

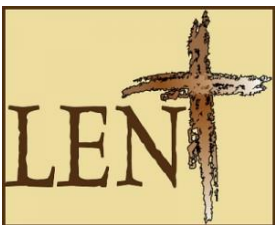
March 2019
New Hope Moravian
Church



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2019 Watchword

“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” (2 Chronicles 16:9 NIV)



Dear New Hope Saints,

Well, its official...on March 6, 2019 this year's Season of Lent journey starts. Will you start this year's Season of Lent off with great hopes of some spiritual changes in your life like the changes Spring brings about? Did you know that the word Lent means Spring, which for many, is a time of hope. After all the cold and dreary days of Winter, we look forward to the new life and beauty Spring promises to unfold before us year after year. Like the newness of Spring, Lent calls us to experience new life in our spiritual journey. Lent also, calls us to remember the forty days in which Jesus remained in the desert faithful in prayer and fasting. These days in the wilderness prepared Christ Jesus to face, with courage, the future ministry set before Him.

On Ash Wednesday...our Lenten journey begins. Each year on this day, we start our Lenten observance with the Imposition of Ashes (placed on forehead or hand) and the Service of Holy Communion (by Intinction/dipping in the Common Cup).

As a refresher course, (regarding the Imposition of Ashes); when I apply the ashes (this paste is made from the burned palms from last year's Palm Sunday Service). You hear these words, "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return." These words are not a put down, but rather to remind us of an overlooked fact of life. The ashes remind us of our immortality, that our body is limited, it is finite. It will one day return to dust. Just as, we entered this world, we one day will leave this world. Lent reminds us, this world is not our permanent home. Our life here is not it...there is so much more to come. As Christians, we are looking forward to our heavenly home. This earthly home is not our home; we need to daily keep our eyes fixed on Christ our Chief Elder, who reigns in Heaven.

Lent reminds us life is not made up of the possessions we collect here on this earth, but the riches Christ has stored up for us for all eternity. Lent reminds us of our need

for being firmly rooted in the practicality of human life, as we journey toward our heavenly home. I've heard it said, "We can be so heavenly minded, that we are no earthly good." Therefore, Lent repeatedly reminds us that our spiritual eyes must be fixed and rooted in the Precepts of God; not ourselves. This comes through our charitable concern for the needs of others; the poor and needy in our world.

The Season of Lent gives us the opportunity to focus on three key principles:

Praying: A renewed life of prayer requires commitment and time. Set time aside to pray during Lent. Don't listen to the radio while driving; instead pray -- meditate! Don't watch television as much; instead devote time to praying for our country, our leaders, our communities, our homes, our churches, our schools and the world. Pray for the moral crisis and drug addictions that exist today. Pray for those who are without a home or family to love and care for them (immigrants and the homeless). Pray for those who suffer with prejudices and persecution; those suffering from mental illness and depleting health issues; those who face poverty and hunger; those who face domestic violence — Pray for the renewal of God's Word and love to fill the hearts of all individuals. Pray for church leaders, pastors; all denominations and church congregations; Pray all will be moved to pray for one another and support one another. Pray for God to amplify His "Good News" to us and all the world, as never before. Pray God expands our territory for His Kingdom work! Pray for God's Word and God's Love to penetrate our hearts, as we serve God and others. Pray to bear much fruit for God's Kingdom, as we spread God's LOVE and HOPE to all those in our community and world in 2019.

Fasting: Fasting or the giving-up of something we desire can bring about a greater spiritual hunger for God. Fasting doesn't have to be about giving-up something; it can be a time to (gain something) by giving sacrificially to others with your time, talents and resources. Perhaps, reaching out to and giving to others does not come easy for you. This is why, Lent is the perfect time to start...We can for example give more time to an ailing friend or Church member who needs our friendship. You could commit to spend more time together as a family, or give of your time, talents or resources to your New Hope family. There are always many wonderful needs to be met in the Church. This leads me into our final principle....

Charity or alms-giving: Have you ever thought how all of our spiritual activities or ministries have – the works of charity. This calls for us to develop a charitable heart toward both God and others. Our daily spiritual financial bank is more apt to fill-up more quickly, when we take our minds off our own needs and desires, and start giving from our heart for the needs of others. Our lives take a unique twist when our hearts are open to helping and giving to others. The result is reflected in all of our kind words and our charitable deeds and actions.

Friends, this year 2019, let's use Lent to refresh ourselves in our "Prayer life, our Fasting, and our Charity!" Let's use Lent this year to search out those things not pleasing to God...Let's use this time to not be deprived but to give of ourselves to both God and others. Let's let this Season of Lent, be a time for us to grow more in our

spiritual life together, as we grow in a more intimate and personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let's use this Season of Lent wisely. Amen!

Blessings,

Pastor Betty



Sunday School

Jumpstart your celebration of Easter in a special way by joining our Sunday School class when we show 2 special Easter DVD presentations from Focus on the Family with Ray Vander Laan. Mr. Vander Laan is a historian, teacher, and ordained minister who presents a video journey throughout the Holy Land providing the scripture lessons that correlate with each location.

On March 3, we will learn about the crucifixion and the events that followed in a video entitled "The True Easter Story."

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. with the lesson starting at 10:10 a.m. Come early and partake in the fellowship time with coffee and home-baked treats provided each week.

Ned and Janie Setzer



Cleaners for March

Sign-up sheet posted on bulletin board. More than one family can work together. All cleaning supplies are provided, but some prefer to bring their own favorite ones. Preschool does a good job of cleaning their areas, but do take a quick look in case others have used the building after school.

Please consider a turn at keeping God's House spick and span.

March Cleaners: Jeff & Fay Ayers



CPR Training

CPR Training will be offered at New Hope Monday, March 4th at 12:15 pm. The instructor is being brought in for the preschool staff but anyone can participate. The use of the AED will also be covered. The training is free as a refresher but if you need certification, there is a \$40 fee.

**** Please let Margaret Schultz know by February 28th if you would like to participate in the training.**

Dear New Hope Church Family,



Steve and I would like to thank you for your love and support shown to us following the sudden death of my baby brother, Joe. We have felt your prayers for comfort and peace and words of encouragement. We are so thankful for our loving church family.

*Blessings to each of you,
Jane Bumgarner*

WHY SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES?

Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday) always comes the day before Ash Wednesday. Folks needed to use up their perishables before the period of fasting observed by many during the season of Lent. Churches in England started the tradition of pancakes to use up the milk, eggs, butter & meats. Many Moravians have followed suit.

It has become a beloved tradition at New Hope and is sponsored by the New Hopers. The funds collected offset the cost of the Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts that New Hopers provide.



MARCH 5, 2019 PANCAKE SUPPER!

Sponsored by the New Hoppers Group

Celebrate Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday) with your New Hope Family. Come to the Fellowship Hall between 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM and enjoy a sumptuous supper of pancakes, sausage, bacon, cooked apples, 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

\$5.00 FOR ADULTS \$3.00
FOR AGES 3 TO 14
AGE 2 & UNDER FREE!

We will offer regular &
gluten free pancakes!

PUT THIS ON YOUR
CALENDAR NOW!!

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Introducing March's Hymn of the Month
"How Shall We Thank You"
333 Moravian Book of Worship

The author of this hymn is Johann (Jan) Augusta. He was born in Prag about the year 1500. He was consecrated Bishop of the Bohemian Brethren in 1532 and became president of their "select council" in 1537. Augusta die in Bohemia in 1572. The hymn, "How Shall We Thank You", was written in 1541.

Translator of the hymn was Jaroslav J. Vajda. Vajda (1919-2008), an American hymnist, was the son of a Lutheran pastor of Slovak descent. He translated this hymn in 1989.

One might summarize the text of this hymn saying...

We cannot praise Christ enough for the sacrifice He made for all believers. His precious blood became the ultimate sacrifice, that we may have eternal life. He truly deserves our grateful thanks and praise for bearing the debt of our sins. Thank you, Jesus.

Scripture references for "How Shall We Thank You" are:

Romans 6;4

1 Peter 1:18-19

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Colossians 2:8-15

March Happenings

Monday, March 4th – CPR Training, 12:15 pm

Tuesday, March 5th – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, 5:30-7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 6th –

Ash Wednesday- 7:00 Service

March 6 Communion by Intinction & Imposition of Ashes

Did you know? The "Ashes" placed on your forehead in the shape of the Cross are very special...Pastor Betty uses the burned palm ashes from last year's Palm Sunday. They are saved for this purpose every year.

***Intinction- Communion taken by dipping your bread or wafer into a common cup.
(no double dipping)***

Thursday, March 7th – Preschool Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm

ECCCM Workday

Saturday, March 9th –



A Bridal Shower/Brunch for Rachel Schultz to celebrate her upcoming marriage to Shawn Snipes at the home of Thelma Greaser, 9:30-11:30 am.

Sunday, March 10th – *First Sunday in Lent Communion*

Board of Elders Meeting, 12:15 pm



Daylight Saving Time begins
Move clocks **ahead** one hour on Saturday night

Tuesday, March 12th – Women's Circle Meeting, 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 17th – **Second Sunday in Lent**



Wednesday, March 20th – **First Day of Spring**



Friday, March 22nd – April Newsletter Articles due to Office

Saturday, March 23rd – Alaska Bible Seminary Fundraising Salmon Dinner



Host: New Philadelphia Moravian Church, Missions Committee

Location: 4400 Country Club Road, W-S

Date/Time: Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 5:30 pm

Cost: No charge (a love offering will be collected)

You are invited to an Alaskan Salmon Dinner at NPMC in support of the Alaska Bible Seminary. The Alaska Bible Seminary trains ministers for the Alaska Province. Ed Dehnert, Dean of the Seminary, will provide an update. Please RSVP to Sheila Beaman at the Mission Office at sbeaman@mcp.org or 336-773-1732 by March 4, 2019.

Sunday, March 24th – Third Sunday in Lent

Saturday, March 30th - Aging Well Conference, 9 am – 1:15 pm

Trinity Moravian Church

220 East Sprague Street, W-S

Register online at Moravian.Online/AgingWellACS

Registration Deadline: Monday, March 25th

Registration Fee: \$15

Sunday, March 31st – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Looking Ahead



CHICKEN CHATTER

We will soon make another round of our famous Moravian chicken pies and need everyone to come and help with this church wide project. It is a wonderful time of fellowship and a great way to support New Hope and each other. Dates and times are listed below:

Thursday – April 4, 2019

1:00 PM – Assemble boxes, Pre-measure and Set-up

Friday – April 5, 2019

7:00 AM – Chicken cookers arrive

8:00 AM – Dough Makers arrive

9:00 AM – Gravy makers and all others arrive

Saturday – April 6, 2019

8:00 AM – All workers arrive to begin pie assembly

If you wish to reserve pies for yourself, your family or friends, a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up NOW, before we begin calling from the call list. These sell out fast, and we will not make extras due to storage capability.

In His service,
Margie



50th Anniversary Celebration

The Faith of Fifty Years

ECCCM is preparing for a year-long celebration in 2019, commemorating our 50th Anniversary, with planned events to include your congregation.

Currently we are searching for any past volunteers who worked with ECCCM. Our paper records, which predate computer records, did not capture everyone. If someone from your congregation has a history with ECCCM we would love to hear from them!

Please contact ECCCM at (828) 465-1702 if you volunteered.



BOARD OF WORLD MISSION

of the Moravian Church • North America



SERVE.
PRAY.
GIVE.

We are in this Mission Journey Together! As the Board of World Mission works to create and continue relationships around the world, we are very aware that we cannot do this alone. We invite you to use this resource to join us in specific ways in mission. Listed below are opportunities to serve, to pray and to give.

SERVE: The Covenant Moravian Church in Wilmington, NC will be hosting work crews March 24-30, 2019 to provide assistance with hurricane reconstruction. There will be a variety of projects to work on, but the main focus will be re-roofing a house. INTERESTED? Please contact Chris Giesler (chris@moravianmission.org) for more details.

PRAY: Please pray for the Nicaraguan province which is struggling with conflict in regard to Provincial Leadership. Prayers for a peaceful resolution, and for the church to follow Christ's example are much appreciated!

GIVE: Please give to help support the Moravian Leadership Seminar in Peru in March. At least 10 Peruvian pastors, including 3 from the Amazon District, will take part.

Donations may be mailed to BWM, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. Online, please visit www.moravianmission.org/donate.

THANK YOU!



Unleash Your *Power!*

2019 Moravian Women's Conference

"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us."

Ephesians 3:20

June 20-23, 2019
Embassy Suites by Hilton, Winston-Salem

Registration: \$415/person
Registration ends May 26, 2019

The International Women's Conference is fast approaching. There is a discount for both the whole event or for one day only folks. Our Women's Fellowship still has scholarship funds to assist in reimbursing your registration cost.

So far we have 5 attending the full conference from New Hope: Malissa B, Nancy M, Thelma G, Pastor Betty and Allison Snyder. Several have expressed interest in going up for one day. If you are interested or have questions please speak with Allison, Pastor Betty or Malissa.

If you wish to stay on site they have a block of rooms reserved. Be sure to tell them what group you are with. We do have a group staying with some of Malissa's family in Clemmons. For the one day folks carpooling can be arranged.

Please see the bulletin board for more information or go to the following site for more:

[Moravian Women's Conference](#) | moravianwomen@gmail.com | (302) 703-9255

moravianwomensconference.org (336) 893-4460

Blessings,
The Women's Conference Cheerleaders

Pray Every Day March 2019

1. The Lord makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters. Pray for Safie Braima, Missionary to Sierra Leone.
2. "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Pray for the Thiessens in Mexico.
3. Sunday. When they looked up they saw no one but Jesus alone. Pray for those suffering loss due to flooding & fires.
4. Who is like the Lord our God seated on high. Pray for the Teshes in Kenia.
5. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. Pray for Alas de Socorro in Honduras.
6. Ash Wednesday. Let Your face shine before your servant; save me in your steadfast love. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek University In Clemson SC.
7. The Lord is a refuge for His people, a stronghold for the people of Israel. Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
8. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to Idols. Pray for Armando Rusindo Fdn.
9. God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through Jesus Christ. Pray for Justin Rabbach & BWM.
10. Sunday. No one who believes in Christ will be put to shame. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach Global.
11. Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Pray for Annie B Mission at Star Mountain.
12. Love does no wrong to a neighbor. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with MAF in Idaho.
13. My heart shall rejoice in your salvation. Pray for Unity Women's Desk and Julie Tomberlin, Coordinator.
14. Let the word of the Lord dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom. Pray for the Hoffman's in HIV/Aids ministry.
15. Live as children of light for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with MAF in Indonesia.
16. The Lord is righteous, He loves righteousness. Pray for Jenna and Andrew Craver in Bethel Alaska.
17. Sunday. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? Pray for Moravian Volunteer Resources.
18. Woe to those who make unjust laws, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed. Pray for the new tribe and village in Sierra Leone, building a Moravian Church and spreading the Gospel.
19. Then all flesh shall know that I am the Lord your Savior, and your redeemer. Pray for Dr Benno and Teresa Marx.
20. All that the Lord has spoken we will do, we will be obedient. Pray for Moravian Disaster Relief.
21. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. Pray for Moravian Clinic and church in Honduras.
22. Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your power to children. Pray for the food program in Sierra Leone.
23. You guide me with your counsel, and will receive me with honor. Pray for the Alaska Salmon fundraiser dinner at New Philadelphia Moravian Church in Winston Salem NC at 5:30 pm.
24. Sunday. Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent Croatia.
25. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Pray for Charlie and Brenda Brent in Texas.
26. Do not remember the sins of my transgressions. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
27. O greatly beloved, fear not! Pray for 16 Mission Areas and 5 Mission Provinces.
28. Do not put the Lord your God to the test. Pray for Moravian Ministers everywhere.
29. He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of the Lord. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
30. Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Pray for Ed and Barb at the Bible Seminary in Bethel AK.
31. Sunday. If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. Pray for Allen and Deedee Iobst in Spain.



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