

April 2021

New Hope Moravian Church

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2021 Watchword

“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”
(Ephesians 3:20-21 NRSV)



Jesus Resurrection Should Be Celebrated Every Day!

April has arrived and this year Sunday April 4, 2021 amidst the lengthy pandemic; we will celebrate Easter COVID style. The long-awaited day for many Christians arrives; this year due to COVID, we will only have one worship service for Easter @ 10:00AM. As Christians gather for their traditional Easter Morning Worship Service... I say: "The Lord is Risen! Then the congregation echoes, "The Lord is Risen indeed!"

Easter is the day Christians all across the world celebrate Jesus RESURRECTION. This great day of celebration comes after, we as Christians, have experienced and traveled forty days on our lengthy Lenten journey through Holy Week. Despite COVID, we each night via the New Hope YouTube video we experienced Jesus' journey to the Cross together in our homes.

This year despite COVID, we still celebrated Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week. This year (our readings each night was read by our members) and recorded for YouTube viewing. Our "Upper Room" experience also looked a little different this year for Maundy Thursday with Communion... Just as Jesus and His disciples came together, we too gathered in our own individual homes to partake with friends, family and spouses. Yes, we were not in the Church, but we were united together by God's love and spirit, as we partook of the blessed Sacraments. We received Jesus' words, "*This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins*" (Matthew 26:28NIV).

Then, as is our tradition, we continued our journey of Holy Week by celebrating our Good Friday Lovefeast (this year) in our homes. On Good Friday, we once again traveled to the foot of the Cross where, we heard, Jesus echoing cry of, *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me"* Mark 15:34 NIV.

Our Lenten journey this year has stretched us and made us need to be more flexible. Yet, the journey for Jesus to the Cross that He would bear for each of us was the same. We have heard the words of finality that Jesus spoke with His last breath, *"It is finished!"* (John 19:30). Friends, Jesus paid our sin debt in full; Jesus paid a sin debt we could not pay for ourselves. Fortunately, we are no longer separated from God the Father. Our Lenten journey this year also took us to the empty tomb to hear again the story of the women who traveled there early in the morning; to find the tomb empty. We heard once more the words of the angels at the empty tomb, *"He is not here, but has risen"* (Luke 24:6).

So, now what do we do? Where do we go from here? The pivotal culmination of God's life-changing Day of Jesus Resurrection is over; or is it...? Brothers and Sisters, Easter, is so much more than just one day. Jesus' Resurrection Day should be an essential part of every Sunday worship celebration we have. And not just on Sunday's during worship; We should celebrate Jesus "RESURRECTION" every day of our lives. When we come to worship on Sunday, we should come to collectively receive once more the fruit of the Cross and the Resurrection of Jesus — as we also come receiving the sure forgiveness of our sins and the certainty of our eternal life with God.

Jesus RESURRECTION and EASTER should be celebrated "every day" as we live with HOPE trusting in God through Christ. "Every day" should be a day of celebration, knowing Jesus is "the RESURRECTION and the LIFE" (John 11:25). It is worthy for us to remember that God the Father sent His Beloved Son Jesus...to die on the Cross for our sins; He paid a sin debt we could not pay for ourselves. Jesus Christ is our only "HOPE"!

So what do we do after celebrating the empty tomb and "Jesus Resurrection"? We follow the example of the first witnesses of the empty tomb. After the two angels reminded Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women that Jesus had risen, the Gospel of Luke tells us *"they remembered the words and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest"* (Luke 24:8-9). They went forth from the tomb changed by the Resurrection of Jesus. They went forth from the tomb to share their witness of God's power over sin, death and Satan himself; to others.

So, where do we go... and what do we do now? We are to follow the example of Jesus' first disciples. After Jesus walked through locked doors to appear to the eleven disciples and to show Himself to Thomas, seven of the eleven disciples went back to their fishing business (John 21:1-14). They went back to their vocations and took the witness of Christ RESURRECTION with them. They lived "every day" in joy and celebration of the RESURRECTION of Jesus, by carrying out their discipleship duties and responsibilities.

Perhaps, this year, most of all with all we have experienced, we need to stop and think how grateful we are. Like the women at the empty tomb and the eleven disciples, we too need to make it our lifelong task to tell others about Jesus. We too need to be "every day" witnesses to Jesus RESURRECTION. As Jesus true disciples, we need to share the HOPE we have of "eternal life" because of Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior!

Like the women at the empty tomb and the eleven disciples, we need to take every opportunity we have to reach out to those in our homes, workplaces and community. We

have been given the task of spreading the “Good News” of Jesus Christ to the world around us. God has given to each of us an “eternal gift” to share with others. Most of us are not fishermen, but all of us have a particular calling on our life. Our calling can be father, husband, mother, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, employee, retiree, friend, and neighbor. We are all called to celebrate Jesus RESURRECTION by sharing God’s grace and mercy. We are to celebrate and communicate it “every day” by sharing God’s joy, love, peace, and forgiveness through Christ. We are to live “every day” with Christ-like joy and celebration of Jesus RESURRECTION. We are to share “every day” the words of our Easter Morning Liturgy and our hymn of celebration that declares Jesus Resurrection: **Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!** (MBW#94 & 543)

*Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord!
Sing with a cheerful voice;
Exalt our God with one accord,
And in His Name rejoice.
Ne’er cease to sing, thou ransomed host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Until in realms of endless light
Your praises shall unite.*

*There we to all eternity
Shall join the angelic lays
And sing in perfect harmony
To God our Savior’s praise;
He hath redeemed us by His blood,
And made us kings and priests to God,
For us, for us, the Lamb was slain!
Praise ye the Lord! Amen.*

In Christ Love & Service,
Pastor Betty

Worship Indoors Starting

*Easter
Sunday*

April 4, 2021 @ 10:00AM

Weekly worship services will resume by gathering in the sanctuary in a safe and socially distanced way. The service will continue to be broadcast by radio to the parking lot and offered online as a youtube video service by the next day. A recorded CD of the service will remain available upon request.

**Easter is the time of rebirth...What a wonderful way to celebrate.
EASTER MORNING with ALL of us returning to WORSHIP in
NEW HOPE'S Sanctuary... With its newly recovered pews!**

How to prepare for our Indoor Worship:

1. The following **people who are at high risk** of severe illness from COVID-19 are encouraged to stay home and continue to worship with us by watching our YouTube video service or may stay in their car in the parking lot. High risk people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions, including those who are immunocompromised or who have chronic lung disease, severe asthma, serious heart conditions, severe obesity, and chronic diseases should also consider not attending Indoor Worship. We recommend Parking Lot Worship on FM 87.90.
2. If you have experienced any of the following symptoms within the week prior to the service, please stay home for your safety and others:

Fever of 100 degrees or higher Cough or sore throat Shortness of breath
Close contact with anyone confirmed to have COVID-19 (in the past 14 days)
3. Remember your mask before leaving home, face coverings will be required.
4. You will be emailed a waiver prior to coming. Remember your signed form before leaving home, it will be required. Ushers will have one if needed. (If you signed the waiver already you do not have to do sign again)

What to do when you arrive for our Indoor Worship:

While you are on the grounds, we ask you to practice social distancing and maintain a minimum of 6 feet between you and other congregants outside of your household.

1. Upon arrival park in the spots that have the X's which are placed every other parking space. X's are placed on the sidewalk for social distancing as well. If no X's be sure to park every other spot.
2. Entry to the service will be through the front double doors to the sanctuary. We ask attendees to not use

- the other doors and hallways to access the sanctuary. Exit will be out the side sanctuary door only.
3. Masks must be worn entering and while seated in the sanctuary. If you forget your mask before leaving home, ushers will be able to provide you with one.
 4. Ushers will be available at the entry sidewalk to assist with check-in. Everyone will need to check-in for temperature test, attendance and health traceability record keeping and turn in/sign the one-time waiver.
 5. Baskets for offerings will be available at both sanctuary entry and exit doors for drop off by attendee.
 6. Hand sanitizer will be available at both sanctuary entry and exit doors.
 7. If collecting for a mission project, attendees will place items in the grocery cart or other designated container.
 8. Single-use bulletins with Scripture, Liturgy and Hymn lyrics, etc. are handed out by ushers (sanitized hands/wear gloves). No hymnal use at this time. Attendees are to take bulletins and other inserts when leaving or place in receptacle at the exit.
 9. When entering for seating, please proceed up the center isle and go in any open pew (every other pew is blocked and marked to ensure safe distancing). Only sit with family and those in your close contact circle/bubble. **On each pew, ensure each family unit remains 6+ feet from other congregants.**
 10. When worship is over you will exit your pew as directed by usher. Remain seated until your row is selected to leave out the front side sanctuary door.

What to expect during our Indoor Worship:

Worship: The entire service is in the single use bulletin which we ask you to take with you when you leave. Do not leave in pews.

Communion: Communion for indoor services continue in the same way as outdoors: you will receive Communion elements in a pre-packaged/pre-consecrated kit upon arrival. We will all partake at the same time where you are seated or in the car.

Choir, Handbells and Band: There will be no groups at this time. Soloist placed at proper distance may be used. The play piano will be used.

Restrooms: Have been sanitized prior to service. You will be required to sanitize your hands on the way in and out of the restrooms. Only one person or family at a time in the restroom.

Nursery: There will be **no nursery** at this time. Please bring quiet activities.

Please Note: New Hope congregation now has (three ways) of receiving worship:

1. Radio Transmitting through FM 87.90- in New Hope's parking lot. Tip- Bring transistor
2. Indoor worship- inside Sanctuary- safely spaced physically (six feet or more apart)
3. YouTube Video- usually posted by Sunday evening. Link sent by email.

We look forward to seeing ALL of you Easter Sunday at our Indoor Worship!

Thank You, Pastor Betty, Worship Committee, Task-Force Team and Board of Elders



Flowers for Easter Service

Flowering the Cross: The cross outside the sanctuary on Easter morning is so beautiful and meaningful as it is decorated on Easter morning. This simple act symbolizes new life in our risen Lord. You may bring flowers/greenery from your yard and trees or use purchased cut flowers if you like to hang on the chicken wire. Watch the barren cross become alive and beautiful.

Easter Lilies: This year we will **NOT** be taking orders for lilies for the Sanctuary due to the uncertainty of the Covid-19 situation. Never fear, the sanctuary will be quite lovely.

Prayer & Gratitude Slips: Once again you are offered special colorful slips to list your prayer concerns or thoughts of gratitude. You may roll them up and place them on the cross outside the sanctuary by Easter morning. Just place them between the flowers and wire. These are confidential. Only Pastor Betty Helms removes them.

Thank you for helping with the glorious celebration of our Risen Savior.



New Ways to Give to New Hope

Thanks to the Moravian Ministries Foundation of America (MMFA), we now have an online option to donate to New Hope via credit card or direct debit (automatic bank to bank transfer).

The MMFA provides the portal for this electronic giving and they directly deposit any funds to the New Hope bank account. Here is the link to the online giving portal: <https://mmfa.info/new-hope-moravian-church-north-carolina-donation-form/>.

This is a great option for Friends of New Hope that no longer live in the area. These donations will be tracked for tax filing purposes. Transaction fees do apply, just under 3% for credit card transactions and \$0.75 for direct debit transactions. We will be adding the link to the New Hope website in March.

The MMFA also provides a means to donate securities/stocks. Your broker transfers the securities/stocks to MMFA and the MMFA executes the securities/stocks into cash. Securities/stocks executed in this way are not subject to capital gains tax. Please contact Tom Schultz if you are interested in the process for this type of monetary transaction.

Please contact Tom Schultz at newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com with any questions about the items above.



Safe Harbor
Anchoring Lives Through Christ

Donation Collection for Safe Harbor

New Hope's Mission Committee will be collecting donations for Safe Harbor Rescue Mission during the month of April. Requested items:

Trash Bags (15- and 30-gallon size)

Napkins

Kleenex/Boxed Tissues

Styrofoam Bowls

Hot Beverage Cups (8 oz size)

Hand Soap

Laundry Pods HE (high efficiency)

You are also asked to include a card or note of encouragement for the women that are served by Safe Harbor.

“Safe Harbor is a non-profit ministry that is devoted to providing a Christ-centered community where women can work to rebuild their lives through immediate and long-term programming. Our staff understands the challenges of homelessness, abuse, addiction, and emotional struggle. We strive to meet women right where they are and assist them in setting and achieving their goals.”

You can, also, support Safe Harbor by donating your gently used items to and shopping at their thrift store, **Resource Warehouse**. “In addition to providing job skills training and work experience for the women we serve, Resource also models one of our major themes: giving new life and purpose to that which has been discarded as ‘junk’.”



meals on wheels
OF CATAWBA COUNTY

Meals on Wheels of Catawba County is in urgent need of volunteers to fill approximately 60 openings as they begin to transition to a Monday through Thursday delivery schedule. Volunteers deliver just one day a month for up to 1.5 hours and are particularly needed in the Catawba, Hickory, Newton, and Maiden areas. During this

unprecedented time, volunteers are needed more than ever to deliver meals and safety checks to community members in need.

If you or someone you know may be interested in volunteering, give them a call at 828-695-5610 or go to mealsonwheels@catawbacounty.gov. Several members of our congregation are volunteers (Margaret Schultz, Malissa and Mark Bumgarner) and would be glad to answer general questions.

Archives Sunday 2021 is April 25 and the Archives Needs Your Help!

Since 1753, documenting our churches, our families, our communities, the Moravian Archives has been the official repository for records of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province. The first records in our collection began with the establishment of the first southern Moravian settlement in 1753 at Bethabara, then Bethania in 1759, and Salem in 1766, and continue uninterrupted to the present. The primary mission of the Archives is to serve the Southern Province Moravian churches by collecting, cataloging and safekeeping these records. Additionally, the Archives makes many of its holdings available for research by genealogists, academics, cultural institutions, and the general public. Indeed, the Archives is an important source of historical information for the greater Winston-Salem area.

Originally, Moravians kept detailed records to maintain ties with Church leadership in the Moravian “center” of Herrnhut, Germany, and later with the settlements in Bethlehem, PA and other places. However, the collections of the Archives represent a treasure-trove of historical information about life in the Southern Province of the Moravian Church, including diaries, church member information, funeral memoirs, church government, orders of worship, an extensive collection of music, and reports from the world-wide missionary work of the Moravian Church, including the work with the native American Cherokees.

How can you help?

Archives Sunday: April 25, 2021

Here’s how you can help!

The Provincial Elders Conference, Southern Province, has designated the last Sunday of April each year as Moravian Archives Sunday. On April 25 this year, the churches of the Southern Province have been asked to provide special emphasis for the Moravian Archives during worship, and to provide information about the Archives in its church bulletins and newsletters.

On this emphasis Sunday, members of our Southern Province churches are asked to support the Archives with their financial contributions and their prayers! If you have not yet made a contribution to this valuable repository of information about our church, we encourage you to do so by this emphasis Sunday. And if you have already made a contribution, please consider additional support! The Archives' \$300,000 annual budget is funded primarily by the churches of the Southern Province

Gifts to the Archives can be designated for any of the following funds:

- Unrestricted fund
- The Reverend Dr. C. Daniel Crews Friends Fund
- Technology Fund (for necessary computer and research equipment)
- Book Fund (for publication of books like Records of the **Moravians among the Cherokees**)
- Endowment Fund

Online contributions may be made by going to the following:

- Archives site: www.moravianarchives.org/donate
- Moravian Ministries Foundation: www.mmfa.info/Giving Portal

If you would like to receive a contribution card, please contact the Archives:
457 S. Church Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101
(336) 722-1742; e-mail: moravianarchives@mcs.org

Thank you!

Update on Brother Bill & Elaine Biles

In corresponding with Bill and Elaine, I asked if I might share some news from them.

Bill said, needless to say, he misses New Hope and its people. There is a Moravian church located in Hope, Indiana, about 25 miles away. He has not visited it yet. Elaine said she has worshipped in the Methodist church a few times. Both stated that it is difficult to worship in a new church while following Covid protocol of masks and social distancing.

Brother Bill and Elaine said to "tell all Hello" and wished everyone a "Happy Easter"!

If you would like to send a card, their address is:
Bill & Elaine Biles
152 E. Lakepoint Drive
Apt 6
Greensburg, IN 47240

Blessings,
Jane Bumgarner



Retirement PARTY



- HONORING -

Rev. Robert Silber

APRIL
SUNDAY 25th 2-4 PM
2021

CONOVER CITY PARK
361 5th Ave. SE
CONOVER, NC

In lieu of a gift, please bring non-perishable food items.

New Hope Service on



Click on the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCagQSb0gw2QUC-UFiwe5ikg>

This will take you directly to the homepage of our New Hope YouTube channel. Here you can choose from different videos that are available.

Mark Your Calendar for April

Thursday, April 1st – ECCCM Workday

Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 2nd – Good Friday

Sunday, April 4th – *Easter Sunday* – **Indoor & Parking Lot Worship - 10 am**



Sunday, April 11th – **Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service**

Monday, April 12th – **Board of Elders Meeting** via Zoom, 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 15th – North Carolina Tax Day
(Federal Income Filing Date is May 17th)

Sunday, April 18th – **Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service**

Sunday, April 25th – Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service

Archives Sunday

ECCCM Retirement Party for Rev. Robert Silber
Conover City Park, 2-4 pm

Monday, April 26th – May Newsletter Articles Due



April Birthdays

2nd – Betty Helms
23rd – Caron Simpson
Bill Biles
Trevor Bumgarner
24th – Amy Johnson

Pray Every Day April 2021

1. Maundy Thursday-The Lord is gracious and merciful. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
2. Good Friday-Christ is our peace. Pray for Charlie and Vickie Brent in Texas.
3. Christ suffered to bring you to God. Pray for Safiatu Braima and God's work in Sierra Leone.
4. Easter-Because he lives, you too will live. Pray for those who don't yet know Jesus.
5. Does disaster befall a city, unless the Lord has done it? Pray for medical personnel serving in the war against Covid-19.
6. God sets on high, those who are lowly. Pray for PEC members and other church leaders
7. Bless those who curse you. Pray for Moravians in Peru.
8. Before Him, no creature is hidden. Pray for the Thiessens in Mexico.
9. I have called you by name, You are mine. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya.
10. Our inner nature is being renewed day by day. Pray for Alas de Socorro in Honduras.
11. Sunday-Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Pray for Armando Rusindo Foundation and Cuban believers.
12. Jerusalem will be a name of joy to me. Pray for Justin Rabbach (BWM).
13. Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
14. Rejoice that your names are written in heaven. Pray for Annie B Missions (Star Mt).
15. Those who love your name, may exult in you. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx (MAF).
16. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek InterVarsity.
17. Let the word of the Lord dwell in you richly. Pray for Unity Women's Desk.
18. Sunday-See what love the Father has given us. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
19. We are more than conquerors through Him who loves us. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx (MAF).
20. Do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. Pray for Jenna and Andrew Craver in Alaska.
21. I have tested you in the furnace of adversity. Pray for Alan and DeeDee Iobst in France.
22. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
23. Keep alert, stand firm in your faith. Pray for Dr. Benno and Teresa Marx.
24. Take heart, get up, He is calling you. Pray for Moravian volunteers.
25. Sunday-He that began a good work in you will complete it. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
26. God is light and in Him there is no darkness. Pray for those still suffering loss due to disasters.
27. Has God rejected His people? By no means! Pray for Moravian ministers and for churches needing them to bring God's word.
28. Our Lord's patience means salvation. Pray for the food programs taking care of those needing good nutrition.
29. We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous. Pray that our country will turn back to God.
30. His authority shall grow continually. Pray for all those suffering from the COVID-19 virus.



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