not want to miss this event!

In Christ Love and Service,

Pastor Betty

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship met for its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, January 14th. Nancy Miller, our treasurer, presented a year-end financial report, we voted on a new budget for the upcoming year and elected officers (President-Cheryl Hendrix, Vice-President- Leslie Srail, Secretary-Pat deBlois and Treasurer-Nancy Miller). Following the financial report, the group decided on the agencies in our community that we would support from our Candle Tea profits, \$500 to each of the following: Hospice, Family Guidance Center for Battered Women, Women's Resource Center and ECCCM. Proceeds of \$1072 from the Candle Tea Silent Auction went to the Family Care Center.

Women's Fellowship helped the church last year by donating money to help clean the church steeple and contributing money toward the purchase of the church office copier. Money will be designated again this year to help the youth with special projects including camp scholarships. The group will continue to supported members of the church with a meal following a death or illness in their family. It was voted on and approved for Women's Fellowship to help support the MOP's (Mother's of Preschoolers) program that is currently meeting at New Hope. Money was approved that can be used on a need basis to help with expenses of the program.

We would like to invite all women of the church to come join us. We meet four times during the year. Our next meeting will be in the spring and we are planning a trip to the Reynolda House or Old Salem in Winston-Salem.

Cheryl Hendrix

Church Office Update

During the recent Board Retreat, the Board decided to secure access to the Secretaries office. Therefore, I have re-keyed the door to the Secretaries office. To assist those groups that might need access to a copier when the office is not open, we have placed a small copier in the Fellowship Hall. If for some reason you might need in the office when it would not normally be open, please feel free to call me and I can let you in.

Mark Bumgarner, Stewardship Chair

Youth Valentine's Party

February 8th
10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Bring a friend
Make Valentine's and other crafts
Enjoy Snacks
Grandparents & Parents
Welcome!



From Your Trusty Candle Tea Cashier

I know no one is thinking about the Candle Tea and Bazaar now, but keep in mind the following: If at work or home you come across cardboard box lids or something similar please save them. The **box lids** also work well for the shoppers to collect their items in while shopping. Also, if you can occasionally ask for **paper grocery bags** and save those, that would help tremendously. These two things work the best for bagging the items sold at the bazaar. You can bring them to the church at any time to me or place them on the back end of the table in the kitchen. I will pick them up and store them till next year.

If you run across any of the type **baskets** that we use for our shoppers to collect their items in, it wouldn't hurt to round up a few more of those. We store those in the attic.

Mark Bumgarner, Head Cashier



New Hope will be "Making Moravian Stars."

led by Greg Joplin

Sign-up sheet located on the Church Bulletin Board!

Saturday - February 1 (9:00-11:00AM)

Saturday - February 15 (9:00-11:00AM)

Supplies need:

Small pair of Scissors

X-acto craft knife (or scissors if preferred)

Board to cut paper on

A creasing tool (optional) Note: a butter knife that has a smooth edge works great.

Greg will supply the paper, patterns and glue.

Hope to see you all there!

Pastor Betty



(Newsletter Article)
New Hope Moravian Church Board Planning Retreat
Saturday, January 11, 2014
Hospice Board Room

Members Present: Pastor Betty Helms, Malissa Bumgarner, Jane Bumgarner, Pam Prevette, Almon Carr, Stephen Westmoreland, Tom Schultz, Karen Warren.
Absent: Greg Simpson

Pastor Betty opened with Daily Text Reading and Prayer at 9:15. Tom Schultz, Board Vice Chair reminded everyone about Board Member expectations which are to serve the Lord and congregation, regularly attend worship, attend all meetings possible, be involved with church activities and to help & support each other.

Pastor Betty and Malissa reviewed the 2014 Worship & Outreach Calendar list to which several corrections and additions were made which will be changed, posted and placed on the main church bulletin board calendar. Jane & Pam will reorganize the main bulletin board in vestibule, will use the smaller bulletin board to promote the different committees.

Pam Prevette presented the Shepherding Lists from 2013. Each group was reviewed and adjustments made as necessary for 2014. Pam will correct the form.

Regular Business: Board meetings were set as the 2nd Monday of the month except in April which falls during Holy Week which will be on Tuesday the 8th. Board structure will be that of Elders with having a separate Trustee type meeting with Treasurer 1-2 times a year.

Lay Renewal Ministry Update- Pastor Betty & Jane Bumgarner, Co-Chair gave a report and asked that we help in getting the word out about it happening March 14-16. Betty has met 4 of the 14-15 folks that will be coming to work with us. They will need housing, simple breakfast & coffee, the rest of meals will be at church.

Mission/Vision- "Making Christ Visible": We shared dreams 1. Get to where we can send out mission group/teams, 2. Have enough funds for church retreat at Laurel Ridge, 3. Making the cross be our focus & more aware thru the eyes of the visitor, 4. Upgrade vestibule to be more welcoming.

Church Office Key/Protection of files CMO/Church Records. Discussed need to secure the office. Our extra small copier will be placed in fellowship hall for easy access.

Continued work on Building Use Agreement regulations for Members & Non-members.

Confirmation Class-Feb-June 2014- Pastor Betty is planning to use a program in which Mentors from the congregation assist in the experience. It will run 12-13 weeks.

Upcoming new events: Board approved & Betty to contact. George Hamilton IV, "A Country Christmas"-November 9, 3:00 PM. Reggie Sadler, Lead Worship with Song- March 31 (5th Sunday) with Possible pinto bean/cornbread covered dish.

Pastor Betty will be leading The Senior Friends Retreat at Laurel Ridge, April 27-29.

Our meeting ended with Pastor Betty Helms administering Holy Communion and an Anointing For Service. We closed with Prayer.

Submitted by, Malissa Bumgarner, Board Secretary for 2015

Happy Thirty-First Anniversary, New Hope Moravian!!

Have you ever wondered how New Hope Moravian Church was formed, and grew to be a congregation here in Newton? Well, on [Sunday, February 9th](#), we will be celebrating the [31st anniversary of New Hope](#), and as part of that service, we will reminisce about how the Hickory Moravian Fellowship became the church that we love so much today! Don't miss hearing this story, as well as the celebratory music of our band, children's choir, bell choir and adult choir, as we participate in the [anniversary lovefeast](#), and partake of [Holy Communion](#).

We have invited [special guests](#) to be with us from the Provincial Elders Conference of the Southern Province. Please plan to stay after the service for more fellowship as we enjoy a [covered dish meal](#) together.

Also, as a reminder, don't forget our annual tradition of bringing much needed items to the church as an anniversary gift in appreciation of all that New Hope means to us. A list of needs that are always appreciated is provided below.

Anniversary List of Needs

- Forever stamps
- Gift cards (Office Depot or Sam's)
- Copy paper (white)
- Dispenser tape
- Disposable bowls & plates (large and small)
- Disposable Cups
- Napkins
- Forks (We have plenty of spoons and knives)
- Dish Detergent
- Dishwasher Detergent
- Toilet paper
- Roll paper towels
- Kleenex
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Spray cleaner

New Hope Moravian Church ~ 2014 Worship & Outreach Calendar

Communion Services

January 12	1 st Sunday after Epiphany Communion
March 5	Ash Wednesday (Communion via Intinction)
March 9	First Sunday in Lent Communion
April 17	Maundy Thursday – upper room- no choir
June 8	Pentecost (Communion) & Confirmation
July 6	<i>John Hus' Festival</i> (Commemorative Communion) (Hus martyred on July 6, 1415)
August 10	<i>August 13th Festival</i> (Renewal of the Unity Communion)
October 5	Worldwide Communion
November 9	<i>November 13th Festival</i> (Christ as Chief Elder Communion)
January 11, 2015	New Year & Epiphany Communion (Drawing of Watchwords)

Lovefeasts

February 9	<i>31st Anniversary Celebration</i> Lovefeast & Covered Dish (Actual date- Feb. 13, 1983)
April 18	Good Friday Lovefeast
May 18	Moravian Music Sunday Lovefeast- ginger cookies and coffee
September 21	Children & Youth Lovefeast Sunday - sugar cookies and lemonade
October 12	Mission Lovefeast & Covered Dish
November 23	Thanksgiving Lovefeast
December 24	(Wednesday) Christmas Eve Candlelight Lovefeast (5:00 & 7:30)

Other Special Services and Events

January 5	New Year & Drawing of Watchwords & Install Officers
February 2	“Souper Bowl of Caring” Collection Sunday- for Corner Table Soup Kitchen
February 8	Youth Valentine Making Party
March 2	Girl Scout Sunday & Reception
March 14-16	Lay Renewal Ministry Weekend (LRM)
March 16	LRM Special Speaker: Ed Butler
March 30	5 th Sunday
April 12	Lenten Fair & Egg Hunt
April 13	Palm Sunday
April 13-18	Holy Week Readings – no choir until Good Friday Lovefeast
April 20	Easter Sunday: 6:45 AM (?) Sunrise & Breakfast; 11:00 AM Worship
May 11	Graduation Sunday & Reception
June 1	Ascension of the Lord
June 8	Confirmation Reception
June 15	Trinity Sunday
June 29	4 th of July Celebration (cookout) after Worship (5 th Sunday)
July 26	New Hope's Got Talent
August 3-7	Vacation Bible School
August 31	5 th Sunday
September 7	Fall Sunday School begins & Teacher Commissioning
September 28	Honoring Older Adults Sunday – reception after worship
October 26	All Saint's Day & Fall Harvest Picnic at Rhinehardt Farm Lake, 3:00
October 31	Trunk or Treat for Halloween (6:00-8:00)
November 2	Moravian Women's Sunday
November 16	Reign of Christ (Christ the King) Sunday
November 22	Gingerbread Houses (Children & Youth)
November 30	First Sunday in Advent (5 th Sunday)~Special Guest Musician & Poorman Luncheon
December 6	Candle Tea & Bazaar
December 13	Caroling
December 14	Christmas Pageant
December 24	Christmas Eve Covered Dish between services
December 28	Christmas Reading Service

* Baptisms, Rites of the Church, and special/civic holidays will be planned as needed. These include: Confirmations, Reaffirmations of Baptism, Transfers of Membership, Marriages, Funerals, Synod Delegate Commissioning, Intercessions in Times of Crisis, Prayer Vigils, etc.

IMPORTANT EVENT

Beginning on **February 2** and lasting until **June 8** (Pentecost), six Confirmands along with their mentors will embark on a journey of **“Making Disciples.”** This confirmation program pairs adult mentors and Confirmands together. The purpose of the mentors is to assist in guiding the Confirmand through an intensive learning experience of topics exploring the basics of their Christian faith, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, worship, discovering the Bible, ministry, baptism, spiritual life, death and resurrection, and the basis of the Moravian Church.

This program promises to strengthen each Confirmand in their understanding of their faith, while connecting with another individual of faith in a personal way. I will be working with the Confirmands each week along with their mentors. Our time will be spent with videos and discussions of the concepts that are addressed. The mentors will spend some additional time with the Confirmands reinforcing these concepts and exploring them through the use of journals and discussions.

Please be in prayer for the six Confirmands and the mentors and their families during this time. Thank you to all the parents, mentors, especially the Confirmands for taking this step of faith. This faith journey promises to be a rich and motivating experience for all involved.

In Christ's Love and Service,

Pastor Betty



Worship Committee

A Worship Trivia Question...

What is the name of the parament which is attached to the lectern?
(hint: it is white and has our Moravian seal on it and hangs from the lectern which is where members read the scripture each Sunday)

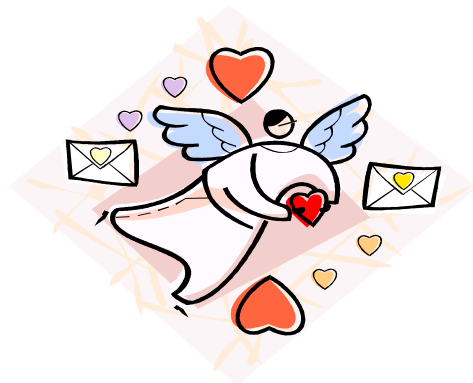
THE ANSWER IS AT THE END OF THE ARTICLE

You are invited to join the Worship Committee at New Hope. It is our responsibility to help formulate and assist in the planning of purposeful worship life at New Hope. At our meetings we coordinate and plan details for our traditional, non/traditional and celebratory worship services. Our committee meets every 6 to 8 weeks in the fellowship hall following our Sunday worship service. A light lunch is provided and the meeting usually last an hour. We are devoted to serving Christ, the Chief Elder of our Church.

Committee members consist of
Pastor Betty,
Director of Music –Phyllis Little,
Band Director – Tom Schultz,
Head Diener – Lauren Westmoreland,
Head Sacristan – Karen Warren,
Board Rep. – Almon Carr
and any member of the congregation.

If you would like more information about the Worship Committee, or would like to join us, please contact Jane Bumgarner, Worship Chair.

ANSWER: *Lectern Scarf*



Pray Every Day February 2014

- ◆ All nations on earth belong to God. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent serving with Cru in Croatia.
- ◆ Sunday-The cross is foolishness to those perishing but the power of God to those who are saved. Pray for Michael, Cecilia, & Blessing Tesh and the children at Ray of Hope orphanage in Kenya.
- ◆ Those who welcomed his message were baptized. Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman serving through the HIV/AIDS ministry in Tanzania.
- ◆ When the fullness of time had come, God sent his son. Pray for Mountain Laurel Moravian Fellowship in Laurel Springs, NC. and for other fellowships and young congregations.
- ◆ Rid yourselves of all malice, guile, insincerity, envy and slander. Pray for Ruth and George Goff in Honduras.
- ◆ You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Pray for Dr. Benno and Theresa Marx and the Medical Clinic in Ahuas, Honduras.
- ◆ Trust in the name of the Lord your God. Pray for a dental team traveling to Limon, Honduras.
- ◆ Cry to God most high who fulfills his purpose. Pray for Justin Rabbach, Director of Mission Engagement.
- ◆ Sunday- who can separate us from the love of Christ? Pray for the advisory board of the Unity Women's Desk.
- ◆ All things came into being through Him. Pray for Moravians in Albania, the most atheistic country in Europe
- ◆ Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Pray for the Moravian Church in Cuba and its President Armando Rusindo.
- ◆ Live as people who are wise, making the most of the time. Pray for Annie B. Mission with Star Mountain in Palestine.
- ◆ All creation will be set free from its bondage to decay. Pray for M-Cubed, a youth organization in the Southern Province which participates in community and regional mission projects.
- ◆ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. Pray for Vani and Shanti Pradhan and the Nepali Moravian Outreach.
- ◆ Tending the flock of God in your charge willingly as God would have you do it. Pray for the adopt a child food program in the Sierra Leone Moravian Church.
- ◆ Sunday everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Pray for Roman Brady, Advisor, and Dewey Mullis, President of Monthly Mission Ministries.
- ◆ Your sins have deprived you of good. Pray for Celeste Handy serving with Western Indian Ministries in New Mexico.
- ◆ All we like sheep have gone astray and turned to our own way. Pray for Kendra Roy serving in Brazil.
- ◆ I am astonished that you so quickly desert the one who called you. Pray for the Likewise Aids Ministry in Tanzania.
- ◆ I will declare your power to the next generation. Pray for Helen Gullledge in Russia with SOAR, Int. participating in outreach during the Olympics.
- ◆ Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. Pray for Ruth Snyder, Claire Wilson, and all others who are helping women to "Change Choices."
- ◆ In Christ Jesus we may approach God with freedom and confidence. Pray for Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide, Alaska Bible Seminary, Bethel, AK.
- ◆ Sunday-We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed. Pray for Alaska Synod 2/24-2/28.
- ◆ Put away your former life and be renewed in the spirit of your mind. Pray for the Antioch Project, Jill Kolodziej Dir.
- ◆ I am the Lord and beside me there is no other. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF.
- ◆ The Lord will judge the ends of the earth. Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima in Sierra Leone.
- ◆ Be reconciled to God. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison with Greek InterVarsity, Clemson.
- ◆ Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford with Mixtec in Mexico.