

February 2019
New Hope Moravian
Church



New Hope Moravian Church - 2897 Sandy Ford Road - Newton, North Carolina 28658 - 828-294-4802 – [website](#)

2019 Watchword

“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” (2 Chronicles 16:9 NIV)

New Hope Moravian Church Celebrates 36th Anniversary

In honor of the 36th anniversary of New Hope as a Moravian congregation, we are reprinting this article from an earlier Newsletter that was written so well by one of our long-time members, Ann Carr. Along with her article is a timeline of significant events in the life of our New Hope family. Enjoy!

“On This Ground New Hope is Building”

*On this ground new hope is building,
Here upon this chosen knoll,
Here Thy church is trusting, yielding
Every effort, every soul.*

*Bless, O Lord, this congregation
Come and chart this church’s path;
Give us daily Thy direction
Fill us with new hope and faith.*

*Standing here, facing our future
With a new hope overspread
Cov’ring us with God’s own pleasure
We the Body; Christ the Head.*

*E. Artis Weber (1989)
Tune: Batty 16A*

The inspiring words of “*On This Ground New Hope is Building*” were written for New Hope’s groundbreaking service in 1989 by E. Artis Weber, the wife of our interim pastor at that time, Herbert Weber. This hymn is relevant for us in 2019 as we reflect on New Hope’s thirty-six year presence in Catawba County.

On December 12, 1973, eight people met at the home of Wayne and Emily Garrett with the Board of Homeland Missions and made a unanimous commitment to organize a Fellowship. The Homeland Missions record states “this is the first Fellowship where the initiative was taken by local people.”

Formally organized as a fellowship in January 1974, the group met weekly at First Presbyterian, Hickory and then Holy Trinity Lutheran until early 1976 when Fellowship members reached a mutual decision to discontinue. This was not considered a failure as a feature of the Fellowship Program provides that a fellowship “can be renewed at any time in the future when the need arises again.”

With renewed enthusiasm coming from a new group of displaced Moravians, the Hickory fellowship was reactivated in July, 1980. Meetings were held on Sunday evenings at Holy Trinity Lutheran while members remained active in other congregations. In 1982, as the fellowship grew with Moravian and non-Moravian members, The Rev. Scott Venable was installed as organizing pastor, the name New Hope was selected and Sunday morning services were held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Soon after, New Hope was worshipping in its first “home” at the older Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hickory. ***“Bless, O Lord, this congregation, Come and chart this church’s path”.***

Formally chartered with 44 members on February 13, 1983, ***“...Thy church is trusting, yielding every effort, every soul”*** and is filled with excitement about opportunities for worship, outreach and family fellowship. Yearly Candle Teas and Christmas Eve Lovefeasts with the community were especially meaningful. Blessed with new members with musical talent, New Hope’s music program was launched which continues to thrive 30 years later and brings glory to God and joy to all who hear, sing and play. A strong foundation of lay leadership among the members was established in these formative years as well.

The dream of a permanent building was realized in 1989 with groundbreaking ***“upon this chosen knoll.”*** Member-based construction crews led by Mark Bumgarner did major work on the building and our beautiful church was consecrated on June 3, 1990. In our new church home and ***“with a new hope overspread”*** we were more focused on our ministry in the broader Catawba Valley. ECCCM and Corner Table, Hospice, The Family Care Center involvement, our Vacation Bible School and CMO, Scouts, ball teams were each offering opportunities for serving, sharing God’s love and raising awareness of who these Moravians are.

Our congregation has been shaped by the combined, unique gifts of the six called and six interim pastors who have served at New Hope. We have been joined together as a church family through our celebrations of worship, weddings, births, graduations, awards, new jobs, fund raising and fellowship as well as the trials of grief, illnesses, family crises and tragedies. In addition, each of us has special memories that define our personal New Hope history.

As we are ***“Standing here, facing our future”***, Rev. Betty A. Helms, in her seventh year as our Pastor continues to encourage us to commit to serving God more completely in all aspects of our lives and to strengthen our spiritual relationships with our Savior. In our continuing journey, may we remember the timeless words of 1989 ***“Give us daily Thy direction, Fill us with new hope and faith”.***

Your sister in Christ,
Ann Carr

References: Moravian Archives, [The Moravian](#) (Dec., 1995), *On This Ground New Hope is Building*, hymn by E. Artis Weber, 1989.

Has it really been 36 years? Wow!

New Hope will celebrate its 36th year by having a Lovefeast service with beautiful music on February 17. The song that was commissioned and written just for us at our ground breaking will be sung. Worship will be followed by a reception.

We encourage you to invite those folks that are family, former members and friends of New Hope and all that might want to celebrate with us. Come celebrate with us, Your Worship Committee.

It has also been our custom to bring a gift to the church for this special celebration.

Over the last several years we have found it best to receive

GIFT CARDS to OFFICE DEPOT/MAX, SAM’S, and HOME DEPOT.

This way purchases can be made for supplies as needed for the church.

This helps alleviate spending out of our budget.

A basket will be available in the Narthex to collect your greeting cards/gift cards.

Thanks in advance for your support! Mark Bumgarner, Stewardship Chair



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*You are cordially invited to attend the
Thirty-Sixth Anniversary Celebration and Lovefeast Service of
New Hope Moravian Church,
Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 11:00 am.*

*We will be sharing our spiritual journey as a
Church family.
Please be our guest for this memorable celebration.
Reception to follow worship.*

We look forward to seeing you.

*The New Hope Moravian Church Family
And
The Rev. Betty A Helms and the New Hope Board of Elders*

Through The Years ...A History of New Hope Moravian Church

1972 - 1976 – First Moravian Fellowship met at First Presbyterian Church then Holy Trinity Lutheran in Hickory – Fellowship became inactive.

1980- The second “Hickory Moravian Fellowship” met at Holy Trinity Lutheran for evening worship services with different visiting pastors for communion.

1981 – Hickory Moravian Fellowship earned “Provisional Status” and qualified for a Moravian Pastor to be permanently sent. First Bazaar held at Holy Trinity Lutheran.

1981-1989 – The Rev. Scott Venable served as the Founding Pastor.

1981 - Began daytime Sunday worship services including Sunday School at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Hickory. Members held a church council and voted **New Hope Moravian** as its name.

1982 – New Hope congregation began worshipping at Bethlehem Lutheran church, Hickory. The entire old church building was leased. One summer (Bishop) Lane Sapp did his Pastoral Internship under Pastor Venable at New Hope. During his tenure Pastor Venable was Consecrated a Presbyterian of the Moravian Church, a reception followed. First Women’s Fellowship began along with one Women’s Circle. Men’s Fellowship started and so did the famous overnight cooking of the BBQ.

FEBRUARY 13, 1983 –NEW HOPE MORAVIAN CHURCH CHARTERED 44 members signed the Charter

1984- First Candle Tea & Bazaar- held at Bethlehem Lutheran

1985- New Hope purchased their first organ- used at Bethlehem Lutheran then moved it to the new church building

1989- New Hope had a ground breaking ceremonial service at its current location complete with massed Moravian Band, dignitaries from Winston-Salem & a hymn written for the occasion by E. Artis Weber, “On This Ground New Hope Is Breaking”

1989 - Campaign for Building Fund fervently promoted; The Rev. Scott Venable left and the retired Rev. Herbert Weber served as interim during building phase 1989-1990. Mark Bumgarner served as Building Committee Chair, worked with Board of Evangelism and Homeland Missions (BEHM) & PEC in W-S to oversee all construction.

1990 – Dedication of New Hope building, 2897 Sandy Ford Rd, Newton 28658.

On our cornerstone:

“As For Me And My House We Will Serve The Lord”-- Joshua 24:15

1990- 1994 – The Rev. (Dr.) Neil Routh served as first pastor in the new building.

The first Gemeinschaft Bible study groups started. New Hope was one of the first churches to use the program.

1994 – The Rev. Jon Peterson served as interim pastor for 6 months-
Encouraged the trial run of Children’s Morning Out in summer.

1994 – Fall- New Hopes Children’s Morning Out Program begins & continues today as a 4 day a week Preschool.

1995-2002 – The Rev. Judith Justice served as pastor.

Increased youth involvement & dramas in worship, Home School Band & Tom Schultz began teaching the young ones to play brass. Wednesday night dinners + fellowship started for music department families. New blue Book of Worship replaces the 1960's Red Moravian Hymnal

2002 – “God’s Acre” was dedicated. At rest in our God’s Acre are:

Danny Tucker (2003), Debra McLaughlin (2010), Jim Hendrix and Bob Warren (2017).

2003 – The Rev. John Jackman served as interim.

Started the “Joyful Noise Offering”- collection of coins to help fund children’s programming, such as Sunday school, VBS.

2004- 2007 The Rev. John Rainey served as pastor-

Retired the debt of loan on the church building through a “Sampson & Goliath” Campaign. Youth Mission Camps at Laurel Ridge started.

2007-2008 The Rev. Bob Sawyer served as interim

2008 – 2011 – The Rev. Adam Spough served as pastor. As our first newlyweds, we held a pounding/wedding shower for them. Organ replacement fund raising accomplished very rapidly. Organ on last leg

2010 – New organ dedication – September 5.

2011 – The Rev. Bob Sawyer served as interim

Former PEC President who shared his leadership & pastoral experience through our transition. He even joined our band.

2011 – 2012 – Pastor Betty Helms supplied as pastor for 3 months

2012 – The Rt. Rev. Dr. Wayne Burkette served as interim

Former PEC President who shared his leadership & pastoral experience through our transition. He assisted with Call Process.

2012 to present - The Rev. Betty A. Helms installed & serves as current pastor.

Nurtures a family atmosphere within the congregation. Shows compassion & caring through visitation. Invites Lay leadership into worship. Enhanced Chicken Pie System to make & sell large quantities for the maintenance and edification of the church.

Small groups start, such as New Hoppers. Church Window Replacement Campaign completed for fellowship hall & educational building. Development of New Hope website by Jim Helms, enjoyed by Moravians, with “hits” from all around the world. Plus, the new addition to our Fellowship Hall for much needed storage. There are too many other accomplishments to list over the past years.

2017 – November 12 – Rev. Betty A. Helms consecrated as a Presbyterian in the Moravian Church. Service held at New Hope with reception following.

2019 – February 17- New Hope celebrates 36 years of ministry as a congregation in the Catawba Valley serving as a regional church. May we continue to bless the Lord for many more years to come.

2019-Church Board of Elders

New Board Members were elected and appointed in November. To replace: Steve Bumgarner, Dwane Hutto, Roxanne Moses, Pam Prevatte and Margaret Schultz. Many thanks to each one of them for their dedication in using their time and talents in service to the New Hope congregation.

New Hope Board of Elders- 2019

Rev. Betty A. Helms- Chair

Mark Bumgarner- Vice-Chair

Steve Larsen- Secretary

Fay Ayers

Jane Bumgarner

Dan Greaser

Carolyn McDonald

Margaret Schultz

Greg Simpson

In December- Members Received 2019 NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Thank you so much Anita Scism for using your gifts and talents to put this wonderful much needed Church Directory together.

Sunday School

Please join us for Sunday School each week at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.

Coffee and light refreshments are served.

If you're not coming, you're missing out!!



Cleaners for February

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.

February Cleaners: Steve & Jane Bumgarner



MARCH 5, 2019 PANCAKE SUPPER!

Sponsored by the New Hoppers Group

Celebrate Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday) with your New Hope Family. Come to the Fellowship Hall between 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM and enjoy a sumptuous supper of pancakes, sausage, bacon, cooked apples, milk, coffee and juices with your favorite condiments!


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Shrove Tuesday Pancake
Supper!

You don't want to miss
this!

WE HAVE TWO WORDS
FOR YOU... BACON &
SAUSAGE

\$5.00 FOR ADULTS \$3.00
FOR AGES 3 TO 14
AGE 2 & UNDER FREE!

We will offer regular &
gluten free pancakes!

PUT THIS ON YOUR
CALENDAR NOW!!

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NEW HOPPERS GROUP

Women's Fellowship Update

Women's Fellowship met on January 22, 2019.

The following officers were elected:

- Cheryl Hendrix, President
- Leslie Srail, Vice-President
- Pat deBlois, Secretary
- Nancy Miller, Treasurer

Donations were made to the following:

- Carolina Caring (Hospice): \$500
- Family Care Center: \$500
- Women's Resource Center: \$500
- ECCCM: \$1,500
- Family Guidance Center: \$500
- Sipes Orchard Home: \$500
- Safe Harbor: \$500
- New Hope Moravian Missions: \$500
- Corner Table: \$414 (Silent Auction Money)

Safe Harbor wants to thank the Women's Fellowship group for their generous donation!

Christmas Eve Offering

Our Christmas Eve offering was a total of \$1,125.00. This year the Church Board of Elders decided to send half to Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry (ECCCM) in Newton and the other half to go towards our Yadkin View Regional Conference of Churches (RCC) project for flood and hurricane relief in eastern NC.

Mark Bumgarner, Church Board Vice Chair

KNOWLEDGE OF PUTZING NEEDED FOR ARTS CAMP AT LAUREL RIDGE
They are looking for anyone that builds Putzs that would also be interested in teaching it to campers at Arts camp June 30-July 6. If interested, please contact scarlett@laurelridge.org or 336-601-3034.

**Introducing February's Hymn of the Month "Within the Father's House"
318 Moravian Book of Worship**

A brief history of this month's hymn "Within the Father's House"- James R. Woodford (1820-1885) wrote the text. Father Woodford lived in England where he served as an Anglican priest. The composer, Johann B. Konig (1691-1785) was a German baroque composer. He was a church musician in Frankfurt at a large Protestant church.

The hymn refers to the Scripture of Luke 2:41-52 where Jesus visits the temple in Jerusalem. This Scripture is the only canonical story of Jesus' boyhood and is found only in Luke's Gospel. As reading the Scripture here are some "nuggets" to share...

Luke 2:41 JESUS' PARENTS WENT YEARLY to the feast of the Passover – they traveled to Jerusalem from Nazareth about 60 miles away, requiring several days travel and an expensive pilgrimage for Joseph and Mary. Jesus was age 12.

Luke 2: 42-45 AND THEY LEFT JESUS BEHIND-after observing the Passover festival, Joseph and Mary began their journey back home. You might ask how could they overlook that Jesus was missing? Traveling in a caravan, men gathered with other men and women with women, with the children played together. They traveled a day's journey (about 20 miles) before they realize Jesus is missing.

Luke 2:46-47 ALL WHO HEARD HIM WERE AMAZED – 3 days later they found Him in the temple- Jesus was not teaching teachers but was listening and asking many questions. Jesus demonstrated the promise that would blossom into real wisdom and authority.

Luke 2:48-51 HIS PARENTS WERE ASTONISHED when they saw Him and Mary said, "Son, why have you treated us this way?" Note Mary did the talking, the Gospels present Joseph as a man of action obeying God's instructions to the letter, but he has no speaking parts. Jesus replies, "Why were you looking for me? I must be in my Father's house". This verse (49) reveals the central purpose of this Scripture and of the hymn. Jesus gently but definitely transfers the name *father* from Joseph and gives it to God.

Luke 2: 52 AND JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM AND STATURE – Jesus recognizes His identity and His calling as the Son of God.

Provincial Women's Board 2019 Days of Prayer

Sponsored by the Provincial Women's Board during Lent.

Carpooling can be arranged.

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

HOME MORAVIAN

ARDMORE MORAVIAN

Speaker: Rev. Sandra Thigpen

Speaker: Rev. Dan Nelson

9:45 AM Coffee Hour

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10:45 Music

10:45 Music

11:00 AM Worship, Nursery Provided

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Sunday, March 10, 2019

CHRIST MORAVIAN

Speaker: Rev. Adam Goodrich

2:00 Lovefeast, Nursery Provided

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

CALVARY MORAVIAN

Speaker: Rev. Chaz Snider

9:45-10:45 Coffee Hour

11:00 Worship, Nursery Provided

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

TRINITY MORAVIAN

Speaker: Rev. Debbie Lanier

11:00 Worship

Luncheon

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

FAIRVIEW MORAVIAN

Speaker: Rev. Victoria Lasley

10:30 Band Prelude

11:00 Worship with Communion, Nursery Provided

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

KONNOAK HILLS MORAVIAN

Speaker: Rt. Rev. Carol Foltz

11:00 Lovefeast

April 14, Palm Sunday

April 19, Good Friday

April 21, Easter Sunday

February Happenings

“Souper” Bowl of Caring Collection
Sunday, February 3

**There will be a soup stock pot in the sanctuary to put your donation in.
All proceeds will go to the Corner Table Soup Kitchen in Newton, NC.**

**It is our tradition to collect funds to donate to the soup kitchen that New Hope supports.
If you would like to write a check, please make it out to the church then our Treasurer
will send one check for all monies collected.**

Thank you for your “soup-port” of this national cause on Super Bowl Sunday.

Wednesday, February 6th – Early Bird Registration Deadline for the Moravian Women's Conference. Fee of \$350. Price increases to \$415 on February 7th.

**** Please take a look at the conference schedule and course descriptions at the end of the newsletter.**

Thursday, February 7th – ECCCM Workday

Sunday, February 10th – Board of Elders Meeting following Worship

Tuesday, February 12th – Women's Circle Meeting at the home of Carolyn McDonald, 7:00 pm. Each attendee should bring a Bible. All women are invited to attend!

**ACAP – Hickory
Driving and Aging**

Tuesday, February 12th; 5:30-7:30 pm

ACAP-Hickory 2019 Programs: provides information, resources, and community support for adult-children as we care for our aging parents and for ourselves.

ACAP-Hickory meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 5:30-7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church (2780 North Center Street, Hickory). **While the cost-free monthly educational programs are designed for adult-child caregivers, sessions are open to all who are interested. Advance registration is encouraged in order to facilitate planning. To register for ACAP-Hickory programs, please email Info.ACAPHickory@gmail.com or call (828) 610-5741.** (Check out website. <http://acaphickory.org/programs/> or contact Craig deBlois for more information.)

Thursday, February 14th –

Happy 
Valentine's Day!

Sunday, February 17th – 36th Anniversary Celebration Lovefeast & Reception

Looking Ahead

Ash Wednesday- 7:00 Service

March 6 Communion by Intinction & Imposition of Ashes

Did you know? The “Ashes” placed on your forehead in the shape of the Cross are very special...Pastor Betty uses the burned palm ashes from last year’s Palm Sunday. They are saved for this purpose every year.

*Intinction- Communion taken by dipping your bread or wafer into a common cup.
(no double dipping)*

Thursday, March 7th – Preschool Advisory Committee Meeting

Saturday, March 9th –



A Bridal Shower/Brunch for Rachel Schultz to celebrate her upcoming marriage to Shawn Snipes at the home of Thelma Greaser, 9:30-11:30 am.

*** This Salmon Dinner Fundraiser would be an awesome evening out for all who would like to go down to New Philly together. The speaker is bringing in fresh salmon from Alaska as he comes to NC. Can't get any fresher than that! We will also enjoy the company of other Moravians from our RCC as well as others in general.*

Let's make this a dinner out and support our seminary in Alaska.



Alaska Bible Seminary Fundraising Salmon Dinner

Host: New Philadelphia Moravian Church, Missions Committee

Location: 4400 Country Club Road, W-S

Date/Time: **Saturday, March 23, 2019** at 5:30 pm

Cost: No charge (a love offering will be collected)

You are invited to an Alaskan Salmon Dinner (Fresh Salmon directly from Alaska) at NPMC in support of the Alaska Bible Seminary. The Alaska Bible Seminary trains ministers for the Alaska Province. Ed Dehnert, Dean of the Seminary, will provide an update. Please RSVP to Sheila Beaman at the Mission Office at sbeaman@mcsp.org or 336-773-1732 by March 4, 2019.



CHICKEN CHATTER

Please mark your calendar for **April 4th, 5th and 6th** when we will make another round of our famous Moravian chicken pies. We are already getting calls asking when they will be available to purchase!

We need everyone to come and help with this church wide project. It is a wonderful time of fellowship and a great way to support New Hope and each other.

Please block these dates on your calendar now, and plan to join us. More information will follow as we get closer to time.



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.



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...that the work in some of the areas of Eastern NC after hurricane Matthew and Florence continues? Rev. Chris Thore, of Clemmons Moravian Church, has informed us that "After a much-needed rest, our partners in Lumberton NC (United Methodist Church disaster relief) report that they have just started working on the "Step Program" which is 75% funded through FEMA and 25% funded through the State. We get a pre-approved list from FEMA that gives us the survivors that are eligible for this program. This program allows you to go in and do the muck out (tear out) and you only fix the home enough to get the survivor back in and living. You can only do a few things to make this happen and its really complicated, at first. You can only put in a sink held up by a piece of wood to keep it in place, you only have a door on the bathroom, no walls are done, no floors are done except to make sure the sub flooring is in place."

So what this means is that new work will be different than what we have typically done in the past; however, volunteer labor is still needed. This funding from FEMA is for materials only. We have been told there are over 1600 approved survivors in Robeson County alone out of approximately 7000 total homes affected by Florence in Robeson County. That number is just mind boggling! Hopefully this gives you some insight as to what is going on in that area. We hope to have start dates for the next teams soon. Please contact Chris Giesler, Director of Mission Engagement for the Board of World Mission, if you would like more information about joining or forming a team.
chris@moravianmission.org



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 February 6)
\$415/person (regular registration beginning February 7, 2019)

The International Women's Conference is fast approaching. Hard to believe that the registration deadline for the early bird discounted rates is almost here and ends Feb 6. There is a discount for both the whole event or for one day only folks. Our Women's Fellowship still has scholarship funds to assist in reimbursing your registration cost.

So far we have 5 attending the full conference from New Hope: Malissa B, Nancy M, Thelma G, Pastor Betty and Allison Snyder. Several have expressed interest in going up for one day. If you are interested or have questions please speak with Allison, Pastor Betty or Malissa.

If you wish to stay on site they have a block of rooms reserved. Be sure to tell them what group you are with. We do have a group staying with some of Malissa's family in Clemmons. For the one day folks carpooling can be arranged.

Please review the info below and or go to the following site for more:

[Moravian Women's Conference](#) | moravianwomen@gmail.com | (302) 703-9255

moravianwomensconference.org (336) 893-4460

Blessings,
The Women's Conference Cheerleaders

Women's Conference Schedule

Thursday, June 20

2:00pm – 6:00pm	Conference Registration
6:00pm – 7:00pm	<i>Dinner</i>
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Opening Session & Communion

Friday, June 21

7:30am – 9:00am *Breakfast*
9:00am – 10:45am **Worship & General Session**
11:00am – 12:15am Morning Workshops
12:15pm – 1:30pm *Lunch*
1:45pm – 3:00pm Afternoon Workshops
3:00pm – 6:00pm Free Time & Optional Activities
6:00pm – 9:00pm Dinner/Gala/Entertainment – *An Evening of Excellence* showcasing our cultural and international diversity!

Saturday, June 22

7:30am – 9:00am *Breakfast*
9:00am – 10:45am **Worship & General Session**
11:00am – 12:15pm Morning Workshops
12:15pm – 1:30pm *Lunch*
1:45pm – 3:00pm Afternoon Workshops
3:00pm – 6:00pm Free Time & Optional Activities
6:00pm – 7:00pm *Dinner*
7:30pm – 9:00pm **Lovefeast & Candle Service**

Sunday, June 23

7:30am – 9:00am *Breakfast*
9:00am – 10:00am **Closing Worship**
11:00am Hotel Check-Out

Share & Sell Market- Hours Booths Open:

(Churches may reserve and man a booth of items to sell)

Thursday:

4:00pm to 6:00pm

Friday/Saturday:

3:30-5:30pm

9:00-10:00pm

13th Moravian Women's Conference Imagine! Sessions

You may select 2 morning and 2 afternoon Imagine! Sessions when you register at moravianwomensconference.org. Sessions will be held Friday and Saturday.

Boost Your Unity I.Q. (Afternoon A-1)

Donna Hurt, Mission Society of the Moravian Church, Southern Province

This workshop will focus on the four regions of our Moravian Unity ... African, European, North American, Caribbean & Latin American. Questions answered will include "how did each begin" and "what do they look like today." We'll explore the uniqueness of each region through language and special traditions. The leader will share both humorous and heart-warming stories from her travels across the Unity, then invite participants to do the same. By the end, those attending should have a more informed picture of our Worldwide Church, region by region.

A Conversation with Rachel (Saturday Morning ONLY B-1)

Rachel Held Evans, Author, Conference Keynote Speaker

During this session we'll hear more detail from Rachel on the themes in her Saturday morning keynote address.

Effective Leadership.....God's Way!! (Morning M-1)

The Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris, Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province

There have been many changes that have negatively affected and impacted the quality of living as well as threaten our existence in Jesus Christ. Leaders are stretched to harness, re-direct and project God's plan for us all. We must however live as a people with hope and called by God to not just survive, but to thrive. With a large measure of commitment, God will equip and empower His leaders to focus and strategize so that all will experience their full potential in Him.

European Moravian Women: The Power of the Conference (Morning M-2)

Susanna Gärtner, Moravian Church Germany

Learn about the women of the European Province, the important work they are doing, and the history and aims of the European Women's Conference. Experience through pictures the most recent European Women's Conference, "Freedom in Christ," held in Zeist, the Netherlands, in 2018. Engage the power of European women!

Global Mission: Inspired, Called, Determined (Afternoon A-2)

Dena Grillo Fortuzi, Church Leader, The Moravian Church in Albania

For those who would like to know more about the Moravian Church in Albania, its ministry in 25 years and the current situation, this workshop will provide you information on how Albanian Moravian sisters were renewed in the midst of challenges, stood up whenever they fell down, were called to do a hard mission, and still today wave the flag of the Moravian Christians in the country of eagles. Dena will share with us her life in the church, fears, joys and challenges, but mostly, she will tell us how a story, which she calls a love story, began for her 9 years ago.

Fear is Stupid 98% of the Time (Afternoon A-3)

Lucetta Zaytoun, Founder, Your Life In Bold, LLC

In this session, participants will learn how to push past fear and move forward in their lives! You will learn three tangible ways to bust up fear, which will banish your self-doubt and strengthen your faith. Letting go of fear and anxiety also increases your leadership skills. You will also find yourself helping others because of your new confidence. As you let go of fear you will do more bold things in your life, which will have you fall in love your life! And who doesn't need more of that?

Finding Your Voice as a Young Christian Woman (Afternoon A-4)

Ruth Cole Burcaw, Cooperative Ministries, Moravian Church Southern Province and daughter Jessy Burcaw, Elementary School Teacher, Missionary, and Member of Unity Moravian Church

Attendees will explore what it means to be a young Christian woman in today's world. How can you cut through the noise, distractions, and challenges of life and hone in on your call to live your faith? This mother-daughter team will draw from their experiences and provide helpful resources and inspiration for young Moravians.

Hope Amid Suffering: The Church and Mental Illness (Morning M-3)

The Rev. Dr. Heather Vacek, VP for Academic Affairs / Dean of Faculty, Associate Professor of Church History, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

What does it look like for individuals and communities of faith to maintain hope amid the suffering often brought by mental illnesses? What helps? What deepens suffering? This workshop will explore past and present Christian responses to mental illness and invite participants to think about needs, resources, and responses within their own communities.

If My Body is a Temple, Am I Treating It Sacredly or Sacrificially? (Morning M-4)

The Rev. Katie Van Der Linden, Pastor, Ebenezer Moravian Church, Northern Province

Our Bodies are our greatest gifts; are we grateful? Do we treat it like the image of God or desecrate it with unhealthy living and taking it for granted? Being healthy takes a huge commitment and priority shift that many of us don't even know where to begin. If we start with scripture, shift our focus from negative to positive and discover our own personal motivations, we can make huge steps to being where we want to be. Imagine coming to the next conference a completely new woman?! It can happen and you will gain the tools and knowledge to start and maintain the journey.

Inextricably Woven Into God's Plan (Afternoon A-5)

The Rev. Sanette Fleming, Pastor, Schoeneck Moravian Church, Northern Province

It is impossible to disentangle or separate out women in the plan of God from before creation, throughout human history, and even unto the time when Christ shall return to claim His bride- the Church. Unfortunately, the gifts, talents, and power Christ has entrusted to us has remained largely dormant in part because women have not been adequately taught God's perspective and intentional purpose for their lives. Thus, via the Biblical witness, I intend to journey with the women who participate in this workshop, to demonstrate that We Are all Inextricable Woven into God's Plan. Thereby, removing any preconceived notions and hindrances to us unleashing our God-ordained power.

Keeping Up With the Spirit (Morning M-5)

The Rev. Christie Melby-Gibbons, Executive Director, Tricklebee Café, Northern Province

God's Spirit has long been at work in the world far beyond the bounds of conventional church. Mother Spirit invites us—playfully and incessantly—to follow Her lead and participate in the good work of the gospel: feeding, welcoming, comforting, healing, & befriending those who are neglected and abused. Hear my story of leaving a parish context and following my call to start a pay-what-you-can restaurant where all may eat regardless of their ability to pay. Hear stories of the ways in which God's kin(g)dom is revealed through chopping vegetables, sipping tea, and sharing a common table with diverse neighbors. This workshop will inspire you to fearlessly make tangible that wild dream God has placed in your heart.

Make Yourself Available (Morning M-6)

Rev. Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford, Pastor, Mount Tabor Moravian Church, EWI Province

Dr. Athill-Horsford will provide a summary soon.

Ordinary People *** Extraordinary Experiences (Morning M-7)**

Judy A Anderson, Main Street Moravian Church, Northern Province

Ask for God's guidance and PRAY! Get outside the box, leave your comfort zone. Get out into your community, learn about the needs. Build on the skills that the GEMS in the pew have. Be a welcoming & safe faith community. Learn by doing, make mistakes. Take risks. It's a God Thing!

Be Completely Alive – Thrive! (Afternoon A-6)

The Rt. Rev. Kay Ward, Bishop, Worldwide Unity

Using biblical texts, we will explore the spiritual resources that help us to not only live but to thrive! Jesus came so that we might have life and have it abundantly. As women of faith, we will look at ways to unleash God's power to grow and flourish.

Strategies to Prevent and Manage Diabetes (Afternoon A-7)

Dr. Jean Straker, ERMW/Health & Wellness Coordinator

At the end of this session, participants will be able to identify the risk factors, signs, symptoms, and complications of diabetes. We will discuss the importance of nutrition and exercise, identify useful strategies to manage, prevent, or slow down the progression of diabetes.

Those Powerful Moravian Women (Morning M-8)

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An exploration of some of the most powerful and influential women throughout the history of the Moravian Church. A few of these characters will surprise you!

UnLeashed: Defining your Power, Renewing your Passion (Morning M-9)

The Rev. Nasel Ephraim, Pastor, Redeemer Moravian Church, Northern Province

For most of us, it's not that we don't have potential for greatness. But the question or barrier remains how do we develop our best selves? In this session you will learn how to grow and commit to the steps to unleash your potential. Think about the transformation that could occur if you choose to tap into the power within to UnLeash your gifts and talents. Join me as we discover steps to increase your impact on the world and live a more fulfilling life.

Unleashing Your Influence: Advocacy in Action (Afternoon A-8)

The Rev. Suzanne P. Miller, Southern Province

Are you interested in connecting your faith with actions in the community? Do the thoughts of engaging in advocacy make your stomach queasy? Are you passionate about a topic or cause, but are not sure how to share your thoughts with elected officials? Would you like to attend a protest or march, but are not sure how to get involved? We will engage with Scripture to empower our faith to act in our local community. We will brainstorm and share ideas about ways to engage with elected officials and causes you care about. We will also look at current events to find ways that you can respond in your own community to needs you see around you. You will leave with Scriptural support for your actions and a game plan to take the next steps for advocacy in your own community.

Unleashing Your Power with Chair Yoga (Afternoon A-9)

The Rev. Dr. Tracy Pryor, Pastor, Great Kills Moravian Church, Northern Province

Gentle movement to awaken the body and spirit. A workshop for everybody in every body. You may wish to wear clothes/shoes that allow for comfort, play, and freedom of movement. Bring a sweater or light blanket for warmth/support. No experience or special equipment needed. Please ensure physicians consent and inform instructor of any medical conditions or allergies that might impact your participation in class.

Unleashing the Power of Anointing with Biblical Oils (Morning M-10)

The Rev. Dr. Tracy Pryor, Pastor, Great Kills Moravian Church, Northern Province

Participants will discover how the ancient Israelites used certain natural oils for healing and blessing, discuss the potential for ancient and modern uses of the oils mentioned in scripture, and learn how to use the oils of the Bible in anointing and healing prayer. Each participant will have the opportunity to make and take home their own anointing oil.

Women's Work: An Open Dialogue about Women's Ministry in the Moravian Church (Afternoon A-10)

Peggy Dodson, Chair, Moravian Women's Conference Planning Committee & Member, Home Moravian Church and daughter Frances Beasley, Co-President, Women's Fellowship, Home Moravian Church, Southern Province

From casseroles to power-full mission, let's dialogue about the importance, value and strength of sisterhood in the Moravian Church as we fulfill God's plan for us and the work of the Church in 2019 and beyond.



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