

New Hope News March 2016



2016 WATCHWORD

Christ says, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you

New Hope Moravian Church

Jesus...The Good Shepherd Of Easter

Brothers and Sisters, as we continue our pilgrimage through the Season of Lent towards Easter Morning. I thought it would be good for us to focus on the "Good Shepherd." Jesus in the Gospel of John 10 speaks of Himself as the "Good Shepherd." Jesus... God incarnate, fully human...walked upon this earth in search of followers. He chose individuals of the most unlikely ranks of society. A tax collector, a fisherman, all ordinary people without the ranks of education. Each one after being chosen, followed Jesus from town to town, over fields, pastures and mountains, even the area waters. They believed He was worth following; they left all they knew... home, family, even their jobs to be true followers of Jesus.

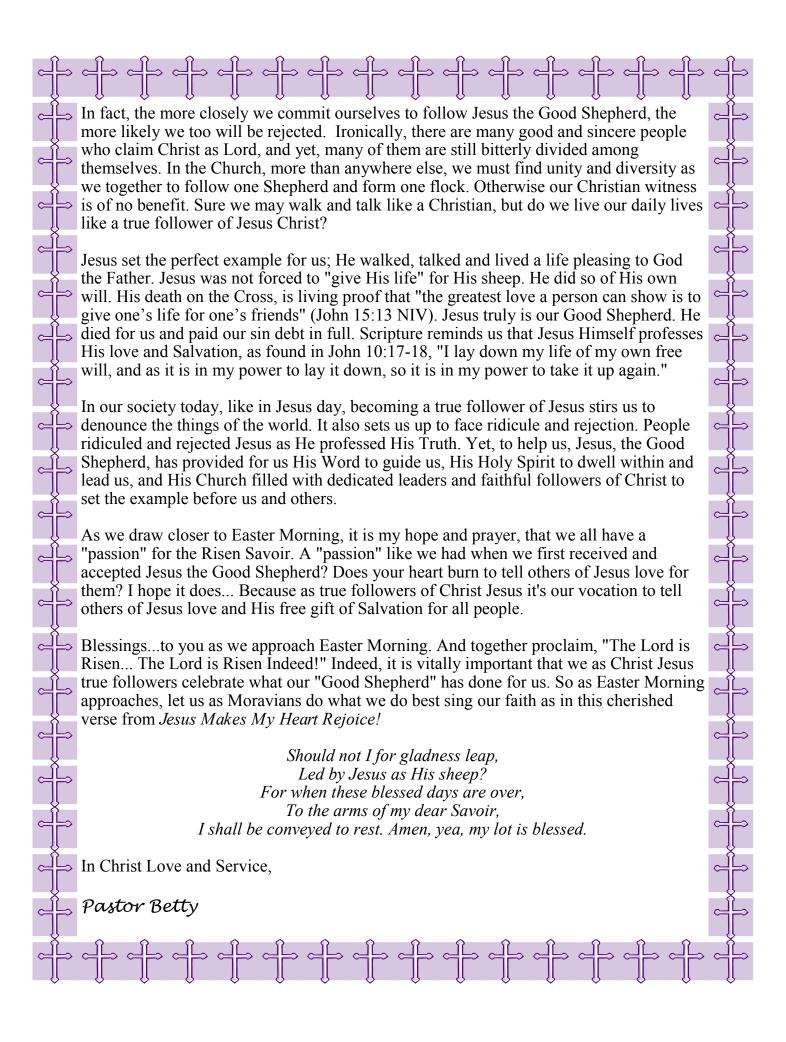
Jesus seeing the sacrifices of His followers emphasizes to them, the self-sacrificing element in His own life: "The Good Shepherd is one who lays down His life for His sheep." Jesus contrasts the Good Shepherd who owns the sheep to someone who is simply hired to look after them. Basically, when the times are rough the hired care-taker leaves his sheep to be attacked and scattered in fear and terror. Jesus, on the other hand, unlike the hired-caretaker says, "I lay down my life for my sheep." In this verse, Jesus speaks of His commitment and responsibility for His sheep; His faithful followers.

Secondly, the Good Shepherd knows His sheep and they know Him. There is an intimate and personal relationship of love and intimacy between them. Jesus compares this love to the deep mutual relationship that exists between Himself and His Father. "My own know me just as the Father knows me." Here, Jesus clearly tells us that in this relationship, there is no room for self-seeking leaders, with "Me, Myself and I" attitudes or agendas. No, Jesus is looking for followers who are willing to commit and surrender their lives to the Good Shepherd.

1 John 3:1-2 NIV states, "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

Thirdly, the Good Shepherd desires that many come to identify themselves with Him. The ultimate goal...there will be "only one flock" united with God the Father and Jesus the Good Shepherd. This is God's Kingdom; the Gospel's message.

Brothers and Sisters, there are still many people who have not heard the "Good News" message of a God who loved us so much; He sent His only Son to die for us. The society we live in, sadly is not seeking Jesus but rather happiness and meaning in their lives by pursuing material abundance, vocational success, and mistaking pleasure of high-living and self-gratification. In so doing, they like others before them have rejected Jesus the Good Shepherd. Acts 4:11-12 says, "Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." When people reject Jesus, they also reject us! This is something we must learn to accept as general fact and move forward.



Chicken Chatter Once again, it is with great appreciation, that the chicken pie committee thanks every one of you for your tremendous contribution and support of making and selling our famous New Hope Moravian Chicken Pies! As of this writing, we have approx. \$19,500.00 in our account. All of the bills have been paid and there is a very small amount of money to be collected and deposited. Keep in mind, this amount is the balance after the purchase and payment of the two (2) new HVAC units for the Sanctuary. And boy do they work! Spending the Chicken Pie Money: Upon the recommendation of the Stewardship Committee, The Board approved spending \$1,100.00 from Chicken Pie Funds for the First Priority Item of the drainage issues under the sanctuary. Mark Bumgarner has a contractor that will drill a drain line to a pump at the foundation. This will eliminate the sump pump and the issue of constantly checking the sump pump during heavy rains to make sure it is working. If the current sump pump system fails the sanctuary floor ductwork can fill with water. The small sump pump was intended years ago to be a temporary fix. The Second Priority Item that the Stewardship Committee is working on to recommend to The Board, is the repaving of the driveway/parking lot in the spring. As many of you have noticed, the driveway/parking lot continues to crack and potholes are starting to occur. Mark has secured one estimate of approximately \$20,000.00. Hopefully with the chicken pie fund and possibly some other type funding, the Board can move forward with this much needed project this year. Remember our grounds need to be kept up and made inviting, as well as the interior of our building. A Third Priority Item- possible replacement of the two oldest HVAC units depending on if we can get through the rest of this heat season and air conditioning this summer. This situation will be re-evaluated this fall. The Stewardship Committee hopes to get another year or more, but these units have been nursed along quite a bit already. It is very important that everyone helps with our April pie making. This will give us a great start towards the funds needed for the projects above. In February, we sold 452 chicken pies, 40 apple and 40 pecan pies, depositing \$5,905.00 to date. It is only with the support of each of you that we are able to continue this tradition, and continue funding the repairs and updating of our church building and grounds. We should all be proud of what we have accomplished in the making and selling of our pies. Not only have we glorified God through the outreach to the community, but we have become closer as a church family, raised money to edify our church home, and made memories that will last a life time. With thanks, praise and glory to God! Your chicken pie committee

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News from New Hope Youth

New Hope's Youth and friends met in January and February. Our January event included fun minute-to-win it games. We had a friendly competition eating a donut hanging from a string, bouncing ping pong balls into solo cups and many more. Ms. Denise talked to the children about being disciples for Christ. In February, we had a Valentine making party. In addition to enjoying yummy treats, we made valentines for the shut-ins in our church.

Our next event will be the Lenten Fair and egg hunt on March 12th.









Lenten Fair and Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 19 at 9:30 am
(rain or shine)

Join us in the fellowship hall to make Lent and
Easter crafts and then hunt for eggs filled with
surprises. Refreshments will also be provided.
All children, grandchildren, and friends are
invited!



New Hope Moravian Preschool

Presents... Little Caesars Pizza Kit-Playground Fundraiser



It's pizza time! Time for you, your friends and family to stock up on Little Caesars Pizza Kits! Have them on hand for quick dinners, parties or a snack. Every family member can customize their pizza, and you'll help the preschool raise money to update our playground too!

When: Thursday, February 25th Fundraiser Start Date

Monday, March 7th
Order Forms and Payment Due

*Please make checks payable to New Hope Moravian Preschool

Monday, March 21st Pizza Kit Pickup (10:30-12:30)

*Limited freezer space available for later pickup

Why: Playground Repair and Maintenance

This year, we are in need of mulch, repairs and new outdoor equipment.

Goal: \$500 (That's only 100 Pizza Kits)

Other: Please see Ms. Lauren if you have questions

\$30 break in tuition for April for top seller!

Thank you for your support and participation!



New Hope has many activities and worship services during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. They are listed by day and time so you will be sure not to miss one of our most celebrated seasons in the church.

Saturday - March 19th Lenten Fair and Egg Hunt 9:30-12:00

Sunday – March 20th Psalm Sunday 11:00 worship - Jesus was greeted with cheering crowds waving palm branches as he entered He entered Jerusalem

Each evening of Holy Week, Sunday through Friday, we gather in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm to read and hear a harmony of the gospels in our Holy Week Readers, which are provided upon entry to the sanctuary. We begin with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and end with His death and burial.

Holy Sunday – March 20th – 7:00pm - Reading from our Holy Week Reader

Holy Monday – March 21st – 7:00pm – Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Holy Tuesday – March 22^{nd} – 7:00pm – Jesus taught and preached in Jerusalem using parables, knowing that His physical life on earth was almost over.

Holy Wednesday – March 23d – 7:00pm – One of the twelve, Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and arranged to deliver Jesus to them.

Maundy Thursday – March 24th – 7:00pm - Following our reading, we will experience the "Upper Room" communion (our Lord's Last Supper) in a quiet, candle lit setting.

Good Friday – March 25^{th} – 7:00 pm - Reading and Lovefeast. The arrest, trial, crucifixion, death and burial of Jesus Chist all took place on Good Friday. Following the service we leave the sanctuary in silence.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service – March 27th - 7:00 am - We gather in the sanctuary as it is proclaimed "The Lord Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!". The liturgy is completed in the cemetery, God's Acre, as we greet the rising sun with hymns and horns resounding "Christ Has Risen"

Following the Sunrise Service a celebratory breakfast will be served by men of the church in the f ellowship hall.

Easter Sunday -11:00 Worship – Celebrating our Risen Lord, the oldest Christian holy day and the most important day of the church year.

We hope that you will plan to attend the Holy Week services. You will be blessed with an enriched Easter experience.

Women's Fellowship News

Women's Fellowship met Tuesday evening, February 2 for their first quarterly meeting of the new year with 12 members present. Following devotions, the fellowship was presented the 2016 budget and discussion and additions were made. Women's Fellowship includes in the budget each year funds for the next International Women's Conference, camp scholarships for our youth, money to be used for youth activities, funds for needed repairs to the lighting of the Putz and other needed funds to support our annual Candle Tea in December. Also this year the decision was made to increase our Provincial Momen's Board contribution to 4% of our budget. The 2016 budget was approved and will be posted on the church bulletin board.

The membership voted and approved this year's community concerns donations generated from the 2015 Candle Tea profits of \$7500:

Hospice \$500 Family Care Center \$500 Women's Resource Center \$500 ECCCM \$1,000 Family Guidance Center, First Step Program \$500

The Food Ministry of Women's Fellowship is made up of 3 teams who on a rotating basis provide a meal following a death of a member or an immediate family member and also following dismissal from a hospital stay or out-patient surgery. This year 8 meals were provided for members and their families.

Valentines were signed and will be sent to our church family shut-ins and others.

All women of the church are always invited to join us. There are opportunities for all to participate and serve in the life of the church. There will be upcoming events this spring for women especially the Yadkin View RCC Gathering to be held at Clemmons Moravian Church on Saturday, April 9th from 10:00-2:00. It is open to all people of the church, not just Women's Fellowship. Please see Malissa Bumgarner if you have questions. There will be a group going from our church for the day. Come join us!

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

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$oldsymbol{n}$ **Catawba Valley Community Chorus Concert** April 17, 2016 at 4 p.m. at New Hope Moravian Church New Hope Moravian Church will proudly be hosting one of the spring concerts for the Catawba Valley Community Chorus on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 4 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. The Catawba Valley Community Chorus is under the direction of Cory Westby and is accompanied by Tim Warren. (Mr. Westby is the Director of Music and Organist at the Episcopal of the Ascension Church as well as the Director of the Handbell Ensemble at Lenoir Rhyne University. Mr. Warren is an accomplished organist who is currently serving Mt. Zion Lutheran Church). This volunteer group of 40 members is comprised of singers from the Unifour area. They perform inspirational concerts at different venues throughout the county both at Christmas and in the spring. New Hope Moravian also has a personal connection to this group since 4 of our own New Hopers currently sing with this group: Carolyn McDonald, Margie Furmage, Ned and Janie Setzer. Please put this date on your calendar and invite friends and family so that we may give this group a warm welcome. For further information, please contact: Carolyn McDonald email: mcdonald.carolyn21@yahoo.com or phone: 828-308-1747

Margie Furmage email: margaret@clearwaterinc.net, or phone: 828-294-0431

Janie Setzer email setzerh@aol.com or phone 828-294-6262

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GIFTS TO NEW HOPE

Thanks to all for the donated gift cards in honor of New Hope's anniversary. A total of \$340.00 in gift cards from various stores came in. They will go a long way in purchasing different supplies for the church.

The collection for the "Souper Bowl of Caring" was \$200.00. This was collected for the Corner Table Soup Kitchen in Newton, NC. Many thanks to our caring congregation for your donations to feed the hungry.



Mark Bumgarner, Chair Stewardship & Commitment Committee

Service & Witness meets Sunday, March 20th after Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided.



Anyone interested is welcome.

New Hopers will next meet on March 18 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a guest speaker from Unique World Gifts. Bearing the thought "Many Hands Make Light Work", I am asking for a volunteer to decide what 2nd & 3rd prizes will be for the raffle drawing at Candle Tea. First prize is easy. The Quilt! I have a list of things we have used in the past & your creativity is very welcome. This really is a simple job and I really could use some help.

Thanks for considering it.

Pat, 294-0404.

Dear New Hope Friends,

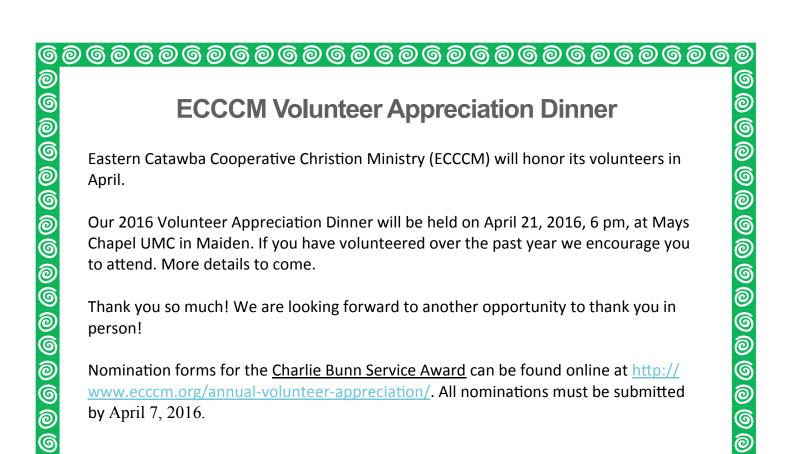
Thank you for the food you sent to Carroll and me. We enjoyed it very much.

Thank you for the prayers and love.

Carroll is O.K. and he will be back to normal soon.

Thanks again,

Our Love, Libby & Carroll



New Hope's Work Days at ECCCM March 7-10, 2016

Join in the fun and help the Service & Witness Committee assist ECCCM during New Hope's week. This is a wonderful way to serve our community by volunteering 2 or more hours between 9:00-5:00.

Don't know what to do? No worries...the wonderful staff will assist in finding just the right job that meets your needs and theirs. Most often we are working in the food warehouse restocking shelves or bagging groceries for clients or sorting clothing for the store. They will not ask you to lift things beyond your capabilities or do anything you are not comfortable with.

What do I wear? Very comfortable clothing. They now require closed toe shoes. So tennis shoes are what they prefer.

Who can work? Almost any age: 14 & up. Under 14 requires adult supervision. If your school or place of employment needs "Documentation of Volunteer Hours", they can provide this.

Where is it? ECCCM's address is 245 East N Street, Newton.

How do I sign up? See the sheet on the bulletin board. There are blocks of 2-3 hour time slots for Monday-Thursday.

More info on ECCCM: www.ecccm.org

DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD! Set your clocks ahead one hour at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 13th. Twice a year, when Daylight Saving Time begins or ends, make it a habit to not only change your clocks, but do a few other semi-annual tasks that will improve safety in your home. Replace batteries in smoke detectors, carbon monoxide alarms and all flashlights.

YADKIN VIEW RCC TO MEET AT OUR CHURCH

On March 10 New Hope will host the every other month meeting of our RCC group of representatives. We look forward to 2 reps and the Pastor from each to visit us. Many have never seen our facility. We hope to really show off our wonderful Preschool. The meeting begins at 7:00PM in the fellowship hall with refreshments. If anyone feels lead to help with those please contact Malissa or Pam.

We also ask that you pray for our meeting that we make wise decisions and offer assistance among each of our churches. We truly have begun to bond as a group and many good things are happening in the Yadkin View RCC: Another Women's Gathering, Clemmons taught us how to make the Chrismons, several of our churches have gone together on "the pillow case dress project" for missions and the Music Festival that we do every other year.

Thanks for your prayers and involvement.

Malissa Bumgarner, Pam Prevatte

New Hope Moravian Church ~ 2016 Worship & Outreach Calendar Updated: February 22, 2016

Communion Services

January 10 1st Sunday after Epiphany Communion

February 10 Ash Wednesday: 12:00-1:00PM Communion & Ashes 7:00-Communion via Intinction & Ashes

February 14 First Sunday in Lent Communion

March 24 Maundy Thursday – Upper Room Communion – (no choir performance during service)

May 15 Pentecost (Communion)

July 10 *John Hus' Festival* (Commemorative Communion) (Hus martyred on July ⁰, 5859)

August 14 August 13th Festival (Renewal of the Unity Communion)

October 2 Worldwide Communion

November 13 November 13th Festival (Christ as Chief Elder Communion)

January 8, 2017 New Year & Epiphany Communion Jan 1, 2017 Drawing of Watchwords & Installation

Lovefeasts

February 21 33nd Anniversary Celebration Lovefeast & Covered Dish (Actual date- Feb. 13, 1983)

March 25 Good Friday Lovefeast with choir performance

April 24 Moravian Music Sunday Lovefeast

September 18 Children & Youth Lovefeast Sunday - cookies and lemonade

October 9 Mission Lovefeast & Covered Dish- Speaker: Joe Jarvis/Mission Society

November 20 Thanksgiving Lovefeast

December 24 (Saturday) Christmas Eve Candlelight Lovefeast (5:00 & 7:30)

Other Special Services and Events

January 1 New Year & Drawing of Watchwords & Install Officers

February 7 "Souper Bowl of Caring" Collection Sunday- for Corner Table Soup Kitchen

February 13 Youth Valentine Making Party <u>Feb 14</u>: "War Room" Movie, 3:00-5:00, Hospice

February 7 Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday Feb 9: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

April 9 Yadkin View RCC Women's Gathering Workshop

March 4 & 5 Moravian Leadership Network (MLN) retreat at New Hope. Friday evening & Saturday till 5:00.

March 7-10 ECCCM Work Week

March 19 Lenten Fair & Egg Hunt- 9:30-12:00

March 20 Palm Sunday Mar 20- Mar 25 Holy Week Readings – no choir performs till Good Friday Lovefeast

March 27 Easter Sunday: 7 AM (?) Sunrise & Breakfast; 11:00 AM Worship (No Sunday School)

May 8 Mother's Day

May 22 Graduation Sunday & Reception
May 8 Ascension of the Lord Sunday

May 22 Trinity Sunday
May 28-30 Memorial Weekend

June 19 Fathers Day

July 3 4th of July Celebration (cookout) after Worship

July 17 or 24 Bring A Friend Sunday & reception- (will continue to research possible- Sept 11 or 18)

July 31 5th Sunday

July 31-Aug 3 Vacation Bible School- 5:30-8:00

September 11 Fall Sunday School begins, Breakfast at 9:30AM & Teacher Commissioning in Worship

September 25 Honoring Older Adults- Super-Senior Sunday & Reception

October 30 Fall Harvest Picnic at Reinhardt Farm Lake, 3:00 October 31 Trunk or Treat for Halloween (6:00-7:30)

October 30 All Saints Sunday

November 6 Reign of Christ (Christ the King) Sunday & Church Council and signing of MCCL.

November 19 Gingerbread Houses (Children & Youth) 10:00 AM-11:30

November 27 First Sunday in Advent December 3 Candle Tea & Bazaar

December 18 Christmas Pageant 5:00PM & Soup/Sandwich Meal

December 10 Caroling/Choir to coordinate

December 24 Christmas Eve with Covered Dish between services at 5:00 & 7:30, Choir at 4:00 or earlier

December 25 No Sunday School/Short Service/Christmas Reading Service? Jan 1, 2017 Drawing Watchwords & Installation

^{*} Baptisms, Rites of the Church, and special/civic holidays will be planned as needed. These include: Confirmations, Reaffirmations of Baptism, Transfers of Membership, Marriages, Funerals, Synod Delegate Commissioning, Intercessions in Times of Crisis, Prayer Vigils, etc.

Yadkin View RCC Gathering 2016

New Hope hosted last years women's gathering which was the first for our <u>Regional Council of Churches (RCC)</u>. It was so well received that the RCC decided to do it again and Clemmons Moravian volunteered to host. With Clemmons being a larger facility we are opening this to any women in the Southern Provence to come. Our bible verse is: Romans 15:5 NIV "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ"

The theme is "The Moravian/Cherokee Connection". This is going to be an excellent topic as we explore our Moravian ancestors commitment to the Cherokee in Western NC & Northern Ga. We will learn of their assistance/care before & after The Trail of Tears. One session will be about the young Cherokee woman who came to Salem College to study. Come and see what other interesting things will be shared as we fellowship & learn together.

A special mission offering will be taken for The Oaks Indian Mission Children's Home near Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Registration is due no latter than March 29. It cost the same as last year-\$15.00. Please see registration form in this newsletter or at Church. Carpooling can be arranged.

Questions? See Malissa B or Thelma G.

<u>Urgent Change to Women's Gathering</u>: The planning committee met for a very productive planning & finishing up meeting at Clemmons. We have had a very positive reaction to this program topic with 45 registered already. Since it is fairly generic and very interesting topic, numerous men have come forward requesting to attend. The planning committee decided to open this event to anyone who wishes to come.

Other Speakers

<u>John Hutton</u> is the Ivy May Hixson Professor of Humanities at Salem College, where he has taught Art History since 1990. He attended Princeton, the University of London Courtauld Institute of Art and Harvard. Hutton has illustrated five historical children's books in the Sister Maus series for Salem Academy and College. His newest book in the Sister Maus series is about a Cherokee girl at Salem College. He lives in Winston-Salem, NC with his wife and three children.

<u>Celeste Handy</u> is a graduate of Salem College and has worked for eight years at the University of New Mexico with InterVarsity in campus ministry to Native Americans. While at UNM, she also worked part-time in the public school system. She is currently in seminary at Duke University and pastors a church in Wake Forest, NC. Celeste, who is also of Cherokee heritage, is passionate about issues facing Native Americans today.

Program

9:30-10:00 Registration & Coffee

10:00 Opening Worship

10:30 Rev. Dr. Daniel Crews: "Moravians and Cherokee: A Journey towards Respect"

11:30 Lunch

12:00 Dr. John Hutton: "Sallie Jane and the Wonderful Stories-A Cherokee Student at Salem"

1:00 Celeste Handy: "Current Life and Culture of Native Americans"

1:45-2:00 Closing

The Moravian Cherokee Connection

In 1801, the Moravians sent missionaries to work among the Cherokee at Springplace Mission in north Georgia. When the U.S. government ordered the Cherokee from their home in Georgia to Oklahoma, the Moravian missionaries fought the move. When they were overruled, the missionaries refused to travel with the Cherokee on what has become known as the Trail of Tears because they felt that meant they approved of the plan. Instead they went to Oklahoma ahead of the Cherokee, and established a mission they called New Springplace. The Moravians kept diligent records of their missionary work with Cherokees. Dr. Crews has translated the archaic German script into English so that we may have an account of this history. These records constitute the only known account of daily life in the Cherokee nation.

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Registration Fee: \$15.00

Make Checks to: Clemmons Moravian Women's Fellowship

Mail Registration & Checks to: Martha Clopton

910 Tierney Drive Lewisville, NC 27023 Registration Due by: March 29, 2016



The Moravian Cherokee Connection

Yadkin View RCC Gathering

Saturday, April 9, 2016 10:00-2:00 PM

Clemmons Moravian Church





The Moravian Cherokee Connection Our Focus:

Romans 15:5 (NIV)

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus.

A special offering will be taken for The Oaks Indian Mission Children's Home near Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Books written by Dr. Crews and Dr. Hutton will be available for purchase at this event.

Rev. Dr. Daniel Crews

C. Daniel Crews was born in Winston-Salem and is the retired Archivist of the Moravian Church, Southern Province. He holds a BA degree from High Point College; MA and Ph.D. in English from UNC-Greensboro; and Ph.D. in historical theology from the University of Manchester, England. He has also done post-doctoral study at the University of Prague. After coming to the Archives in 1991, he published numerous booklets on various Moravian historical and theological topics. For the 550th Anniversary of the Moravian Church he wrote *Faith, Love, Hope*, a history of the early Moravian Church. With current Archivist Richard Starbuck he translated and edited 6 volumes of *Records of the Moravians among the Cherokees*.

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27. Why do you look for the living among the dead? Pray for Charlie & Vicki Brent, TX. 28. Christ Jesus abolished death, brought life & immortality to light. Pray for K & C, Middle

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leaders of the Moravian church.

29. In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge. Pray for Phil & Ashley Sineath, Campus

30. Lord, you are righteous, but we are covered with shame. Pray for the Bishops & other

31. Lord, do not let my heart be drawn to what is evil. Pray for Michael & Brenda Brent,