# February 2024 New Hope Moravían Church

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<u>2024 Watchword</u> "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." Colossians 3:12

## Sincere & Authentic Worship

"Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer" Psalm 63:3-4 (NLT).

Once upon a time there was a king who ruled a vast domain. He was the wealthiest person in the world: thousands of horses, dozens of homes, access to anything his heart desired. There was nothing anyone could give him that he did not already possess.

One day at the door of the throne room a young boy asked to enter that he might give something to the king. With amused looks, the guards moved to allow him to pass. One led the boy into the king's presence and announced with a smirk on his face, "Lord, this child has come to present you with a present." "You may proceed," the king said, extending his hand toward the boy.

The boy took two steps forward, cleared his throat, and began to sing a song of his own creation. He was slightly off-key, but the words spoke praise and thanksgiving to the king for the mercy and generosity the king had shown the boy's family during the recent death of the boy's mother. When the boy was done, the king who owned everything, with tears on his face, descended from the throne, hugged the child, and said, "Thank you for that beautiful gift. You have brought great joy to my heart." (www.sermoncentral.com)

Psalm 63 is a psalm of David, regarding a time when David was in the wilderness of Judah. Maybe you know how David felt; you find yourself today in a wilderness in great need of God's love and refuge. My advice, seek Christ Jesus with all your heart! Give Him all your cares; let Him be your safe place and secure refuge. He waits with open arms to do so!

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole-body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. <sup>2</sup> I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. <sup>3</sup> Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! <sup>4</sup> I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer. <sup>5</sup> You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy." (Psalm 63:1-5 NLT)

The psalmist paints us a clear picture of worship in our times of great need. The King we serve owns everything - there is nothing we can bring Him that He does not already possess. And yet, He desires our "sincere and authentic worship". He does not seek empty hearted gifts, nor does He need them... It's all His anyway. What He desires instead is our simple and imperfect words of thanksgiving, praise, and gratitude for ALL He has done for us. Through our "genuine worship" we communicate and share (the gift of ourselves) that warms the very heart of the King of kings and Lord of lords who owns everything.

Prayer: Father God, I praise You for Your great love and faithfulness. You demonstrate it to us, not because of anything we have done, but because of who we are in You. We are Your Chosen ones... Thank You for Your forgiveness. Thank You for Your abounding love and fellowship with all who seek You. Thank You for allowing us to have a personal relationship with You (our Lord & Savior). You alone are worthy of praise, gratitude, and thanksgiving forever. Thank You for hearing and answering our prayers. In Jesus' name. Amen.

In Christ Love & Service, Pastor Betty



It's almost time for the Souper Bowl of Caring! Help fight hunger in our local community with your donation. All donations will be sent to The Corner Table. Look for the soup pot after worship on February 4<sup>th</sup> or you can now donate online by clicking on this link:

https://map.tacklehunger.org/donate/nhmc24

## New Hope Moravian Church History Article for the 41st Anniversary in February 2024

In honor of the 41st 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 and updated by Charter Member Malissa Kinney Bumgarner. 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 2016 as we reflect on New Hope's thirty-three-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 old Bethlehem Lutheran Church building, 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 40 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 and is located at 2897 Sandy Ford Rd, Newton 28658. Our cornerstone was placed during the dedication: "As For Me And My House We Will Serve The Lord" -- Joshua 24:15

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 served at New Hope through these past years; along with our current Pastor: The Rev. Betty Helms. We have been joined together as a church family through the use of our gifts and talents at Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry (ECCCM), Carolina Caring Hospice, our (twice a year) Red Cross Blood Drives, our work with the Moravian Board of World Missions (BWM), and the making of our Chicken Pies which are offered at our annual (community outreach) the Candle Tea & Bazaar. Another rich church and community blessing has been our CMO/Preschool (celebrating 30 years-2024). Our congregation has also been blessed by our celebrations of worship, Sunday School, Bible studies, 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 have special memories that define our personal New Hope history.

The most challenging years began 2020 when a worldwide pandemic of Covid-19 SARs shut everything down including churches. Some members came together with Pastor Helms to plan worship in the parking lot. It was different but well received by members and church neighbors. Recording of services began and were posted on YouTube. We returned to the sanctuary following all safety guidelines by the Gov, State and Moravian Provincial Elders Conference (PEC). Examples: pews roped off for 6 ft distancing, windows open, masks required, no hymnals, disposable bulletins covered entire service and no choir. As the pandemic eased, we gradually returned to a modified version of the former normal. The safety of all our members continued to be part of decision making for several years. New Hope certainly learned to be flexible and resilient.

New Hope's Board of Elders continues to monitor the status of our community and members health through this unusual post-Covid time. Members and friends still pool their talents and resources to find ways to be together in worship in a safe way. Masks are currently optional in worship.

#### Highlights of 2023

#### New Hope Celebrated 40 Years of Ministry- On February 12, 2023

The Rev. Scott Venable, founding Pastor returned to present the message during the worship service. The Rev. Doctor Neil Routh, PEC President and former pastor at New Hope came to represent the Southern Provence. A heavy reception was held following worship with church members sharing memories. Scrapbooks from church, preschool, scouts and mementos were displayed in the vestibule.

<u>Other 2023 Highlights</u>- Moravian Board of World Mission (BWM) project of assembling water filter kits for Honduras was done right after worship with 100 made. Women's Fellowship sent \$500 to the mission board/society to cover transport cost, training, on site assessments and other costs associated with the project. Our 5:00PM Christmas Eve Lovefeast & Candlelight Service with attendance of 200 was beautiful which is an almost return to pre-Covid numbers.

#### 2024 and Beyond

2024 will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our CMO/Preschool. Plans will be made to celebrate with both the church and the preschool jointly.

As we are "*Standing here, facing our future*", Pastor Betty Helms 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 <u>new hope</u> and faith".

Your sisters in Christ, Ann Carr and Malissa Bumgarner

References: Moravian Archives, <u>The Moravian</u> (Dec., 1995), *On This Ground New Hope is Building, 1989.* 



## New Hope's 41st Anniversary Celebration

New Hope will celebrate its 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary by having a Lovefeast service with beautiful music on February 11. We will also sing the hymn that was commissioned and written just for us at our New Hope groundbreaking.

We encourage you to invite family, former members and friends of New Hope to celebrate with us.

Join us for this special event, Your Worship Committee



#### It has also been our custom to collect gift cards and cash for this special anniversary 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 which helps save our budget. A basket will be available in the Narthex to collect your cash and gift cards.

Last year your generous donations of cash and gift cards were used to purchase printer paper, stamps, kitchen supplies, trash bags, light bulbs, ballast, and cleaning supplies.

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



# FEB. 13, 2024 PANCAKE SUPPER!

#### 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM!

Celebrate Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday) with your New Hope Family. Come to the Fellowship Hall between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM and enjoy a sumptuous supper of pancakes, sausage, bacon, 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

There will be a donation basket to contribute toward the cost of the food.

We will offer regular & gluten free pancakes!

> PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!



## Moravian Day of Giving 2024: Unite, Give, Inspire! Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Moravians have their very own day to give an unexpected gift to their church, Moravian agencies, or ministries that are of interest to them and this year it happens to fall on New Hope's 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary. The first Day of Giving was in 2021 and last year over \$220,000 was raised in one day. However, the focus extends beyond financial gifts, emphasizing the power of unity in our community, echoing the teachings of scripture and the foundational principles of the Moravian faith. The Moravian Ministries Foundation in America (MMFA) encourages individuals, on February 13<sup>th</sup>, to use their online Giving Portal to contribute to the area that is close to your heart.

While it is easy to understand what it means to give to a specific church, what are the Moravian agencies and Fields of Interest?

- Moravian agencies There are 33 different agencies listed on MMFA's portal. These include agencies we are familiar with, like Laurel Ridge Camp, Unity Women's Desk, and Board of World Mission, and some that may be new to us.
- Fields of Interest Funds These funds allow you to align your gifts with causes that you care most about. They award grants to various institutions, including Moravian churches and agencies. Applicants that have the strongest plans that are best aligned with the purpose of the fund are given grants. The Fields of Interest cover areas like hunger, health, housing, clothing, prison ministry, violence against women, and environmental stewardship.

**Donations to all the Field of Interest Funds will be matched, up to \$2,500 per fund!** This matching initiative aims to amplify the impact of individual contributions, further enhancing the positive change Moravians can collectively bring about.

Don't feel comfortable with using the MMFA's Giving Portal? There is help with that. Come to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 13 and someone will be there to help you donate on the Moravian Day of Giving.

You can also donate by sending a check to the MMFA but it must be postmarked by February 13<sup>th</sup>. Make checks out to MMFA and designate the ministry/organization on the memo line or accompanying document. Mail to: MMFA

119 Brookstown Ave. Suite 305 Winston-Salem, NC 27101

What better way to honor New Hope on its 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary than by joining with other Moravians across the country to support Moravian organizations in their missions to serve others.

For more information go to MMFA's website or see the article in the latest Moravian Magazine.





# News from the Mission Committee

The Mission Committee has designated the WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER as a project for February and March. Specifically, we are asking for items for the Pantry with a Purpose.

Many women and their families struggle to meet their basic needs for reasons outside of their immediate control, such as loss or fleeing a home quickly to escape domestic violence.

In response to this need, the Women's Resource Center maintains a free pantry stocked with personal hygiene and cleaning supplies. At present, the most pressing need is for personal hygiene products. They have a service where women can pick up these products "No Strings Attached" 24/7.

We will begin collecting these products on Sunday, February 18 and go through Sunday, March 31. The need is so great, we will deliver items to WRC on a weekly basis.

Thank you for your continued commitment to help serve those most in need in our community.

# Women's Fellowship Information

All women of the church are invited to join us as we travel to Winston-Salem on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> for Day of Prayer Service held at Trinity Moravian Church. There will be a lunch served following the service. Pastor Dana Myers will be the speaker.

Day of Prayer is observed on Wednesdays during the Lenten season. Different churches from the Winston-Salem area hosts the services and have different pastors officiating.

Please join us for this special time as we come together with our Moravian sisters to worship. We will carpool & leave the church by 9:30 am.

**Women's Fellowship** met following worship on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. A light lunch was served as the women enjoyed good fellowship.

The 2024 budget was presented, and a copy is now posted on the church bulletin board.

The proceeds from this year's Candle Tea & Bazaar will be distributed to the following agencies in our community:

- ECCCM (Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries) \$1500
- Carolina Caring (Hospice) \$500
- Family Care Center \$500
- Family Guidance \$500
- Silent Auction proceeds of \$1600 will be sent to Meals on Wheels

The women also discussed ways to be more involved in the community. We will be working with local area schools to provide needed personal items for their students who are in need.

Information will be in the upcoming church bulletins for the congregation to be able to participate in this mission.

The WF Executive Members are as follows: Cheryl Hendrix, President Leslie Srail, Vice-President Pat deBlois, Secretary Nancy Miller, Treasurer

## DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES FOR 2024



**February 14,** 11:00am. Home Moravian, Ash Wednesday, Speaker: The Rev. Nancy Johnson Vaders, Director of Outreach for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem. Coffee Fellowship at 10am. 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/

**February 18,** 2:00 P.M., Lovefeast, Christ Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Lane Sapp. Lovefeast. Nursery provided.

**February 21,** 11:00 A.M. Trinity Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Dana Myers. Lunch will be served after the service.

**February 28,** 11:00 A.M. Ardmore Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Kelly Moore. Refreshments will be served at 10:00 A.M. The service will be in person and online: <u>www.FACEBOOK.com/ArdmoreMoravian/videos</u>

March 6, 11:00 A.M. Bethania Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Russ May. Coffee served at 10:00 A.M. This service will be in person only.

**March 13**, 11:00 A.M. Fairview Moravian, Speaker: The Rt. Rev. Tom Shelton. The service will be in person and include communion. The service will be available on YouTube and Facebook.

**March 20,** 11:00 A.M. Konnoak Hills Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Margaret Norris. Lovefeast. The service will be in person and online: <u>http://www.khmoravian.org/</u> Select "YouTube Channel" at the top of the page.

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## Golf Fundraiser Friday, April 19, 2024 2:00pm

**Reynolds Park Golf Course** 

2391 Reynolds Park Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27107

Hosted by: Bobby Jones, Hope Moravian Former Owner of Hillcrest Golf Course and Art Sorensen, Home Moravian Chair, Laurel Ridge Board

> Proceeds will benefit Building CommUNITY Capital Campaign Projects

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REGISTER BY APRIL 1, 2024 \$75/person -- \$300/team

Waiting list after first (paid) 26 teams/104 players

THE FIRST HOLE-IN-ONE ON HOLE #16 wins a 2-year lease on a new vehicle!

#### 50/50 RAFFLE

Registration Includes 18 holes of golf Dinner by Mr. Barbecue Goodie bags with prizes

MAIL PAYMENT and

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individual player names (1) &/or team player names (4), emails and phone numbers to:

Golf Fundraiser C/O Laurel Ridge 124 Pendry Drive Laurel Springs, NC 28644

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For more information: Art Sorensen ascrensen1959@gmail.com 336-407-2192

www.laurelridge.org



<u>Church Cleaning</u>: Please consider cleaning the Church.
Through the years, we have been blessed with volunteers who signed up to clean the Church. We hope to continue this so there will be no added expense to the Church budget. It only takes an hour or so each week at your convenience. Do a whole month or just one or two weeks. Sign-up list on Church bulletin board...

**NO CHURCH KEY... NO WORRY**. Arrangements can be made to let you in the Church. Cleaning supplies are provided, or you can bring your own. Let's ALL

work together to keep New Hope clean & looking good for ALL who enter here to worship.



**Board of Elders Small Bulletin Board**- In the vestibule you will find (for transparency) at the Fellowship Hall doors summaries of the Board of Elders meetings, Quarterly Average Attendance Report and Quarterly Financial Report. Please look for these updates.

## **STAYING CONNECTED AT NEW HOPE**

## WORSHIP:

Inside
Parking Lot (Tune to FM 87.9)
3) YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCagQSb0gw2QUC-UFiwe5ikg

## DONATE:

Online Giving <u>https://mmfa.info/new-hope-moravian-church-north-carolina-donation-form/</u>.

Please contact Tom Schultz at <u>newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com</u> with any questions.

## SOCIAL MEDIA:

Facebook & Instagram @newhopemoravian



## Mark Your Calendar for February

Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> – ECCCM Volunteer Day

Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am

### **Souper Bowl of Caring Collection**



Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> – Handbell Practice 6:15 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am

41st Anniversary Lovefeast

#### Board of Elders Meeting 11:15 am

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5-7 pm





Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday Communion & Ashes 6:30 Chancel Choir following Communion



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#### Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am

#### First Sunday in Lent

Praise and Play

Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> – No Preschool or Catawba County Schools



Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – Women of the church meet at 9:30 am to carpool to the Day of Prayer service at Trinity Moravian Church

Handbell Practice 6:15 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm

Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am

Second Sunday in Lent

Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – March Newsletter Articles Due

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – Handbell Practice 6:15 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm

Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> –





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

- 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 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 Orphanage.
- 9. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Pray for Joey Yokeley and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
- 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 Anna Faircloth and YoungLife.
- 13. I will strengthen and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Pray for Dusty and Christin Harrison with Greek Intervarsity.
- 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 and the Blessings Flow project.
- 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 youth at the Florida district camp.
- 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 Ukrainian refugees and the Czech Moravian Church.
- 29. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. Pray for the conflict in the Middle East.



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