



New Hope News *May 2015*



2015 WATCHWORD

Everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.
Matthew 7:8

New Hope *Moravian Church*

Moravians Celebrate "Moravian Music Sunday!"

This month as part of the Pastor's Article for May, I thought it fitting to discuss how and why, we celebrate "Moravian Music Sunday." What makes Moravians, desire to sing their liturgies, hymns and prayers? One answer might be, "It's just what we most love to do, isn't it?" We recognize music as a means of our heritage and our proclamation of the Gospel to ourselves and others through our music; be it Handbells, Band, or Choir.

Each year, we celebrate "Moravian Music Sunday" on the "Fifth Sunday of Easter." This year we celebrate in a special way on Sunday- May 3, 2015. This is a Lovefeast and Worship Service; you do not want to miss. Therefore, as part of the Pastor's article this month, I am posting for you to read "The Moravian Music Statement" provided for you by our notable and talented Moravian Music Foundation Director- Rev. Nola Knouse.

This year our "Moravian Music Sunday" theme is, "Life in Christ the Vine" from the Gospel lesson assigned for the day (John 15:1-8); essentially, all of our hymns and anthems for May 3, 2015 will address this topic. As Moravians, we continue to follow "Our Lamb" who was crucified; we strive to live Christian lives abiding with our Savior in our actions, our words and our deeds. We also profess our God-given human need and desire for unity and love for all those around us (others) in our Moravian music arrangements too.

Still today, there are many Moravians who are writing liturgies, hymn texts and music, anthems, instrumental music, sacred songs, and all sorts of music – we even have this in our own congregation! So, as your Pastor, I encourage you to step-out in faith and write something. Let the "Chief Elder" Christ Jesus lead you in discernment of His desires for you to write and put your words to music as felt from your heart. Amen.

In Christ Love and Service,

Pastor Betty



Moravian Music Statement- Sunday May 3, 2015

We enjoy music in worship every Sunday. We sing together; we play instruments; we listen to musicians sing and play, helping to guide our hearts and minds in worship, proclaiming the good news among us and with us. We are Moravians making music; and so, for that matter, every Sunday is a “Moravian Music Sunday.”

Today, however, we take special time to express our gratitude for the gifts of music we share every week. We thank God for giving us music to form and express our faith in ways that the spoken word alone could not do. We are grateful that music warms our hearts and stirs our souls, that through music the deep truths of our relationship with our God and with one another grow ever deeper roots within us and among us.

Moravian music, then, is music made by Moravians, for Moravians, and for others. Moravians have been writing and singing their own songs for over 500 years. We have honored the music of our ancestors, and we have continued to write our own. Moravian composers are male and female, young and old, clergy persons and lay people, professionally trained and musical amateurs. Our music, no matter when or by whom it was created, is an expression of the faith we share, the relationship we have with our Lord Jesus Christ and with one another in his service.

The Moravian Music Foundation preserves, celebrates, and cultivates the musical life of Moravians. The Foundation takes care of the archival music collections of the Moravian settlers in the 18th and 19th centuries; it publishes music, old and newly written; it helps people learn about this musical heritage for school and for worship; and it encourages the composition of new music and new words.

Do you know people who write music? Who write songs? Who write poems to be sung? Then thank them for their labor, and then join in singing their songs. Do you feel a stirring inside your soul to write music or words? Then put pencil to paper; put singing into your iPad or phone; put sounds and words and your faith together, and share it with someone.

On this day, set aside to acknowledge the gifts of music, we lift our hearts and our voices in praise and thanksgiving. We express our thanks to the musicians among us, to those who write and teach, those who play and sing, those who share their musical gifts with us. And especially we give thanks to God for the cherished gift of music, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Courteous of the Rev. Nola Knouse- Director of the Moravian Music Foundation, Inc. - 2015).

**MAY NEWSLETTER
NEW HOPE PRESCHOOL**

It is really hard to believe that this is our last month of preschool. We have had such a wonderful year! What an amazing group of children and teachers we have here; our program is so blessed. As you can see from the calendar, May is super busy. Our themes for the month include finishing up the life cycles of plants and animals, graduation with some special, fun days built in. Please be sure to check the calendar each day for these activities. Our caterpillars should arrive any day. We will watch them go through the entire process of metamorphosis and emerge as pink lady butterflies!

Special Days in May

Mon. May 18th: Bicycle Day- Bring your bike or favorite riding toy to school!



Tues. May 19th: Pirate Day- Grab your eye patch and pirate hat for a treasure hunt! (no swords, please)



Wed. May 20th: Pajama Day- Roll out of bed and come to school for a special movie and snack!



Thurs. May 21st: Outside Fun Day- Apply your sunscreen and wear clothes that can get wet for some water play. Be sure to bring a towel. (Bathing suits not necessary)



Graduation and End of Year Celebration



Everyone is invited to our graduation program on the 28th, our last day of preschool for the year. It starts at 10:00 am. Please bring your child to school at 8:30. A reception honoring our graduates will follow.

Getting Ready For the Canning Season...



It soon will be time to can salsa, apples, beets, jellies and other goodies for New Hope's December Bazaar. We are collecting used 8 oz. jelly jars and 16 oz. canning jars. A collection box is in the vestibule. Thank you for your help.
New Hope Women's Fellowship

New Hope T-shirt orders are due April 30th. The cost is \$15. They will be back in time for graduation.

CMO Calendar- May 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3 Moravian Music Lovefeast 11:00 am	4	5	6 Chapel/Grad. Practice (4's)	7 Tuition Due Mother's Day Tea 10:30	8	9
10	11	12 Stretch-n-Grow	13 Field Trip to Hickory Museum of Art (3's and 4's)	14 Teacher Appreciation Day (No Lunch Bunch)	15	16
17	18 Bicycle Day	19 Pirate Day	20 Chapel/Grad. Practice (all) Pajama Day	21 Music with Jane and Steve Outside Fun Day	22	23
24/31	25	26 Stretch-n-Grow	27 Chapel/Grad. Practice (all)	28 Graduation & End of Year Celebration 10:00	29	30



New Hope Moravian Serving the Community



New Hope will be providing the site for Catawba Regional Hospice's "Brighter Days Grief Camp" Saturday, May 16th. The one day camp is designed for children in grades 1-7 who have lost a loved one. Hospice staff will be leading the children in activities.

Thank you New Hope for sharing your facility to help those in the community.

~Worship Services in May~

May 3rd *Moravian Music Sunday with Lovefeast*

May 10th *Mother's Day*

May 17th *Ascension of the Lord and Laurel Ridge Presentation*

May 24th *Pentecost - Holy Communion*

May 31st *Trinity Sunday*

Service and Witness News

1. We are always looking for needs in our area. Hospice of Catawba County provides goody baskets for families of inpatients at the Hospice House on Robinson Road. We would like to donate some of the following individual snacks. They also provide easy to prepare foods to their patients who still live in their own homes. See the list to follow. Often the patients have poor appetites and need nutritional supplements like Boost or Ensure. We are looking into purchasing these supplements at a greatly reduced price. Information regarding this will be made available as soon as we have some firm costs. Our plans are to collect these items in May, June, and July. Bring them to the church and they will be delivered to Hospice. Thanks for your help.
2. Greg Joplin is looking at preparing the back field for a community garden. Please get with Greg if you are interested. Get ready to roll up your sleeves and reap the delicious benefits.
3. Lori Joplin is planning to look at the Crawdads schedule and see if we can get a group together to attend a baseball game.

Thank you!



A special thank you to all who have helped this year apple and chicken pie making. As we work together to achieve a common goal... there is always laughter, fun and great fellowship. Enjoy your well-deserved break!

Thank you to those who support this project by purchasing pies.

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The Women's Fellowship



Wish list for Catawba Regional Hospice

Ensure – flavors vanilla, strawberry or chocolate

Glucerna – for diabetics -ensure

Items needed for “basket of munchies” for families with patients at end of life at our 2 hospice houses- Robinson Road and Sherrills Ford. These need to be individually wrapped servings (need to be purchased, not homemade) and our staff breaks them down and puts them in reusable baskets.

Salty snacks – nuts, pretzels, cheez-it, etc.

Individually wrapped cookies, sweets

Fun size candy bars / mini bags

Cheese crackers

Gum – sugar free

Items used to stock our food pantry for home patients who are in need.

Spaghetti noodles

Spaghetti sauce

Canned pasta – i.e. Spaghetti o’s, beef-a –roni, etc.

Macaroni and cheese boxes

Canned vegetables

Cereal – regular size boxes

Canned soups

Saltine crackers

Individual packs of oatmeal or grits

Canned fruit or individual servings of packaged fruit

Individual packs of pudding

Peanut butter

Individual servings of applesauce

Cereal bars

Our snack supplies for baskets at our hospice houses and items in our “food pantry” is graciously donated to Hospice by area churches or groups. Currently our stock is very low - with many in need. Thank you for considering collecting items for Catawba Regional Hospice.

Did you know the Moravian Church has a camp, conference & retreat center?

Laurel Ridge is located between West Jefferson and North Wilkesboro. Many of us have fond memories of singing around the campfires, services on the top of the mountain, crafts, swimming and eating in the dining hall during summer camp. Maybe you were a camp counselor or attended a special gathering at this beautiful mountain setting. Our own youth are now making memories as they experience the summer camps we so loved.

Join us Sunday, May 17th, as we remember our past and learn of the many programs that Laurel Ridge offers to folks of all ages. We welcome Scarlett Dowdy, Program Director of Laurel Ridge, as our guest speaker.



New Hoppers May Gathering

Friday, May 29th the New Hoppers will meet for an evening of fellowship and fun as we play the “*Not So Newly Wed Game*”. Please join us for some light humor (no embarrassing questions) as we share a covered dish and enjoy each others company. The covered dish meal begins at 6:30 and the program follows the meal. We hope that you will enjoy this evening of great food and fellowship.

This will be the last New Hoppers meeting until next fall. During the summer New Hope will have “Wednesday Night Out” where *all* are invited to meet at prearranged locations for a group dinner. More information will be coming about these gatherings.

Pray Every Day - May 2015

- I am he who blots out your transgressions. Pray for Dr. Ovelio Lopez and the two other doctors at the Ahuas Medical Clinic in Honduras.
- The son of man came not to be served but to serve. Pray for Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide, Alaska Bible Seminary, Bethel, AK.
- Sunday. Whoever is kind to the needy honors God. Pray the for Mission Awareness Dinner in Winston - Salem tonight at New Philadelphia Moravian at 6:00 p.m.
- You have set my feet in a broad place. Pray for church planters Rob and Anne (for healing) Thiessen.
- God has not left himself without a witness in doing good. Pray for the Woo family and healing for medical concerns.
- I am with you always, to the ends of the age. Pray for the Antioch Project and for Jill Kolodziej, Dir.
- The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima in Sierra Leone.
- God is not mocked, for you will reap what you sow. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx at MAF Headquarters in ID.
- Who do you dread and fear, so that you lied, and did not remember me? Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison in campus ministry at Clemson University in SC.
- Sunday. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman with HIV/ AIDS ministry.
- At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and all in a day of salvation I have helped you. Pray for Michael, Cecilia, and Blessing Tesh in Ray of Hope, Kenya.
- What we see now is like an image in a mirror; then we shall see face-to-face. Pray for the Caribbean Regional Meeting from May 12 – 18.
- You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Pray for C & V and Family in campus ministry in the U.S.
- Christ says, "I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people unto myself." Pray for K & C serving in the Middle East.
- It is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace. Pray for Ruth Snyder and Claire Wilson with "Changed Choices."
- Fear the Lord, and serve him faithfully with all your heart. Pray for Adopt-A-Village Program-Tanzania.
- Sunday. Jesus says, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." Pray for the BWM Likewise Aids Ministry.
- A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Pray for Joe Jarvis and the work with Cuban Moravian Church.
- In the past God spoke through the prophets but in these days he has spoken to us by his son. Pray for the Medical Clinic, Administrator Rick Nelson, and the Church in Ahuas, Honduras.
- Do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. Pray for the summer Intern with BWM.
- Mary sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. Pray for R & B & their work in Sudan.
- Rejoice in the Lord, the holy one of Israel. Pray for Justin Rabbach and the summer mission teams.
- You greatly rejoice obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your soul. Pray for the advisory board of the Unity Women's Desk.
- Sunday. Wait for the Lord; be strong, let your heart take refuge in Him. Pray for the solar project in Sierra Leone.
- On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. Pray for BWM staff.
- The Lord's hand is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. Pray for Annie B. Mission with Star Mountain in Palestine.
- Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Pray for Phil and Ashley Sineath serving with Campus Outreach International in Birmingham AL.
- Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. Pray for our bishops and retired ministers.
- Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. Pray for churches in the call process seeking pastors.
- I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace. Pray for the Brents serving with Campus Crusade in Croatia.
- Sunday. The Lord is my strength. Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton with WEC in Singapore