

# February 2022

## New Hope Moravian Church

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### **2022 Watchword**

“If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”  
(1 John 1:7)



### ***New Hope Moravian Church Celebrates 39th Anniversary***

#### **“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

Wow! Can you believe this month we are celebrating New Hope's 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary? Each year, I find myself reflecting on the hymn words written by Sister Weber for New Hope... They give me renewed HOPE. In the second verse (the **bold** words above) especially speak to me...They remind me of God's LEADING and my/our need to TRUST Him more. The words fill me with new HOPE and FAITH.

**Our New Hope's 2022 Watchword** speaks to this same richness of God's giving to each one of us His POWER, His LIGHT, and His ABUNDANCE:

"If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7)

I don't know about you, but God's Word and particular hymns speak to me in ways that encourage and energize me. During COVID, they have spoken to me even more. They strengthen me to push forward on uncharted ground because God is ALWAYS with me.

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 New Hope's interim pastor at the time (Rev. Herbert Weber). Sister Weber's words spoke HOPE and FAITH to New Hope in 1989, and those same words should still today give us reason for HOPE and FAITH as a congregation... as we continue to worship despite COVID.

Some may even think how we can possibly be celebrating New Hope's 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; the years have passed by so quickly. This pilgrimage started on December 12, 1973, when eight faithful people met at the home of Wayne and Emily Garrett. They along with the help of the Board of Homeland Missions made a unanimous commitment to organize a Fellowship in Catawba County. The Homeland Missions' records state, "this is the first Fellowship where the initiative was taken by local people."

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Sister Weber clearly summarizes the need for God to BLESS His Church and GUIDE the pathway of those who find themselves on an uncharted pilgrimage together. God was truly blessing and charting the pathway of a new congregation when He gave (eight people) the monumental God-given vision to start a Moravian Church Fellowship in a community with little knowledge about the Moravians (few knew what they believed).

Yet, it was out of this divine unified vision, that God ordained these SEEDS to be planted and grown in a rural area of Catawba County. Clearly, this was a God-Size task... God had planted SEEDS of FAITH in the HEARTS of His people, now, only God could bring this God-size task to fulfillment.

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New Hope was formally chartered with 44 members on February 13, 1983, "...Thy church is trusting, yielding every effort, every soul" and is filled with excitement about the opportunities for worship, community outreach and fellowshiping with family and friends. The years of transition from a God-given vision to the fulfillment (of a congregation) was not an easy task. It took deep inner FAITH and HOPE, along with lots of PRAYER. Yet with God nothing is impossible! With God's LEADING, these faithful Moravians and non-Moravians alike worked together in FAITH to establish God's Moravian Church in the rural community He had ordained for it to be established.

***"Give us daily Thy direction;  
Fill us with new hope and faith."***

In the second verse of this beloved hymn, there's the acknowledgement of prayers asking God for daily direction; prayers each day asking God for His leading, which certainly filled this small group with new HOPE and FAITH.

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Today, we the New Hope congregation (still a small remnant of Moravians and non-Moravians alike) join forces and continue to also go forth with new HOPE and FAITH. We like those before us stand at the threshold of new beginnings, as we face an unsettled future as we continue to deal with a world-wide pandemic. COVID has been ruthless, and yet we at New Hope have continued to be resilient and relentless in taking the needed logistic measures to keep everyone safe. Even during a pandemic, we have continued to worship together as God's Church Body. Our prayers and the prayers of those who came before us carried us through this difficult time. Just as the faithful ones before us prayed for (God to bless and guide New Hope) and He did; God has also continued to bless and guide us on our pilgrimage.

Like the faithful ones before us desired to worship together; worshipping together is also important to us. It is not something we take lightly. We the Body of Christ, LOVE Jesus and we LOVE one another. We LOVE and WORSHIP God the Father and our Savior Christ Jesus together. For it is He who is the Chief Elder of our Church... It is He who has put His LOVE into our hearts for Him and for one another... It is God who leads us.

This God-given LOVE has transformed us into a Church family that continues to stand together, give together, and work together, and cherish together our worship time in the good times and the more difficult times. No pandemic will keep us apart for God has built His Church on a hill (in rural Catawba County) with the firm foundation of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are serving God together and He is:

***"Cov'ring us with God's own pleasure,  
We the Body; Christ the Head.***

*Let us give Him all praise and glory. Amen.*

In Christ Love & Service,  
Pastor Betty

# 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

## On Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

Join New Hope as we celebrate 39 years of ministry by having a Lovefeast with beautiful music on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Due to the need for continued COVID logistics:

New Hope Members & Friends have three worship options ...

- 1) worship inside the sanctuary (wearing a mask);
- 2) worship in the parking lot (Tune to FM 87.9);
- 3) worship via YouTube on the video.

All who gather for our Anniversary Lovefeast Celebration will receive a bun and a cup of hot coffee. This will come packaged using disposable paper products. The hymn written for New Hope's ground-breaking (at our current location) will be featured during our worship time.

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**It has been our custom to bring a gift to give to the Church  
for this special celebration.**

Over the last several years we have found it best to receive  
**GIFT CARDS to OFFICE DEPOT, SAM'S, WAL-MART, and HOME DEPOT.**  
This way purchases can be made for supplies as needed for the church which helps  
alleviate spending out of our budget.

Our cart will be available to collect your greeting cards and gift cards,  
as you arrive for our Worship Service.

Sadly, due to COVID-19 we will NOT be able to have our customary reception  
after worship. Thanks in advance for your support!

*Rev. Betty A. Helms*

*Board of Elders*

*Mark Bumgarner - Stewardship Chair*

## **Women's Fellowship Update**

Sadly, Women's Fellowship has not been able to meet due to Covid. Your  
executive committee has continued to listen to you and serve New Hope's and  
your interests.

We met on January 14, and here are some notes from 2021: \$979 was deposited.  
Checks were written for cookies, daily texts, CMO, and for our contribution to the  
Provincial Women's Board.

Women's Fellowship made \$360 at the Country Store. \$500 will be donated to  
ECCCM.

Slight changes were made to our meal mission, and Carolyn McDonald has agreed  
to serve as meal coordinator in 2022.

Officers will remain the same for 2022:

President: Cheryl

Vice-President: Leslie

Treasurer: Nancy

Secretary: Pat

If any woman feels the need for a change and a call to serve, please contact  
Cheryl.



**Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Once again, New Hope will be collecting monetary donations on the first Sunday of February for the "Souper Bowl of Caring" campaign on **Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**. We realize this year the official Super Bowl game is scheduled for the next Sunday. All the funds donated will go directly to The Corner Table in Newton. Checks can be made payable to New Hope with Corner Table noted on memo line. Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer by a Presbyterian pastor in South Carolina: *"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."* Souper Bowl of Caring is transforming the Big Game into a nation-wide movement inspiring people to give locally and make a collective impact on hunger. Mobilizing grassroots resources including churches, schools, civic groups and caring individuals, the Souper Bowl of Caring has created millions of dollars in local support for hunger-relief charities across the country. In **2021** over \$170 million worth of support was collected...100% of the funds collected stays in the local community.

On Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> look for the BIG soup pot as you enter and leave the sanctuary or parking lot... Let's all help the fight against hunger in Catawba County! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Pastor Betty  
Board of Elders  
Mission Committee



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## Fundraising Campaign for New Hope's Playground

New Hope's Preschool started raising money in 2019 for much needed improvements to our playground. So far, \$3500 has been raised towards the goal of \$10,000. Unfortunately, COVID slowed everything down, so now is the time for the big final push. **All donations, made now through the end of May, will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$3000.** Please consider donating, so we can take advantage of all the matching funds.

Improvements include:

- Replacing the 9-year-old residential grade wooden structure with a school quality play structure. This is the largest ticket item at \$9432.
- New swings for toddler playground
- New sandboxes with covers
- Replacement timbers along fencing
- Mulch

Look for the poster in the vestibule for pictures and updates on fundraising. Checks should be made out to New Hope Moravian Preschool with "playground" in memo area. An envelope for donations will be with the poster.

Thank you!

New Hope Preschool Advisory Committee  
Margaret Schultz, Malissa Bumgarner, Nancy Miller, Jane Bumgarner, and  
Shannon McDonald

# SOMETHING NEW IS COMING

The Board of Elders have approved the installation of handrails at the steps leading up to the pulpit and lectern. Mark Bumgarner has offered his services in designing, building and installing the handrails. Thank you Mark for sharing your skill and taking such good care of your New Hope Church family!



## End of Year 2021 Financial Update



Great news! We finished the year “in the black” which is income greater than expenses by \$6,771.00. This was driven by catch up giving and incremental giving. The Lord has blessed us with generous givers. This is quoted from Tom Schultz, Treasurer to our Board of Elders on January 10, 2022.

### Fourth Quarter/End of Year 2021 Stewardship Report

	Monthly Budget: \$10,662	Annual Budget: \$127,461	
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Income</u>	
October	\$10,264	\$ 8,750	
November	\$ 9,867	\$ 8,115	
December	<u>\$12,209</u>	<u>\$19,115</u>	
2021 End of Year	\$121,056	\$127,827	Difference + \$6,771

Yes, this is great news! Even though we are still dealing with Covid, which has affected our activities and attendance it has been an exceptional financial year. On behalf of the Stewardship Committee and the Church Board, many thanks to all who give their time and financial contributions to New Hope.

Mark Bumgarner  
Stewardship Chair





A Great Big **THANK YOU** To New Hope Members

Wow!!! The sales of the “County Store” and the Women’s Fellowship items totals are in.... \$2,327!

Items were provided with the donor designating the sales to go to either the General Fund of New Hope or to the Women’s Fellowship. The Women’s Fellowship share was \$360, and the “Country Store” share was \$1967! How great was this!

Your generous donation of goods and participation in the purchasing items made this possible. It is amazing how God equips His people use their time, talents and support to benefit the ministry of New Hope.

Thank you again for all *you* did in making this project such a success.

*Pastor Betty and the New Hope Board of Elders*

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## **NEW HOPE MORAVIAN CHURCH**

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**Monday - April 18, 2022**

**2 PM TO 6:30 PM**

**Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-REDCROSS and enter New Hope Moravian to schedule an appointment.**

*\*\* We also need two volunteers to make baked items or bring cookies, cake, and/or refreshments for those giving blood. \*\**



# DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES FOR 2022



**March 2, 2022 11:00 A.M. Home Moravian** Ash Wednesday, Speaker: Rev. Emily Norris, The service will be available in person and live streamed on the Home Church Web page. Click on Live broadcasts to access the service. <https://www.homemoravian.org/index.php/live-broadcasts/>

**March 6, 2:00 P.M. Christ Moravian**, Speaker: Rev. Reed Lawson. Band prelude. The service will be in person only. Lovefeast.

**March 9, 2022 11:00 A.M. Trinity Moravian**, Speaker: Rev. Ginny Tobiassen. The service will be in person only. Lunch will be served after the service.

**March 16, 11:00 A.M. Ardmore Moravian**, Speaker: Rev. Joe Moore. Refreshments will be served before the service at 10:00 A.M. The service will be in person and online. To access the online service: [www.FACEBOOK.com/ArdmoreMoravian/videos](http://www.FACEBOOK.com/ArdmoreMoravian/videos)

**March 23, 11:00 A.M. Calvary Moravian**, Speaker: Rev. Adam Goodrich. Coffee served at 10:00 P.M. This service will be in person only.

**March 30, 11:00 A.M. Fairview Moravian**, Speaker: Rev. Tony Hayworth. The service will in person only.

**April 6, 11:00 A.M. Konnoak Moravian**, Speaker: Rev. Fran Saylor . The service will be in person and online. To access the online service: <http://www.khmoravian.org/> Select “YouTube Chanel” at the top of the page. No Lovefeast planned at the time of this publication.

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## Ways to Give to New Hope

Thanks to the Moravian Ministries Foundation of America (MMFA), we now have an online option to donate to New Hope via credit card or direct debit (automatic bank to bank transfer). The MMFA provides the portal for this electronic giving and they directly deposit any funds to the New Hope bank account. Here is the link to the online giving portal: <https://mmfa.info/new-hope-moravian-church-north-carolina-donation-form/>.

This is a great option for Friends of New Hope that no longer live in the area. These donations will be tracked for tax filing purposes. Transaction fees do apply, just under 3% for credit card transactions and \$0.75 for direct debit transactions.

The MMFA also provides a means to donate securities/stocks. Your broker transfers the securities/stocks to MMFA and the MMFA executes the securities/stocks into cash. Securities/stocks executed in this way are not subject to capital gains tax. Please contact Tom Schultz if you are interested in the process for this type of monetary transaction.

Please contact Tom Schultz at [newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com) with any questions about the items above.

## New Hope Service on



Click on the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCagQSb0gw2QUC-UFiwe5ikg>

This will take you directly to the homepage of our New Hope YouTube channel. Here you can choose from different videos that are available.

## *Mark Your Calendar for February*

**Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> –**



**Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – ECCCM Workday**

**Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service 10:00 am**

**Souper Bowl Sunday**

**Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service 10:00 am**

***New Hope's 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration***

**Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Board of Elders Meeting** via Zoom, 6:30 pm

No School for Preschool or Catawba County Schools

Happy   
Valentine's Day!

**Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service 10:00 am**

**Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> –**



**Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> – March Newsletter Articles Due**

**Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service 10:00 am**



## *February Birthdays*

2<sup>nd</sup> – Kaytlynn Noland (Cortes)

5<sup>th</sup> – Penny Miller

6<sup>th</sup> – Margaret Schultz & Glenda Hutto

13<sup>th</sup> – Kim Greaser

14<sup>th</sup> – Leslie Srail

24<sup>th</sup> – Bonnie Everhart

## Pray Every Day February 2022

1. Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
2. The Lord Almighty has sworn, 'Surely as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand.' Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
3. You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Pray for the government leaders in our country.
4. In that day the Lord Almighty will be a glorious crown, a beautiful wreath for the remnant of his people. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
5. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
6. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
7. For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king, it is he who will save us. Pray for the Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
8. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
9. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Pray for the Thiessens in Mexico.
10. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
11. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
12. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
13. I will strengthen and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intersarsity.
14. Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
15. Fear not for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
16. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
17. The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
18. Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
19. But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
20. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Pray for the medical personnel caring for Covid-19 patients.
21. I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
22. Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
23. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. Pray for the Rajpur Foster Child Project.
24. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Pray for PEC members, bishops and other church leaders.
25. The ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
26. He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
27. To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Pray for short term mission teams.
28. Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. Pray for disaster relief workers.



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