

# April 2016

## New Hope News



### 2016 WATCHWORD

Christ says, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." John 15:4 (NRSV)

## *New Hope Moravian Church*

- 4** Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;  
Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.
- 5** Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
With the lyre and the sound of melody.
- 6** With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
Shout joyfully before the King, the LORD.



Psalms 89:4-6

### **Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, Is Moravian Music Sunday!**

In keeping with this upcoming special Sunday, I would like to share with you of some information I learned while researching music in the church.

### **Did you know...**

- The Bible contains over 400 references to singing and fifty direct commands to sing.
- The longest book of the Bible, the Psalms, is a book of songs.
- In the New Testament we're commanded not once, but twice, to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with one another when we meet (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16)
- On the eve of His crucifixion, Jesus sang hymns with his disciples. (Matthew 26:30)

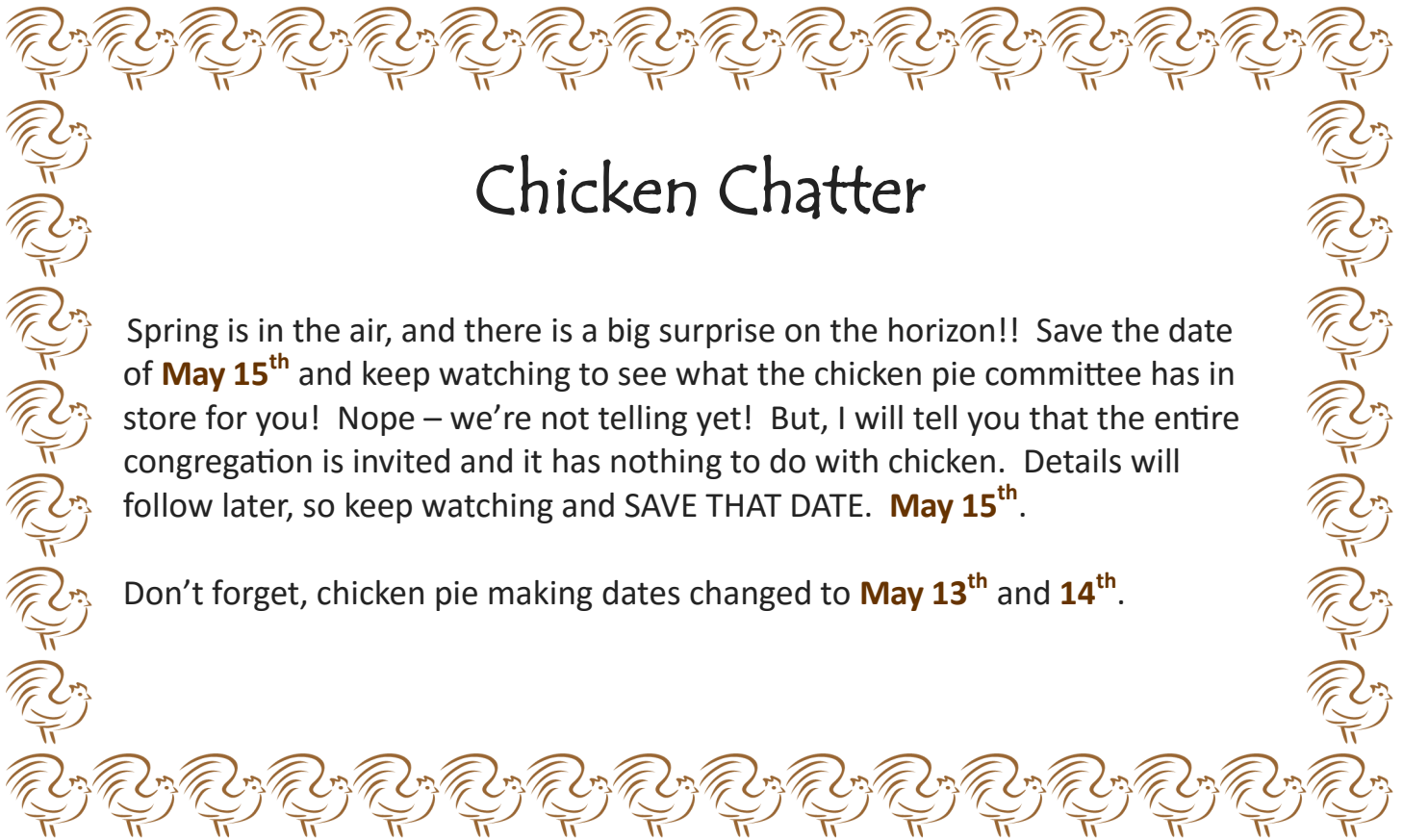
### **What Happens When We Sing ...**

- *Singing helps us remember words.* Do you notice how easy it is to recall songs you sang while growing up? We store thousands of songs in our memory. It is proven with Alzheimer's patient, who can't tell you the name of their spouse or children, can sing songs they learned as a child.
- *Singing helps us engage emotionally with words.* Singing connects the words we sing with our hearts. It expresses, arouses and speaks to our feelings.
- *Singing helps us use words to express our unity.* People sing together at sporting events- the national anthem, concerts, parties- New Year's Eve, weddings, funerals and in other settings. Scientists have found singing together produces a chemical change in our bodies that contributes to a sense of bonding. Singing together demonstrates our oneness.

### **But I Can't Sing ...**

In our churches the question is not "Do you have a voice?" The question is, "Do you have a song?" If we have accepted Christ, and know that we are His by the gift of Grace and Mercy... **We All Have A Song!**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! ... Psalm 98:4



# Chicken Chatter

Spring is in the air, and there is a big surprise on the horizon!! Save the date of **May 15<sup>th</sup>** and keep watching to see what the chicken pie committee has in store for you! Nope – we’re not telling yet! But, I will tell you that the entire congregation is invited and it has nothing to do with chicken. Details will follow later, so keep watching and **SAVE THAT DATE. May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Don’t forget, chicken pie making dates changed to **May 13<sup>th</sup>** and **14<sup>th</sup>.**



## Unique World Gifts

**New Hoppers met Friday evening, March 18<sup>th</sup>, and enjoyed meal and good fellowship followed by a program presented by Lana Ruffini, Executive Director of Unique World Gifts located off Highway 127 N in Viewmont. Ms. Ruffini explained that Unique World Gifts is a non-profit, fair trade store which serves as an outlet for artisans from countries around the world. We also tasted fair trade coffee from Central America and sampled chocolates from Africa. Twenty - one persons attended this meeting.**

**New Hoppers’ next meeting will be Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Following dinner Mark Bumgarner will talk about our graveyard, “God’s Acre”. Come join us and learn as we fellowship together. Dinner is at 6:30 with the program to follow.**



# Spring Hunger Challenge

The Spring Hunger Challenge is still going on! The deadline to send in donations and pledge forms is April 30th.

The Spring Hunger Challenge is raising funds for our food pantry. This support is crucial because our food distribution rate is at an all time high due to the expansion of our Student Hunger Prevention Program (SHPP) to all Newton-Conover City Schools and Catawba County Schools.




The SHPP is a yearlong program for families with vulnerable school-aged children, ensuring growing minds receive the nutrition they need to succeed. We received over 40 applications the morning of the expansion, demonstrating the great need in our county. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Student Hunger Prevention Program.



This expansion is on top of our normal distribution rate. In 2015, we distributed almost 1.4 million pounds of food with food assistance accounting for 88% of all assists made.

As you can see, the Charlie Bunn Food Pantry is essential to our mission.

To support the Spring Hunger Challenge, just specify "Spring Hunger Challenge" on the memo line of a check or in the comment section of an online donation.

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Contact Becca Bleich at [b.bleich@ecccm.org](mailto:b.bleich@ecccm.org) or [828-465-1702](tel:828-465-1702) for more information or to receive a pledge form.

Together we can ensure no child in Catawba County goes hungry!

## **Catawba Valley Community Chorus Concert**

**April 17, 2016 at 4 p.m. at New Hope Moravian Church**

New Hope Moravian Church will proudly be hosting one of the spring concerts for the Catawba Valley Community Chorus on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 4 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Catawba Valley Community Chorus is under the direction of Cory Westby and is accompanied by Tim Warren. (Mr. Westby is the Director of Music and Organist at the Episcopal of the Ascension Church as well as the Director of the Handbell Ensemble at Lenoir Rhyne University. Mr. Warren is an accomplished organist who is currently serving Mt. Zion Lutheran Church).

This volunteer group of 40 members is comprised of singers from the Unifour area. They perform inspirational concerts at different venues throughout the county both at Christmas and in the spring.

New Hope Moravian also has a personal connection to this group since 4 of our own New Hoppers currently sing with this group: Carolyn McDonald, Margie Furmage, Ned and Janie Setzer.

Please put this date on your calendar and invite friends and family so that we may give this group a warm welcome.

There will be a reception following the concert. Please consider helping with refreshments. (heavy hors d'oeuvres, such as; fruit, cheese, finger sandwiches (pimento cheese, chicken salad), cheese ball, crackers, chips, dip, veggies, cake, cookies, and brownies) Please sign-up on the bulletin board.

For further information, please contact:

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Janie Setzer email [setzerh@aol.com](mailto:setzerh@aol.com) or phone [828-294-6262](tel:828-294-6262)



New Hope is blessed with many who share their musical talent in our choirs throughout the year singing, ringing and playing songs of worship and praise. We would like to thank them for sharing their time and gifts.

**Children's Choir:** Emily Grace Johnson, Adelyn Hildebran, Charlie Westmoreland, Lincoln Westmoreland, Tucker Westmoreland

**Adult Choir:** Malissa Bumgarner, Laurie Joplin, Margie Furmage, Carolyn McDonald, Janie Setzer, Almon Carr, Jim Hendrix, Tom Schultz, Carroll Williams, Meggie Bumgarner, Kimberly McDonald, Steve Bumgarner, Allison Snyder, Glenda Hutto, Jane Bumgarner, Emily McDonald, Addie Joplin, Amy Johnson

**Band Members:** Jon Joplin, Tom Schultz, Russ Cox, Bob Warren, Stephen Westmoreland, Claire Schultz, Addie Joplin, Carolyn McDonald, Carroll Williams

**Handbell Choir:** Glenda Hutto, Nancy Olsen, Janie Setzer, Thelma Greaser, Leslie Srail, Pam Prevatte, Lauren Westmoreland, Carolyn McDonald

**Guest Conductor:** Trevor Bumgarner

**And Our Wonderful Director of Music and Organist:** Phyllis Little

Most of these musicians have each given a total of approximately 41 hours in practice for our services. Thank you again for all you do for New Hope!





In recognition of *Moravian Music Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>* here are the favorite hymns of some of New Hope's family, maybe you share the same favorite.

Margie Furmage- "He Leadeth Me" ; Bill Biles – " Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice" ; Tucker Westmoreland - " God Bless The Little Children" ; Cheryl Hendrix – "It Is Well With My Soul"; Dan Greaser – " In The Bulb There is A Flower" ; Glenda Hutto – "Amazing Grace" ; Sharon Allen – "The Old Rugged Cross" ; Pastor Betty – "I The Lord of Sea and Sky"; Shannon McDonald – "In The Garden" ; Leslie Srail – " Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice" Thelma Greaser " Sing Hallelujah Praise The Lord' ; Carolyn McDonald – "Jesus Name, Jesus, Name" ; Steve Bumgarner – " Once In Royal David's City" ; Charlie Westmoreland – " Jesus Loves Me" ; Bob Warren – "Be Still, My Soul: The Lord Is On Your Side" ( tune: Finlandia) ; Phyllis Little – "Jesus Priceless Treasure" ; Jim Hendrix – " When I Surveyed the Wondrous Cross" ; Carroll Williams – "Now Thank We All Our God"; Malissa Bumgarner-"Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand" ; Mark Moses – "Eternal Father Strong to Save" ; Bernice White – " I The Lord Of Sea and Sky" ; Lincoln Westmoreland – " Morning Star" ; Tom Schultz – "My Jesus As Thou Wilt" (tune: poacher found in the 1923 edition of Hymns and Liturgies of the Moravian Church –also known as the old black hymnal) .

**Check out our website: [newhopemoravian.org](http://newhopemoravian.org) - Newly posted pictures of Sunrise Service, Easter Breakfast and Worship Service. A very special thank you to Jim Helms for being our webmaster. The website looks great!!!**  
**A very "alive" website!**

## Pray Every Day April 2016

- ◆ I will exalt you, Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison with Greek InterVarsity Campus Ministry at Clemson.
- ◆ Be still, and know that I am God! Pray for Ed Dehnert and Isaac Amik as they represent the Alaska Seminary in North Carolina this week.
- ◆ Sunday. As the father has sent me, so I send you. Pray for Phil & Eunice Raiford, MX.
- ◆ I planted, Apollo's watered, but God gave the growth. Pray for Justin Rabbach, Dir. of Mission Engagement. [justin@moravianmission.org](mailto:justin@moravianmission.org)
- ◆ Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for Disaster relief for Nepal and other areas affected by disasters.
- ◆ The Lord has sent me to comfort all who mourn. Pray for Antioch servants and Dir. Jill Kolodziej.
- ◆ With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. Pray for Joe Jarvis and the work with the Cuban Moravian Church.
- ◆ It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you. Pray for the "Called In...To Be Sent Out" Seminar being held at Raleigh Moravian 4/9/2016, 11:00am - 3:00pm by Sam Gray.
- ◆ In the congregations I will bless the Lord. Pray for the Yadkin View RCC "Moravian Cherokee Connection Gathering" at Clemmons Moravian from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. today.
- ◆ Sunday. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. Pray for the advisory board of the Unity Women's Desk.
- ◆ The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. Pray for BWM Staff and Directors.
- ◆ The one who forms the mountains creates the wind and reveals his thoughts to mortals. Pray for Annie B. Mission with Star Mountain in Palestine.
- ◆ Our heart is glad in the Lord, because we trust in his holy name. Pray for the Solar program and the food program in the Sierra Leone Moravian Church.
- ◆ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother. Pray for R and B in the Sudan.
- ◆ Repent and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out. Pray for the Mission Areas of Sierra Leone, Cuba, and Peru.
- ◆ Oh Lord, do not be far from me; oh my strength, hasten to help me! Pray for Brian & Heather Marx serving with MAF in Indonesia.
- ◆ Sunday. Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF.
- ◆ The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed. Pray for the Woo Family serving in Asia.
- ◆ God reconciled us to himself through Christ. Pray for Rob and Anne Thiessen in Mexico.
- ◆ Return to me, says the Lord of hosts, and I will return to you. Pray for Adopt-A-Village Program in Tanzania.
- ◆ Our Savior desires everyone to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Pray for Ruth Snyder and Claire Wilson with "Changed Choices."
- ◆ Great and amazing are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty! Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton with WEC (World Evangelization for Christ).
- ◆ Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses. Pray for K & C serving in the Middle East.
- ◆ Sunday. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Pray for Charlie & Vickie Brent serving with Bridges International in campus ministry.
- ◆ For us there is one God, the father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent serving with Campus Crusade in Croatia.
- ◆ Does God not see my ways, and number my steps? Pray for Michael, Cecelia, and Blessing Tesh serving in the Ray of Hope orphanage in Kenya.
- ◆ Avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels. Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman with HIV/AIDS ministry in Tanzania.
- ◆ I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. Pray for the Medical Clinic and the church in Ahuas, Honduras.
- ◆ I will not continually accuse, nor will I always be angry. Pray for the shut-ins unable to get out to worship and routine activities.
- ◆ We have known and believed the love that God has for us. Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima in the Mission Area of Sierra Leone.