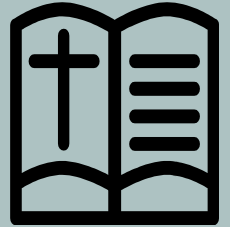


# March 2014

## New Hope News



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

*New Hope*  
*Moravian Church*

### "Time & Tide Wait For No Man"

Well, March has arrived. If you are reading this article, God has blessed you with another day...Use it wisely. "CELEBRATE YOUR FAITH!" Celebrate God's gift of another day to grow in your faith and share your faith with others. God blesses all of us with 24 hours each day and 365 days a year, but some still find it difficult to fit God into their lives because they're too busy!

It's been said, "**Time** passes and things change, but memories will always remain in the heart." This can be good memories or bad memories. As I write this article, it is snowing outside. I am reminded of a quote: "Time and tide wait for no man." It means that no one is so powerful that they can stop the march of time. The quote's origin is uncertain (the earliest known record is from St. Marher, 1225). "Time waits on no one." So don't live your life with baggage from the past. Instead, fill your time with godly thoughts, words and actions! Let your words encourage others. Use your acts of compassion and good deeds to help others. We never know what someone else is going through or dealing with at the time!

What timeless baggage surrounds you? Does it keep you from "Celebrating Your Faith?" We cannot help where we came from; or our experiences as a child. It's a fact, our past shapes us. This can be good or bad. Some of our life experiences were beyond our control in the early years. For some, your memories are grand. For others, the recollections are somewhat like a rushing tide that brings painful memories. Most of us find we are somewhere in the middle.

The reality is our parents did the best they could; after all, they probably did what they watched their parents do. Now, please hear me. I'm not playing the blame game. This is just how generations operate. Our family dynamics breed a lot more than just genetics. Some may suffer with financial chaos because it's how their parents dealt with money. Some may turn to a bottle for relief because it's how they watched their parents deal with difficulty. Some may turn to drugs or other addictions because they witnessed this behavior as a child. Some may struggle with depression or other disorders because it has been a part of their past. Some are spiritually complacent because it was the way of life in their homes growing up. Despite trying to stop the tides of the not so good past experiences; generations still carry on habits to others. Sometimes this is a good thing and then other times it is not.

I don't know your story but I DO know all of us are likely to have unresolved issues that come from our past experiences; that are NOT productive, nor are they the way God intended our life to be. Perhaps chaos is something that looms in your past. Perhaps it's something that began with you! With me! But if we are not careful, though we hate the baggage and chaos, we'll be the carriers that pass it on to our children, the next generation. We witness this reality over and over again in Scripture. There we find both blessings and the continuation of curses.

I refuse to make my children pay for my past. I want them to live in wholeness before their God. Someone has to say enough! It stops here! So I ask you, what is that thing that continues to trip you up? What is that distortion you keep holding onto in your life? What are you doing about it? When you recognize it, surrender it to God. Daily seek His help; then things will begin to change, I promise! So be honest with yourself today. Stop procrastinating. It's a trap! It's deadly! Stop sweeping the timeless baggage and chaotic tides of your life under the rug. Lay it out before the Father. You cannot do this by yourself, and besides, why would you want to?!! The All-Powerful and All-Loving Father is accessible to you and to me this day and forevermore! So reach out to Him and ask for help. Amen....

In Christ Love and Service,

Pastor Betty

## A Message from your Chicken Pie Committee

Thank you to all who gave of their time and energy in making **239** chicken pies in January. As always, it was a great success and we could have sold many more than that! Our repeat customer list is growing and we have heard so many wonderful comments. Once again we need your help as we make our final round of pies.... until the fall.

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

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

**Friday, March 21st** - Cook and pull chicken, make gravy,  
make crust and press into pie tins

**Saturday, March 22nd** - Press top crusts and assemble pies

Please save these dates on your calendars and plan to come share in the fellowship. Also, if you have ideas of how we can streamline our process, please share them with Margie or Jane. As we continue to become more and more successful, we welcome any thoughts on making our process faster and easier without compromising our high quality.

Working for His glory,

The Chicken Pie Committee



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 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will learn about the groundhog and other animals that hibernate. The week of February 10<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 13<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 this Saturday the 8th from 10am-12. 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.**

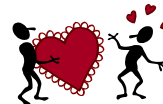
**Thank you to Ann Carr for tidying our library this month!**

### Tuition Break for February



Due to the number of “snow days” in January, please deduct \$20 from your February tuition payment per child. We realize that most of you had to arrange for alternate care during these days. We will continue to follow Catawba County Schools’ inclement weather postings in the future. If you have a question about your payment, please see Ms. Lauren.

### Valentine’s Day



You should have received a classroom list in your child’s cubby last week for valentines. If you did not, 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 13<sup>th</sup> to celebrate.

**Thank you to Nancy Miller, our resident Cat in the Hat, for helping us celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday!**



## Women's Fellowship



Greetings from Women's Fellowship! Hopefully you all were able to enjoy the beautiful snow in February, either playing in it or watching it blanket your yard from your house windows. Our area was blessed with the beautiful snow, not ice, and in a few days it was gone and everyone was back to their normal routine.

Women's Circle will meet on **Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m.** at Malissa Bumgarner's home. We are studying the book of *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*. This month's chapter is Balancing Work and Worship; a struggle for most of us. Come join us as we learn how to have balance in our lives! It is a wonderful time of study and fellowship.



Service & Witness Committee meeting Sunday March 30th immediately following Worship Services.

We hope to see you there!



Plastic eggs will be handed-out Sunday, March 30th in preparation for the **Lenten Fair Egg Hunt** on Saturday, April 12th. Please consider helping fill these with goodies for the kiddos!



**Ash Wednesday is March 5<sup>th</sup> this year.**

**Pastor Betty will be doing imposition of ashes and communion by intinction from noon to 1:00 pm in the sanctuary. This will be offered at 12:00, 12:15, 12:30 and 1:00.**

**Our Ash Wednesday Service will be that evening at 7:00pm. This will be a full service of imposition of ashes, communion, liturgy, scripture and a homily.**

**Please plan to attend this special service as we prepare for our Lenten journey.**



**Please Remember To Pray For Our 2014  
Confirmands and Mentors: "Making Disciples"**

Confirmand - Abbie Hollmann.....Mentor Carolyn McDonald

Confirmand - Emma Hollmann.....Mentor Malissa Bumgarner

Confirmand - Emily Grace Johnson.....Mentor Denise Beck

Confirmand - Jon Joplin.....Mentor Bill Biles

Confirmand - Addie Joplin.....Mentor Pam Prevatte

Confirmand - Donna Marie Monge.....Mentor Margaret Schultz



## **Greetings from Pastor Betty and New Hope's Board of Elders**

The Board of Elders is made up of (eight) individuals elected by Church Council and the Pastor. The Elders have the responsibility to oversee the spiritual and moral well-being of the congregation. To accomplish these tasks, the Elders help schedule and participate in worship services and encourage attendance. The Elders approve and determine the proper uses of the congregation's facilities, appoint people to specific positions and chair committees necessary to carry on the worship services for the congregation. Elders also take special care and interest in all the members of the Church, but most especially the youth, and the older adults of the congregation. The Elders are to provide guidance and mentorship for all of the members in their Christian growth and nurturing.

### **New Hope's 2014 Elders are as follows:**

Tom Schultz (Vice-chair)  
Malissa Bumgarner (Secretary)  
Jane Bumgarner  
Almon Carr  
Pam Prevatte  
Greg Simpson  
Karen Warren  
Stephen Westmoreland

### **Our Committee Chairs and Treasurer for 2014 are as follows:**

Christian Education- Pam Prevatte  
Service and Witness- Karen Warren  
Stewardship Committee- Mark Bumgarner  
Worship Committee- Jane Bumgarner  
Church Treasurer- Craig deBlois

Thank you New Hope members for your words of encouragement, your support and your prayers for me, for all the committee-chairs and treasurer, and for all of our Elders.

In Christ Love and Service,

Pastor Betty



# New Sunday School Series



## Marriage: Built to Last

Starting Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am in the Putz Room

Money, in-laws, sex, arguments ... we all want a healthy, loving marriage, but there are so many real issues that can stand in the way.

Research has shown that over 50% of marriages are ending in divorce. That is why we've partnered with Pastor Chip Ingram of Living on the Edge Radio Program, financial guru Dave Ramsey and Super Bowl MVP Kurt Warner to tackle the common issues couples are facing in their marriages today.

Marriage: Built to Last isn't your typical marriage study. Throughout the series, you'll watch 24 real life couples from across the country share candidly about their struggles in communication, finances, sexual intimacy, expectations, and more.

In the study, you will hear the story of Dave Ramsey and his wife Sharon as they recovered from financial stress and hardship. You will hear the story of Kurt Warner and his wife Brenda share candidly about expectations, trust issues, and adjusting to a blended family.

**Marriage: Built to Last includes Biblical and practical teaching from Chip Ingram on these six critical topics:**

1. Adjusting to Expectations
2. Learning to Communicate Clearly
3. Breaking Down Walls
4. Resolving Conflict
5. Restoring Sex and Intimacy
6. Striving for a Christ-Centered Marriage

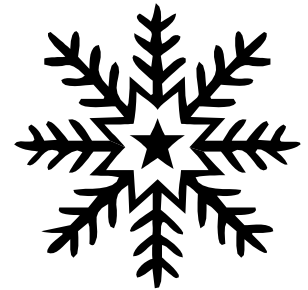
Whether you're newly married, remarried, or wanting to improve your relationship, Chip Ingram provides Biblical and practical teaching to give you tools to live intentionally and love Biblically.

Many couples want to attend marriage conferences but those can be expensive and not everyone has the time or money to attend. So instead of spending thousands of dollars on conference fees, hotels, and babysitters to attend a seminar, Marriage: Built to Last is the complete "event in a box" that your entire church can experience at a fraction of the cost it might require for one couple to a marriage seminar.

•Interviews with Super Bowl MVP Kurt Warner and his wife Brenda and Financial Guru Dave Ramsey and his wife Sharon



March  
2014



Dear New Hope Church Board,  
Thank you so much for your generous gift at Christmas. Your thoughtfulness and your kindness means so much to me. I thank God for all of you and for the opportunity to work with such wonderful people in bringing praise to God through music. God bless you all.

In Christian love,  
Phyllis Little

New Hope Chicken  
Pie Committee,

Thank you for the gas card-  
I have already put it to good  
use.

Blessings,  
Pastor Betty

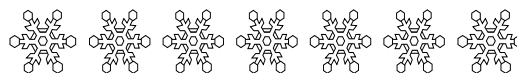
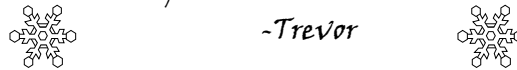
Dear Friends,  
The Corner Table extends its gratitude in the giving of your time and talent in the preparation and serving of such delicious meals this past year. The guests were most appreciative. We recognize that helping others in this way may at times be a sacrifice on your part, but in reaching out in love to our guests, you are serving the Lord. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." In being of service in this manner, you offer encouragement and hope to those who may otherwise be lacking. You are a blessing to The Corner Table.

Thank You,  
The Corner Table Team



Dear New Hope,  
Thank you for having me  
come back and conduct  
the choir. It is a joy to  
come back and reconnect  
with the music of my  
childhood-where it all  
began. I look forward to  
next year.

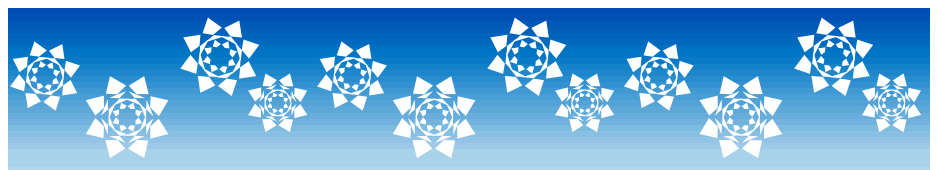
-Trevor



Dear New Hope,  
Thank you so very much for  
your "Gift" to me at Christmas.  
You are the most wonderful  
group of people God has placed  
in my life. You are kind and  
very thoughtful people. It is  
my blessing to be your Pastor.  
Thank all of you for your  
prayers and encouragement to  
me and my family also.

Blessings,  
Pastor Betty

Thinking of others...







## Pancake Supper to Be Held on Shrove Tuesday!

Hungry Hado recently set a world record by eating 80 pancakes in 17 minutes and 26 seconds at The Pancake Parlour, in Melbourne Australia. Needless to say, Hungry Hado will not be invited to the New Hope Moravian Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, **but everyone at New Hope certainly is!!**

Shrove Tuesday, sometimes called Fat Tuesday, occurs the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. It officially ends the season of Epiphany and is the vigil for the starting of Lent. Traditionally viewed as a day of repentance, Shrove Tuesday has become the last day for celebration and feasting before the period of fasting observed by some during the Lenten season. The name "Shrove Tuesday" is derived from the word "shrive", which means to confess and receive absolution. The name denotes a period of cleansing, wherein a person brings their desires and appetites under subjection through abstention and self-sacrifice. Shrove Tuesday has a variety of customs that have derived from different regions around Europe and the Americas. England began the tradition of serving pancakes, and for this reason the day is known there as "Pancake Day". Many churches in the United States, including some Moravian congregations, have picked up this tradition over the years.

This year the New Hoppers group will be sponsoring a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on **March 4th**. Pancakes, sausage, bacon and breakfast-type beverages will be served, and you can fill up as you prepare for the abstentions and self-sacrifice of Lent. The fellowship hall will be open from **5:30 pm to 7:00 pm** for those coming to eat pancakes. Adults can eat for \$5.00 each, and children age 14 to 3 can eat for \$3.00. Children less than age 3 eat free. The proceeds from the Pancake Supper will go to help with costs associated with our upcoming "Celebration of Faith" weekend. So, bring the whole family out for supper on March 4th, and help support the "Celebration of Faith" weekend at the same time!



Can't you just *feel the excitement* and the *Holy Spirit working* as time gets closer to [New Hope's Celebration of Faith, March 14 – 16?](#)

The visiting team answered the call to serve, New Hope families are serving as hosts for the team, members are marking their calendars, meals are being planned as our church family and the visiting team are preparing for the weekend, using our Daily Devotional Guide. God continues to richly bless New Hope as we answer His call to serve Him. Thanks be to God!

Jane Bumgarner  
Celebration of Faith, chair

### *Shrove Tuesday*

The "Shrove" of Shrove Tuesday most properly refers to "being shriven", a term for confessing one's sins. It was the custom for many centuries - and still is in many places - to have personal and/or corporate Confession (the Sacrament of Reconciliation) on Shrove Tuesday as a way of preparing for the Season of Lent, which begins the following day - with 'Ash Wednesday'.

Shrove Tuesday is sometimes called 'Fat Tuesday' or 'Greasy Tuesday'. This latter is the literal meaning of 'Mardi Gras'. This peculiar name for Shrove Tuesday arose out of the fact that the Season of Lent is a season of fasting. Therefore the day before Ash Wednesday, the fat of the land - things like eggs and butter and rich sauces and dairy products - were consumed in a kind of last chance to enjoy oneself personal and/or corporate feast.

In North America among religious and non-religious alike it has been a custom to have Pancake Suppers on Shrove Tuesday. The consumption of pancakes or 'blini' (crepes) just before Lent begins is also found in the European and Eastern Orthodox traditions. Pancakes or Blini, of course, tend to use up all those products forbidden during fasting.

People could also make the connection between this clearing of the home of all products that might prove to be a temptation during the season of fasting and the Old Testament pre-Passover cleansing of houses/kitchens from leaven.

The true cleansing, of course, happens not when people gather to eat pancakes with melting butter and maple syrup - but when the faithful confess their sins, admit that they are but dust and ashes, and in humility, are ready to receive the word of God's love and forgiveness.



# New Hope Moravian – “Celebration of Faith”

Friday - March 14  
Saturday - March 15  
Sunday - March 16

*All activities, meetings and meals will be held on site at New Hope*

*Congregation participation highlighted in red*

## **Friday / March 14**

3:00 - 4:00 visiting team arrives / New Hope  
4:00 – 6:00 visiting team meeting  
6:00 - 7:00 church-wide dinner – Soup and sandwiches  
7:00 – 8:00 Visiting team share with small groups  
8:00 - visiting team meet host families

## **Saturday / March 15**

8:00 – 9:30 visiting team meeting  
9:30 – 10:00 gathering time for team and congregation – coffee/pastries  
10:00 - 11:30 Visiting team share with small groups  
11:45 - 12:30 lunch – sub sandwiches /chips /cookies  
12:30 - 2:00 Visiting team share with small groups  
2:00 - 2:15 break  
2:15 – 3:45 Visiting team share with small groups  
3:45 - 4:00 break  
4:00 – 5:00 worship with communion  
5:15 - 6:15 – dinner – spaghetti /salad  
6:30 - visiting team meeting in sanctuary

## **Sunday / March 16**

9:30 - 10:00 gathering/ coffee  
10:00 – 10:45 Sunday School  
11:00 – 12:00 Worship  
12:00 – Covered Dish Celebration

## Pray Every Day March 2014

- ◆ Beginning of the Unity of the Brethren in Bohemia. Those who love me, I will deliver. Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima in Sierra Leone.
- ◆ Sunday-Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. Pray for Rob and Anne Thiessen in Mexico.
- ◆ The ransomed of the Lord shall obtain joy and gladness. Sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Pray for Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide Alaska Bible Seminary, Bethel, AK.
- ◆ David found strength in the Lord of his God. Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman serving through the HIV/AIDS ministry in Tanzania.
- ◆ Ash Wednesday -They will fight against you but they shall not prevail against you. Pray for Michael, Cecilia, and Blessing Tesh and the children in the Ray of Hope orphanage in Kenya.
- ◆ Jesus said to the blind man, "Receive your sight, your faith has saved you." Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent serving with Campus Crusade (Cru) in Croatia.
- ◆ The large crowd listened to Jesus with delight. Pray for C & V and Family serving with Bridges International in campus ministry in TX, especially among Asian students.
- ◆ Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another. Pray for the church in Uganda, a suffering church. The people are steeped in humility and are deeply spiritual but are living in great terror and intimidation.
- ◆ Sunday--Be glad in the Lord and rejoice. Pray for K & C serving the Magi People in the Middle East.
- ◆ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deed to the Lord. Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton, serving with WEC (World Evangelization for Christ).
- ◆ The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. Pray for Ruth Snyder, Claire Wilson, and all others who are helping women to "Change Choices."
- ◆ Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it." Pray for Kendra Roy from Dillingham, Alaska. serving in Brazil.
- ◆ The darkness is passing away and the light is already shining. Pray for Love In the Name of Christ (Love, INC), bringing churches together to help the poor.
- ◆ You are children of the Lord your God. Pray for Missionary Aviation Repair Center (MARC) that partners with other ministries to share the Good News with those in the remote areas of Alaska and the Russian Far East.
- ◆ My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Pray for Retirement communities, the health care givers working in them, and the people living in them.
- ◆ Sunday - God so loved the world that he sent his only Son. Pray for Glenna and George Tasedan in Labrador.
- ◆ Amend your ways and your doings and let me dwell with you in this place. Pray for Celeste Handy serving Native American students through Western Indian Ministries.
- ◆ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications. Pray for the peace of Israel and the Jewish people.
- ◆ I will save them and cleanse them then they shall be my people. Pray for the adopt a child food program in the Sierra Leone Moravian Church.
- ◆ By all some deeds you answer us in righteousness. Pray for Vani & Shanti Pradhan and the Nepali Moravian Outreach.
- ◆ The Lord will be king over all the earth. Pray for M-Cubed, a group of youth in the Southern Province who assist congregations with needed projects;
- ◆ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. Pray for Annie B. Mission with Star Mountain in Palestine.
- ◆ Sunday-Let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker. Pray for Western Tanzania and their mission outreach to Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi.
- ◆ Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more. Pray for the clinic in Ahuas, Honduras.
- ◆ The human mind may devise many plans, but the purpose of the Lord will be established. Pray for BWM staff and Board of Directors.
- ◆ Worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the waters. Pray for the Moravian Church in Cuba.
- ◆ The Lord said to Cain, "What have you done?" Pray for Moravians in Albania, the most atheistic country in Europe.
- ◆ See that none of you repays evil for evil. Do good to one another. Pray for the BWM Directors' Meeting in Winston-Salem, March 28 and 29.
- ◆ The Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd and he will guide them. Pray for Justin Rabbach, Director of Mission Engagement for BWM.
- ◆ Sunday-The Lord your God is God in heaven above and on earth below. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford with the Mixe in Mexico.
- ◆ Faith was reckoned to Abraham as righteousness. Pray for R and B in the Sudan.