

March 2023

New Hope Moravian Church

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2023 Watchword

“The righteous are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.”
(Psalm 1:3)



When Your Storms Come... Who Do You Trust and Lean On?

“When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved. After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: . . . ‘But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed.’” Acts 27:20-22 (NIV)

When everything in your life seems to be falling apart... Do you TRUST God completely?

In Acts, the Apostle Paul and his shipmates were battling a storm, and truthfully their demise looked eminent... Things seem hopeless. Perhaps, you’ve been there! Your circumstances looked so gloomy, you knew this was the end, you’d lost all hope. And yet, in our Scripture today, God had told Paul they would be safe. So, Paul told the others to take courage and TRUST God. Paul made it clear, he did not place his faith in the ship or its captain. Paul held fast to his faith and the promises of God. He put ALL his TRUST in God, his Rescuer. Paul stood steadfast in his faith, even in sinking

waters. Yes, he would lose his boat (a material possession), but his life and the life of his crew would be saved!

Paul was clearly proficient at making decisions and taking risks. After all, we all remember that Paul (at one time) was an adversary against the Church. Then after his Damascus Road blinding experience, he became a strong advocate for the Lord Jesus Christ. In Acts 15:26, the Bible describes Paul and Barnabas as those “who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (NLT). Because Paul was a faithful follower and risk-taker, he accomplished many things for the Church. And because of his strong faith experiences and his willingness to put those experiences into writing; Paul still continues to minister to us and many others.

The Apostle Paul's original name was Saul of Tarsus. Being one of the leaders of the first generation of Christians, he was often considered to be the most important person after Jesus in the history of Christianity. In Paul's day, although he was a major figure within the very small Christian movement, he also had many enemies, and his contemporaries failed to show him respect like they did Peter and James. Therefore, Paul struggled to establish his own self-worth and authority as a follower of Christ. However, his enormous influence on Christianity came through his surviving works and letters, which, we are still able to read to this day. Paul undeniably secured his place as one of the greatest religious leaders of all time.

When you find yourself in the midst of a storm ...? Do you remain faithful? Do you like Paul continue to serve God? Do you TRUST God for the end results? Or do you coward down, and say, “I give up, I can't, it's hopeless.” Many people find that their faith dwindles in the hard times of personal health issues, financial and/or relational struggles. Some even trusts in their looks, their personality, or their money to get them through tough times. After all it worked so far. How about you... “Who or what do you depend on, in the midst of your trials and struggles?” Do you depend on your human strength or the strength of the Lord?

Dear Ones, the only safe place to be in the ‘eye of a storm’ is directly in the center of God's Almighty power and strength. He knows the purpose and plan He has for your life. Paul's shipwreck unfolds an incredible ending that proves: God is FAITHFUL! Paul's ship was completely destroyed, but he and his shipmates made it safely back to shore.

Remember: God is sovereign, His promises always come true. We can stand on His promises. Therefore, no matter what you are dealing with TRUST God, lean on Him. Depend on Him for He is always FAITHFUL... Remember, “God's Got This!”

In Christ Love & Service,
Pastor Betty



Souper Bowl of Caring Update

Our donation collection scored a touchdown with a total of \$400! Thanks to your generosity, The Corner Table will be able to use our donation to feed our neighbors in need.

Thank you for helping tackle hunger!

New Hope's Mission Committee

thank you!

I want to give all of you a great big THANK YOU for your help with the pancake supper last night! It was a huge success, with somewhere around 70 people fed including a few carry-outs! And it was because of all your efforts! We heard many complements about the food, the decorations, the fellowship, and the fun. We also had plenty of help cleaning up and straightening up afterward. We were ready to leave by 7:30!

I know that we don't do this for the money, but you should know that guests were very generous with their donations. After paying for all the expenses, and the fact that we had some money in the kitty from the last supper we did back in 2020, there is a balance of \$512.00 in the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper money. Plus, we had enough sausage and bacon left over to cover the Easter Sunrise breakfast!

Again, thank you for your willingness to help. Great job!

Steve

Update From the Stewardship Committee

February 26, 2023

Super Bowl of Caring: \$400.00 Collected and sent to the Corner Table Soup Kitchen. Outstanding!

40th Anniversary Donations: \$500.00 Collected in gift cards and funds to supplement the churches budget for supplies. This will go a long way towards office and church supplies for this year. We also had a wonderful time at the 40th Anniversary by worshiping, eating, and fellowshiping together. Thanks to all who made this event a success and for your donations.

In Christs service,
Mark Bumgarner, Stewardship Chair

Reception for New Hope's 40th Anniversary A Huge Success

On February 12th the Hospitality Committee hosted a reception following worship in honor of our church's 40th anniversary and special guest speakers, the Rev. Scott Venable, Founding Pastor, and the Rev. Dr. Neil Routh, PEC Chair. All worshipers were invited to stay to enjoy finger foods together.

The heavy Hors D'oeuvres meal was well attended, and all enjoyed the food and fellowship. We want to thank all who helped with food, beverages, set up, serving/restocking, clean up and teardown, etc.

Thank you so much for everything. I had no doubt that our wonderful church members (and guests) would assist in making this a special event.

Malissa Bumgarner, Hospitality Committee Chair



2023 NEW HOPE SUMMER CAMP!!



**Tuesday - Thursday
9:00-12:00
18 months - 6th Grade
June 13th - August 10th
(off week of July 4th)**

3 days/week: June-\$215, July-\$215, Aug-\$145

2 days/week: June-\$150, July-\$150, Aug-\$100

***Prices based on the number of weeks of camp each month (3/3/2)*

***Register for the whole summer to save your child's spot*

***\$40 Registration Fee*

Let's Have Some Fun!

- Outdoor Play
- Sand and Water Play
- Crafts
- Music

Don't forget about School!

- Writing Activities
- Math Games and Activities
- Summer themed projects
- Science Experiments

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Optional Lunch till 12:30 (\$5 per day)

Ages 18 months – 5 years

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Program Offers:

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- ❖ Structured schedule
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3 days/week \$185/month

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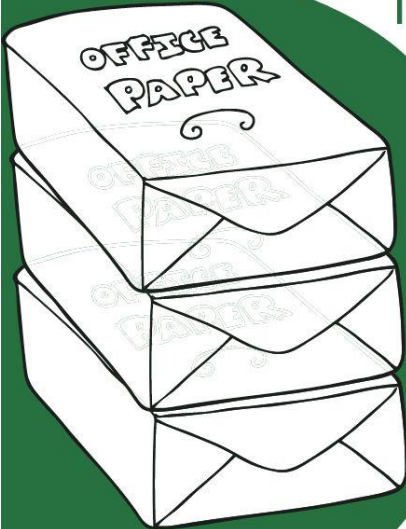
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PAPER DRIVE

March Mission Project



We are collecting packs of paper for Claremont's teachers!

They are in need of:

- *White copy paper
- *Colored copy paper
- *White cardstock
- *Colored cardstock



Bring donations to church each Sunday in March!

STAR STAFF OF THE MONTH

CHRISSEY GRIFFIN



Our Preschool Star Staff Member for March is Chrissy Griffin. This is Chrissy's first year teaching at New Hope. She is the teacher for one of the 3-year-old classrooms. Her experience, in many different areas of children's ministry, has served her well during her time here at preschool. By keeping her classroom fun and engaging, Chrissy gives her students a chance to learn through play and social interaction. Her students look forward to seeing her each day. She shows them God's love by being a caring and nurturing teacher.

ABOUT MS. CHRISSEY

Chrissy was born and raised in southern California. In 2013, she relocated to North Carolina. She lives in the Mountain View area with her husband, the band director at Freedom High School, and their 6 children. One son is a student at the preschool. They also share their home with their 2 dogs.

FAVORITES

- Ways to spend free time: Hiking, Baking, Road Trips, Hosting Tea Parties
- Color: Blue
- Beverage: Coffee
- Snack Food: Popcorn
- Cuisine: Mexican
- Book: Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers
- Movie: Anne of Green Gables
- Literary Hero: Samwise Gamgee from The Lord of the Rings
- Superhero: Batman (due to her husband's influence)
- Holiday: Christmas
- Childhood Dream Job: Astronaut and Mom
- Bucket List Places to Visit: Prince Edward Island, Alaska, western National Parks



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

NO CHURCH KEY... NO WORRY. Arrangements can be made to let you in the Church. Cleaning supplies are provided, or you can bring your own. **Let's ALL work together to keep New Hope clean & looking good for ALL who enter here to worship?**

➔ **March Cleaners: NEEDED**

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



March Birthdays

1st – Allison Snyder
14th – Fay Ayers
16th – Nathaniel Allen Wiles
17th – Cheryl Hendrix
18th – Emily McDonald
Kimberly McDonald
21st – Travis Simpson
25th – Nancy Olson



WORSHIP:

- 1) Inside
- 2) Parking Lot (Tune to FM 87.9)
- 3)



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCagQsb0gw2QUC-UFiwe5ikg>

DONATE:

Online Giving

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

Please contact Tom Schultz at newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com with any questions.



SOCIAL MEDIA:

Facebook & Instagram

@newhopemoravian



Mark Your Calendar for March

Wednesday, March 1st – **Handbell Practice** 6:15-7 pm
Chancel Choir 7-8 pm

Thursday, March 2nd – **ECCCM Workday**

Sunday, March 5th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Second Sunday in Lent

Wednesday, March 8th – **Handbell Practice** 6:15-7 pm
Chancel Choir 7-8 pm

Sunday, March 12th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Third Sunday in Lent

Praise and Play

Board of Elders Meeting 11:15 am



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

Wednesday, March 15th – **Handbell Practice** 6:15-7 pm
Chancel Choir 7-8 pm

Thursday, March 16th – No Preschool or Catawba County Schools

Friday, March 17th –



Sunday, March 19th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Thursday, March 20th –



Wednesday, March 22nd – **Handbell Practice 6:15-7 pm**
Chancel Choir 7-8 pm

Friday, March 24th – **April Newsletter Articles Due**

Sunday, March 26th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Wednesday, March 29th – **Handbell Practice 6:15-7 pm**
Chancel Choir 7-8 pm

Pray Every Day March 2023

1. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Pray for disaster relief workers and Moravian Disaster Response.
2. You see at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
3. So also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Pray for Anna Faircloth with YoungLife.
4. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
5. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Pray for disaster relief in Syria and Turkey.
6. Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Pray for the government leaders in our country.
7. I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. Pray for short term mission teams.
8. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
9. Oh the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
10. I urge you, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship. Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
11. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil. Cling to what is good. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
12. As surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
13. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
14. No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
15. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
16. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
17. And now these three remain; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
18. Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love. Pray for Robert and Anne Thiessen.
19. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
20. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
21. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Pray for Joey Yokeley and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
22. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
23. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
24. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
25. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
26. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
27. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
28. But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Pray for Alan and DeeDee Iobst in France.
29. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
30. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
31. Since then you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.



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