

March 2024

New Hope Moravian Church

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2024 Watchword

“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.”
Colossians 3:12

Are You Wise?... “Wise Men Still Seek Him — TODAY!”



“You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”
(Jeremiah 29:13 ESV)

One day last summer, as I was driving locally and decided to turn into a parking lot, I noticed the car in front of me with a bumper sticker that showed a picture of the Nativity Wise Men looking up at the Christmas Star with the words *“Wise Men Still Seek Him”*. My first thought was the story of Jesus' birth and Christmas. But, as the (heat of the summer) day shine through the car window, I was reminded I'm not in the season of Christmas and Epiphany, and yet, the reality of these words of TRUTH made me smile and lifted my spirit on that day.

These words are probably not words we turn our thoughts to in March, and yet why not? We should be wise men and women and seek (Jesus)... All year long. This month, we celebrate Holy Week and Easter at the end of this month... As we do this, we retell the journey Jesus took to the Cross and His Resurrection. Therefore, these words should resonate with us even more. Yes indeed, *“Wise Men Still Seek Him” — TODAY.*

However, the bumper sticker I saw wasn't talking about the Magi from the East, it was talking about men and women of TODAY... Essentially those who are wise — TODAY: Seek Jesus with all their heart — TODAY, TOMORROW and FOREVERMORE!

In the Bible, we read of many different people who sought after Jesus, whether it was because of curiosity as in the case of Nicodemus (John 3:1-15) or Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10), or in thankfulness as did the leper (Luke 17:11-19), for healing like Jairus (Mark 5:21-24), the Centurion (Matthew 8:5-13), or the woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5:25-34), and some (like Mary) who just wanted to sit at Jesus' feet and worship Him (Luke 10:38-42). These and many others in the Bible sought Jesus because they had heard of His GOODNESS; They wanted to know more. They believed; He was the Son of God: The Messiah... Therefore, they sought Jesus and worshipped Him.

In Psalm 34, David praises and blesses the Lord after seeking Him and urges us to "*Taste and See*" how GOOD the Lord truly is. David says, "*Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him! Fear the Lord, you his godly people, for those who fear him will have all they need.*"

In the Christmas story, the wise men didn't sit around and wait for Jesus to come to them. They took action and went in search for Him. Like the wise men, we too can be counted among these wise men and women who sought the Lord until they found Him.

Yes indeed, no matter the time of the year, "*Wise Men Still Seek Him*". There are many things that we seek after in the pursuit of our personal happiness, wealth and status, but only in Jesus will we find true joy and abundant life — Only in Jesus will we find all we need for living this life and the life to come. Are you wise? A wise person seeks Jesus.

Consequently, this year (all year long), be among the "Wise Men and Women" who seek Jesus with all their heart. When you become fearful and anxious — The answer is Jesus! The answer is to be wise and seek Jesus the Messiah — Seek the Risen Savior! This year (all year long) read your Bible and pray more- Be wise and seek Jesus. Let Him be the Lord of your life TODAY! Are you wise? "*Wise Men Still Seek Him—Today!*"

In Christ Love & Service,
Pastor Betty



Sunday, March 3rd

**Worship Committee Meeting
following Worship.**

A light lunch will be provided.

Please plan to attend!

Mission Committee Update

We helped tackle hunger! Thanks to your generous donations to the Souper Bowl of Caring, New Hope collected \$350 in cash and \$186 online, for a total of \$536. These donations were sent to The Corner Table to support their efforts to feed our hungry neighbors.

Touchdown!

Our collection of menstrual hygiene products for The Women's Resource Center continues through the month of March.

Since these items cannot be purchased using government assistance funds, such as WIC or SNAP, and are essential for the safety and wellness of our community, The Women's Resource Center provides menstrual hygiene products free, with no strings attached! Meaning ... no intake form to fill out and no questions asked! And now it's even easier to get these necessary items, which are available 24/7 on their front porch. Bring in your donations to church and place them in the shopping cart and our Mission Committee will get them delivered.



Please take time to view Jesus' journey to the Cross & His victorious Resurrection on Easter. We thank Anita Scism for what an amazing job she did on this Easter Putz.

Thank you!

DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES FOR 2024



March 6, 11:00 A.M. Bethania Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Russ May. Coffee served at 10:00 A.M. This service will be in person only.

March 13, 11:00 A.M. Fairview Moravian, Speaker: The Rt. Rev. Tom Shelton. The service will be in person and include communion. The service will be available on YouTube and Facebook.

March 20, 11:00 A.M. Konnoak Hills Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Margaret Norris. Lovefeast. The service will be in person and online: <http://www.khmoravian.org/> Select “YouTube Channel” at the top of the page.

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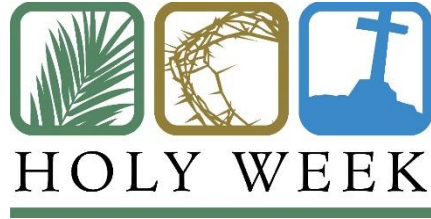


Can you believe it???

New Hope’s Preschool will soon celebrate 30 years of outreach to the community. What a momentous accomplishment for our small church. You may be asking “how did we do it?” Well, be watching for more information on how you might participate in our **celebration on April 21st**. Please spread the word.

Sincerely,
The Preschool Board

Holy Week & Easter Events



Sunday, March 24	Holy Week Reading 11:15 AM Sunday & Monday Readings
Tuesday, March 26	Holy Week Reading 6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 27	Holy Week Reading 6:30 PM
Thursday, March 28	Holy Week Reading 6:30 PM Maunder Thursday Communion
Friday, March 29	Holy Week Reading 6:30 PM Good Friday Lovefeast
Saturday, March 30	Great Sabbath No Service
Sunday, March 31	Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 AM Breakfast following Easter Morning Service 10:00 AM No Sunday School Children's Easter Egg Hunt following Worship





JOIN US FOR AN

EASTER

EGG

HUNT

MARCH 31, 2024
FOLLOWING 10:00 WORSHIP

New Hope Moravian Church

Bring your own basket!

2023 Financial Update

New Hope finished the year 2023 “in the black” but barely by \$524. This is much better than 2022 when we unfortunately finished in the red by over \$12,000. Why did we do better? Many of our giving units increased their contributions/tithes/offerings for 2023. Thankfully our members and friends of New Hope headed the call. What a blessing!

If you have not increased your giving in a while, now might be a good time to help maintain our 2024 budget. As is everywhere else, the cost of our continued ministry has gone up. So, we ask you to think about this and pray on it!

Mark Bumgarner
Stewardship Chair

End of Year 2023 Stewardship Report

Fourth Quarter 2023

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Income</u>
October	\$10,370	\$11,614
November	\$10,706	\$10,237
December	\$12,174	\$11,269

Monthly Budget: \$10,913

<u>2023 End of Year</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Difference</u>
	\$128,945	\$129,469	+\$524

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee and the Church Board, we thank all who give of your time, talents, and financial contributions to New Hope Moravian.

Mark Bumgarner
Stewardship Chair

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



**American
Red Cross**

New Hope Moravian Church

2897 Sandy Ford Rd.

Newton, NC 28658

Monday, April 15, 2024

2 PM to 6:30 PM

Contact information:

828-294-4802

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS



Golf Fundraiser

Friday, April 19, 2024
2:00pm

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Reynolds Park Golf Course

2391 Reynolds Park Rd,
Winston-Salem, NC 27107

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Hosted by:

Bobby Jones, Hope Moravian
Former Owner of Hillcrest Golf Course
and
Art Sorensen, Home Moravian
Chair, Laurel Ridge Board

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Proceeds will benefit

Building CommUNITY
Capital Campaign Projects

REGISTER BY APRIL 1, 2024
\$75/person -- \$300/team

Waiting list after first (paid) 26 teams/104 players

THE FIRST HOLE-IN-ONE ON HOLE #16 wins a 2-year lease on a new vehicle!

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50/50 RAFFLE

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Registration Includes
18 holes of golf
Dinner by Mr. Barbecue
Goodie bags with prizes

MAIL PAYMENT and
individual player
names (1) &/or team
player names (4),
emails and phone
numbers to:

Golf Fundraiser C/O
Laurel Ridge 124
Pendry Drive Laurel
Springs, NC 28644

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All Women of the Southern Province are invited to a Spiritual Life Retreat!

Ask, Listen, Move:

Following Jesus' Loving Lead to be Set in Motion by
God

ASK
LISTEN
MOVE

Friday, April 19, 2024 – Sunday, April 21, 2023

Retreat Facilitator: Rev. Christy Clore

Laurel Ridge Camp and Conference Center
Higgins Lodge

**For further information please contact:
The Provincial Women's Board**

336.722-4911 or pwbmcsp@gmail.com



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: Tom & Margaret Schultz**

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.

STAYING CONNECTED AT NEW HOPE

WORSHIP:

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

<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

Sunday, March 3rd – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Third Sunday in Lent

Worship Committee Meeting following Worship
A light lunch will be provided.

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

Thursday, March 7th – **ECCEM Volunteer Day**

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

Fourth 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 13th – **Handbell Practice 6:15 pm**
Chancel Choir 7 pm

Thursday, March 14th – No Preschool or Catawba County Schools

Sunday, March 17th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Tuesday, March 19th –



Wednesday, March 20th – Handbell Practice 6:15 pm
Chancel Choir 7 pm

Sunday, March 24th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am



Holy Week Readings for Sunday & Monday 11:15 am

Tuesday, March 26th – April Newsletter Articles Due

Holy Week Reading 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 27th – Holy Week Reading 6:30 pm
Chancel Choir following Holy Week Reading

Thursday, March 28th – Preschool Party & Egg Hunt

Maundy Thursday Communion

Friday, March 29th – Holy Week Reading 6:30 pm
Good Friday Lovefeast



Saturday, March 30th – Great Sabbath - No Service

**Sunday, March 31st – Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am
Breakfast following**



Happy Easter

No Sunday School

Easter Morning Service 10:00 am

Children's Easter Egg Hunt following Worship



March Birthdays

1st – Allison Snyder

14th – Fay Ayers

16th – Nathaniel Allen Wiles

17th – Cheryl Hendrix

18th – Emily McDonald

Kimberly McDonald

21st – Travis Simpson

Pray Every Day March 2024

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 the Middle East conflict.
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 Ukrainian refugees.
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 City with Dwellings in Winston.
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 Intersarsity.
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. Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Pray for Alan & 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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