



April 2014

New Hope News



2014 WATCHWORD
God said, "Let there be light";
and there was light.
Genesis 1:3

New Hope
Moravian Church

God's Faithfulness Transcends All Our Failures and Trials

How do we miss it? How do we awaken in the morning and lie down at night and not be overtaken with the enormous reality God is the Creator of the Universe. He is GOD...the Almighty One!! Yet, He is available to us in extraordinary ways! How have we lost sight of the true awesomeness of our God? Have we become so anesthetized to His greatness He no longer intrigues us and keeps us searching for spiritual significance in our lives? Have we become so accustomed to God's presence and His creation that "It's no big deal?!"

Romans 1:19-20 (NLT) states: "They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God."

As I read my devotional last night, I was reminded that God's faithfulness transcends our failures and trials. I recalled certain times in my life when I felt totally overwhelmed and wondered if God could see me. If He could, it seemed apparent He must not care, for I felt as though I was circling the drain and was ready to go down the pipes. Where was God when I needed Him? I prayed...But my miracle was yet to come! Was God on vacation or what? Did He care my life was out of control? I would find the answers to these questions in God's time.

Are you feeling this as you experience the trials of the Season of Lent? Do you need to hear the Master's voice? We all have our own personal need for God to whisper our names and say to us, "Be not afraid! I am here with you...things are going to be okay!" He also reminds us, "Do you *still* not believe Me? Do you *still* not trust my love for you? Do you *still* not know my Beloved Son Jesus...He is the reason for this season; He is the reason, I love you so; He is the reason, nothing can come between us now! He's the reason for the timeless event of Easter; He is the reason you receive My abiding Presence and My eternal love."

It is in those moments I feel most safe and secure. I still don't know how He will move or work in my life to bring about His will and purpose in my life. Yet, I just know He will...I trust Him to do so! It's during Lent I search my heart to know myself and God better. It's during this time I am always reminded God is for me! He won't let me be put to shame or destroyed. When I believe deep within my being, absolutely nothing can come against me! The ground beneath my feet is the foundation God has placed. (Jesus Christ Himself!) He will not be shaken.

Whatever it is you are facing in this Season of Lent, know you can trust God's love for you. The great Charles Spurgeon said, "When you can't trace God's hand (when you don't have a clue what He's doing!), you can always trust His heart." He loves you so...Oh, yes He does!!!

In Christ Love and Service,

Pastor Betty

Chicken Pie News

WE DID IT!

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make **323** chicken pies on March 20th thru 22nd. What a fantastic group of hard workers, who stuck with it until the last pie was boxed and delivered to its destination. We, the chicken pie committee, cannot thank all of you enough.

We have already begun receiving accolades on our pies. The crust, gravy and chicken have all been described as the best we have ever made. We have already had people come back and ask to purchase more!

A **big thanks** goes to Jane and Steve who made chicken pies by day and then went home and made Pecan pies and German Chocolate pies by night. They were all a super hit and sold out right away! If you have not had one, you are really missing out.

Please remember that all profits are building a nest egg for the church to use as needed at the recommendation of the Stewardship Committee. How exciting that we will be able to purchase needed items without the worry of finding funds to do so - all because of your giving of your time and energy for this worthwhile cause. Thank you to those of you who supported our efforts by purchasing and/or selling pies to family & friends. We hope you will be able to come and join in the fellowship of making pies in the fall.

“Thank you” does not begin to express our appreciation. There are no words that can convey our heartfelt thanks for each of you and the role you have played. Great job by all involved!

Thank you! Thank you!

Your Chicken Pie Committee



12th International Moravian Women's Conference June 25-28, 2015

Early bird registration is now OPEN and you can save \$65 just by registering before January 6, 2015!! For those of you in the Winston-Salem area wishing to travel together by bus, there is that option. See the website for information.

The 12th Moravian Women's Conference will be held June 25-28, 2015 at Sandy Cove Conference Center in North East, Maryland. Sandy Cove, a 220 acre retreat and Christian conference center, is located just minutes from I-95 between Baltimore and Philadelphia on the headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay. The website for Sandy Cove is <http://www.sandycove.org/>. This rural setting is a great place to relax your body, mind and spirit and to enjoy swimming, putt-putt golf, canoeing, paddle boats, zip line, or just sitting in a chair overlooking the bay.

At the 12th Moravian Women's Conference, we will explore the theme "Walk in the Light", "Come...let us walk in the light of the Lord..."-Isaiah 2:5. All Moravian women are invited to the beautiful and tranquil shores of the Chesapeake Bay to explore what it means to "Walk in the Light" in today's world.

Accommodations at Sandy Cove will include triple or quad rooms with a private bath and 8 meals. There will be workshops, worship services, and wonderful keynote speakers Jennifer Sands and Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood. Early bird registration for the conference will continue thru January 6, 2015 at a fee of \$485 per person. Beginning January 7, 2015 the regular registration fee will be \$550 per person. Registration fees are non-refundable but can be switched to another woman.

For more information visit our website www.moravianwomensconference.org.

Start planning now for going to conference. For additional information you can contact Janice Wilson at [336-945-3641](tel:336-945-3641) or janicewilson@windstream.net.

Also, women from New Hope who have gone up North in the past are Nancy Miller & Malissa Bumgarner.



The 5th Annual Conference on Environmental Stewardship: *Living Water*

How do we live out our faith through the care of creation? The 5th Annual Conference on Environmental Stewardship: *Living Water* explores this call of care on **April 25-27** at Higgins Lodge, Laurel Ridge Camp, Conference & Retreat Center. Hear from a variety of engaging speakers including: Dean Naujoks, The Yadkin Riverkeeper and experts from the NC Wildlife Federation, Clean Water for NC, and more. For more information and registration visit moravianbcm.org or call [336.359.2470!](tel:336.359.2470) [Event Flyer](#)



New Hope's Lenten Fair & Egg Hunt

**Please Join us
Saturday, April 12th
9:30-11:30
Everyone Welcome!**

**Egg Hunt
Lenten Activities
Hot Cross Buns
Easter Games
Take Home Crafts**

Rain or Shine!

Yadkin View RCC Minutes

Clemmons Moravian, February 11, 2014

The meeting began at 7pm with welcome and devotions by Chair Malissa Bumgarner.

Present: All members from the 5 churches present except Carl & Mike from New Phili. Two new members, Shelia Beamon of Macedonia, and Martha Rowe of Clemmons, were welcomed and introduced.

Minutes of the November 14, 2013 meeting at Unity were approved.

A report was given by the current Chair, Malissa Bumgarner. She sent reports of Yadkin View RCC activities, plans and events to BCM; attended the Nov. 21 and Jan. 16 BCM meetings; attended the "Simply Moravian: The Essentials for Educational Ministry"; attended the Moravian Leadership Team Trainings.

Malissa Bumgarner elected Chairperson, and Sharon Boger elected to serve as Secretary for 2014.

Calendars were updated and meeting dates discussed. Bimonthly meetings will be the 3rd Monday of the month. **Meeting dates:** March 17 at Macedonia; May 19 at New Hope (Pastor John Rights offered to drive the New Philadelphia bus to that meeting.); July 21 at New Philadelphia.

Goals and activities for 2014

Yadkin View RCC were discussed. An activity for women was on our list last year and has not been done. Shelia and Sharon will investigate possibilities for a women's program or event.

Pastor John Rights will coordinate a youth/family event, possibly in September. The kickoff was good last fall.

The RCC Music Festival for 2015 was discussed. Choir directors need to meet and plan for 2015 concert. It was suggested that Dennis Fort be asked to coordinate or give us advice about planning. New Philadelphia may be the only church large enough to host. It was agreed planning should begin as soon as possible.

BCM will provide topic speakers for workshops. An example is "Poverty Simulation". To host a workshop, the RCC would need forty people to participate.

The following upcoming events and news were shared:

New Hope Lay Ministry Renewal weekend March 14-16

The weekend will be a celebration of faith for their congregation and they need prayer servants! Sign up and send names of prayer servants for their prayer banner. New Hope recently had a wonderful anniversary service with a program about "past, present, future".

Synod is April 3-6.

Continued on next page

RCC Meeting Minutes *Continued*

International Moravian Women's Conference: June 25-28, 2015

Registration open for early discount fee; retreat center is on the Chesapeake Bay, and there may be a charter bus from Winston-Salem.

Leadership Focus 2014: February 22, 2014 at Friedberg.

Malissa recommends churches to participate.

New Hope Pancake Supper: March 4 for Shrove Tuesday

New Hope:

Hosting a Mentoring Students program for Confirmation.

New Philadelphia:

publishing a Lenten guide of daily reflections.

Trinity:

Go and Make Disciples – a workshop updating websites and internet use February 21, 2014; good technology information for laypeople.

Unity:

Energy Audit, a 3 hr program recommended by Pastor Stuart, who will share a report later. This is a free service through the NC Power Institute to give feedback on saving energy costs.

Clemmons:

Marriage Enrichment Program to begin soon.

BCM:

providing a new program that assigns contact person to RCC churches. Ruth Cole Burcaw is assigned to Yadkin View RCC. She may be a resource for any event we need to plan.

Sunnyside Ministry:

update: the health clinic closed. Now a class on financial management is being offered.

Bethabara:

has a food and clothing closet that accepts donations.

Loaves and Fishes/Anthony's Plot:

need volunteers and donations for meals. Macedonia Sunday School class providing meals one evening.

Macedonia:

Parenting Class was cancelled.

Pastor Ray Burke closed the meeting with prayer. **Next Meeting: Monday, March 17 at**

Macedonia.

Submitted by: Sharon Boger



Senior Friends

Recalling the words of Paul in Romans 12, "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and everyone members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us", we pledge that in all our activities and endeavors to be helpful, we shall be "kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." (Preamble to the by-laws of Senior Friends Advisory Council Moravian Church, Southern Province)

Senior Friends Advisory Council is a community of representatives from Senior Friends ministry groups across the province who meet quarterly to share opportunities and experiences as they strive to make life more meaningful for all those in their retiring years.

Our Senior Friends remain busy around the province! Many groups meet for luncheons featuring guest speakers or travel together for day trips. They serve church members through food, card/phone ministry, and visitation. Many serve as volunteers. It is not uncommon for our Senior Friends groups to focus on special projects. This past November, the Clemmons Moravian Church "Young at Heart" group sponsored birthday bags for Sunnyside Ministry. Members assembled 40 birthday bags to be distributed to clients coming to Sunnyside for assistance. Bags included a box of cake mix, frosting, candles, balloons, plates, napkins, cups and a small favor. What a fun project that was sure to bring joy to those who received them!

The provincial Senior Friends Advisory Council organizes an annual spring retreat. This year's retreat will be held at Laurel Ridge on April 28-30, 2014. The spiritual leader for the weekend is **Rev. Betty A. Helms**. She will be presenting on Heroes of Faith, Hebrews 11. This should be an exciting time of fellowship and sharing !

Pray Every Day April 2014

- ◆ Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Pray for Moravians in Albania, most atheistic country in Europe.
- ◆ You shall not hate in your heart or anyone of your kin. Pray for the Unity of Women's Desk advisory board .
- ◆ Those who mock the poor insult their maker. Pray for MCSP Synod beginning today.
- ◆ When the Advocate comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin, righteousness and judgment. Pray for R & B in Sudan.
- ◆ I will satisfy the weary, and all who are faint I will replenish. Pray for Phil & Eunice serving Mixe people in Mexico.
- ◆ Sunday- I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope. Pray for Justin Rabbach, Director of Mission Engagement for BWM.
- ◆ You did not choose me but I chose you. I appointed you to go and bear fruit that will last. Pray for the Moravian Church in Cuba.
- ◆ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her! Pray for Christians in Russia.
- ◆ The Lord is slow to anger but great in power. He will not leave the guilty unpunished. Pray for those considering serving as Antioch Servants.
- ◆ The word of the Lord endures forever. Pray for Br. Ezekiel Yonah, Western Tanzania Province President.
- ◆ I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me. Pray for Sr. Cora Antonio, Pres. Nicaragua Province.
- ◆ Refrain from anger, & forsake wrath. Do not fret. It leads only to evil. Pray for the clinic in Ahuas, Honduras.
- ◆ Palm Sunday -Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Pray for Annie B.Mission supporting Star Mountain in Palestine.
- ◆ The Lord your God is a devouring fire, a jealous God. Pray for M-Cubed, a group of youth in the Southern Province who assist congregations with needed projects.
- ◆ God has not left himself without a witness in doing good. He gives you rain from heaven and fruitful seasons. Pray for Vani and Shanti Pradhan and the Nepali Moravian Outreach.
- ◆ I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness. Pray for the adopt-a-child food program and the school and church in Sierra Leone.
- ◆ Maundy Thursday-He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds. The Lord is gracious and merciful. Pray for Celeste Handy serving with Western Indian Ministries in New Mexico.
- ◆ Good Friday- You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. Pray for Glenna and George Tasedan as they serve in Goose Bay/Happy Valley, Labrador.
- ◆ Great Sabbath-The Lord will again comfort Zion. Pray for retirement communities, the health care givers, the residents, and the volunteers serving in them.
- ◆ Easter Sunday - I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live. Pray for retired ministers; for their health and well being and that their years of service and experience may continue to bless many lives.
- ◆ Be careful not to forget the covenant that the Lord your God made with you. Pray for Phil and Ashley Sineath serving at Wingate University in campus ministry.
- ◆ Pray for camp directors and workers who make it possible for so many believers to enjoy times of worship and pleasure in a different setting.
- ◆ Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips. Pray for K & C serving the Magi People in the Middle East.
- ◆ We love because he first loved us. Pray for Ruth Snyder, Claire Wilson, and all others who are helping women to "Change Choices."
- ◆ We will obey the voice of the Lord our God. Pray for believers in Ukraine.
- ◆ Because Jesus died and rose again, God will bring with him those who have died. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison at Clemson University (www.greekiv.org)
- ◆ Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac are children of promise. Pray for Brian & Heather Marx with MAF.
- ◆ By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Pray for the Woo family in Asia.
- ◆ Abound in Thanksgiving. Pray for Ruth and George Goff in Honduras.
- ◆ Far be it from us that we should rebel against the Lord and turn away from following him. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF