

**May 2019**  
**New Hope Moravian**  
**Church**



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**2019 Watchword**

“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” (2 Chronicles 16:9 NIV)



*“God’s Faithfulness Transcends All Our Trials  
and Struggles”*

How do we miss it? How do we awaken in the morning and lie down at night and not be overtaken with the enormous reality that God is the Creator of the Universe. His name "God Almighty" or "Almighty God" found in the Old Testament comes from the Hebrew name *El Shaddai* usually translated "God, the All-powerful One". "Almighty God" stands in contrast to the numerous gods of the nations surrounding Israel, God was to be known as the "God" who reigned over all. He is GOD...the Almighty One!!

And yet, He is available to us in extraordinary ways! How can it be that we have lost sight of the true awesomeness of our God? Have we become so anesthetized to His greatness so much so that He no longer intrigues us and keeps us searching for spiritual significance in our lives? Have we become so accustomed to God’s presence and His creation that “It’s no big deal?!”

Romans 1:19-20 (NLT) puts it this way: ***"The basic reality of God is plain enough. Open your eyes and there it is! By taking a long and thoughtful look at what God has created, people have always been able to see what their eyes as such can't see: eternal power, for instance, and the mystery of his divine being. So nobody has a good excuse."***

Dr. Ernest Campbell said, "Our television sets have progressed from black and white to color, but our daily lives have regressed from color to black and white!" Ouch! His words kinda hurt, but it's so true. We are so mesmerized by technology, so consumed with the desire to produce, to succeed, to acquire, that our ability to see God and His splendor with a sense of awe has been anesthetized.

Perhaps the greatest cost is we miss God’s best, by settling for less. By seeking the imposters of mankind and technology; we miss the genuine! We miss the real part of life and

consequently, the abyss in our heart deepens. Oh, that we would see with fresh eyes, the glorious splendor of our God and the beauty of all He made for us to enjoy. Oh, that we would only seek to commune with Him in ways that leave us breathless. If only we could be mesmerized by His overwhelming love and Presence in our lives!

Perhaps, our new goal could be to commune daily with "Almighty God". Perhaps then, we could find ourselves breathless and awestruck by His amazing love and faithfulness. As I read my devotional book *Jesus Calling* last night, I was reminded God's faithfulness transcends all our trials and struggles. Despite the times in my life when I felt totally overwhelmed and wondered if "Almighty God" really cared that I was having so much trouble? If He did care, then I was mystified that I felt as though I was circling the drain and about to go down the drain...Where was God when I needed Him? I prayed for my healing, the healing of others and our special needs...But the miracles were yet to come! Was "God" on vacation or what? Did He care my life was out of control? Surely, in God's timing, all the answers to my/your prayer requests and questions would unfold.

Are you feeling a bit like this as you experience the trials of your life today? Do you need to hear "Almighty God's" voice? We all have our own personal need for God to whisper our names and say to us, "Be not afraid! I am here with you...things are going to be okay!" He also reminds us, "Do you *still* not believe Me? Where's your faith? Do you *still* not trust my love for you? Do you *still* not know my Beloved Son Jesus paid the price for all your trials and struggles?" "Almighty God" sent His Beloved Son Jesus to pay our sin debt in "FULL!" Jesus is the reason; we remain in the secure arms of our "Almighty God!" Nothing, absolutely nothing can tear us away from our "Almighty God"! We can never be put to shame or destroyed; we are His! Jesus is the reason for Easter; He is the reason we receive "Almighty God's" abiding Presence and eternal love.

I don't know about you, but it's in my dark moments of trials and struggles, when I feel the most insecure, yet, I also feel safe and secure in "Almighty God's" arms! I still don't know how He will move or work on my behalf to bring His will and purpose about. But, I trust "Almighty God" and believe He will do what He says He will do...I can trust Him!

Friends, when we put all our faith in God and trust Him for the end result...we will never be alone...and nothing, absolutely nothing can destroy us! The ground beneath our feet is the firm foundation that "Almighty God" has placed there for us. (Jesus Christ Himself) He is victorious...Therefore, we too will be victorious!

I don't know what you are facing today, but know without a doubt; you can trust God's love for you. The great Charles Spurgeon said, "When you can't trace God's hand (when you don't have a clue what He's doing!), you can always trust His heart." Dear Ones, "Almighty God" loves you so much...Oh, yes He does!!!

In Christ Love and Service,  
*Pastor Betty*

## **This Sunday – May 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm** **Reception to follow Community Chorus Concert**

This is an opportunity to show off New Hope's hospitality skills once again. Our plan is to have a very nice but reasonable reception. As this concert is close to the evening meal, heavier finger foods have been planned. We will need a few volunteers to help prepare trays, some for backing up the table, one at the beverage area, one or two collecting the used plates and a greeter.

Please see the bulletin board for sign-up form for the somewhat set menu, the foods needed and how much to provide. Contact Malissa B if you have any questions on the food or about assisting that day.

Thank you and enjoy the concert!  
Malissa Bumgarner, Hospitality Chair

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## **New Sunday School program to start on May 19<sup>th</sup>**

From the Christian Education Committee ...

The focus and the 6-Session study will be on Adam Hamilton's, *When Christians Get It Wrong*. The Sunday School meetings will focus on six-session DVD videos from Adam Hamilton's provocative sermons.

More and more young adults have opted out of Christianity and the church. The reason? Christians. BUT please KEEP READING ...

Going beyond why young people may opt out of the Christian Community, we see this happening in the adult population and community as well. Adults may choose to leave or not partake in Church not only because of their children's perspectives but due to their own negative experiences as well. We all, especially as Christians, have a need to know the value in "getting it right" regardless of the age of those we hope to attract into our church and the Church.

When young adults talk about the problems they have with Christianity and the church, they often name certain attitudes and behaviors they believe are practiced too often by Christians: judging others, condemning people of other faiths, rejecting science, injecting politics into faith, and being anti-homosexual. With his familiar style, Adam Hamilton tackles these issues and addresses the how's and why's of Christians getting it right when it comes to being Christ in the world. Those who read *When Christians Get It Wrong* will gain a different way of understanding the issues that keep people away from Christianity and keep Christians from living a more compelling faith. Because, honestly, if we don't start getting it right, we may lose an entire generation.

## **Easter Lilies**

The Easter Lilies that adorned the sanctuary were in celebration of Christ's resurrection.

### In Honor Of

*Rev. Betty A Helms*

Malissa & Mark Bumgarner

*Bud Stack*

Paul & Linda Morgan

*Jason, Tashia, Jack & Ross Little*

Phyllis & Harvey Little

### In Memory Of

*Wayne Garrett*

Jeremy & Amy Johnson

*Jim Hendrix*

Cheryl Hendrix

*Janice & Robert Lawton*

Malissa & Mark Bumgarner

*Jim Helms, My Beloved Husband*

Rev. Betty A. Helms, Mark & Kelly Helms

*Roby & Ollie Little*

*Clyde & Cordie Bowman*

Phyllis & Harvey Little

*Rachel Lail*

Anita Scism

*Alexander Lail*

Anita Scism

*D. Glenn Stack*

Paul & Linda Morgan

*Our Grandparents*

Travis & Leanne Simpson

## A Special Thank You to:

- All of the Holy Week Readers
- Steve & Jane Bumgarner for setting up the “Upper Room” and Margaret Shultz for Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday.
- Faye Ayers & the Deiners for Good Friday Lovefeast
- Phyllis Little with the choir & bells for stunning music
- Tom Schultz & the brass band
- Mark Bumgarner & kitchen crew for breakfast
- Pam & John Prevatte for their help

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## Financial Update for First Quarter

To keep the congregation more informed, the Board of Elders plans on giving a quarterly update on our financial status. Our yearly Audit shows that we ended up 2018 with \$44,176.00 in our checking for general expenses. The following reflects what our monthly giving and exact expenses were for the first quarter of 2019:

|          | <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenses</u> |
|----------|----------------------|-----------------|
| January  | \$8,403.00           | \$11,899.00     |
| February | \$10,179.00          | \$9,633.00      |
| March    | \$10,299.00          | \$10,358.00     |

January typically is a higher expense month since we pay for insurance and other things that are carried over from end of year/December. Our 2019 budget reflects some increases as most years do. As always, please prayerfully consider your giving. The Board appreciates everyone’s financial support of our church.

Mark Bumgarner  
Vice Chair/Stewardship

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## Church Board Meetings

Summaries of Church Board of Elders Meetings will be posted on the bulletin board each month.



New Hope is in need of used ½ pint and pint canning jars. A collection box is outside of the church office. These will be used for items for our Bazaar.



If anyone has a broken Moravian star, please contact Pat deBlois. She can use to recycle for the bazaar. Thank you!

## **CD Ministry**

New Hope has just started a CD Ministry to provide those who are not able to attend church the ability to hear Worship Services. Several folks have had surgeries and times of preventing attendance. The process ideally would be for a CD to be delivered to the house, to listen during the week, then to be picked up or returned the following week. New Hope would like to extend this opportunity for members who go out of town as well missing a service. There will be a designated place to sign up for a CD copy in the Narthex with the specific service desired. Once received, all you need is a CD player.



## **Church Cleaning**

Please consider signing up clean the church. For many years this has been done by volunteers. We truly hope to continue this way in order to not have to add another expense to the budget. This only takes an hour or so each week.

Cleaning can be done anytime towards the end of the week or Saturday. If you can only manage to do this one or two weeks of any particular month, that is fine. Just put your name by the week you can on the list on the board and state “only”. That way we know you are not taking the whole month.

I will be glad to meet with you to show you what is to be done and where the supplies are. Please feel free, if you wish, to bring your own. **NO CHURCH KEY.....NO WORRY**. Arrangements can easily be made to let you in.

Want you help us keep this house of worship looking good for all who enter here to worship.

Mark Bumgarner  
Vice Chair

**May Cleaners: Dan & Thelma Greaser**



**Introducing May's Hymn of the Month**  
**"God is Here"**  
**Tune: Abbot's Leigh**  
**# 564 Moravian Book of Worship**

The **God Is Here** text was written by Frederick Pratt Green (1903-2000) born in Liverpool, England. He was widely known as the greatest Methodist hymn writer since Charles Wesley. In his late sixties, Pratt Green began composing and publishing hymns, the number reaching over 300, plus a collection of plays and other short pieces for worship.

After four years in business, Pratt Green, son of a Wesleyan preacher, entered the Wesleyan Methodist ministry in 1924, having trained at Didsbury College, Manchester. He served various churches, chiefly in Yorkshire and London, until his retirement in 1969. During his ministry he was bishop of York and Hull and also superintendent of the Dome Mission in Brighton. In 1967 he was appointed to lead the creation of a supplement to The Methodist Hymn Book. He was named a Member of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II in 1995 for his contributions to hymn writing. Pratt Green wrote, "Coming to hymn-writing after experience as a poet, I have learned to distinguish between these two activities. One writes poetry to please oneself, one writes hymns as a servant of Christ and His Church. Only one thing matters: that the hymn shall be right for use in worship." Frederick Pratt Green is a reminder of the rich resources that older adults may offer after their retirement from other forms of service in the church and the world.

The tune *Abbot's Leigh* was composed one Sunday morning in the spring of 1941 at Abbot's Leigh, a village just across the Clifton Suspension bridge from Bristol, England. The composer, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1981), was working there in the wartime headquarters as assistant to the Head of Religious Broadcasting at BBC. Taylor, the son and grandson of clergymen, was both a theologian and a musician. He was ordained as a priest in 1932 and served in various positions before being appointed chaplain of the Royal School of Church Music in 1953.

The *Abbot's Leigh* tune appears in the **Moravian Book of Worship** three times with different texts:

*#463 God Is Love, Let Heav'n Adore Him*

*#564 God Is Here*

*#617 Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

## *May Happenings*

**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – National Day of Prayer

ECCCM Workday

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** – **Church Social at the Larsen's Home.** Ashley and Steve invite you and your children to their home for good company and good food.

The Larsen's will provide chicken and ribs; they are asking others to bring side items (such as baked beans, slaw, etc.), drinks and ice.

4965 Villar Lane NE

Valdese, NC

Time: 2:00 pm – until

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** – **Catawba Valley Community Chorus spring concert at 4:00 pm at New Hope Moravian with Reception.**

We have 4 members who sing in this chorus. New Hope will be providing a reception for the chorus and attendees. Please see the bulletin board for list of foods needed, and contact Malissa B if you have any questions regarding the reception.

**Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** – ECCCM's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at Glen Oaks Golf Club in Maiden, 1:00 pm shotgun start. A BBQ lunch starting at 11:30 am is included.

Registration is open at [www.ecccm.org/benefit-golf-tournament](http://www.ecccm.org/benefit-golf-tournament)

**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** – **Board of Elders Meeting, 12:15 PM**



**Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** – The Women's Fellowship has planned an outing for all women of the church. On May 15, we will visit Mrs. Hanes' Moravian



Cookies. Appointment is at 10:30 so we will **meet at the church at 8:45 and leave by 9 am. The cost is \$5 for the tour and \$2 to help your driver pay for gas.** After the tour, lunch will be at Clemmons Kitchen. After lunch, we can do whatever we want to do. Questions, call Leslie or Cheryl. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. We think this will be a fun day! Hope you can go!

### **Last Handbell Practice, 6:15 pm**

**Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** – RCC Meeting, 7:00 pm at Macedonia Moravian, Advance, NC.

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** – **Moravian Music Sunday**

**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** – **Women's Circle Cookout** at Leslie Srail's house, 6:00 pm. All women are invited. A sign-up sheet to attend and a sign-up sheet of suggested foods are now on the bulletin board.

**Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Choir Practice, 7:00 pm

**Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** – **June Newsletter Articles due to Office**

**Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – **Preschool Graduation & Reception**, 10:00 am. It has become a tradition for any available from New Hope to help serve the reception at this event. Preschool/CMO provides all the food. This allows the teachers and parents to attend the ceremony and program while New Hope members are in the kitchen. Please consider joining in on this really fun service to our Children's Program Outreach.

**Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** – **Memorial Day Holiday**



**Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** – **Last Choir Practice**, 7:00 pm  
No music practices during June, July and August

**Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** – Ascension of our Lord



# BOARD OF WORLD MISSION

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Listed below are opportunities to serve, to pray and to give this month.

**SERVE:** Work has begun on rebuilding a home in Lumberton, NC, that was severely damaged by floods last year. BWM is supporting these efforts with funds to help with building supplies, etc. If you are interested in serving on a building team, please contact Chris Giesler at [chris@moravianmission.org](mailto:chris@moravianmission.org) or 610-868-1732.

**PRAY:** Twenty-Eight Moravian pastors and leaders in Cuba and Peru have taken Moravian courses thru our partnership with Moravian Theological Seminary. They are excited to share their knowledge with others in their congregations and beyond. Please pray for ongoing efforts in leadership development in our Mission Areas and Mission Provinces.

**GIVE:** The BWM has approved Mission Grants for seven projects in Peru, Honduras and Tanzania. The projects range from a guinea pig farm to a women's conference to an evangelistic outreach program, and focus on mission outreach, leadership development and economic strengthening. Your gifts to the Mission Grant program will help to make funds available for more and more projects in more and more places.

Donations may be mailed to BWM,  
1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA  
18018. Online, please visit  
[www.moravianmission.org/donate](http://www.moravianmission.org/donate)

Thank you!



## Unleash Your *Power!*

2019 Moravian Women's Conference

"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us."

Ephesians 3:20

**WHEN: June 20 (Thurs Dinner) - 23 (Sunday Morning)**

**WHERE: Embassy Suites by Hilton, Downtown Winston-Salem**

If you wish to stay on site they have a block of rooms reserved-  
Tell them what group you are with to get the conference rate.

If you wish to stay with Malissa B's family please notify her.

**WHAT:** Meet Moravian Women from all over the world. Learn from a variety of top notch speakers. Worship in many ways including Communion and Lovefeast.

**WHO:** For the full conference: Malissa B, Nancy M, Thelma G, Allison Snyder and Pastor Betty Helms.  
For One Day Only: None reported yet?  
For Manning Our Share & Sell Booth: Pat deBlois - Coordinator

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Carpooling can easily be arranged.

**HOW TO REGISTER:** Our Women's Fellowship still has scholarship funds to assist in registration cost. **All registrations include meals, materials and outstanding speakers/presenters.**

**Full Event- \$415-** (Early bird pricing is over.)

**Saturday All Day Only- \$ 175 /person** (Top Keynote Speaker, 2 Workshops, Lunch, Dinner & Evening Lovefeast and Candlelight)

**Registration ends May 26, 2019**

### **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- (1) Fifteen scholarships in the amount of \$65 each will be awarded in order of application. Application deadline is May 15.**
  - (2) Significant Domestic Scholarship funds reserved for Southern Province women are still available. You may apply for this scholarship online in addition to the one above.**
- [www.moravianwomen.wordpress.com](http://www.moravianwomen.wordpress.com)**

See the bulletin board for more information or go to the following site for more:

[moravianwomensconference.org](http://moravianwomensconference.org) (336) 893-4460

Pray Every Day ~ May 2019

1. Give thanks to the Father who has qualified you to share in the inheritance. Pray for Safie Braima, Missionary to Sierra Leone.
2. Do nothing for selfish ambition or conceit, but regard others better than yourself. Pray for the Thiessens in Mexico.
3. I am with you always, to the end of the age. Pray for those suffering loss due to flooding and fires.
4. Give thanks to God the Father through the Son. Pray for the Teshes in Kenia.
5. Sunday. The Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Pray for Alas de Socorro in Honduras.
6. Lord, to whom can we go? Pray for the Harrisons with Greek InterVarsity at Clemson.
7. I always thank my God when I remember you in my prayers. Pray for Moravians in Peru.
8. We have known and believe the love God has for us. Pray for Armando Rusindo Foundation.
9. Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger. Pray for Justin Rabbach and BWM.
10. The Lord will send his angel before you. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach Global.
11. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Pray for Annie B Mission in Palestine.
12. Sunday. Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with MAF International in Idaho.
13. From the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations. Pray for Unity Women's Desk.
14. May you have full refuge from the Lord under whose wings you have come for refuge. Pray for the Hoffman's in HIV/Aids ministry.
15. If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with MAF.
16. The Lord is wonderful in counsel and excellent in guidance. Pray for Jenna and Andrew Craver in Bethel, Alaska.
17. The Lord will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Pray for Mission Engagement efforts of the BWM.
18. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. Pray for the new tribe and village in Sierra Leone, building a Moravian Church and spreading the Gospel.
19. Sunday. I am the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. Pray for Dr Benno and Teresa Marx in Washington.
20. The Lord is your praise, he is your God. Pray for Moravian Disaster Response in TX.
21. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free. Pray for Moravian Clinic and church in Honduras.
22. This is the Lord for whom we have waited, let us be glad and rejoice. Pray for the food program in Sierra Leone.
23. Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it. Pray for Allen and DeeDee Iobst in Spain.
24. He sustains all things by His powerful word. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
25. Sing aloud to God our strength. Pray for Charlie and Vickie Brent in Texas.
26. Sunday. Peace I give to you, my peace I leave with you. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
27. I will extol you among the nations, and sing praises to your name. Pray for 16 Mission Areas and 5 Mission Provinces.
28. Let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Pray for Moravian Ministers everywhere.
29. The counsel of the Lord stands forever. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
30. Sunday. You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead. Pray for R and B in the Sudan.
31. I will declare your power to the next generation. Pray for the leaders of our nation and our church.



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