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New Hope Moravian Church
Newsletter



St. Patrick

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2018 Watchword

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NKJV)

Pastors Message

A Quiet Life by L.B.E. Cowman, *Springs in the Valley*

“*Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life.*” — 1 Thessalonians 4:11

Are you seeking and searching for a “quite life” with the Great Deliverer? Cowman says this...“Beloved, this is our spirit’s deepest need. It is thus that we can learn to know God. It is thus that we receive spiritual refreshment and nutriment. It is thus that we are nourished and fed. It is thus that we receive the Living Bread. It is thus that our very bodies are healed, and our spirits drink in the life of our risen Lord, and we go forth to life’s conflicts and duties like the flower that has drunk in, through the shades of the night, the cool and crystal drops of dew. But the dew never falls on a stormy night, so the dews of His Grace never come to the restless soul.

We cannot go through life strong and fresh on constant express trains with ten minutes for lunch. We must have quiet hours, secret places of the Most High, times of waiting upon the Lord, when we renew our strength and learn to mount up on wings as eagles, and then come back to run and not be weary, and to walk and not faint.

The best thing about this stillness is that it gives God a chance to work. Anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from their works, just as God did from His. — Hebrews 4:10

And when we cease from our thoughts, God’s thoughts come into us; when we get still from our restless activity, God... works in [us] to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose. — Philippians 2:13...And we have but to work it out...Beloved! Let us take His stillness!” The following hymn expresses the words of this devotion...

COME, GREAT DELIVERER, COME

- 1) O hear my cry, be gracious now to me,
Come, Great Deliverer, come;
My soul bowed down is longing now for Thee,
Come, Great Deliverer, come.

Refrain

*I've wandered far away o'er mountains cold,
I've wandered far away from home;
O take me now, and bring me to Thy fold,
Come, Great Deliverer, come.*

- 2) I have no place, no shelter from the night,
Come, Great Deliverer, come;
One look from Thee would give me life and light,
Come, Great Deliverer, come.

Refrain

- 3) My path is lone, and weary are my feet,
Come, Great Deliverer, come;
Mine eyes look up Thy loving smile to meet,
Come, Great Deliverer, come.

Refrain

- 4) Thou wilt not spurn contrition's broken sigh,
Come, Great Deliverer, come.
Regard my prayer, and hear my humble cry,
Come, Great Deliverer, come.

Refrain

Hymn Words: Fanny Crosby, in *Welcome Tidings*, by Robert Lowry, W. Howard Doane, and Ira D. Sankey (New York: Biglow & Main, 1877), number 82....*Music*: W. Howard Doane (MIDI, score). <http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/c/o/comgreat.htm>

Brothers and Sisters in the mist of stillness comes and lives the Great Deliverer: "A short time ago, about twelve o'clock one quite frosty Saturday night, when the keen winter wind was driving all indoors who had a home, a poor woman, in utter misery and despair, was pacing up and down along the Thames," writes a friend in England. "She had wandered into a mission hall during the evening and had restlessly come out, carrying no remembrance of anything that had been said; but these lines from a hymn still sounded in her ears: 'I've wandered far away o'er mountains cold'... "She cried aloud: 'But there is no deliverer for me.' Very soon she was met by some Christian workers, who were spending the night in seeking to gather in such outcasts as she. They took her to a home. The human tenderness revealed to her the divine love. If strangers had thus received her and cared for her, would not her Heavenly Father, whose love she had heard of, take her? Thus she was led to the feet of Jesus, and to find that her sins were many and all forgiven. She said, 'Things since then have been up and down with me, but I have never lost the peace I found that morning.'"

How would you describe your life this "Season of Lent"? Would you say your life is a "quiet life"? A life filled with overflowing peace and tranquility...Or are you on your last "strand" of hope? Are you circling the drain in your own personal life of desperation and hopelessness? Perhaps, your story is much like this poor woman, living in utter despair. Are you seeking and searching for comfort and compassion in the out-reached-arms of the Great Deliverer? Does your soul feel restless and rushed; unfulfilled? If so, get away today in "quiet time" with God, and be reminded of His easy yoke and slow pace. This "Season of Lent" set aside "quiet time" with the Lord in a secret place just for you and God and soon you too will find the Great Deliverer; you will find peace for your soul.

In Christ Love and Service,
Pastor Betty

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS

S M I L E ! It's not too late to get in on the action.

Anita Scism is collecting new photos and contact information in order to update our pictorial church directory. See bulletin board to sign up for one of the following **Sundays: March 4 & March 11.** If none of these dates are convenient for you, please see Anita Scism who will arrange an alternate time.

Also, if you already have a photo you prefer to use, you can e-mail it to Anita (aksinfows@yahoo.com) or bring a copy and it will be returned to you after it has been scanned.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE: FELLOWSHIP HALL CLASS

New Bible Study beginning March 4th
“What is Bystander Intervention?”

God instructs us “to love your neighbor as yourselves”. Mark 12:28-34

“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress.” James 1:27

- Who are likely victims of harassment in our community?
- Where does harassment happen?
- How should I respond?

Join us Sunday, March 4th, at 10:00 in the fellowship hall as we ask these questions and discuss how we can respond as a bystander.

This biblically based- 6 week study will be led by Dan Greaser. Please join us for the study on this timely topic. All are invited.

Worship Committee to Meet

The Worship Committee will be meeting **this Sunday, March 4th**, following service looking ahead at the calendar for upcoming services.

A light lunch will be provided.



What is Holy Week?

What happens at New Hope that week?

In the Moravian Church, "Holy Week" is the time from Palm Sunday through Good Friday. The Moravian Church has a tradition of nightly reading services during this most sacred week. The readings are a compilation of the four Gospel accounts of the last week of Christ's life.

We will gather each evening in the sanctuary at 7:00 beginning Sunday, March 25th to follow along from copies of the book "Readings for Holy Week". This harmony of the gospels begins with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and ending with the burial. There is no sermon, just readings and congregational singing. Services last approximately 30 minutes – Sunday – Wednesday.

On Maundy Thursday, following the readings, we will receive Holy Communion in an "Upper Room" setting, much like the very night when our Lord instituted this most holy sacramental meal.

Good Friday we recognize Christ's sacrifice for us through a congregational Lovefeast. This service also includes reading of the gospel account of Christ's burial. We will depart from the service in silence in anticipation of the good news of resurrection on Easter Day.

Easter Sunday, at predawn, we gather in the sanctuary to proclaim, "The Lord Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed." We then move to "God's Acre" to conclude as the sunrises. Following the service, we enjoy a warm and hearty breakfast. We will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord at the 11:00 Easter Sunday service.

Please mark your calendar for this special week... You will find it most meaningful.

Leadership Focus: "Still Relevant! Being Moravian Today" Workshop was excellent!!

New Hope was represented on Feb 24 by Pastor Betty, Board Members and RCC Reps. We almost had the most people to attend from an individual church. The guest speaker for the whole group was Mark Tidsworth who gave insight into the state of the union as it relates to peoples interests in being committed to church or any organized groups. This sounds disheartening but we were given food for thought.

Numerous breakout sessions were offered and attended. This all was sponsored by the BCM. For more info speak with Mark, Malissa, Pam, Carolyn, Dan or Pastor Betty. We hope even more can attend next year.

“Safe Sanctuary” Meeting was Held Feb 4

New Hope’s Board of Elders prepared a required **Safe Sanctuary Policy** which was approved for our congregation. It describes what we are doing to provide a safe environment for our members, staff, youth and older adults.

The Board presented a **brief overview for the congregation immediately following the worship service**. It covered the importance of having a Safe Sanctuary Policy, and how it is being implemented. Copies of the documents are available in the office if needed.

“SOUPER BOWL” OF CARING COLLECTION Held Feb 4

\$161.00 was collected during this special offering as part of a National Campaign on Super Bowl Sunday to fight hunger. This was sent to **The Corner Table, Newton’s Soup Kitchen.**
Many thanks to all who contributed to this cause!

New Hope Moravian Church Celebrates 35th Anniversary

What a wonderful day for New Hope on February 11. The Lovefeast was prepared by Fay Ayers. The service lead by Pastor Betty Helms began with a beautiful brass duet by Tom Schultz and Carolyn McDonald followed by the bell choir. The Chancel Choir sang all through the service and out did themselves while being led by Phyllis Little. A hymn written for New Hope’s ground breaking was sung as an anthem during the Lovefeast with congregation joining in as desired. Two of the newer couples, the Ayers and Snyders shared how they came to New Hope and what this church means to them. It was so uplifting and meaningful. The event concluded with a reception headed up by Margie Furmage.

\$210.00 in gift cards were donated as anniversary presents to the church. Many thanks to those who donated time, musical talent, food, decorations, gift cards and notes, etc.

NEW HOPER'S SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES A YUMMY SUCCESS!

Our beloved tradition of joining together at New Hope to eat pancakes was enjoyed by a larger crowd than last year. Many came from the Preschool program and it was fun getting to know them. In addition to the delicious food, the Marti Gra themed décor and music set the tone. Thanks to Jane & Steve Bumgarner for heading this up. The funds collected will offset the cost of the Mother's and Father's Day gifts that New Hoper's provide.

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Women's Fellowship Report

Women's Fellowship met on Monday, February 17, 2018 at the church.

The following Officers were elected for 2018:

Cheryl Hendrix, President
Pat deBlois, Secretary

Leslie Srail, Vice-President
Nancy Miller, Treasurer

The budget for 2018 was presented and approved by the group. We had a successful Candle Tea and Bazaar again this year. Money from the profits of the 2017 Bazaar are shared with community concerns each year.

The Women present approved the following donations:

Hospice \$500
Family Care Center \$500
Women's Resource Center \$500
ECCCM \$1,000.00
Family Guidance Center \$500
Sipes Orchard Home \$500
Safe Harbor \$500
Laurel Ridge \$550 – Money from Silent Auction
New Hope Moravian Missions Committee \$500 – Open Door Homeless Program
Children's Morning Out Program - \$500
Camp Scholarships for youth to attend Laurel Ridge - \$750
Provincial Women's Board of the Moravian Church-Southern Providence- \$570

On Sunday, February 25, Women's Fellowship hosted a baby shower for Katherine Wiles. We were pleased to have her mother, Susan and sister, Christine attend along with our members.

A group outing was held at the Devine Farm in Newton to paint Barn Quilt Art on February 27th. We enjoyed food, fellowship and fun! A good time was had by all!

The next meeting will be held in April. Time and date will be announced at a later date.

Nancy Miller

Women's Day Seminar: Nourish Your Mind, Body and Spirit Saturday- April 14, 9:00 AM- 2:00 Unity Moravian, Lewisville, NC

Let's get a group up to go learn about these issues, support our fellow RCC Church and possibly do this for our own community. Sessions include: "Women, Wisdom, and Wealth", "Women and Emotional Wellness", "Life is About Balance: Inside and Out", "Standing with Our Sisters"

Contact: Unity Moravian Church to receive Registration Information by mail or email. Watch Narthex for info. www.unitymc@unitymoravianchurch.org, 336-945-3801 (9-2:00, M-Th) Cost is \$20.00. Fee and registration must be received in advance by Registration Deadline of Wednesday, April 4

Learning the Art of Forgiveness

A one-day retreat, will be held Saturday, March 10, from 9:00 to 2:00 at Konnoak Hills Moravian Church. This event will be facilitated by Jeff Coppage, Pastor of Fries Memorial Moravian Church.

- Are you finding it difficult to "let go" of resentment?
- How does one "detach with love"?
- Are forgiveness and reconciliation the same thing?
- Is it actually necessary to forgive? When is it safe to reconcile?

These questions addressed at the retreat are part and parcel of our existence as human beings living in a world saturated with resentment and anger.

Brother Coppage has extensive leadership experience in addictions recovery, including care for families dealing with chronic addictions. The retreat, open to all, uses material from Dr. Rob Voyle's Appreciative Way approach.

A \$10 fee, due at the retreat, will cover materials and a simple lunch.
For more information, contact Jeff at: frieschurchjeff@gmail.com or (336) 722-2847.
Register for the event by calling Konnoak Hills Moravian Church at (336) 788-9321.

Please sign up by March 4

The 2nd Annual Aging Well Conference

DATE: April 7, 9am to 2pm

PLACE: Clemmons Moravian Church

The conference will include workshops on aging, memoir writing, healthcare system navigation, healthy living, the impact of the opioid epidemic, and self-help for caregivers. The afternoon program will feature the **Cherry Street Ensemble**.

COST: **Only \$15 which includes lunch** (\$10 for pastors, educators, and students)

Register online at [Moravian.Online/AgingWell](#) Printed registration forms are available in the narthex. Questions-Pam Prevatte

The Spiritual Life Retreat for Women will be held at Laurel Ridge Friday, April 27 through Sunday, April 29.

This is a wonderful time: great fellowship, good food, beautiful scenery, and a relaxing spiritual experience. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kay Ward will be presenting the program, "Come to Your Senses." This annual event is sponsored by the Provincial Women's Board.

If anyone is interested, there are forms available to register in narthex at the church. Please register soon as the spaces go quickly. Questions- See Pam Prevatte

PRAY EVERY DAY – MARCH 2018

1. Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison (www.greekiv.org)
2. God knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. Pray for Brian (pilot) & Heather Marx (Bmarx@maf.org).
3. As the Lord God spoke, the spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF.
4. Sunday. If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up. Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima in the Mission area of Sierra Leone.
5. When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Pray for Rob and Anne Thiessen in Mexico.
6. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another. Pray for Michael Woo & children.
7. Jesus said, "I do the will of him who sent me to complete his work. Pray for Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide Alaska Bible Seminary, Bethel, AK.
8. Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns. Pray for Alas de Socorro in Honduras.
9. Oh Lord, and do your eyes not look for truth? Pray for the Moravian Volunteer Resources & Disaster Response.
10. He was oppressed, and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. Pray for Drs. Bill & Peggy Hoffman, HIV/AIDS ministry in Tanzania.
11. Sunday. For your sake, Lord, let your face shine upon your desolated sanctuary. Pray for Michael, Cecilia, Love, and Blessing Tesh in the Ray of Hope orphanage in Kenya.
12. The Lord drew me up from the desolate and out of the miry bog and set my feet up on a rock. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent serving with Campus Crusade in Croatia.
13. If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels but do not have love I am but a noisy gong. Pray for Charlie & Vickie Brent and Family serving with Bridges International in campus ministry in TX.
14. The revelation awaits an appointed time; though it linger, wait for it. Pray for Kevin & Charity, Middle East.
15. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton with WEC (World Evangelization for Christ),
16. I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness. Pray for Ruth Snyder and Claire Wilson with "Changed Choices."
17. Oh Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. Pray for Adopt-A-Village Program, TZ.
18. Sunday. Show us your steadfast love, and grant us your salvation. Pray for the Mission Areas of Sierra Leone and Peru and Mission Province of Cuba.
19. Oh Lord our God we set our hope on you. Pray for the food program, Sierra Leone Moravian Church.
20. The Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. Pray for Annie B. Mission, Star Mountain, Palestine.
21. As all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. Pray for Phil & Eunice Raiford working with Mixe, MX.
22. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be. Pray for BWM and Justin Rabbach.
23. The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes. Pray for Allen & Deedee lobst, campus ministry Spain.
24. The eyes of the Lord range throughout the entire earth. Pray for the Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation aiding the Cuban Moravian church.
25. Palm Sunday. Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise? Pray for the Moravian churches and missions in Peru.
26. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day-to-day. Pray for the construction of a radio tower that will allow the Word of God to be broadcast into Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Guinea.
27. Great is his steadfast love toward us. Pray for the Marshall Mission Outreach of AK Moravian Church.
28. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Pray for 15 Mission Areas & 5 Mission Provinces of the Unity.
29. Maundy Thursday. Know that all lives are mine. Pray for Antioch servants.
30. Good Friday. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and the Lord drove back the sea. Pray for the Medical Clinic and the church in Ahuas, Honduras.
31. The Lord waits to be gracious to you. Pray for Phil and Ashley Sineath with Global Outreach.

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