

May 2021

New Hope Moravian Church

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2021 Watchword

“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”
(Ephesians 3:20-21 NRSV)



Moravian Music ~ "Moravian's Sing Their Faith"

Moravians all over the world in the month of May, after all these years still continue to celebrate Moravian Music Month. Recognizing that music is a means of proclaiming the Gospel, this year we celebrate this special day on the fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2, 2021. On this day, we set aside time to acknowledge our Moravian musical heritage, as we lift our hearts and our voices in praise and thanksgiving again this year (COVID-style).

Whether we are singing together or not, we can let the words of our Moravian hymns work their way into our hearts and souls. Whether we read in silence, or listen to the reading of these words, God listens to each of our hearts, and calls us to respond to God in faith, in love, and in hope.

Why is music so important to Moravians? Well, it would seem, its rightly so considering music was also particularly important to Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf (the father of the Moravian Church-his birthday is also in the month of May-the 26). Zinzendorf offered refuge and support to a number of persecuted wanderers from Moravia and Bohemia (parts of Czech Republic today) and permitted them to build the village of Herrnhut on a corner of his estate of Berthelsdorf (1722). **Zinzendorf was a German religious and social reformer, bishop of the Moravian Church and founder of the Herrnhuter Brüdergemeine.**

In the communities he developed, he carefully chose the inhabitants of this new community according to their skills so they could contribute to the mission work of the new village. Therefore, it

was not accidental that many of the leaders, artisans and workers were also gifted and talented musicians. One of the traditions that began with Count Zinzendorf was the Singstunde (Word & Song Service), where the Pastor begin singing various hymns, and the sermon was presented through the texts of the hymns. In Zinzendorf's lifetime, he wrote about 2,000 hymns: the Moravians' translated many into other languages for use in their mission work.

So, you can see from the beginning, there has always been a purposeful effort to cultivate a diversity of musical skills, gifts, and talents in the Moravian Church. I guess, you could say, "Music is in our DNA!" For Moravians, music has always been considered, a necessary and essential part of who we are. It goes without saying, "Moravian's love music and are gifted." People say, "Moravians sing their faith!" Personally, I like hearing this- it is music to my ears!

So, I hope by now, you can see why it has been extremely difficult for us (this past year). For as Moravians, we were not able to sing our faith (due to COVID). This pandemic has stretched us tremendously to be more creative and to find useful tools (even recorded music) to promote our voices and sing quietly behind our mask or to simply say the words poetically. Would this have been our first choice, certainly not! But, when life gives you "lemons, do you let them rot or do you make lemonade." We at New Hope chose to make "lemonade" and let the juices freely flow through recorded music, transmitting and videoing. This allowed us to continue to worship with music (COVID-style) and celebrate with our hearts and our voices together.

Basically, Moravian music, is a necessity in our daily life. Whether this be with our singing of hymns, praying our liturgies, playing the handbells, the Church band, or the chancel choir. As Moravians, we love to enjoy and display our faith through our many forms of musical gifts and talents, that we share with our family, neighborhood community and Church family. Hymn-singing is a large part of our Moravian worship services; our hymns express and form our faith. Our choirs and church bands play chorales to announce special occasions, outdoor services, and are used at the burial services of our Church members. No Moravian burial service is complete without the bands final playing of:

*The Savior's blood and righteousness;
My beauty is, my glorious dress;
Thus well arrayed, I need not fear,
When in His presence I appear.*

The Moravian musical traditions and heritage from our past is an important piece of musical and cultural history for several reasons: First, because of its craftsmanship, musicality, and genuine portrayal of spiritual values. Second, this music represents the finest body of music written or performed in America during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Third, the Moravians performed the best of European music, often prior to performances of the same works in larger American cities. There is no doubt that the Moravians were the pioneer enthusiasts of some of the finest in contemporary music from Europe and America; God has truly blessed us with talent.

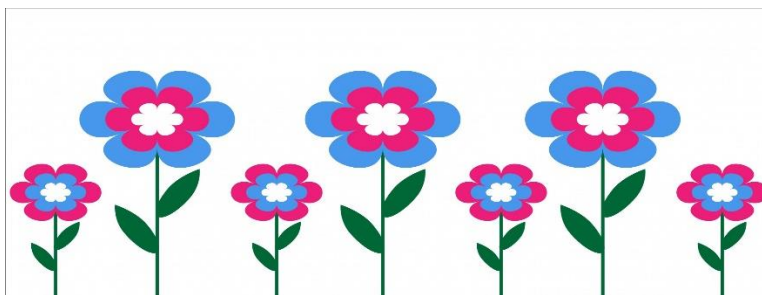
Moravian musical traditions and heritage are still alive and well in today's Moravian Churches (despite COVID), with all our (COVID-style), mask wearing and physical distancing. We still remain an energetic congregation, with encouraging newness of life regarding our music. Did you know that there are still many young and old Moravian composers, who continue to write music, liturgies, and hymns for today's needs? We as the 21 century Moravians will always continue to sing of our great love and devotion to the "Lamb" our "Chief Elder- Jesus Christ. (No pandemic can ever take that away from us). Regardless of the dire conditions surrounding us, music will always continue to be a vital part of our life and the life of the Moravian Church!

In closing, I remind all of you of the wonderful work "*The Moravian Music Foundation*" is doing. The (MMF) was founded in 1956 to preserve, study, edit and publish the music retained in the Archives of

the Moravian Church in America, including some 10,000 manuscripts and early imprints of vocal and instrumental music, sacred and secular, from the sixteenth through twenty-first centuries. MMF is responsible for many first modern-day performances of music from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The Foundation publishes vocal and instrumental music, produces recordings, sponsors the quadrennial Moravian Music Festivals, and serves as a resource for Church musicians, scholars, performers, and students worldwide. If you would like to learn more about Moravian Music, look at *The Moravian Music Foundation* website, and see all the good things they are doing. (www.moravianmusic.org).

Let's keep singing our faith! (But for now, let's wear our mask and keep our physical distance).

In Christ Love & Service,
Pastor Betty



The Women's Fellowship Executive Officers have set a
Women's Fellowship Meeting for

*Tuesday, May 4th at 10:30
Home of Cheryl Hendrix*

We are hoping to have a backyard meeting.
All women of the church are invited to join us.
Everyone is asked to bring a chair & a sandwich.
Drinks & dessert will be provided.

We will be discussing the 2021 Candle Tea.

Women's Resource Center Donation Drive

During the month of May, New Hope will be collecting donations for the Women's Resource Center's "**Pantry with a Purpose**".

The Women's Resource Center maintains a free pantry stocked with personal hygiene and household cleaning items. These items cannot be purchased through government assistance benefits, such as SNAP or WIC, but are essential to safety and wellness of those in our community.

Requested Items:

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste and Floss	Glass Cleaner
Shampoo and Conditioner	Paper Towels
Deodorant	Dish soap
Body Wash	Toilet Paper
Lotion	Paper Lunch Bags
Feminine Hygiene Products	All Purpose Cleaner

Drop off your items in the cart at church.

You can also contribute by shopping from their Amazon Wish List and have the items delivered directly to them. The link is on their website.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Mission Committee

The Women's Resource Center states:

"We provide a warm, welcoming space for women who do not know where to turn for guidance in their time of need. We are a safe space to ask questions, have someone listen to your story without judgement, and receive the information and tools needed to strengthen your life. We also offer life enriching workshops and events for women regardless of their station in life. Bottom line, we are here for ALL women!"



Fresh baked sugar cake, lovefeast buns, famous cookies ...
and so much more!

The original Winkler Moravian Bakery reopens
Saturday, May 1st from 10 am-2 pm!

Winkler Bakery's new hours will be Wednesday through Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm. For those that can't visit, they offer Moravian cookies, cheese stars and mixes through their online store at www.oldsalem.org.



Fellowship Committee

Covid has certainly put a damper on our ability to fellowship together with our own families much less our church family. As things begin to improve a bit, I would like for our committee to begin some basic brainstorming and planning something in the near future. Anything that would be held would be well thought out and apply any current safety precautions.

Perhaps a goal could be one church family fun event per month in the summer. This is providing that we could meet current standards of safety. Possible ideas: Movie night at the church or other safe and comfortable location. Night at a Crawdad's game. Our 4th of July cookout with outside seating, just to name a few ideas.

Our one event for Spring so far was the egg hunt after the Easter worship Service. Margaret Schultz once again headed this up and brought in helpers to hide the plastic eggs that were donated and stuffed by members. Seven children and their families enjoyed watching the little ones. Each child also received a small Christian based gift to take home. Thank you, Margaret, Margaret's family, Steve and Ashley Larsen, for making sure this happened. You guys are just the best.

If you would like to serve on the Fellowship part of the Service/Witness and Fellowship Committee, please contact Malissa Bumgarner at mmmtbum@charter.net. If you wish to serve on the Service/Witness (Mission) part, please contact Margaret Schultz.

I look forward to hearing from you and brainstorming on ways we can connect once again (safely).

Blessings, Malissa Bumgarner
Hospitality Chair





ECCCM

Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry, Inc

21st Annual ECCCM Golf Tournament

Thursday, May 13th
Glen Oaks Golf Club
245 Golf Course Road
Maiden

Check-In ... 11 am
Lunch ... 11:30 am
Shotgun Start ... 1 pm

Individual Player ... \$90
Team (4 players) ... \$360
Phantom Player ... \$90

Sign up online at
www.ecccm.org
under the events tab

For event information contact:
JoAnn Sherrill
828-465-1702 or j.sherrill@ecccm.org

Financial Update for First Quarter of 2021

To keep the congregation more informed the Board of Elders will continue to give quarterly updates on our financial status. This last year the Covid-19 Virus has presented so many issues for each of us and our church. Closing our doors, worshipping outdoors, fear and anxiety has caused many of our members to be very cautious to the point of not leaving their homes, even for church.

Our monthly budget is \$10,372. The following reflects what our monthly giving and exact expenses for the first quarter of 2021:

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
January	\$9,095.00	\$7,931.00
February	\$9,161.00	\$8,309.00
March	\$12,381.00 *	\$22,631.00 #

*March's expenses higher due to bills that are paid yearly like insurance.

March's larger contributions reflect income through the online giving portal of a stock donation which covers a member's full annual tithe and offering for the rest of the year. It also includes a transfer of unused Youth Fund money of \$1,379 to the General Fund which the Board approved.

Our 2021 budget was held to as minimal a change as possible. Our expenses for the most part have been held below budget, however general giving has not kept up. We are in need of **\$10,372.00 monthly** to meet the 2021 budget. If our giving is at the same pace as last year, we will fall behind \$10,000-\$12,000 by the end of the 2021 budget year.

As always, please prayerfully consider your giving. There are several ways now to give that offers you more convenience:

1. Drop off containers as you enter and as you exit the Sanctuary.
2. Drop off as you pull into the lot at the blue cooler.
3. Drop a check in the mail preferably to: New Hope Moravian, C/O Mark Bumgarner, 2249 Dove St, Newton, NC 28658 (church mail box isn't monitored regularly)
4. Online Option: donate to New Hope NC via credit card or direct debit (automatic bank to bank transfer). The Moravian Ministries Foundation of America (MMFA), provides the portal for this electronic giving and they directly deposit any funds to the New Hope NC bank account. Here is the link to the online giving portal: <https://mmfa.info/new-hope-moravian-church-north-carolina-donation-form/>.

Other Giving: Very generous contributions have come in for things like the recovering of the pew cushions. In February \$300.00 in gift cards and some checks were donated for the church anniversary which are used for the purchase of items such as office supplies, copy paper, and maintenance supplies. So far, I have purchased fluorescent bulbs, exit light bulbs, one emergency light and small trash bags.

The Board and Stewardship Committee appreciates everyone's financial support of our church.

Mark Bumgarner
Stewardship Chair



New Ways to Give to New Hope

Thanks to the Moravian Ministries Foundation of America (MMFA), we now have an online option to donate to New Hope via credit card or direct debit (automatic bank to bank transfer).

The MMFA provides the portal for this electronic giving and they directly deposit any funds to the New Hope bank account. Here is the link to the online giving portal: <https://mmfa.info/new-hope-moravian-church-north-carolina-donation-form/>.

This is a great option for Friends of New Hope that no longer live in the area. These donations will be tracked for tax filing purposes. Transaction fees do apply, just under 3% for credit card transactions and \$0.75 for direct debit transactions. We will be adding the link to the New Hope website in March.

The MMFA also provides a means to donate securities/stocks. Your broker transfers the securities/stocks to MMFA and the MMFA executes the securities/stocks into cash. Securities/stocks executed in this way are not subject to capital gains tax. Please contact Tom Schultz if you are interested in the process for this type of monetary transaction.

Please contact Tom Schultz at newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com with any questions about the items above.

New Hope Service on



Click on the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCagQSb0gw2QUC-UFiwe5ikg>

This will take you directly to the homepage of our New Hope YouTube channel. Here you can choose from different videos that are available.

Mark Your Calendar for May

Sunday, May 2nd – Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service

Moravian Music Sunday

Tuesday, May 4th – Women's Fellowship Meeting
10:30 am at the home of Cheryl Hendrix

Thursday, May 6th – ECCCM Workday

Sunday, May 9th – Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service



Monday, May 10th – Board of Elders Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 13th – ECCCM Golf Tournament at Glen Oaks Golf Club
(information provided above)

Sunday, May 16th – Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service

Monday, May 17th – Federal Income Tax Filing Due Date

Thursday, May 20th – New Hope Preschool Graduation & End of Year Celebration



Sunday, May 23rd – Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service

Tuesday, May 25th – June Newsletter Articles Due

Sunday, May 30th – Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service

Monday, May 31st – Memorial Day



May Birthdays

- 1st – Pat deBlois
- 2nd – Brenda Cortes
- 3rd – Albert Cortes
- 9th – Claire Shultz
- 21st – Carolyn McDonald
Susan Wiles
- 27th – Karen Warren

Pray Everyday May 2021

1. The Lord will not forget the needy. Pray for our country and leaders.
2. Sunday-Abide in me as I abide in you. Pray for all suffering with Covid-19 virus and that all will use good judgment.
3. He brought me out into a broad place. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya.
4. The same Lord is Lord of all who call on Him. Pray for the Sutton's with WEC.
5. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Pray for Moravian outreach in Nepal.
6. You open your hand, satisfying the need of every living thing. Pray for those still suffering loss due to disasters.
7. We know that He hears us. Pray for those struggling to provide for their families.
8. The kingdom of God is among you. Pray for Dr. Benno and Teresa Marx.
9. Sunday-The eternal God is your refuge. Pray for Moravian ministers and for churches needing them to bring God's word.
10. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Pray for the Raifords in Mexico.
11. Worship Him who made heaven and earth, the seas and springs of water. Pray that our government leaders will lead the country back to God
12. If we ask anything in His will, He hears us. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with MAF.
13. Ascension Day-When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to me. Pray for Annie B Missions (Star Mountain).
14. Rejoice and give Him all the glory. Pray for Justin Rabbach (BWM).
15. It is good to wait quietly for your salvation. Pray for Moravians in Peru.
16. Assension Sunday-Sanctify us in the Truth. Pray for Jenna and Andrew Craver in Alaska.
17. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
18. The Lord is gracious and merciful. Pray for Unity Women's Desk.
19. Sing to God with a grateful heart. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek University.
20. Sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
21. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Pray for Allan and DeeDee Iobst in France.
22. You are God and your words are true. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with MAF.
23. Sunday-O Lord, how manifold are your works. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
24. God has called us to peace. Pray for Charlie and Vickie Brent in Texas.
25. Lord, teach us to pray. Pray for Alas de Socorro in Honduras.
26. Whatever God does endures forever. Pray for the food programs taking care of children without good nutrition.
27. Follow the Lord your God, wholeheartedly. Pray for Armando Rusindo Foundation in Cuba.
28. He will bring me out to the light. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania
29. In Christ you are built together spiritually. Pray for the Theissens in Mexico.
30. Trinity Sunday-You,O Lord have made me glad at the works of your hand.Pray for Safiatu Braima and the church in Sierra Leone.



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