

May 2020
New Hope Moravian
Church

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2020 Watchword

“If I understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.”
(1 Corinthians 13:2 NIV)



Waiting on God

So often, we are committed to what we think God is doing in our lives. God has a plan; however, not necessarily the same plan we have. Then, God calls us to wait for His plan to be revealed in our lives. I believe in these past months, God has called all of us to wait on His perfect timing. Yet, waiting on God’s timing is not high on our list. Most of us, myself included, hate delays. And yet, these are the times God works most profoundly in our lives; when we “wait on the Lord.” When we surrender to God’s timing in our lives, we grow in our faith! Is waiting easy? Certainly not! Yet, waiting makes us trust in God completely as He gives us clear direction. It is during our time of “waiting” that we find out if we are completely surrendered to God’s will and purpose for our lives. When we surrender to His timing, the Father can do great things in us and through us.

Many times, as we wait, we fail to look past our circumstances to the abundance and transcendence of Christ above. We only experience what our five senses (touch, taste, smell, sight, and hearing) avails to us. When we have to wait, it blows out the light within our very souls; it knocks the wind out of our sails. We find it difficult to wait on the daily bread of life that Jesus promises; or the promise land of abundance and plenty. Matthew 6:33 states, “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Remember this, God acts on behalf of those who seek Him first and wait for Him. He acts on behalf of those willing to be obedient and patiently wait for direction. When we wait patiently and put our hope and trust in God, we will eventually experience God's best in our lives. Scripture tells us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:6-7.

In closing, I remind you, that God calls and uses ordinary people to do His will, people like you and me. It is important to remember God is sovereign! When we decide to seek God first; to wait and serve Him with all our heart, we sign our name on the bottom line, trusting God to fill in the contract. Not commitment to a particular goal; but total surrender to waiting on God's perfect will in our lives.

*In Christ Love and Service,
Pastor Betty*



North Carolina Governor's Stay-At-Home Order

Extended through Friday, May 8, 2020

This order impacts Sunday morning worship and Wednesday night Handbell and Choir Practices. These are suspended until the order is lifted.

New Hope Preschool/CMO, as well as Catawba County Schools, has closed schools for in-school learning for the remainder of this school year. New Hope Preschool/CMO hopes to have Summer Camp, but will have to see how things are after May 8th.

Preventing Illness

The Steps to Prevent Illness suggested by the Centers for Disease Control are still important:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wear a cloth face cover when you are around other people.
- Maintain social distancing in public – 6 feet between yourself and others.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.

Opportunity to Give

During this time when we are not worshipping together in person, the needs of running the church still continue. It is in service to God that we give our offering. Therefore, it is vital that we continue to support the needs and ministry of our church through our financial contributions and gifts at this time. You can continue to support New Hope by sending your checks to Mark Bumgarner, New Hope's Stewardship Chairperson. By sending your checks directly to Mark, he doesn't have to go to the church to check the mailbox and he then can deposit them directly.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark or Pastor Betty.

Mark Bumgarner
2249 Dove Street
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Visit other Moravian Churches through Streaming on Sunday

Even though our doors are closed we have resources to worship with other Moravian Churches via streaming. What an opportunity to our worship and praise our Lord for his many blessings! You might enjoy visiting many of the sites and use this as a time to broaden our worship experiences through other Moravian Churches.

Your resource is: www.Moravian.org

Click “Concerning COVID-19 and the Moravian Church”

This will provide you with updated information regarding the virus, what you can do on a personal level and at church as well as alternative ways to worship.

Moravian Church Without Walls is hosting an online worship service that will be shared via Zoom. Check the website to be able to join the service on Sunday.

Many Winston-Salem churches will have Online Worship Services available, including Home Moravian, Calvary Moravian, Trinity Moravian, Friedberg Moravian and New Philadelphia Moravian is streaming via Facebook.

Online Worship Services available from Piedmont Triad churches, religious institutions:

<http://wxii12.com/article/coronavirus-online-worship-services-piedmont-triad-churches/31747992?src=app>

Shared from the WXII app - <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/wxii-12-news-piedmont-triad/id505569365?mt=8&uo=6&at=1000lpD&ct=appshare>

Direct link to Calvary Moravian online service, 11 am - <http://calvarymoravian.org/online-services/>

**Board of Cooperative Ministries
Virtual Office Hours
Tuesdays and Thursdays
1:00-2:00 pm**

Connect virtually in this space to ask questions, explore ideas, hear responses and share resources.

Thursday, April 30

Chris Spaugh, President, Moravian Ministries Foundation – Online Giving-Market Update

Tuesday, May 5

David Guthrie, PEC President – Conversation with the PEC on Phasing into a “New Normal”

Thursday, May 7

Ecumenical Educators – Virtual Summer Faith Formation

Webinars

The Moravian Experience: Planning Your Spiritual Journey

Wednesday, May 6th – 2:00-3:00 pm

We know our early Moravian brothers and sisters found opportunity in challenge. These bold followers of Jesus blazed forward as they grew in relationship with Christ, expressed spirituality in community, and sacrificed nearly everything for their mission. Likewise, the Covid-19 challenge provides modern-day Moravians opportunities to share faith, love, and hope with the world in new and different ways. What’s helpful and unique about being a Moravian Christian during this time? Join on May 6 to find out!

The panelists, Michael Terry, Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood, Rev. Judy Knopf, and Rev. Tim Byerly, will provide inspiration and useful resources for our journey forward as Moravians, both individually and in community. We'll unveil adaptations of familiar resources, such as Gemeinschaft, event videos, spiritual practices, and other Moravian offerings, that we've rolled into a collection of resources called "The Moravian Experience."

[Click here](#) to register for The Moravian Experience webinar.

A Vision for Our New Normal: An Easter Invitation Wednesday, May 13 – 3:00-4:30 pm

What has this devastating pandemic revealed to us, as individuals, as Christians, and as citizens? How can we best examine our hopes and fears as part of our vision for a new normal? Is this a moment of social transformation? What is God inviting us toward and how do we move in that direction? Join us as we explore these questions and more with the Rev. Peg Chamberlin.

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Gowns Needed

Carolina Caring (Formerly Catawba Regional Hospice and Palliative Care) has been working diligently on acquiring Personal Protective Equipment for our healthcare professionals and families. In recent days, it has become very clear that protective gowns have been the most difficult item to obtain.

I am writing you this morning on behalf of Carolina Caring. Some of your congregation members may be asking how they can help healthcare professionals in our area. Please prayerfully consider asking them about making gowns for us.

I have attached the link again for the DIY gowns. Please note that many types of plastic bags may be used as a substitute for the items shown on the video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1CO1PUIJos>

** If anyone is willing to help and make gowns, please let Pastor Betty know and logistics will be worked out to get them to Hospice.



ECCCM
Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry, Inc

ECCCM is grateful for the response to their plea of volunteers to serve in their very busy food pantry. Volunteers are still needed, but due to social distancing rules and only being able to have 10 working at a time, those willing to volunteer need to call Christina. She will put volunteers on a schedule so that no one's time is wasted if the maximum number of people at one time has already been reached.

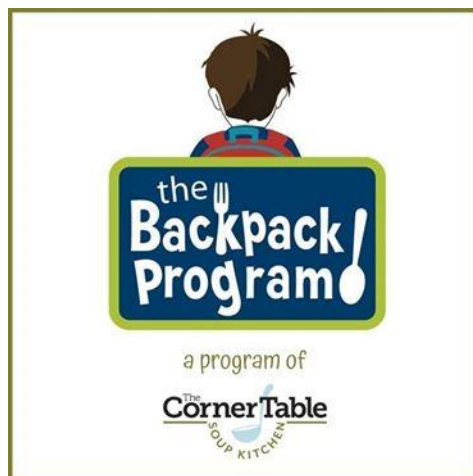
Please call Christina to schedule volunteer hours.
(828)465-1702 Ext 123

ECCCM thanks you!!

Women's Fellowship has sent \$1000 to the Backpack Program for kids in Catawba County.

This money will be available to buy food in bulk for children in both the county and city school systems. A system has been put in place to get the food to the children who need it.

Thank you Women's Fellowship for all the excellent work you do!





We are collecting recycled canning jars in pint and jelly sizes for use in canning bazaar items. There is a collection box outside the church office.

[Laurel Ridge Summer Camps](#)

There is available space at all Laurel Ridge Summer Camps and each program is scheduled as normal. Check out the following link to register:

<https://www.ultracamp.com/clientlogin.aspx?idCamp=639&campCode=lrc>

Under the circumstances associated with COVID-19, the deposit is being deferred. When you get to the cart payment page, choose “Pay Another Amount” and it will default to zero. Complete the registration.

Unsubscribe

If, at any time, you would like to unsubscribe from receiving emails from New Hope, please just let me know. Of course, you can be added back at any time.
Thank you!

Mark Your Calendar for May

Friday, May 8th – NC’s Stay at Home Order Scheduled to Expire

Sunday, May 10th – *Mother’s Day*



Board of Elders Meeting via Zoom

Monday, May 25th –



Tuesday, May 26th – June Newsletter Articles due to Office



May Birthdays

- 1st – Pat deBlois
- 2nd – Brenda Cortes & Albert Cortes
- 9th – Claire Schultz
- 21st – Carolyn McDonald
- 27th – Karen Warren



Moravian Holy Land Trip January 2021

A Moravian Holy Land Trip is being organized for next January, with departure date scheduled for January 4, 2021. This will be a 10-day trip coordinated by Rev. Rick Sides and sponsored through Educational Opportunities. There will be a general informational meeting about the trip for those who want more information.

The informational meeting will be held at **Home Moravian Church on Sunday, May 17th at 4:00 pm.**

For more information, or if there are further questions for now about the trip, please contact Rick Sides at 336-768-3178 or at rsides4@gmail.com

Pray Every Day May 2020

1. Is the Lord's arm too short? Pray for the leaders of world governments.
2. Always thank God the father of our Lord Jesus. Pray that the nations will turn to the Lord who rules.
3. Sunday. God has called us to live in peace. Pray for those struggling to provide for their families.
4. Thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wonderful works to humankind. Pray for those continuing to provide needed services—medical care, food, police/fire protection, mail, education, military service, spiritual support, etc.
5. Christ is the image of the invisible God. Pray for Safie Braima and the church in Sierra Leone.
6. I will turn the darkness before them into light. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with MAF.
7. Even when we are faithless, He is faithful. Pray for the World Wide Moravian Church coping with COVID-19.
8. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, they told Jesus about her at once. Pray for the Teshes in Africa.
9. The Lord your God has blessed you in all your undertakings. Pray for the Thiessens in Mexico.
10. Sunday. Do as the occasion demands. God is with you. Pray for the Sutton's with WEC.
11. Mary sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what He said. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
12. This is my prayer that your love would overflow more and more. Pray for Star Mt Ministry, Palestine.
13. He knows what is in every human heart. Pray that food crops would reach those who need it.
14. Examine yourself to see if you are living in faith. Pray for the Moravian Church and Clinic in Honduras.
15. God will grant justice to His chosen ones who cry to Him day and night. Pray for those suffering the effects of natural disasters.
16. Heaven and earth will pass away but Gods word will not. Pray for Mission Societies, leaders, and volunteers.
17. Sunday. May the Lord our God incline our hearts to Him. Pray for Adopt-A-Village in Tanzania.
18. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send, will teach you all things. Pray for State and Federal Authorities discerning times for reopening activities.
19. Turn back from your evil ways. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
20. The righteous know the rights of the poor. Pray for the growing church in Lima, Peru.
21. Ascension Day. You who love the Lord, Hate evil. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
22. While the son was still far off, his father ran and put his arms around him. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
23. The wrongdoer will be paid back for all he has done. Pray for Andrew and Jenna Craver in Bethel, Alaska.
24. Ascension Sunday. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive. Pray for Moravian Outreach in Nepal.
25. Pray in the Spirit at all times; in all prayer and supplication. Pray for the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
26. The Lord looks on humankind to see who seeks Him. Pray for Hayley Geis and Veterinarian Missions.
27. The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me. Pray for Charlie and Vickie Brent in Texas.
28. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
29. I will tell of your righteousness and praise you all day. Pray for the Raifords in Mexico.
30. I cannot go beyond the command of the Lord my God. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek-InterVarsity.
31. Sunday. Day of Pentecost. We were all baptized by one spirit to form one body. Pray for Heather and Brian Marx with MAF.



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