

# February 2015 New Hope News



#### 2015 WATCHWORD

Everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:8

## New Hope Moravian Church

#### The First Yadkin View RCC Women's Gathering

Guess what? New Hope is hosting the very first Women's Gathering for the Ladies of the Yadkin View Regional Conference of Churches!

So what is the RCC? It is made up of 5 churches for the purpose of enabling communication, building unity, expanding community throughout the Moravian Church. It serves as a resource of communication to the BCM of local congregation needs, promotes interaction, and participation in shared ministries, promotes the sharing of strengths, gifts and best practices, and helps to identify and facilitate connections for projects/initiatives across the 5 churches. Our RCC churches are: New Hope, Clemmons, Macedonia, New Philadelphia, and Unity: all from the western side of the Winston area.

#### BLOOMING WHERE YOU'RE PLANTED

"Growing in Faith, Love & Hope: Using Spiritual Type to Deepen Your Relationship with God, Yourself and Others"

Saturday, March 7, 2015 10:00am-3:30pm

#### Our Keynote Speaker

Ruth Cole Burcaw, Executive Director of the Board Cooperative Ministry will help us determine the following:

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<u>Der Xiong</u>, Immigrant Agriculture Agent for the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Services and owner of a 15 acre cut flower farm, will be demonstrating cut flowers & sharing information about the Hmong Culture.

Our own Pastor Betty Helms will be leading all of us in the opening worship.

Subcommittee Planning This Event:

Unity: Lynn Huss, Becky Surratt Macedonia: Sharon Bogar, Alice Sineath, Sheila Beaman Clemmons: Martha Rowe New Philadelphia: Jane Shore, Kathy Ebert, Nancy Renn New Hope: Malissa Bumgarner, Jane Bumgarner, Nancy Miller, Pam Prevatte, Pastor Betty Helms

**How to Register:** register online at: <a href="www.planetReg.com/bloomingwhereyoureplanted">www.planetReg.com/bloomingwhereyoureplanted</a> (with PayPal fee)

Or See brochure attached to this newsletter or go to newhopemoravian.org

# **Chicken Chatter** Most of you know that we spent last weekend working on chicken pies. We made 475 pies. The process gets better and better. Thanks to all you who came and worked. We did more pies in record time thanks to all of you. We also have a great time together. The committee did decide to go up to \$12.00 per pie given the rising costs of some of the supplies. We do continue to look for bargains. We are hoping to help with a large portion of a new heating system for the sanctuary in the near future. The chicken pie dinner on Valentine's Day will also help with this. Next month I will update you all on the finances after we have paid bills and collected all the money for this last pie-making. I will also remind you of the schedule of 2 pie-making times before summer. Hopefully, you will mark your calendar and come and help at least part of the time. I will also give the congregation the opportunity to order pies first as we want you all to have all the chicken pies you want. Enjoy those chicken pies, and let's keep clucking! Pam Prevatte



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"Growing in Faith, Love & Hope: Using Spiritual Type to Deepen Your Relationship with God, Yourself and Others"

#### Our Focus:

#### Colossians 1:10 (NIV)

"So that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,"

#### Our Keynote Speaker Ruth Cole Burcaw

As Executive Director, Ruth is responsible for the BCM's achievement of its mission and purpose. She provides support for Regional Conferences as well as individual congregations and groups. She is a management professional with over 25 years of experience in administration, communications, and project management in the public, non-profit, and private sectors. Ruth, a native of Winston-Salem, grew up in the Moravian Church, attending Konnoak Hills, Grace, Advent, and Kernersville, while her parents, Hal and Joy Cole, served in parish ministry. Ruth and her husband, Chris, live in Lewisville, NC, where they and their children, Jessy and Jake, are active members of Unity Moravian Church.



## BLOOMING WHERE YOU'RE PLANTED: GROWING IN FAITH, LOVE & HOPE

#### **Location and Contact Information**

New Hope Moravian Church

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Yadkin View RCC Women's Gathering

Saturday, March 7, 2015 10:00am-3:30pm New Hope Moravian Church Newton, NC

#### **Our Other Leaders:**

Rev. Betty A. Helms was ordained October 28, 2012 in the Southern Province: then installed at New Hope Moravian Church, Newton, NC. Betty practiced many years as a licensed self-employed Cosmetologist and became a member of Friedberg Moravian in 1985. After mission trips to Alaska, Belgium, and Turkey, Betty felt God's call to ordained ministry. In 2006, she received a BA in Pastoral Ministry and Christian Counseling from Laurel University. Betty earned a Master of Divinity from Carolina Graduate School in 2009, and a certificate of studies from Moravian Theological Seminary in 2010.

**Der Xiong** is the Immigrant Agriculture Agent for the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Services. She works with many of the Hmong farmers in Catawba and the surrounding county on sustainable and profitable agriculture. She currently oversees a demonstration site that serves as a community garden for three Hmong families and a research project with the North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University. The demonstration site also serves as a training facility for many of the growers to practice different techniques. With her family, she owns and operates a 15 acre fresh cut flower farm. She has been growing cut flowers for 11 years. These flowers are sold at 4 different farmers markets and supply events such as weddings, formal dinners, fundraisers, and more.

#### **Program Highlights**

9:30-10:00 Registration & Coffee

10:00- Opening Worship

10:30- Ice Breaker

10:45- Growing in Faith, Hope & Love: Using Spiritual Type to Deepen Your Relationship With God, Yourself & Others- Part 1

12:00- Lunch along with Flower Demo from Hmong Agriculture Agent

1:15- Update on Women's Unity issues

1:30-3:30 Growing in Faith- Part 2

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A special offering will be taken for the Unity Women's Desk project: Birthing Kits for Tanzania & Honduras

#### **Registration Form**

Name
Address
Phone
Email
Your Church's Name
Options for your lunch box, pick 1 type:
Premium Ham Sandwich
Roast Turkey Sandwich
Need Gluten Free Bread

#### Registration Fee: \$15.00

Vegetarian Wrap

Make Checks to: New Hope Women's Fellowship

Mail Registration & Check to:
Nancy Miller
1048 Whispering Pine Dr.
Newton, NC 28658-9245

Or register online at: <a href="https://www.planetReg.com/bloomingwhereyoureplanted">www.planetReg.com/bloomingwhereyoureplanted</a> (with PayPal fee)

Reg. fee includes refreshments, boxed lunch and program materials.

Registration Due by: Feb 21, 2015

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#### Candle Tea and Bazaar

There will be an article in the newsletter each month to keep you updated on plans for this year. It is time to begin planning for another successful event which depends so much of the help of the congregation. This year's event will be on Saturday,

December 5th.

At this time, we can begin thinking about craft items. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please write them down. You can email your suggestions to Pam Prevatte (pamprevatte@charter.net), or you can bring them to one of the Women's Fellowship meetings, or you can attend any one of several informal craft meetings. If you have a craft, you could have a meeting or gathering to get help to work on the craft.

The first of these meetings will be on **February 18 at 10:00** at Cheryl Hendrix's house. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss craft ideas and make a few plans to work on some. This will be an informal and short meeting. If you cannot make it, the information will be shared with you in next month's newsletter.

If you are interested in working in a particular area for the Candle Tea and Bazaar, please let me know. I will also be updating you on the different areas that need help and a contact person for each.

Happy Crafting!

Pam Prevatte

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#### From Your Trusty Candle Tea Head Cashier

Please continue to collect box lids/tops for our next Candle Tea & Bazaar. Although they may not have looked so attractive, they were perfect for the shoppers to carry and at the checkout area for packing the purchases to go. Bring lids to the fellowship hall and I will continue to store them at my home.

Large paper grocery bags and paper shopping bags with handles are very useful also.

Thank you! Mark Bumgarner

#### Valentine Making Party

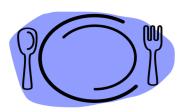
will be held for children on Feb. 7 in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00 to 2:30.

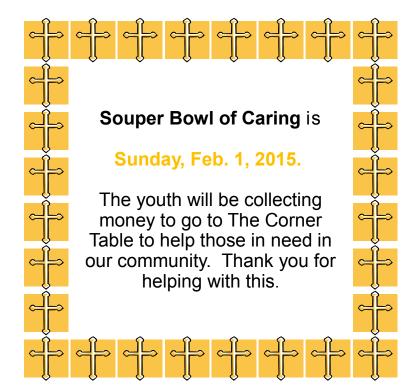
There will be snacks provided and materials for them to make valentines for friends and family.

Please consider donating canned food that will go to ECCCM.

Women's Fellowship is in the process of updating the Food Ministry Program. A meal is provided to a member or their family if there has been a death in their immediate family, at the birth of a new baby or following dismissal from a hospital stay. Meals are put together by volunteers from assigned teams.

We ask all members of the church to prayerful consider being a part of this important ministry to our church family.







A Special invitation to families and children's Sunday School groups:

Children from 4-Middle School are welcome to come with their parents, grandparents, or Sunday School classes to a special section of Leadership Focus on Saturday February 28, 2015. The class you need to sign up for is *From Heart to Hand: Moravian Families Serving Together to Make A Difference*.

How can we deepen compassion in our lives and grow more caring families? Moravians have a rich history of serving others. We will bring a model together by exploring ways of serving as a family in the morning. We will then make use of public transportation to travel to the Samaritan Ministries Soup Kitchen for lunch. A van will transport us back to Green Street Methodist Church where we will spend the afternoon in a guided experience that exposes families to the daily realities of poverty and also be helping hands in food and clothing closets. This promises to be a unique experience.

To sign up for the entire day, register as a family group at that rate on the registration form available through your church. We will limit the workshop to ten families so that the experience will be manageable. We will end at 3:30 and transport you back to Trinity Moravian to get your transportation.

You may do the morning workshop at Trinity and then opt out of doing the afternoon but we strongly encourage groups to do both parts.

## **Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry**

#### Help feed the homeless!

Through our efforts to serve our community in response to God's call, in 2015 we are evaluating our programs to better serve those in need. To better serve our homeless population we are adjusting our food program to provide foods that are easier for our homeless clients to manage. You are invited to participate as we make this a reality.

We will begin providing our homeless clients with food that does not require preparation or refrigeration like cans with pop-tops (vienna sausages, soups, fruits, etc.), granola bars, protein shakes, etc.

Your donations of this type of food, or funds to purchase the food will enable ECCCM to continue its good work as we alleviate hunger insecurity in our community. As always, your donations are tax deductible.

We accept donations at the food pantry during normal operating hours (Mon-Thurs, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm).

If you have any questions contact Becca Bleich at news@ecccm.org or 828-465-1702.



### "What's Happening in February at New Hope"

- Sunday Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> "Souper Bowl of Caring" Collection Sunday for Corner Table Soup Kitchen
- Saturday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> Youth Valentine Making Party
- Sunday Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration/Lovefeast/Covered Dish
- Saturday Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> 5:00 Chicken Pie Valentines Dinner" tickets \$10 invite your friends – see Pam & Mark for tickets
- Sunday Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> Board Mtg. after worship
- Tuesday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> Shrove or "Fat " Tuesday Pancake Dinner see article
- Wednesday Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday 12-1 communion & imposition of ashes / 7:00 communion service & imposition of ashes
- Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> New Hopers- Kathi & Leonard Fletcher ( Carolyn M. sister) Holy Land Presentation 6:30- covered dish then program



Traditionally many members have given a gift directly to the church for the anniversary. However, this year the Church Board has designated one person to keep track and restock supplies to simplify the process, keep costs & confusion down. Mark Bumgarner, as Stewardship Chair will be responsible for office & restroom supplies. Due to limited storage space we recommend gift cards to Sam's, Office Depot, & Walmart. That way items can be purchased economically & as needed.

If you do prefer to pick up some specific items for the church anniversary, the following are needed for the kitchen:

Small & Large Paper Plates
Clear Plastic Forks & Spoons (only!)
12oz. cold paper cups
8oz. Styrofoam cups
White full size napkins
Dish Washer Detergent
Liquid hand wash detergent

Thanks for your willingness to show your love for New Hope!

Sincerely Your, Service & Witness Committee & Stewardship Commitment Committee

#### LENTEN CALENDAR

On Sunday February 15th the Christian Education Committee will be handing out Lenten Calendars and banks. The calendar begins on Ash Wednesday( February 18th) and continues through Easter Sunday. The activities on the calendar are meant to help us think about how God has blessed us while we journey through the Lenten season.

#### Nothing Says Love Like a Moravian Chicken Pie Dinner!

New Hope is hosting our first Moravian Chicken Pie Dinner - Saturday, Feb. 14th.

The meal will be served from 5:00-6:00. The menu includes chicken pie, green beans, Moravian slaw, sweet potatoes, roll, homemade pound cake, tea, coffee or water. Proceeds will go toward the replacement of our sanctuary heating unit.

Please plan to come and bring a friend or neighbor and support this event. Tickets are \$10 per plate and are available at church, please see Pam, Margie, Jane or Mark.

#### "For Your Information – FYI"

New Hope has recently purchased some larger print hymnals. If you would like one please speak to Pastor Betty.

Thank you for the recognition and gift on Christmas Eve.

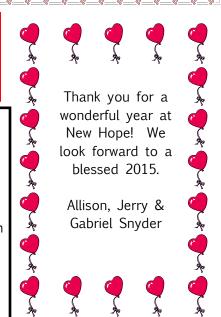
**Lauren Westmoreland** 

Dear New Hope Moravian Church Family,

Thank you for the generous Christmas gift. Your kindness and generosity are truly appreciated.

I am greatly blessed to be a part of your church family and to serve along with you in worship. God bless you all.

In Christian love, Phyllis Little





## Pancake Supper! February 17, 2015

Back by popular demand, New Hope will have a Shrove Tuesday, or Fat Tuesday, Pancake Supper on February 17, 2015! We had a great turnout for this event last year, and would expect another fine crowd again this year. Come to the fellowship hall between 5:30 and 7:30 PM and enjoy a sumptuous supper of pancakes, sausage, bacon, cooked apples, milk, coffee and juices with your favorite condiments! You do not want to miss this, so put it on your calendar now. The price is the same as last year, \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for ages 3 to 14, and age 2 and under are free. See you there!

## February Newsletter New Hope Moravian Preschool

It feels like we have barely been back to school after Christmas with all of our "winter weather." February is an exciting month at New Hope. The week of February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will learn about the groundhog and other animals that hibernate. The week of February 9<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Valentine's Day and talk about all of the people we love and who love us, especially Jesus. We will have a classroom party on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup>. The last two weeks of February, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday! We may even get a visit from the Cat in the Hat himself and taste green eggs and ham!

#### **Cold and Flu Season**



It's that time of year again. We are working very hard at the preschool to stop the spread of germs as much as possible. Each classroom and all toys played with that day are sanitized with a Clorox solution, bathrooms are cleaned, and trash cans are emptied. We are also working with your child to promote healthy hand washing habits, using tissues, and covering their mouth when they cough and sneeze.

Please remember to stop by the bathrooms every morning to wash your child's hands before entering the classroom. Also, please refer to our wellness policy if your child is not feeling well.

#### Valentine's Decorating Party

New Hope Youth will sponsor a free Valentine's Decorating Party Saturday the 7th from 1:00-2:30PM. Everyone is invited! There will be plenty of craft supplies for your child to make valentines for family members and friends.

There will also be a snack provided.

Our iPad is here! Thank you again to New Hope's Women's Fellowship for

#### **Summer Camp Registration**



Registration for our Summer Camp program has begun. You will find a registration form in your child's cubby. Depending on interest, we plan to be open Tuesday-Thursday from 8:30-11:30 with Lunch Bunch from 11:30-12:15. Please indicate on the form if you are interested in Mondays. The registration fee for Summer Camp is \$35. Registration will be open to the public on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember, if you refer a child to our program, you will get a free month's tuition!

#### Valentine's Day



You will find a class list attached to this newsletter. There are some extra copies attached to the bulletin board above the sign-in table. Please feel free to send cards, small toys, or candy for the children in your child's class. We will also have a special treat during snack time on the 12<sup>th</sup> to celebrate

Tickets for New Hope's Chicken Pie Dinner on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> are still for sale. See Ms. Lauren if you're interested!

#### **Christian Education Update**

The Christian Education Committee met on Sunday, January 4th in order to make some plans for the year. We also discussed the progress of the Sunday School classes and materials being used. Sunday School is going well and those who attend are enjoying having choices about studies. If you have not yet tried a class and are interested, please know that you are welcome to come.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Feb. 1 Souper Bowl of Caring

Feb. 7 Valentine making party for children

March 28 Lenten Fair and Egg Hunt

September 13 Sunday School Kickoff Breakfast 9:30 AM

October 31 Trunk or treat 6:00-8:00 PM

November 21 Gingerbread Houses 10:00-11:30 AM

December Christmas Play with Soup and Sandwich supper, Christmas Caroling (Dates still to be determined)

Remember that these events are open to all children. Some are geared to younger children, and some are for all youth. Also, the events are open to

children of the church, CMO children, friends of children, grandchildren of members, and all adults who want to come and help.

Older youth have enjoyed one overnight movie night at the church, and they would like to host movie events for the entire congregation once the weather is suitable. We are hoping to have one or more "movie on the lawn." We could all watch a film outside with lawn chairs and bring your own snacks.

If you are interested in working with the youth or helping with this committee, please contact Pam Prevatte.



#### **Pray Every Day - February 2015**

- 1. Sunday The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Pray for Phil and Ashley Sineath.
- 2. I keep my eyes always on the Lord. Pray for R and B in the Sudan.
- 3. And when Jesus was baptized the heavens opened and the Spirit of God descended like a dove alighting on him. Pray for the advisory board of the Unity Women's Desk.
- 4. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Pray for BWM Staff Sheila Beaman, Sam Gray, Jill Kolodziej, Kay Odegard, Justin Rabbach, and Judy Ganz, Executive Dir.
- 5. Be merciful to me oh God for in you my soul takes refuge. Pray for Annie B. Mission with Star Mountain in Palestine.
- 6. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Pray for those suffering persecution for their faith in Christ and at the hands of terrorists.
- 7. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. Pray for Glenna and George Tasedan in Labrador
- 8. Sunday. Great is our Lord and abundant in power. Pray for Ruth Snyder, Claire Wilson, and all others who are helping women to "Change Choices."
- 9. Jesus Christ sits at the right hand of God interceding for us. Pray for C & V and Family in campus ministry.
- 10. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and areas of the kingdom? Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent serving with Campus Crusade in Croatia.
- 11. Let us not lose heart in doing good. Pray for Michael, Cecilia, and Blessing Tesh in Kenya.
- 12. Know that the Lord is God. Pray for Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide, Alaska Bible Seminary.
- 13. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Pray for Ruth and George Goff, in Honduras.

- 14. Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison (Greek InterVarsity).
- 15. Sunday. Transfiguration of our Lord. We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as his servants.
- 16. As a shepherd looks after his flock, so I will look after my sheep. Pray for Brian & Heather Marx serving with MAF in Indonesia.
- 17. You were called that you might inherit a blessing. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF, Idaho.
- 18. Ash Wednesday. The Son of Man will be betrayed into human hands, killed, and the third day will be raised. Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima returning to Sierra Leone in March.
- 19. You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. Pray that the Ebola virus will be eradicated from western Africa.
- 20. Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Pray for church planters Rob and Anne Thiessen, Mexico and successful back surgery for Rob.
- 21. God called us with a holy calling according to his purpose and grace. Pray for the Woo family in Asia.
- 22. Sunday. We walk by faith, not by sight. Pray for K & C serving in the Middle East.
- 23. Obey the voice of the Lord your God and you will be blessed in the city and in the country..Pray for the Antioch Project and for Jill Kolodziej, Director.
- 24. Your sins are forgiven on account of his name. Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton with WEC. (World Evangelization for Christ) in Singapore.
- 25. Aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands. Pray for Adopt-A-Village program supporting children in Tanzania.
- 26. Restore me, and I will return, because you are the Lord my God. Pray for the Provincial Elders Conferences.
- 27. Good and upright is the Lord. Pray for your ministers and teachers.
- 28. This is the love for God, to keep his commands. Pray for Bible translators...