

May 2013

New Hope News



2013 WATCHWORD

**“I will give them one heart, and put
a new spirit within them.”
Ezekiel 11:19**

New Hope Moravian Church

Dear New Hope Family,

How many of us would feel comfortable enough to sit down with a friend and share our personal finances? I would venture to say, not many of us. In New Hope's new Sunday school class, Chip Ingram, the author of *Balancing Life's Demands*, believes our individual bank accounts reflect our values and our hearts. In his DVD series he encourages listeners to give to the Lord first (since it's all His anyway,) then pay bills, then pay ourselves, and then save.

You might ask, why in the world I am writing about what is going on in my Sunday school class. The truth is, our church board met this past month for a regular monthly meeting and discussed many things, some exciting and some discouraging. After deliberating over the budget report, the board felt like it needed to be open and honest with the entire congregation. The bottom line is our monthly budget is \$10,000, and in January, a historically good month, only \$8,262 was given. Basically we are tapping in to our reserve each month. Theoretically, at this pace, our checking account will run dry in roughly two years.

I am not really sure why I was led to write this letter to all of you, but maybe it was because I was supposed to share my personal story. If you are like Lauren and me, you live paycheck to paycheck. Church and charity giving are very tough to work in after mortgages, student loans, car payments, diapers, etc. This Sunday school class has changed our mindset; we have changed from “working in” our monetary gift to making it the first check we write.

It is safe to say Chip Ingram's study has touched everyone in the Sunday school class. His series does not focus solely on money, however, but also our life's priorities and having personal relationships with God. I know not everyone can give more money, but with a closer relationship with God, we can give a lot more than just our treasure. If you are just showing up on Sunday for worship then you are missing out on how our church can touch your life and the lives of others. I encourage everyone to get more involved. We need your attendance at committee meetings, and we need your presence at the special events for our youth, and our women's and men's gatherings. We need you in Sunday school as teachers and students. And if there is not a program that fits you, start a new one...somebody else probably feels the same way.

My intent is not to guilt anyone into opening your wallet wider to the church. New Hope has a long history of pulling together and helping each other and our neighbors in the community. When there is a need, we somehow always deliver. But with dwindling resources, our ministry and outreach will suffer. In order for us to keep our mission alive, we have to grow, not just in numbers or even financially, but also in spirit. There are going to be some new and exciting opportunities coming soon. The board encourages and challenges each member to embrace these opportunities and discover what New Hope can do for you, with you, and because of you.

Your Brother In Christ,

Stephen Westmoreland

New Hope Preschool Newsletter

April 2013

New Hope Yard Sale & Bake Sale
Saturday, April 27th 7am-1



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

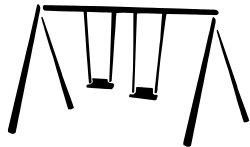


April 23rd @ 8:30- Donuts with Dad
April 24th @ 9- Picture Day (Beach background)
May 9th @ 10- Mother's Day Brunch
May 23rd @ 10- Graduation & End of Year
Celebration
June 4th- First Day of Summer Camp

Since the weather is getting warmer,
please replace your child's extra clothes in their
cubby with cooler ones.



Playground Update



Construction is about to begin on our play-
grounds at New Hope! We are so excited to
get started. As of now, we have over \$2500 to
renovate. We are planning to add new sand-
boxes, climbing domes, swings, riding toys,
and more. We will also have a locked storage
unit with new playground balls, noisemakers, a
weaving wall, and jump ropes.

April Themes

We welcome spring in April! Ms. Patty's class will be working with their colors and shapes through a variety of crafts, stories, and activities. They will also experiment with mixing primary colors to make new ones.

Ms. Julie's class will also work on shapes and colors through art. They will also learn about the animal and plant life cycles.

Ms. Angela's class will continue to work on their early literacy and reading skills. They are reviewing the alphabet and learning sight words to prepare for kindergarten. In addition, they will learn about the plant life cycle.

All of the classes will enjoy watching our caterpillars hatch into butterflies! We will also celebrate Earth Day by planting flowers on April 30th.

Our chapel theme for the month will be faithfulness. This is our last Fruit of the Spirit. Be sure to ask you child to sing Fruit of the Spirit song. They know them all!



In September, New Hope will start a MOPS Program on the first and third Friday mornings of the each month from 9-11. MOPS is a theme based Bible study for mothers of preschoolers. During this time, there will also be a class for children. Please visit the MOPS website for more information: <http://www.mops.org/>. Look for an invitation in early July or talk to Ms. Lauren if you are interested.



Upcoming Special Worship Service

Sunday, May 19th, New Hope celebrates Holy Communion for Pentecost and recognizes our Spring 2013 Graduates during the service with a reception to follow.

The Spring 2013 graduates are:

Trevor Bumgarner will be graduating from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro School of Music. He will be awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Composition and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Performance. Trevor is an Honors Graduate. He will be attending The Julliard School in New York City working toward a Masters in Music Composition. Trevor is the son of Mark and Malissa Bumgarner.

Kimberly McDonald will be graduating from Appalachian State University. She will be awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interior Design and Architecture with a minor in Business. Kimberly is an Honors Graduate. Following graduation Kimberly will be seeking employment in her field. Kimberly is the daughter of Shannon and Carolyn McDonald.

Molly Cline will be graduating from Fred T. Foard High School. She is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and is a member of the Beta Club. Molly will be attending Catawba Valley Community College this fall. After general college her plans are to transfer to a university where she will pursue a degree in Fashion Merchandizing. Molly is the daughter of Scott and Natalie Cline.

Congratulations to our Spring 2013 Graduates!



Yadkinview RCC Festival of Music

The theme for Moravian Music Sunday is music of living North American Moravian composers and we will sing several hymns in the hymnal whose texts were written by living Moravians. The anthems/special music done by the Chancel Choir, Children's Choir and New Hope Ringers on April 28th will be some of the pieces that will be used for the RCC Festival of Music at New Philadelphia Moravian on the afternoon of May 5th. The children will sing a song of thanks with a calypso feel and the New Hope Ringers will ring a piece that can use about 60 bells (but we only have 25 bells here at New Hope). We'll be ringing at the festival with ringers from 4 other churches.

For the festival we hope to have a combined choir of 60 to 75 singers and we'll be singing a couple of pieces that require many voices. On April 28th we plan to sing the other pieces we've been practicing which include our own *Come, Christian, Join to Sing* and a high-energy gospel piece *Praise His Holy Name!* as well as a Moravian anthem originally composed by Johannes Herbst, a prolific composer and copyist of choral music from the 18th and 19th centuries. There will also be congregational singing and music from New Philadelphia's group, the Beracah Band.

After your preview on April 28th just imagine how wonderful the music will be with the sounds of so many singers, ringers and brass band players on May 5th and make your plans to be there for the RCC Festival of Music. On another note, on the day of the Festival, New Philadelphia will take care of the ushering for the service but would like to have several greeters from the other participating churches. If you would like to be a greeter, please mention this to Phyllis Little.

Those wishing to attend the concert at New Philadelphia Moravian Church can program in the following address to GPS or search maps:
4440 Country Club Road, Winston-Salem, NC, 27104.
Phone: (336) 765-2331. Web: NewPhilly.org

Driving time is approximately 1 hr & 20 min. Groups carpooling from church make own plans to grab a bite on the way down or pack your own. Band begins at 2:30, Program at 3:00.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 4th - 10:30 AM Combined bell choir rehearsal at New Philadelphia Moravian

May 4th - 2:00 PM Combined choir rehearsal at New Philadelphia Moravian

May 5th - 3:00 PM Yadkinview RCC Festival of Music at New Philadelphia Moravian

Phyllis Little, Director of Music

Dear New Hope Saints:

Starting Sunday May 19 @ 5:00PM in the Fellowship Hall

We will begin a Bible Study entitled ***“Lord, Teach Me to Pray in 28 Days”*** by **Kay Arthur**. Knowing how to pray can change our life... When we practice a powerful pattern of prayer our lives can be transformed by God! Our study written by Kay Arthur provides a personal study experience. We will meet for (4 weeks) up through mid-June! The group study video sessions will give us opportunity for in-depth study and discussion on prayer. In this study, we will learn what “The Lord's Prayer” teaches us about effective prayer and how to put into practice its timeless principles. We will learn how and why we are to equip ourselves to be used in God's kingdom. The author of this prayer study confirms her authority comes only from God's Word; her compassion stems from a life touched by deep tragedy as well as great triumph. Getting to know Kay's heart for God and how God works in our hearts through prayer will be one of the many joys of this study. What you learn will be yours to practice for a lifetime, just as Jesus intended when He taught His disciples how to pray.

I hope all of you will decide to join us for this (4 week) study. You will need a student study book: ***“Lord, Teach Me to Pray in 28 Days”*** by **Kay Arthur** and your Bible. They are available at Lifeway Christian Book Store or online. A sign-up sheet for the study will be on the Church bulletin board.

Questions please call Pastor Betty @ 336-509-1173
or email @ bettyhelms@bettyhelms.com.

Sunday School

Please join our Sunday school class for a fun and exciting new Chip Ingram study! We meet on Sunday mornings at 10am in the Senior High room, and we would love to have you join us. This study is for all ages. Please read the following summary of the study or visit the website at <http://livingontheedge.org/group-studies/browse-all-studies/good-to-great-in-god's-eyes> for a video clip. Also, please let Lauren know if you plan to attend, so we have enough study books.

"Good to Great"

Are You Tired of the 'Status Quo' Christian Life?

Do dream of making an eternal impact in the Kingdom of God? Do you long for a spiritual breakthrough? If you're looking to go to the next level or get a fresh infusion of faith and spiritual passion then look no further than this group study.

In this series, Chip Ingram uses Scripture, personal stories, and examples from real Christians who left an indelible mark on the world to offer clear steps to becoming great in the things that matter most. These steps are not intended to earn God's favor or to impress other people; however, they are an opportunity to fulfill the highest and best purposes God has for your life.

Learning how to apply the practical principles in this study will jump-start your relationship with God by providing you with a practical and Biblical means to go from good to great... in God's eyes.

Video sessions from Good to Great in God's Eyes include:

- Think Great Thoughts
- Read Great Books
- Pursue Great People
- Dream Great Dreams
- Pray Great Prayers
- Take Great Risks
- Make Great Sacrifices
- Enjoy Great Moments
- Empower Great People
- Develop Great Habits



Men's Fellowship

Our next meeting will be Saturday May 18 with breakfast at 8:00 at the Church. We are planning to start painting the exterior of the church after breakfast (weather permitting). All are invited including any of the ladies that can and are willing to help paint. Some of us are actually planning to start the painting process the day before.

If painting is not your thing and you want to help there are a few other jobs that can be done. If you cannot participate that weekend and want to paint at another time let me know. I can schedule some painting with you at another time. Any questions please just give me a call.

Mark Bumgarner

Highlights from the Board

The Board of Elders met on Monday, April 8, 2013. We discussed plans for adding Microsoft Word to the church computer. Women's Fellowship will purchase for us to use. Thanks to them. We went over committee reports and discussed the plans for working at The Corner Table on April 18.

Ruth Burcaw, who works for the Board of Cooperative Ministries, met with the board to discuss a report on our church and the community we serve. The purpose of this report was to provide us with ideas on how to better serve our community.

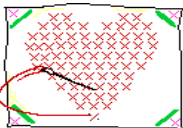
Pam Prevatte
Secretary

CROSS STITCHERS:

You will find a bag of cross stitch floss in the church hallway. This is courtesy if Inez. She will no longer be cross stitching and hopes that you can find a use for the many colors. Want to stock up on those colors for the square you stitch every year? Now's your chance.

Girl Scouts need a project? Vacation Bible School? Pre-school? It's yours for the taking. What's left will be donated. The colors are number sorted in bags.

Please be careful that what you don't take gets put back in the appropriate bag.



ENJOY! Pat



Christian Education Update

The committee did not meet in April, but will meet on May 2 at 7:00 PM. The yard sale will be held on Saturday, April 27.



Women's Day: Springs of Life

Check out the wonderful article and photos about the "Women's Day: Springs of Life" on page 22 in The Moravian magazine for April 2013. It is also on the Moravian web site at moravian.org. You just might recognize a few people! It's an excellent article giving the gist of what a wonderful day it was regardless of the weather (it snowed).

This Women's Day was held at New Beginnings in Huntersville on February 16, but the program and speakers were lined up by New Hope this year. Nancy Miller helped the attendees get to know each other with an "ice breaking bingo game". Keynote speaker, Lucetta Zaytoun, BS, CPCC spoke about her mission service in Africa and what she learned about women around the world. Julie Flowers of the Cooperative Extension Service did the lunch time sessions on creating an edible spring pot. Malissa Bumgarner led the group through a mission activity where we reflected and brainstormed on ways in which to reach out in service. Pastor Betty Helms conducted the closing message.

Those that attended seemed to enjoy the event. Hopefully this type of event can happen again.

Malissa Bumgarner

- 1 Pat deBlois & Isabelle Garrett
- 2 Brenda Nogales, Albert Cortes & John Furmage
- 3 Jim Helms
- 4 Drew Elmore
- 9 Claire Schultz
- 13 Tyler Shuford
- 20 Jeff Beck
- 21 Carolyn McDonald
- 24 Greg Joplin
- 27 Karen Warren
- 29 Beth Garrett

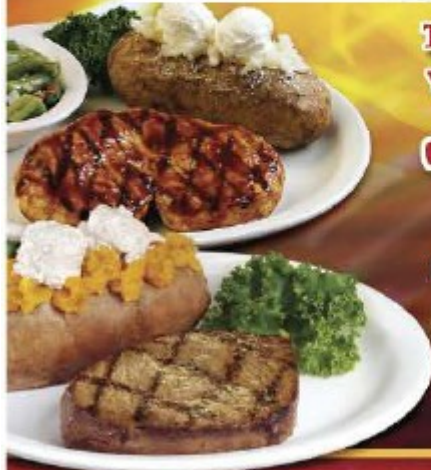
May Birthdays





Thursday, May 9th from 4pm-8:30pm

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SERVICE & WITNESS COMMITTEE

Our committee met on April 10th - with only two people in attendance. I ask the congregation once again to pray about your gifts and strengths; do you have something to offer this committee? It's becoming more and more challenging to schedule and facilitate activities for the church with such minimal participation in our meetings. I certainly cannot do this alone.

* On April 18th we had 5 people volunteer to prepare and serve a meal at Corner Table. Thanks to all who celebrated the opportunity to help those who need our help in meeting one of their most basic needs.

May will bring two important events: Bag Lunches for Corner Table & Graduation Sunday.

*May 9th, New Hope has committed to delivery of 120 bag lunches to be handed-out at Corner Table. THEREFORE, on Wednesday May 8th, we will need volunteers to pack the lunches. We will begin at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for opportunities to donate needed items for the bag lunches. Please have these to the church by Sunday, May 5th. John & Pam Prevatte volunteered to deliver the lunches to Corner Table the following day...Thankyou!

*May 19th we will celebrate our three Graduates, Molly Cline, Trevor Bumgarner and Kim McDonald. Please plan to join them with a reception immediately after church.

Serving Christ through our hearts and hands,
Linda Long

Yadkin View RCC Spring Meeting

Clemmons Moravian ~ April 9, 2013

Present: Representatives from all Churches and special guest Pastor Doug Rights.

The meeting began at 7:05 with a welcome by Pastor Ray Burke. Devotional was Daily Text & Prayer by Pastor Betty Helms of New Hope. As this was the first meeting of 2013, Church and new member introductions were done: Lynn Huss-Unity, Steve Bumgarner-New Hope, Karl Stimpson-New Philly, and Pastor Betty Helms-New Hope. September 2012 meeting minutes from New Hope were reviewed and approved.

The responsibilities of RCC chairperson was reviewed next. Malissa Bumgarner was nominated and elected chairperson for 2013. She will serve as our representative to the Board of Cooperative Ministries (BCM).

Old Business

Moravian Festival Recap:

Mike Sloan gave a recap of the Moravian Festival. It was a successful festival, even with the storm that blew through in the afternoon. Over 150 vendors and displays were at the festival, and that number included more than 45 churches represented. Volunteerism was up with about 275 assisting to make the day a success. Left over event specific T-shirts are being donated to Haiti, and an orphanage. The balance will go to Sunnyside Ministries. The generic Moravian sweat-shirts have been given to Laurel Ridge for sale at the Higgins Lodge. Mike, his committee and New Philadelphia were commended for all their work and hosting this wonderful event. There is no festival planned for 2013, but plans are to have the festival again in 2014. Folks from New Philadelphia are in the process of helping get a committee together from various Moravian congregations. Also, a venue for the festival is needed. Mike reported that planning will need to start by January of 2014 in order to be able to hold a festival in that year.

RCC Moravian Music Festival:

Dennis Fort reported on progress toward the RCC Moravian Music Festival to be held at New Philadelphia on May 5th. They have had several meetings of the music directors involved, and the music has been selected and distributed to the choirs, who are practicing hard in preparation. On May 4th, there will be rehearsals of the bell choir at 10:30 am, and the adult choir at 2:00 pm, at New Philadelphia. The concert, on the 5th, will include a band prelude beginning at 2:30 pm, an organ prelude at 2:55 pm, and concert music to begin at 3:00 pm. There will be a love offering collected during the service. Mike Sloan moved that the offering be designated for Board of World Mission work in Cuba and Peru. Motion was seconded by Ann Graham and passed. Mike also asked for bell choirs to bring their own table pads to use during the rehearsal and service. Dress for the concert will be dark bottoms and white tops, with no ties. The bulletin will be made by New Philadelphia. They need a description if each church ASAP.

Dennis asked that everyone encourage their church to announce event in their bulletins and newsletters. It was further suggested every church in the province be invited, and PEC as well as BCM could get brochure or bulletin inserts out right away.

Ann Graham to contact Board of World Missions for a display about the mission work in Cuba and Peru for the vestibule during the music festival.

It was decided that no refreshments to be served afterwards since there will be refreshments at the Board of World Missions event held that same evening at 5:00 pm at Calvary Moravian.

New Business

Golf Tournament:

There is still interest in organizing a golf outing among the churches in our RCC. Some of the golfers at New Hope have expressed a willingness to help put this together. It was expressed by the group that the fall of the year would be a good time. Mike asked if we could check into Rock Barn as a possible site. Also, Salem Glens and Bermuda Run West have been good venues for golf outings in the past. This would be organized more with the idea of Moravian fun and fellowship among the RCC golfers, and not as a tournament. Steve Bumgarner agreed to get with the interested parties at New Hope, begin research and report back to the group.

Meet The PEC Event:

There is still much interest in a "Meet the PEC" event for our RCC. Other RCCs held these around a dinner (usually with each congregation preparing some part of the meal), followed by a presentation from the PEC and a Q & A session.

It was well-received where it was done. The PEC made a commitment to be available for these types of events. It works better if the RCC comes to the PEC with dates and then move forward. The PEC needs a few months notice. It was decided we would line this up for fall. To be discussed further at next meeting.

Other New Event Ideas:

Dennis Fort reported that there are a number of speakers available for a possible RCC sponsored weekend type seminar. The member RCC participants would need to pay for the cost to get one, but spread over enough participants wouldn't be that much per person.

Visit moravianbcm.org for up to date information on what others are doing.

RCC might want to do something around this year's topics on "Characteristics of Healthy Congregations" that the PEC/Synod have challenged us to work on. Malissa to bring info to the next meeting.

BCM would like groups to work with RCC Youth and Young Adults. Doug Rights asks churches send him up-to-date addresses of College Students and other young adults so he can contact them with upcoming events sponsored by his Ministry.

Events & News Churches wish to share: Please add these to your church calendars.

On May 2nd, Macedonia will be having a National Day of Prayer Service at 7:00 pm.

On April 20th, New Philadelphia is sponsoring a Tenderloin Steak dinner to raise funds for Laurel Ridge. Starts at 6:00 pm, and cost is \$25 per single and \$40 per couple.

Macedonia will be having their 157 year anniversary love feast during worship on May 19th.

The BCM is putting on an event in July titled, "Comenius-What Would He Say About Moravians Today?"

Next Meeting:

Macedonia on Tuesday, May 14th, at 7:00 pm.

Malissa thanked all for coming. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 with prayer.

Compiled by, Malissa Bumgarner & Steve Bumgarner

Pray Every Day - May 2013.

- Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Pray for Rev. Dr. Leo Pixley, Prov. Chair, and the church in Costa Rica.
- May your unfailing love be my comfort. Pray for Rev. Armando Rusindo, Prov. Chair, and the Moravian Church in Cuba.
- Your steadfast love, O Lord endures forever. Pray for Rev. Dr. Cortrory Jarvis, Prov. Chair, and the Eastern-West Indies Province.
- He who planted the ear, does he not hear? Pray for Rev. Brinmore Phau I, Prov. Chair, and the Guyana Moravian church.
- Sunday - "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Pray for Rev. Isai Granwell, Prov. Chair, and the Moravian church in Honduras.
- The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. Pray for the Dr. Ovelio Lopez and the clinic in Ahuas, Honduras
- "Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord will enter the kingdom of heaven.'" Pray for Sarah Jensen, Prov. Chair, and George and the Rev. Glenna Tasedan in Goose Bay, Happy Valley Labrador.
- Do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Pray for Rev. John Italazyo, Prov. Chair, and the Moravian Church in Western Tanzania.
- Ascension Day. "It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you." Pray for Rev. Cora Antonio, Prov. Chair, and the Moravian church in Nicaragua.
- By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God. Pray for C & V and Family serving with Bridges International in campus ministry in TX.
- Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly .Pray for Adopt- A-Village program Tanzania.
- Sunday - Rejoice in the Lord and give thanks to his holy name! Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent with Campus Crusade in Croatia
- God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength. Pray for Ruth and George Goff in Honduras.
- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins. Pray for C and M serving in Asia.
- What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty? Pray for Michael and Cecilia Tesh and the Ray of Hope Orphanage in Kenya.
- "In this place I will give peace," says the Lord of hosts. Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima in Sierra Leone.
- The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit . Pray for the Antioch Project and Jill Kolodziej, Director.
- All things have been created through him and for him. Pray for Ed and Barb Dehnert at Alaska Bible Seminary, Bethel, AK.
- Sunday- All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. Pray for Mark Ebert and the Moravian Volunteer Resources.
- Jesus said to Peter, "I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail. Pray for Judy Ganz, Exec. Director of the Board of World Mission, the directors, and Staff."
- God consoles us in our affliction, so that we may console others. Pray for Katy McFadden and her father John McFadden serving in the Ahuas Clinic in Honduras in short-term mission.
- In your presence there is fullness of joy. Pray for K & C serving the Magi People in the Middle East.
- Heaven and earth will pass away, but Christ's words will not . Pray for ministers, Sunday school teachers, and church leaders.
- Jesus said, "When you pray say, "Father, hallowed be your name." Pray for BWM Likewise Aids Ministry.
- From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. Pray for the Bishops of the Moravian church and their wives.
- Trinity Sunday- It is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Pray for Vani and Shanti Pradhan and the Nepali Moravian Outreach.
- Give heed , a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. Pray for M-Cubed, a group of youth in the Southern Province who assist congregations with needed projects.
- Cleanse me from my hidden faults. Pray for the Annie B. Mission with Star Mountain in Palestine.
- Jesus said to Mary, "Woman, why are you weeping? " Pray for our retired ministers.
- Jesus came not to abolish the Law or the Prophets, but to fulfill them. Pray for the adopt-a-child food program in Sierra Leone.
- We give thanks to you, our God, and praise your glorious name." Pray for Wilford and Nina Hodgson, Limon, Costa Rica