

# April 2023

## New Hope Moravian Church

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### **2023 Watchword**

“The righteous are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.  
Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.”  
(Psalm 1:3)



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

Well, it's April... And we're preparing for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunrise and our Easter Morning Worship Service. This month, I'd like to discuss these special services and their intense centrality to the life of Christ Church and His followers. Why?

Scripture states, *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”* 1 Peter 1:3

**What is the main message of Palm Sunday and Easter? LOVE!!!** God's LOVE!!! A LOVE so great that Creator-God, the Father of “Heaven and Earth” poured His divine power into flesh. He lived, He bled, He died, and He was Resurrected: All to reconcile us to Himself. He did all this for us (His children), even with all our human imperfections.

In God's great LOVE, He gave us the freedom to choose Him... God's LOVE is revealed in an epic true love story that we pull up close as we acknowledge the miracle of Jesus Resurrection. All throughout Scripture we see God's abounding LOVE for His people and the depth of Jesus LOVE for us as God's children: The Church (followers of Christ Jesus) are the Body of Christ.

Even in our imperfect and perishable state, God still loves us and receives us just as we are. In a body that will perish, we still have a divine spirit, connected to our Creator. A God who so loved us, He gave His Beloved Son to conquer death and give us eternal life (John 3:16).

Christ Jesus' journey to the Cross and His life-changing Resurrection should be transforming every aspect of our lives. Who we are, and what we do? If not, then, we are only experiencing religious emotions. Without, our total commitment to 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 our lives touched by the words "**Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed**". We must completely **TRUST God**. We are to start living our (eternal life) on this earth now! We are to be living under God's Precepts. We are not to be anxious of the trials and troubles of this life, nor be afraid of our imminent death. Many in our world today, 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.**" 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... for God is with us during our trials and our journey of FAITH! He is FAITHFUL!

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... 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 your time of need!

**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. We all need a "Risen Savior" that loves, protects, and guides us.

Brothers and Sisters, Easter isn't just about coloring-eggs, eating marshmallow bunnies, jellybeans, delicious chocolate Easter bunnies, or buying our new Easter outfits. No indeed... **Palm Sunday (Jesus' journey to the Cross) and Easter are about new life: (the eternal life) we gain from our "Risen Lord and Savior!"**

Always Remember: Christ Jesus, "Birth, Life, Death and Resurrection" were conceived, foretold, and realized by God's abounding great LOVE for us. In Christ Jesus, we are "set free" to LOVE, FORGIVE and SERVE. In Christ Jesus, we find PEACE, JOY, HOPE, and LOVE. Palm Sunday and Easter are about our embracing Christ Jesus of the Cross with all our being. It's about our sharing in Christ Jesus VICTORY over sin and death. Palm Sunday and Easter are about our embracing our journey of an "abundant life" with Christ Jesus on this earth and for all eternity!

In Christ Love & Service,  
*Pastor Betty*



EASTERN  
CATAWBA COUNTY

**HUNGER  
WALK**



benefiting



The  
Corner  
Table

*Informational Lunch Meeting*  
**Wednesday, April 19, 2023**  
*First United Methodist Church*  
**300 N Main Avenue, Newton, NC 28658**  
**Lunch Served: 11:45AM | Meeting: 12PM**  
RSVP by April 17th to [info@thecornertable.org](mailto:info@thecornertable.org)



*You're Invited*



*A Charity is Chosen in Memory of Lucetta Kinney Zaytoun:*



**InterAct Family Safety and Empowerment Center of Raleigh, NC**

**1012 Oberlin Road, Suite 100  
Raleigh, NC 27605**

**Interactofwake.org**

In addition to the suggestions of doing acts of kindness and donating to your favorite charity in Lucetta's name, our family has selected the agency InterAct of Raleigh. Lucetta was greatly involved from May of 2005 - May of 2010. It is a domestic violence agency providing emergency shelter, 24-hour hotline, counseling, court advocacy, sexual assault services, youth education services and much more.

Lucetta was instrumental in helping to expand the services they provided. She served on the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and was a Program Chair. Lucetta provided community outreach in the local schools. This was a passion project for her for which she cared very deeply.

Donate by Mail: 1012 Oberlin Road, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27605

Donate by telephone using a major credit card, please call 919-865-1612.

To make a secure donation online, go to InterAct's website: [interactofwake.org](http://interactofwake.org).

**The Celebration of Life**

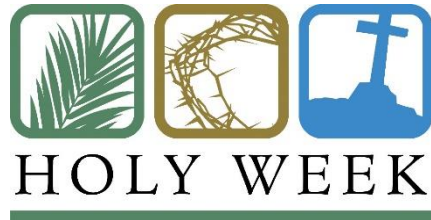
Sitti Courtyard (walk through the restaurant to the back)  
137 S. Wilmington Street  
April 1, 1-4pm

\*light refreshments provided and a champagne toast.

\*\*there are two parking garages across the street

\*\*\*the outdoor space will be tented in the event of rain

# Holy Week & Easter Events



**Please remember today– Immediately following Worship & short restroom break the Holy Week Readings will start in sanctuary:**

- Sunday, April 2 Holy Week Reading 11:15 AM  
Sunday & Monday Readings
- Tuesday, April 4 Holy Week Reading 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, April 5 Holy Week Reading 6:30 PM
- Thursday, April 6 Holy Week Reading 6:30 PM  
**Maundy Thursday Communion**
- Friday, April 7 Holy Week Reading 6:30 PM  
**Good Friday Lovefeast**
- Saturday, April 8 Great Sabbath  
No Service
- Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 AM  
Breakfast following
- Easter Morning Service 10:00 AM  
No Sunday School
- Children's Easter Egg Hunt following Worship



## Mission Update

We collected 21 packs of paper during our paper drive for Claremont Elementary last month. The donations were delivered to the school and they are very appreciated. Thank you for your generous support!



JOIN US FOR AN

**EASTER**

**EGG**

**HUNT**

**APRIL 9TH, 2023**  
**FOLLOWING 10:00 WORSHIP**

New Hope Moravian Church

Bring your own basket!



**American  
Red Cross**

**NEW HOPE  
MORAVIAN CHURCH**

2897 SANDY FORD ROAD

NEWTON, NC 28658  
828-294-4802

**Monday – April 17, 2023**

**2 PM TO 6:30 PM**

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-REDCROSS 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. \*\**





# Family Day

The Ice Cream Truck is coming from 3-4!!



**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>  
1:00-4:00**

*All New Hope Families are invited-  
former, current, and new families!!*

**Join us for a time of  
playing and visiting with  
your friends and enjoying  
our new playground fun!!**



# **2023 NEW HOPE SUMMER CAMP!!**



**Tuesday - Thursday  
9:00-12:00  
18 months - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
June 13<sup>th</sup> - August 10<sup>th</sup>  
(off week of July 4<sup>th</sup>)**

*3 days/week: June-\$215, July-\$215, Aug-\$145*

*2 days/week: June-\$150, July-\$150, Aug-\$100*

*\*\*Prices based on the number of weeks of camp each month (3/3/2)*

*\*\*Register for the whole summer to save your child's spot*

*\*\*\$40 Registration Fee*

**Let's Have Some Fun!**

- Outdoor Play
- Sand and Water Play
- Crafts
- Music

**Don't forget about School!**

- Writing Activities
- Math Games and Activities
- Summer themed projects
- Science Experiments

**New Hope Moravian Preschool  
2897 Sandy Ford Rd. Newton  
[www.newhopemoravian.org](http://www.newhopemoravian.org)  
828-294-4802**



# New Hope Moravian Preschool

*Celebrating over 25 Years  
in Catawba County*

**Now Enrolling for 2023-2024 School Year!**

*Starts Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>*

**Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30**

***Optional Lunch till 12:30 (\$5 per day)***

**Ages 18 months – 5 years**

***(Transitional Kindergarten)***

Program Offers:

- ❖ Small student-teacher ratio
- ❖ Themed monthly units
- ❖ Structured schedule
- ❖ Weekly Chapel & Outside Programming
- ❖ Focus on early literacy and number concepts
- ❖ Arts and Crafts, Music, Outdoor and Center Play

3 days/week \$185/month

4 days/week \$215/month

*\*\$60 Registration Fee*

***Call for more info or to set up a tour***

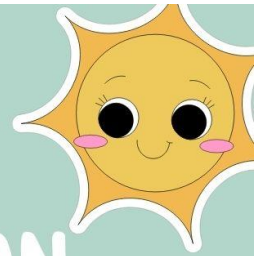
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# STAR STAFF OF THE MONTH KRISTIE HENDERSON



Kristie began helping at preschool as a volunteer when her daughter was a student six years ago. After a while, she started substituting for teachers in the classroom. In 2020, she was hired as an assistant to help with the extra responsibilities that arose with COVID protocols. During that time, Kristie became a vital member of the staff. She can be found preparing snacks, assisting children in the bathroom, filling in for other staff members, making copies, helping at pickup time, and doing whatever else needs to be done. Most of all, Kristie gives our students love and kindness. She can always be depended on for a smile and an encouraging word.

## ABOUT MS. KRISTIE

Kristie was born in Duncan, SC. She met her husband at Garner Web University and together they moved to Catawba County. She has an eight-year-old daughter that is a graduate of our preschool. They share their home with their dog. Before moving to North Carolina, Kristie was employed as a kindergarten teacher.

## FAVORITES

- Ways to Spend Free Time: Baking, Taking Walks with Family, Exercising, Watching Duke Basketball
- Color: Blue
- Snack Food: Jellybeans
- Beverage: Sprite zero
- Food: Italian
- Author: James Patterson
- Movie: Shawshank Redemption
- Superhero: Superman
- Holiday: Christmas
- Childhood Dream Job: Cashier at Kmart or Teacher
- Bucket List Place She wants to Visit: Netherlands (Holland)



**Church Cleaning**: Please consider **cleaning the Church**. Through the years,

we have been blessed with volunteers who signed up to clean the Church. We

hope to continue this so there will be no added expense to the Church budget. It only takes an hour or so each week at your convenience. Do a

whole month or just one or two weeks. **Sign-up list on Church bulletin board...**

**NO CHURCH KEY... NO WORRY.** Arrangements can be made to let you in the Church.

Cleaning supplies are provided, or you can bring your own. **Let's ALL work together to keep New Hope clean & looking good for ALL who enter here to worship.**

➔ **April Cleaners: Anita Scism & Steve Bumgarner**

**Board of Elders Small Bulletin Board**- In the vestibule you will find (for transparency) at the Fellowship Hall doors summaries of the Board of Elders meetings, Quarterly Average Attendance Report and Quarterly Financial Report. Please look for these updates.



## *April Birthdays*

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



## WORSHIP:

- 1) Inside
- 2) Parking Lot (Tune to FM 87.9)
- 3)



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCagQsb0gw2QUC-UFiwe5ikg>

## DONATE:

Online Giving

<https://mmfa.info/new-hope-moravian-church-north-carolina-donation-form/>.

Please contact Tom Schultz at [newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com) with any questions.



## SOCIAL MEDIA:

Facebook & Instagram

@newhopemoravian



# *Mark Your Calendar for April*

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – **Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**

***Palm Sunday***



***Happy Birthday, Pastor Betty!***



**Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** – Holy Week Reading 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** – Holy Week Reading 6:30 pm

**Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** – **ECCCM Workday**

Holy Week Reading 6:30 pm

***Maundy Thursday Communion***

**Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** – Holy Week Reading 6:30 pm

***Good Friday Lovefeast***



**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** – Great Sabbath (No Service)

**Sunday, April 9th – Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 AM**  
**Breakfast following**



**No Sunday School**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt following Worship**



**Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – No Preschool or Catawba County Schools**

**Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Handbell Practice 6:15-7 pm**  
**Chancel Choir 7-8 pm**

**Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**

*Praise and Play*

**Board of Elders Meeting 11:15 am**

**Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – New Hope Blood Drive**  
**2:00-6:30 pm**



**Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** – National Tax Day



**Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** – **Handbell Practice** 6:15-7 pm  
**Chancel Choir** 7-8 pm

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** –



**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – **Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**

**Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** – **May Newsletter Articles Due**

**Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** – **Handbell Practice** 6:15-7 pm  
**Chancel Choir** 7-8 pm

**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** – **Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**

**Preschool Family Fun Day!**  
1:00 – 4:00 pm



## Pray Every Day April 2023

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 Intervarsity.
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 Anna Faircloth with YoungLife.
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 Joey Yokeley with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



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