

April 2019
New Hope Moravian
Church



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2019 Watchword

“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” (2 Chronicles 16:9 NIV)



“Celebrate Your Faith and Your Life”

Well, April has arrived. If you are reading this article, then God has blessed you with another day...Use it wisely. “CELEBRATE YOUR FAITH and YOUR LIFE!” Celebrate God’s gift of another day to grow in your faith and your life. God blesses all of us with the same 24 hours and 365 days in a year but some still find it difficult to fit God into their lives; they’re too busy!

It’s been said, “Time passes and things change, but memories will always remain in the heart.” This can be good memories or bad memories. As I write this April article, I am reminded of a quote, I memorized years ago: “Time and tide wait for no man.” Which to me means: No one is so powerful...they can stop the march of time. The quote’s origin is uncertain (the earliest known record is from St. Marher, 1225). “Time waits on no one” says to us; don’t live your life with baggage from the past. Instead, fill your life with positive thoughts, words, deeds and actions! Smile more, laugh more; share the universal language of kindness...be a giver; give more to others! **Kindness is contagious—so “Celebrate Your Faith” and spread God’s love!** We never know what someone else is going through or dealing with in their life at this time!

I was recently given a badge that read: “Enjoy Life: This is NOT a Dress Rehearsal!” How’s your life going? Are you living your life of faith? Or are you only going through the motions of a dress rehearsal. Do you find yourself being encumbered with baggage from the past? Does it keep you from “Celebrating Your Faith and Your Life?” We cannot dwell on where we came from or what has happened in our life. Yes, our past life experiences shape us. But they do not have to define us! Some of you have had a good life; others have endured unforeseen trials. For some, your memories are grand. For others, your recollections of life are like a tsunami of painful memories. Most find, they are somewhere in the middle. Proverbs 3:5-6 *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”*

Well, guess what, we all have been given a new day and we can choose to make it whatever we want it to be, regardless of our past. I don’t know your story but I DO know all of us are likely to have some unresolved baggage. Hear me...**Our past does not have to define who we are!** “Celebrate Your Faith and Your Life”...God desires, we live a life of abundance in Christ Jesus! Perhaps today, you feel far from the abundance of God; you feel chaos looms just around the corner. Perhaps it resides

deep within you! Or within me! This reality is lived out over and over in Scripture. And yet, with God's abiding and unshakable promises, we know we will make it. Jeremiah 29:11 states: *"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."*

Friends, let's refuse to (hold onto) the chaos that looms within us. Let's become a good witness; a Christ-like example: to our children, our families, our friends, and to the world around us. Let's start living out of the reservoir of God's abundance; of God's perfect plan for our lives. Let's together declare: "From this day forward, I am going to live the life God desires for me to live!" 2 Corinthians 5:21: *"For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."*

Friends, when old baggage (starts raising its ugly head) or past failures or weaknesses (hit you square in the jaw) surrender them to God. Trust God! Daily seek His face; seek His help; then things will change...I promise! Be honest with yourself and God...Your not perfect, nor am I. So, just remember God loves both you and me, yet He refuses to leave us the way we are...He continues to make changes in our life! So, start living your life today! Stop the cycle of only experiencing a dress rehearsal...Start living your life of faith today! Stop hoping for a perfect life (then you'll start living your life). Stop waiting until things get better...**NO one's life is perfect!**

So, let's start today trusting God more and living and celebrating our life of faith! Let's stop carrying around the old baggage and chaotic tides of our past life within ourselves. (Let's lay it; all out before God the Father). Dear One, you cannot fight this battle alone and why would you want to! **When the All-Powerful; All-Loving Father is accessible to you...and to me today and forevermore!** So reach out to Him and ask for His help. Start "Celebrating Your Faith and Your Life" as God intended for it to be...I'll be praying for you...You pray for me. Amen!

In Christ Love and Service,
Pastor Betty

What is Holy Week?

What happens at New Hope that week?

In the Moravian Church, "Holy Week" is the time from Palm Sunday through Good Friday. The Moravian Church has a tradition of nightly reading services during this most sacred week. The readings are a compilation of the four Gospel accounts of the last week of Christ's life.

We will gather each evening in the sanctuary at 7:00 beginning Sunday, April 14th, to follow along from copies of the book "Readings for Holy Week". This harmony of the gospels begins with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and ending with the burial. There is no sermon, just readings and congregational singing. Services last approximately 30 minutes – Sunday – Wednesday.

On Maundy Thursday, following the readings, we will receive Holy Communion in an "Upper Room" setting, much like the very night when our Lord instituted this most holy sacramental meal.

Good Friday we recognize Christ's sacrifice for us through a congregational Lovefeast. This service also includes reading of the gospel account of Christ's burial. We will depart from the service in silence in anticipation of the good news of resurrection on Easter Day.

Easter Sunday, at predawn, we gather in the sanctuary to proclaim, "The Lord Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed." We then move to "God's Acre" to conclude as the sunrises. Following the service, we enjoy a warm and hearty breakfast. We will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord at the 11:00 Easter Sunday service.

Please mark your calendar for this special week... You will find it most meaningful.



TOGETHER
WITH
their families

RACHEL
ELIZABETH SCHULTZ

AND

SHAWN
DAVID SNIPES



INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THEIR WEDDING

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019
FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
NEW HOPE MORAVIAN CHURCH
2897 SANDY FORD ROAD
NEWTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28658



Easter Lilies

We adorn New Hope on Easter morning with beautiful Easter Lilies to glorify The Risen Lord.

The price is \$7.50 per plant.

Order forms are available on the office door. Form with payment is due by **April 14th**. Make checks payable to New Hope.



The preschool is ordering t-shirts this spring as a fundraiser to help make improvements to the playground. Please consider supporting them and showcasing our wonderful Preschool!

Shirts are \$10 each and can be ordered in your choice of royal blue, red, lime or purple (with white printing).

Orders with payments are due by **Thursday, April 4th**. Order forms are on the table by the sanctuary.

Shirts come in Youth Sizes (XS-L) and Adult Sizes (S-XL).



Easter Egg Hunt

All children, grandchildren and friends are invited to hunt eggs after the worship service on Easter Sunday. Bring your basket and join the fun!

Please let Margaret Schultz know if your children will participate. An approximate headcount will be helpful since this is the first time our hunt will be held on Easter Sunday.



New Hope is in need of used ½ pint and pint canning jars. A collection box is outside of the church office. These will be used for items for our Bazaar.

CD Ministry

New Hope has just started a CD Ministry to provide those who are not able to attend church the ability to hear Worship Services. Several folks have had surgeries and times of preventing attendance. The process ideally would be for a CD to be delivered to the house, to listen during the week, then to be picked up or returned the following week. New Hope would like to extend this opportunity for members who go out of town as well missing a service. There will be a designated place to sign up for a CD copy in the Narthex with the specific service desired. Once received, all you need is a CD player.

Spring Concerts

The Catawba Valley Community Chorus will present spring concerts **Sunday, April 28th** at 4:00 pm at St. Stephens Lutheran Church – ELCA, 2259 12th Ave NE (Springs Road), Hickory, NC and **Sunday, May 5th** at our own New Hope Moravian Church, 2897 Sandy Ford Road, Newton.

The concerts are largely religious and free to the public. A door offering will be received.



Cleaners for April

Sign-up sheet posted on bulletin board. More than one family can work together. All cleaning supplies are provided, but some prefer to bring their own favorite ones. Preschool does a good job of cleaning their areas, but do take a quick look in case others have used the building after school.

Please consider a turn at keeping God's House spick and span.

April Cleaners: NEEDED

Introducing April's Hymn of the Month
"Jesus in Gethsemane"
Tune: Ratisbon
347 Moravian Book of Worship

The text for ***Jesus in Gethsemane*** was written by Albert H. Frank in 1989 and revised by him in 1992. Not much biographical information is known about Albert Frank. He was born in 1944 and was a pastor at First Moravian Church in Dover, Ohio. In addition to hymn # 347, Frank wrote three other hymns that appear in the Moravian Book of Worship:

#412 *Come, Come, Come, Christ Jesus* (1993)

#542 *Lord, Your Praise We Sing* (1991)

#774 *Lord Jesus, You Are Worthy* (1989)

The tune name "Ratisbon" refers to a city in southern Germany that dates from the first century (the Stone Age). Ratisbon was later renamed to its present name Regensburg. The Ratisbon tune first appeared in 1704 in *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, a Lutheran hymnal published in Germany during the time of J.S. Bach. The hymnal was edited by Johann Anastasius Freylinghausen (1670-1739), a theologian of the pietist Halle School, a school for orphans.

Jesus in Gethsemane is based on scriptures from the four Gospels, most notably Matthew 26:36-46 and Luke 22:40-48. Verse one of the hymn refers to Jesus' prayers and His sadness and anguish in the garden while the three apostles (Peter, James and John) slept. Verse two refers to Jesus' acceptance of His plight and Judas' betrayal with a kiss. Verse three is addressed to all Christians, that we continue to pray and to always abide in Jesus with prayer, love and praises for His eternal gift to mankind.

April Happenings

Tuesday, April 2nd –



Pastor Betty Helms' Birthday



CHICKEN CHATTER

listed below:

We will soon make another round of our famous Moravian chicken pies and need everyone to come and help with this church wide project. It is a wonderful time of fellowship and a great way to support New Hope and each other. Dates and times are

Thursday – April 4, 2019

1:00 PM – Assemble boxes, Pre-measure and Set-up

Friday – April 5, 2019

7:00 AM – Chicken cookers arrive

8:00 AM – Dough Makers arrive

9:00 AM – Gravy makers and all others arrive

Saturday – April 6, 2019

8:00 AM – All workers arrive to begin pie assembly

If you wish to reserve pies for yourself, your family or friends, a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up NOW, before we begin calling from the call list. These sell out fast, and we will not make extras due to storage capability.

In His service,
Margie

Thursday, April 4th – ECCCM Workday

Tuesday, April 9th – Women's Circle Meeting at the home of Carolyn McDonald, 7:00 pm. Lesson by Fay Ayers. All should bring a Bible. All women are encouraged to attend!

ACAP Event: The Dementia Brain: Latest Research, Support & Treatment Options

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 2780 N Center Street, Hickory

5:30 PM

Advance registration is required. To reserve your seat, call 828-610-5741 or email info.ACAPHickory@gmail.com

Saturday, April 13th – *The wedding of Rachel Schultz to Shawn Snipes, 4:00 pm*

Sunday, April 14th – Palm Sunday Worship

Board of Elders Meeting, 12:15 pm

Holy Week Service, 7:00 pm

Monday, April 15th – Holy Week Service, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 16th – Holy Week Service, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 17th – Holy Week Service, 7:00 pm

Choir Practice after Worship

Thursday, April 18th – CMO/Preschool Easter Party & Lenten Fair

**Maundy Thursday
Upper Room Communion, 7:00 pm**

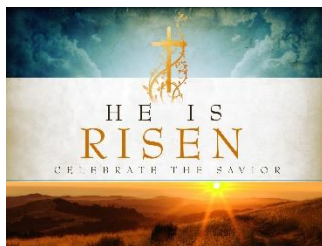
Friday, April 19th – Good Friday

Holy Week Reading & Good Friday Lovefeast, 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 21st – Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast, 6:30 am

Easter Worship Service, 11:00 AM; No Sunday School

Easter Egg Hunt, 12:15 PM



Monday, April 22nd – Thursday, April 25th – No CMO/Preschool

Wednesday, April 24th – No Handbells or Choir Practice

Thursday, April 25th – May Newsletter Articles Due to Office

Sunday, April 28th – Catawba Valley Community Chorus spring concert at 4:00 pm at St. Stephens Lutheran – ELCA, 2259 12th Ave NE (Springs Road), Hickory. Free and open to the public.

Looking Ahead

Saturday, May 4th – Church Social at the Larsen's Home. Ashley and Steve invite you and your children to their home for good company and good food.

The Larsen's will provide chicken and ribs; they are asking others to bring side items, drinks and ice.

4965 Villar Lane NE
Valdese, NC
Time: 2:00 pm – until
Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Sunday, May 5th – Catawba Valley Community Chorus spring concert at 4:00 pm at New Hope Moravian.



BOARD OF WORLD MISSION

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We are in this Mission Journey Together! As the Board of World Mission works to create and continue relationships around the world, we are very aware that we cannot do this alone. We invite you to use this resource to join us in specific ways in mission. Listed below are opportunities to **Serve**, to **Pray** and to **Give**.

SERVE: Tricklebee Café is a pay-what-you-can community café that offers healthy meals, food-service training, and spiritual nourishment in Milwaukee, WI. This is a ministry of the Moravian Church under the direction of the Rev. Christie Melby-Gibbons. This summer Tricklebee is partnering with the Urban Gathering Center of Milwaukee and will be one of several service sites for their Urban Mission Trips. Cleaning, drywalling, floor covering, and meal preparation will be on the task list. For information about the experience go to <https://www.urbangatheringcenter.org/2019-summer>, or contact Christie at revchristiemelbygibbons@gmail.com

PRAY: Please pray for the Labrador Mission Province as it continues its work with people in villages up and down the Atlantic coast. This is a beautiful land filled with gracious people but winters are harsh and life is a challenge in these remote areas.

GIVE: Please give to support the administrative operations of the BWM. While not nearly as exciting as giving to other important causes, without support for our ongoing administration none of our outreach would be possible.

Donations may be mailed to BWM,

1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. Online, please visit www.moravianmission.org/donate.

THANK YOU!



Unleash Your Power!

2019 Moravian Women's Conference

“Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us.”

Ephesians 3:20

WHEN: June 20 (Thurs Dinner) - 23 (Sunday Morning)

WHERE: Embassy Suites by Hilton, Downtown Winston-Salem

If you wish to stay on site they have a block of rooms reserved-

Tell them what group you are with to get the conference rate.

If you wish to stay with Malissa B's family please notify her.

WHAT: Meet Moravian Women from all over the world. Learn from a variety of top notch speakers. Worship in many ways including Communion and Lovefeast.

WHO: For the full conference: Malissa B, Nancy M, Thelma G, Allison Snyder
and Pastor Betty Helms.

For One Day Only: None reported yet?

For Manning Our Share & Sell Booth: Pat deBlois - Coordinator

HOW TO GET THERE: Carpooling can easily be arranged.

HOW TO REGISTER: Our Women's Fellowship still has scholarship funds to assist in registration cost. **All registrations include meals, materials and outstanding speakers/presenters.**

Full Event- \$415- (Early bird pricing is over.)

Saturday All Day Only- \$ 175 /person (Top Keynote Speaker, 2 Workshops, Lunch, Dinner & Evening Lovefeast and Candlelight)

Registration ends May 26, 2019

See the bulletin board for more information or go to the following site for more:

moravianwomensconference.org (336) 893-4460



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