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New Hope News



2015 WATCHWORD

Everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.
Matthew 7:8

New Hope Moravian Church

The Lord Is Risen! The Lord [Christ] Is Risen INDEED!!!

How's your Season of Lent coming? This first week of April, as we prepare for Easter Morning; I thought we'd do well to discuss how Easter is central to the life of Christ Church and to His faithful followers. Why? Because, Christ Jesus life-changing resurrected life should be touching every aspect of our lives; who we are, and what we do. If not, we are only experiencing religious emotions. In essence, without, Christ the Risen Savior's leading, we will be living our lives more like the secular world, than being Christ-like chosen ones. Church, we are the body of Christ; we are to live holy and righteous lives before others in the world.

For us to live Christian lives touched by the words "Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed" means many things. **Christ Resurrection means we are to live our lives unafraid and not be anxious of the troubles of life, nor be afraid of our imminent death.** Many today, live their lives in such a way; they will do ANYTHING to avoid trials, pain, aging, illness and death. People go to amazing lengths to deny the prospect of life's trials and their untimely death. **Psalm 55:22** reminds us, "**Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.**" I don't know about you, but these words are comforting to me. God has given, *His* people, *His* Promise, of *His* constant care for us. Therefore, we need not be afraid.

Yet, many still try alcohol and drugs to lessen the impact of the damaging lifestyles they live. Sometimes, even Believers go their own way, thinking they're in control. Until...until...life throws them a curve; perhaps you've been thrown a few curve balls in your life. What happened? Were you paralyzed with fear? Were you anxious? Or were you like the waves of the roaring sea, lots of rushing movement, but calm and more determined as the storm unfolded. Did you praise God for abiding with you and giving you His power and strength in the mist of your trial?

For us as Christians, Christ Resurrection means, we are to live free from sin's power and control over our lives. I don't know about you, but I like hearing God is the Master of my life, that He loves us that much! Yes, I am His and you are His...Remember what **Psalm 55:22** said, "**He will never let the righteous be shaken.**" These words are music to my ears, because I need my Savior to abide with me. I need Christ to sustain me every day from all the cares of this life and afterward. I need Him to prepare me for the curve balls of life that are sure to come, as I serve Him and others. I need a "Risen Savior" that loves, protects and guides me.

Brothers and Sisters, Easter isn't just about coloring-eggs, marshmallow bunnies, jelly beans, delicious chocolate Easter bunnies, or buying our new Easter outfits. No indeed...**Easter is about the new life we gain from our "Risen Savior!"** In Christ, we are set free to love, forgive and serve. In Christ, we find love, peace, joy and hope. Easter is about our embracing Christ Jesus of the Cross with all our being. It's about our sharing in Jesus' victory over sin and death. Easter is about our embracing the "abundant life" of Christ on this earth and for all eternity!

In Christ Service,

Pastor Betty



Chicken Chatter

Coming Soon ... Homemade Chicken Pies and Apple Crumb Pies...
YUM

Our last making of pies before fall is fast approaching.

Apple Crumb Pies – Fri. April 24th 1:00- 4:00

Chicken Pies (Thurs. – Sat.) April 30-May 2.

Please ask friends and neighbors if they would like pies.

Chicken pies \$12 / Apple Pies \$10.

The Pie Order Form is on the bulletin board.

Our selling of the pies has been so beneficial for New Hope.

Come join us for fun, food and much laughter as we work together on these projects.



Women's Fellowship Food Ministry

Women's Fellowship has a Food Ministry that provides a meal for a church member & their family following the birth of a baby, dismissal from a hospital stay or following the funeral of a member or an immediate family member. There are three teams that rotate as the needs arise. This is a wonderful ministry to the members of our church family.

If you would like to join a team please call Cheryl Hendrix (381-7645).

MARCH NEWSLETTER

New Hope Moravian Preschool

The groundhog saw his shadow, and I would say his prediction of six more weeks of winter is right on! We hope that you have enjoyed your snow days, but they have caused us to get a little behind in our lesson plans. The first week of March, we will do our Dr. Seuss unit and Cat in the Hat will visit the preschool! We will also do a transportation unit and learn about animal life cycles this month. On the 17th, we will do special St. Patrick's Day activities. In chapel, we will learn about the Lenten season and Easter.

Ms. Patty will be gone the week of March 9th-March 16th to visit her mom and dad in Texas. Ms. Lauren will be subbing for her. Ms. Margaret and her daughter, Claire, will also be at the preschool for a few days that week to help out.



DONUTS WITH DAD



Calling all dads! We will have our annual Donuts with Dad breakfast on Thursday, March 26th from 8:30-9:00. Come enjoy a donut and coffee with your child.

Grandfathers welcome too.

2015-2016 REGISTRATION

Registration for the next school year is now open to New Hope students. Registration forms are in your child's cubby. If you need additional forms, please see Ms. Lauren. The registration fee is \$55 to hold your child's spot. Registration will be open to the public on March 16th.

Please remember that word of mouth is our BEST advertisement! Help us get the word out about this wonderful preschool! You will receive a free month's tuition for every referral.

EASTER FUN

- * New Hope will hold a Lenten Fair and Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28th. There will be crafts, snacks and an egg hunt for two age groups. All are welcome!
- * The preschool will have an Easter party on Thursday, April 2nd. We will have a special snack, centers, and an egg hunt. Parents are welcome to attend. The party will be during our child's snack time.



New Hope will have Holy Week Readings every night starting Palm Sunday, the 29th, at 7:00 pm. We will also have communion on Maundy Thursday, the 2nd, and a special Lovefeast on Good Friday. On Easter Sunday, our sunrise service begins at 6:45am followed by a breakfast and worship at 11:00am. Please consider joining us to celebrate the Easter season!



ECCCM NEWS

Registration for the 15th annual ECCCM Benefit Golf Tournament will begin on **March 1st**.

The tournament will be held at Glen Oaks Country Club in Maiden on **May 7, 2015 at 1:00 pm** with a catered lunch beforehand.

It is \$80 per person.

We have a maximum of 32 teams.

If your church is interested in forming a team you can sign up on our website (www.ecccm.org) or contact Guynell Sears at executiveassistant@ecccm.org or **828-465-1702**.

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There is a Hospice Benefit Golf Tourney on Saturday May 9 at the Catawba Country Club. For more info go to [catawbaregionalhospice.org](http://catawbaregionalhospice.org)



## Catawba Valley Community Chorus Spring Concerts

Monday - April 20 - 7:00 PM Trinity Village, Hickory

Friday - April 24 - 7:00 PM Trinity Baptist Church, Newton

Sunday - April 26 - 6:30 PM Redeemer Lutheran Church, Catawba

Monday - April 27 - 7:00 PM Abernethy Laurels, Newton

No Admission Charge for Concerts

## MUSIC NOTES

### Yadkin View RCC Music Festival

New Hope's choirs and brass band have been busily rehearsing for a special music event that takes place on the last Sunday in April. **The Yadkin View RCC Music Festival** featuring the musical gifts of **Clemmons, Macedonia, New Hope, New Philadelphia, and Unity Moravian Churches** will be on **Sunday, April 26th at 3:00 PM at New Philadelphia Moravian, 4440 Country Club Road in Winston-Salem.** The combined Chancel Choirs, Handbell Choirs, Children's Choirs, and Brass Bands of these five churches are presenting an afternoon of playing, singing and ringing --- an uplifting service that you won't want to miss! Many of our folks are taking part but all of you are invited to come be a part of the service as there are congregational hymns also and Pastor Betty has a part in the service, too. Please come and bring friends and family with you. The **combined brass bands** will begin playing at **2:30 PM** so grab a quick bite after our church service or eat on the way and come to New Philadelphia on April 26th.

The **dress rehearsal** for this even is the day before, **Saturday, April 25th.** **Handbells will rehearse at 10:00 AM and Chancel Choirs will rehearse at 1:00 PM.**

### Moravian Music Sunday

**Moravian Music Sunday** is celebrated on the **5th Sunday of Easter, May 3rd.** The theme for the service this year is "Life in Christ the Vine," which comes from the Gospel lesson assigned for the day (John 15:1-5). New Hope will have a Moravian Music Sunday Lovefeast Service on Sunday, May 3rd, with music centered around this theme. Invite a family member or friend to come with you to the lovefeast service.

Phyllis Little, Music Director





*“Thank you” for your gift of  
Holy Week Readers for New Hope*

*In honor of Claire Schultz by Tom & Margaret Schultz*

*In honor of Rachel Schultz by Tom & Margaret Schultz*

*In honor of Gabriel Lewis Snyder by Jerry & Allison Snyder*

*To the Glory of God by Craig and Pat deBlois*

*In honor of Meggie Bumgarner by Mark and Malissa Bumgarner*

*In honor of Trevor Bumgarner by Mark and Malissa Bumgarner*

*In memory of John Wear Kinney by Mark and Malissa Bumgarner*

*To the Glory of God by Phyllis Little*

*To the Glory of God by Dan & Thelma Greaser*

*In Honor of Pastor Betty Helms and the congregation of New Hope  
by John & Margie Furmage*

*To the Glory of God by Inez Riley*

*To the Glory of God by Aurora, Dave & Lorraine O'Donnel*

*In honor of Mark Bumgarner by Friends*

*In honor of Malissa Bumgarner by Friends*

*In honor of Pastor Betty Helms by Bob & Karen Warren*

*In memory of Wayne Garrett by Bob & Karen Warren*

*To the Glory of God by New Hope Women's Fellowship*

Dear New Hope,

The first Yadkin View Women's Gathering called "Blooming Where You're Planted: Growing in Faith, Love & Hope" was hosted by New Hope Moravian on March 7 and was a huge success. Attended by 78 women from the 5 Yadkin View churches and with a total of 12 churches represented, each enjoyed learning about their spiritual type from Ruth C. Burcaw, Administrative Director of The BCM. A Hmong Agriculturalist demo on cut flowers and greenery during lunch with explanation about her culture and heritage was very interesting. Janet Doub, President gave an update from the Provincial Women's Board.

Rev. Patricia Garner, Coordinator shared info on The Unity Women's Desk and the work and impact of this agency. As the recipient of our love offering, we collected \$754.00 for The Unity Desk birthing kit project. Add to that the \$122.47 left after all bills were paid bringing the total raised to \$876.47. Amazing! Worship was very meaningful and lead by our own Rev. Betty Helms with the whole workshop closing in communion to solidify our bond as Christian Women. We've already been informed that this event will happen again in the future for Yadkin View hosted by one of the other 4 Churches.

If the above doesn't show our success the evaluations do. A synopsis of evaluations show that 52 turned in surveys, of those 99% gave an excellent overall rating, 92% were very likely to attend future events. Top Favorite Things Listed: Loved it all, Everything-the whole program, Ruth Burcaw's program, the fellowship, Meeting New Moravian Women, Flower Demo. The list went on.

So if you missed this years event, no worries. A Yadkin View Women's Gathering will happen again. Just not at New Hope next time. But boy did everyone do a fantastic job! From the group of men who came in and helped Mark strip & wax floors to the ladies who came in the day before to clean, organize and give the building that spit shine, company is coming look. Many thanks to all who prepared food & served as hostess for morning refreshments, greeted folks, worked the registration desk and were ushers. Thanks also to the men who worked in the background and in the kitchen so that all of us could participate in this event as it was happening. And last, but not least to Rev. Betty Helms, Nancy Miller, Jane Bumgarner and Sharon Bogar of Unity M, Lynn Huss of Macedonia M, Martha Rowe of Clemmons M, Jane Shore of New Phillidephia Moravian a tremendous thanks to this fine group of hard working women who worked well together and stuck it out thru completion. Great job everybody!!!!

Please see the many thank you notes that have come in to the church or to my self as the Yadkin View Chair. They say it all.

Sincerely,

Malissa Bumgarner  
Planning Committee Chair  
Yadkin view RCC Chair

To the Members of the Yadkinview RCC:

Words cannot adequately express the appreciation of the Unity Women's Desk for your generous offering that was received at the recent Women's Day held at New Hope Moravian Church. Seven hundred and fifty-four dollars (\$754.00) were collected which will allow us to make more than 46 Birthing Kits and perhaps twice that many if we can find a way to have them taken to Honduras or Tanzania so that we do not have to pay shipping costs. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who made the Women's Day event possible and to the women who gave so generously so that their sisters could have clean and safe births for their babies. Also, thank you for the opportunity to tell the women a little more about the work of the Unity Women's Desk.

I hope that you will continue to offer this Women's Day event in the future so that women can get together and share their spiritual journeys as well as do outreach mission in the process. There are so many good ministries that need support. I have found that when Moravians know of a need, they are very generous.

Thank you again for choosing the Unity Women's Desk as the recipient of your offering this year. May the Lord continue to bless you as you seek to work together to accomplish the Lord's purposes.

Your sister-in-Christ,

*Patty*

The Reverend Patricia Garner, Coordinator

Dear Betty,

Thank you and your congregation for hosting the "Bloom Where Your Planted" workshop. It was evident all the hard work and planning that was done by the members of your RCC and others. Everything moved so smoothly and orderly. God knew where you needed to be to "bloom"

Thank you all for a great Saturday in Newton-Conover

Blessings,

Bonnie Landreth  
Friedberg

Dear Ladies of New Hope,

Yesterday was a wonderful witness to how the Church should be - Women and (Men Helpers) coming together in fellowship + love and learning more about our strengths and weaknesses + how to work together + bloom where we are planted! Congratulations to New Hope - you have a beautiful church + your members are certainly "Blooming where they are planted" from the Welcome Committee to the Communion Service was a perfectly planned experience - Thank you !  
Most Enjoyable -

Evva Hanes



Dear Malissa and New Hope

How I wish I could have been there to share in the fellowship. The ladies from Clemmons appreciated the detail to which the event had been planned and executed. They liked the dot on the name tags, the immediate scotch taping of the name of the door prize recipients on the prize itself, the heavier card stock for playing the ice breaker bingo. They also had good things to say about the program and each of the presenters. I would say it was a "blooming" success.

Martha Rowe, Planning Committee from Clemmons Moravian

Dear Malissa, Yadkin View RCC Committee & New Hope,

Good morning! Just wanted to share with you all how WONDERFUL the event was on Saturday. It was a real pleasure to be with women from across the province and the group seemed very friendly and open to meeting and talking with each other. They seemed eager to learn and I felt like folks were really paying close attention and hanging in there with the speakers, etc. Lunch was very good and I loved the dot system... I may adopt that for use at BCM events! Everything was very well-organized and thought out - many of the folks from Unity mentioned how much they appreciated the attention to detail.

Thank you for your lovely gift . . . the pottery is lovely and I look forward to displaying it in my office as a memento of the day. The kind honorarium will also be put to good use!!

Here's to many more successful Yadkin View Women's Gatherings!

~Ruth  
Ruth Cole Burcaw  
Board of Cooperative Ministries  
Moravian Church, Southern Province

Dear Ladies of the Church,

I want to thank you for hosting the RCC Women's Gathering. You made us feel welcome the moment we entered the door. The "breakfast" was delicious and provided a nice break and social time. I was especially impressed with the organizational skills of your "lions".

I had to leave soon after Patty Garner's presentation and didn't get to fill out the evaluation sheet. I have nothing but praise for the well written liturgy by Rev. Helms, the presentation by Ruth Burcaw and Xiong's interesting life story. The lunch was good and so well planned.

Again, thank you for a nice experience.

Helen Everhart  
Clemmons Moravian