

April 2022

New Hope Moravian Church

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2022 Watchword

“If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”
(1 John 1:7)



Are You Living For Christ?

This month of April, I decided to share one of my all time favorite stories with you concerning... Count Zinzendorf: *Living for Christ – First Fruit* by Janet and Geoff Bengé.

Nicolaus Ludwig Zinzendorf climbed the stone steps of the art gallery in Dusseldorf. The doorman bowed low, and Zinzendorf nodded in recognition of the gesture. It was May 20, 1719, and this was the fifth art gallery he had visited since setting out on his excursion a week before. Zinzendorf strolled around, taking in the masterpieces on display. With him were his new tutor, Herr Riederer, and his older half-brother, Fredrick, who had joined him for the early portion of the grand tour of Europe. The excursion to the art gallery was much like the others Zinzendorf had made on the trip, until he came to one particular painting. For some reason he felt attracted to it. He stopped and studied it closely. The painting, by Domenico Fetti, was titled ***Ecce Homo (Behold the Man)***. It showed Jesus with a crown of thorns on His head. At the bottom of the picture, the artist painted the words: **This I have done for you. What have you done for Me?**

This question astonished Zinzendorf. It seemed to hang in the air as he pondered what, indeed, he had done for Christ. The usual answers came to mind. He had loved Him, read the Bible, prayed and sang hymns, but somehow these things seemed insignificant compared to all Christ had done by dying on the Cross. Zinzendorf repeated the question to himself: **What have you done for me?** His mind went back to the dining room at the Paedagogium in Halle. He thought about the time he sat at

the table listening to all that Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, the missionary from India, had to say. **Now, there was a man who was doing something for Christ!**

"**I will do more,**" Zinzendorf vowed quietly as he stood in front of the painting. "**My life will not be spent in idle touring and visiting.**" "Don't you want to see the rest of the gallery?" Fredrick asked, his voice breaking into Zinzendorf's thoughts. "You've been standing here in a trance for fifteen minutes." "Oh, yes, I suppose I must go on," Zinzendorf replied, taking one last look at the painting. Zinzendorf went on to view the work of famous Dutch and German artists, but he could not get out of his mind the idea that it was time to do something for Christ.

Shortly thereafter, he caught a vision of his life's work. **What could he do for Christ?** It was so obvious to him now: he could use his life and his money to make an effort to bring all Christians together into one family - one fellowship that would accept and tolerate one another's differences. And so, that was what he did from that moment on. (http://christians.com/inspirational/ecce_homo)

As we continue our journey through Lent toward Easter morning... Let us ask ourselves: **What have you done for Christ and His Church? Are you living your life for Christ Jesus? ... What will you do for Christ and others today? You decide!!!**

In Christ Love & Service,
Pastor Betty

Mission Committee News

New Hope will be working at ECCCM on Thursday, April 7th. We will volunteer from 10:00-12:00 and then, those that would like to, will go to lunch together. Last month five members represented New Hope on our workday. We bagged food items for ECCCM's clients and enjoyed each other's company. If you are interested in helping, you can meet us at ECCCM or in the church parking lot. Contact Margaret Schultz (828-234-8184) if you have questions or want to meet at church.



Moravian Mission Coffee



You can support Moravians around the world just by drinking a cup of coffee! Each bag of coffee purchased enables the Board of World Mission to provide more Mission Grant funding to their partners worldwide. The Board of World Mission partners with Lutheran World Relief's Farmers Market Coffee to make coffee sourced directly from the coffee farmers available to you. The farmers are paid a living wage so that they can lift themselves out of poverty and become self-sufficient.

The coffee is available as a medium roast out of Uganda (ground or whole bean), a decaffeinated option (ground only) or a hazelnut flavor (ground only). To order go to moravian.org/mission.

**** Yard Sale & Bake Sale on Saturday, April 2nd ****

Bake Sale

Your baking skills are needed for New Hope's bake sale. We will be selling baked goods during the yard sale. Since any proceeds earned are eligible for the matching funds, 200% of the earnings will go to the playground fundraiser. Anything from whole cakes, pies, and breads to single serving packages of cookies/brownies are requested. Please have your items packaged for sale before they are dropped off. Keep in mind that nothing will be priced less than a dollar so package your items accordingly.

Baked goods can be dropped off at the church on Friday April 1 between 5-6pm or the morning of the sale before 9:00am.

If you have questions, contact Margaret Schultz (828) 234-8184.

Yard Sale

As part of the fundraiser for New Hope's playground, Preschool will be hosting a yard sale on April 2nd starting at 9:00 am. You can support this effort in the following ways.

1. Rent a space for \$25. All the proceeds from your sales are yours to keep. A flyer with additional information is in the church vestibule.
2. New Hope will have a bake sale booth at the yard sale. All bake sale proceeds go to the playground fundraiser.
3. Volunteer to help where needed that morning.
4. Come and shop!

If you have questions, please contact our Preschool Director Jen Morris during preschool hours (828-294-4802) or Margaret Schultz (828-234-8184).

**** Playground Fundraiser ****

We are over the halfway point (\$1500) in our New Hope members matching donation challenge! That means there is still about \$1400 in matching funds available until the end of May. Please help us take advantage of every dollar.

Our money from donations, Country Store proceeds, and Joyful Playground Noise (loose change collection), along with the funds that Preschool has raised, has pushed the total amount collected to over \$5000! The goal is \$10,000. Please check out the posters at church to see the amounts as they are updated weekly.

There are plans in the works to have the large piece of equipment, hopefully, delivered and installed this month.



New Items in our Country Store

Cute & Practical Padded Soup Bowl Holders - \$8 -
Thank you Leslie & Nancy

Handmade Srail Pottery - Prices vary - spoon holders,
bowls

Almond Biscotti - \$2 - Biscotti is a crunchy Italian cookie, great with coffee, hot tea or favorite beverage.

Jams - \$4

Sunshine Jam - Orange Marmalade

Spring Berry Jam - Cranberry & strawberry (recipe for Christmas Jam)

Restock of Miss Evva's Energy Crunch - \$2 - Thank you to Miss Evva, owner of Hanes Moravian Cookies, who shared her recipe for this tasty treat!

The Country Store is not limited to specific items. Please share your craft or items you enjoy making. Don't forget to price your items. Have fun!!

Proceeds will go toward our congregation matching fund challenge
for the Preschool Playground.

Easter Egg Hunt



Calling all egg hunters! Bring your basket to church with you on Easter Sunday April 17th and help gather eggs hidden around the church. The hunt will begin at approximately 11:15, following the conclusion of our 10:00 Easter morning worship service. Hope you will "hop on out" and join us!



About The Easter Morning Service

The Easter Morning Service of the Moravians is an old service, rich in deep spiritual significance. It originated in Herrnhut, Saxony, a village which had been established in 1722 on the estate of Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf by a band of religious refugees, descendants of the Ancient Unitas Fratrum. On Easter Sunday in 1732, in the early morning hours, a group of earnest young men met by special appointment on “God’s Acre” to sing appropriate hymns and to meditate upon the great fact of Christ’s death and resurrection. These young men, stood among the simply marked graves, singing their songs of hope and faith, watching the sun drive the darkness from the hills and valleys and experienced a deeper appreciation of the TRUTH of the resurrection more than ever before. With this simple beginning, the holding of Easter morning services outdoors in the beauty of God’s creation became an annual feature in the worship services of the Moravian Church wherever it established itself.

Here at New Hope, our Easter service is held as a service of true worship, centering on the great underlying fact of the Christian faith, THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST, through which God placed a seal of approval on Jesus’ atoning sacrifice and established the TRUTH of the claims of our religion. The service offers all who attend an opportunity to renew their faith in the Risen Christ, in “the communion of saints,” in “the forgiveness of sins,” and in “the life everlasting.”

The Graveyard – God’s Acre

Moravians still call their graveyard by that significant and ancient name used by their ancestors – “God’s Acre.” It is a “field” in which the bodies of loved ones are buried in faith as “physical bodies,” in due time to be raised as “spiritual bodies.” A distinctive feature of God’s Acre is the flat stone markers, symbolizing the Moravian belief in equality of death and making it impossible to distinguish between the graves of the rich and poor. Men, women, and children are each buried in separate sections of the graveyard rather than by families. This is a form of the traditional Moravian choir system (grouping members according to their station in life) instituted by Count Zinzendorf over two hundred and fifty years ago.

The Church Band and Choir

Music from the beginning has held a prominent place in the Moravian Church, both for its cultural value and its rich expression and unfolding development of the religious life. Congregational singing is one of its treasured features, along with the band playing for outdoor services, on festival occasions, and in the Moravian funeral services. Moravians love their music and its deep expression of God’s love to others. In Winston-Salem, at about 2 AM Easter morning, all Moravian musicians who play in the band assemble in groups to go throughout the city playing chorales, partly to remind all listeners of the Resurrection, and partly to awaken people for the Sunrise Service at God’s Acre in Old Salem. The first chorale played is “Sleepers, Wake!”

Opportunity for Service

While grateful for an honorable past, the Moravian Church is mindful of its obligation and opportunity; to earnestly fulfill its past, present, and future missions. Therefore, the Church calls upon every person to “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved,” to unite with a Church of choice, and be a positive Christian witness in service for the advancement of Christ’s Kingdom. The HOPE of all creation relies on Jesus the Savior of the world – He is our Risen Christ. CHRIST JESUS is the HOPE of the world!

Women's Fellowship Meeting

A short Women's Fellowship meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 24th** immediately following worship. Anyone who has input or suggestions concerning the Candle Tea and Bazaar for 2022 is encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided.



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Red Cross**

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**Monday - April 18, 2022
2 PM TO 6:30 PM**

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS and enter New Hope Moravian to schedule an appointment.

*** We also need two volunteers to make baked items or bring cookies, cake, and/or refreshments for those giving blood. ***



DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES FOR 2022



April 6, 11:00 A.M. Konnoak Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Fran Saylor . The service will be in person and online. To access the online service: <http://www.khmoravian.org/> Select “YouTube Chanel” at the top of the page. No Lovefeast planned at the time of this publication.

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New Hope Board of Elders- 2022

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Board of Elders- Monthly Meetings Second Monday of the Month.

Due to COVID-19- Meetings will be Via ZOOM@ 6:30PM

Please speak with any Board member if you have questions or concerns. We represent you!



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.

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.

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

Saturday, April 2nd – *Happy Birthday, Pastor Betty!*



Yard Sale & Bake Sale starting at 9 am

Sunday, April 3rd – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

Wednesday, April 6th – Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 7th – ECCCM Workday
Volunteer 10 – 12, lunch after for those that want to go

Sunday, April 10th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

Palm Sunday



Holy Week

Monday Holy Week Readings.

Holy Week Readings will begin Sunday, April 10th. Readings for Sunday & Monday will not be at night this year but immediately following worship on Palm Sunday. Everyone will have time for a restroom break and then we will reconvene in the Sanctuary (11:20-11:30) with Sunday &

Tuesday, April 12th – Holy Week Reading, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 13th – Holy Week Reading, 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 14th – Holy Week Reading, 6:30 pm
Maundy Thursday Communion

Friday, April 15th – Holy Week Reading, 6:30 pm
Good Friday Lovefeast



Saturday, April 16th – Great Sabbath (No Service)

Sunday, April 17th – *Happy Easter*

Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 am
Breakfast following Sunrise Service

Easter Morning Worship 10:00 am
Children's Easter Egg Hunt following Morning Worship



Monday, April 18th – **New Hope Blood Drive**, 2:00 – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 20th – **Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm

Monday, April 18th – Friday, April 22nd – No Preschool or Catawba County Schools

Sunday, April 24th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Women's Fellowship Meeting following worship.

Tuesday, April 26th – **May Newsletter Articles Due**

Wednesday, April 27th – **Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm



April Birthdays

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

Pray Every Day April 2022

1. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
2. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Pray for peace in Ukraine.
3. I will sing of your love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will sing praise. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
4. Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry for help come to you. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
5. Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress. Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
6. Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Pray for the Thiessens in Canada.
7. The nations will fear the name of the Lord, all the kings of the earth will revere your glory. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
8. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
9. The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
10. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
11. O Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahuas.
12. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
13. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Pray for Moravians in Peru.
14. Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise? Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
15. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
16. My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
17. I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
18. For great is our love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
19. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth. Pray for short term mission teams.
20. Save us and help us with your right hand, that those you love may be delivered. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intersarsity.
21. With my mouth I will greatly extol the Lord; in the great throng I will praise him. For he stands at the right hand of the needy one, to save his life from those who condemn him. Pray for the government leaders of our country.
22. Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
23. He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Pray for Alan and DeeDee Iobst in France.
24. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
25. Not to us O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
26. I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. Pray for Moravian churches in Czech Republic housing refugees.
27. Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. Pray for the Board of World Missions.
28. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
29. I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.
30. Do good to your servant, and I will live; I will obey your word. Pray for disaster relief workers and Moravian Disaster Response.



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