

May 2022

New Hope Moravian Church

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2022 Watchword

“If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”

(1 John 1:7)



In the month of May Moravians all over the world celebrate Moravian Music Sunday. This year we celebrate on Sunday, May 15. Why is music so important to Moravians? Well, it would seem, its rightly so considering music was also very important to Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf (the father of the Moravian Church-his birthday is also in the month of May-the 26).

Zinzendorf is well-known for offering refuge and support to a number of persecuted wanderers from Moravia and Bohemia (parts of Czech Republic today); he 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 with lots of prayer chose the inhabitants of this new community according to their giftedness and practical 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 and Song Service), where the pastor would begin singing various hymns, and the sermon was presented through the texts of the hymns. In Zinzendorfs' 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!" I kind of like hearing this- it's music to my ears!

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.

The COVID virus has not stolen our talents; it has stolen how we traditionally do our music. Despite the pandemic, Moravian musical traditions and heritage are still alive and well in today's Moravian Churches, with energetic generational congregations that love their singing, handbells, Church bands and chancel choirs, instrumental and vocal choirs, and community musical groups.

In our Churches today, the question is not "Do you have a voice?" The question is, ["Do you have a song?"](#) [If you have accepted Christ, then you are His by the gift of His Grace and Mercy... Therefore, "You have a song!"](#) Psalm 98:4-6 states, *"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD."*

Despite the COVID-19, we as Moravians continue to sing of our great love and devotion to the "Lamb" our "Chief Elder- Jesus Christ." We also continue to be encouraged to write new As we 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? Regardless of our age differences, music will continue to be a vital part of our life and the life of our Church!

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In closing, let us all celebrate the wonderful work "*The Moravian Music Foundation*" is doing. The Moravian Music Foundation (MMF) founded in 1956 continues 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, go to *The Moravian Music Foundation*, and take a look at all the good things they are doing. www.moravianmusic.org.



Just remember: "Keep singing your song ... Keep singing your faith!"

In Christ Love & Service,
Pastor Betty

Thank You



for your Kindness

Dear New Hope Congregation & Preschool,

Thank you for the flowers, the cards and your prayers. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated! I miss and love you all!

Love,
Pastor Betty



Fellowship Committee

Covid has certainly put a damper on our ability to fellowship together as a church family. Since things have improved a bit, it's time for our committee to begin some basic brainstorming and planning. Anything that would be held would be well thought out and apply any current safety precautions as needed.

Perhaps we could have at least one church family fun event in the summer. Some possible ideas: Movie night at the church or other safe and comfortable location, Church gathering at someone's home, etc. We are open to suggestions.

Our 4th of July cookout after worship was well attended last year and held safely. (Our first since Covid) Planning can begin on this fun tradition soon. Hotdogs and hamburgers are usually the main course. Folks will be needed to sign up for food/sides/condiments.

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. Three children and their families enjoyed watching the little ones. We had one CMO family come to participate. Thank you, Margaret, and family for making sure this happened. Also, Thanks to all those who stayed to help.

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.

Blessings, Malissa Bumgarner
Hospitality Chair



LAUREL RIDGE FREE EVENT

LIVE MUSIC, HOTDOGS, AND
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



JOIN US MAY 28TH, 2022
12:00-4:00PM

BANDS INCLUDE: SECOND VALLEY,
MORAVIAN BUNS, SOLO ARTIST
JOSEPH MILLER, AND MUSICIANS OF
MERCY'S CATHERINE STEELE



Playground Fundraiser

Our fundraising for the playground improvements has concluded and we exceeded our goal! New Hope members donated/raised \$4105.97 from the fall of 2020 through the spring of 2022. An additional \$3000 was donated for the matching campaign for a total of \$7105.97 donated by members. Our preschool also raised \$6855.50 between the fall of 2019 through the spring of 2022. The total raised is \$13,961.47 which is over our goal by almost \$4000! Thank you for your generosity and support!

Work has begun on the playground. Rotted landscape timbers along the fence have been dug out and replaced. On April 26, the large play structure was delivered, and installation plans are in the works. Many thanks to our hard-working construction and installation crew!

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THE
22ND
ANNUAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT

MAY 12
THURSDAY | 2022

11:00 AM REGISTRATION
11:30 AM LUNCH
1:00 PM SHOTGUN START

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

LUNCH
GREEN FEES
CART FEES
RANGE BALLS
REFRESHMENTS

GLEN OAKS GOLF CLUB
245 GOLF COURSE RD
MAIDEN, NC 28650

\$90 | \$360

One Player

Foursome

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Financial Update for First Quarter of 2022

To keep the congregation more informed the Board of Elders will continue to give quarterly updates on our financial status. Over the last year the Covid-19 Virus continued to present many issues for each of us and our sweet little church.

Our monthly budget for 2022 is \$10,685 for general expenses. The following reflects what our monthly giving and exact expenses were for the first quarter of 2022:

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
January	\$11,500.00	\$7,601.00
February	\$10,258.00	\$8,994.00
March	\$11,718.00	\$11,286.00

January expenses were higher than normal because we paid for property insurance and workers comp. The Province has changed their billing cycle which now covers multiple months for these.

March expenses were also higher due to payment of our liability insurance for staff and Board.

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

1. Drop off in offering plate as you enter or as you exit the Sanctuary.
2. Drop a check in the mail preferably to: New Hope Moravian, C/O Mark Bumgarner, 2249 Dove St, Newton, NC 28658 (the church mail box is not monitored regularly)
3. Donate online option: To New Hope 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 bank account. Here is the link to the online giving portal: <https://mmfa.info/new-hope-moravian-church-north-carolina-donation-form/>.

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

Mark Bumgarner
Stewardship and Commitment Chair

**2022
NEW HOPE
SUMMER CAMP!**



**Tuesday - Thursday
9:00 - 12:00
18 months - 5th Grade
June 14th - August 11th
(off week of July 4th)**

3 days/week: June \$210, July \$210, August \$140

2 days/week: June \$150, July \$150, August \$100

\$35 Registration Fee

Share with your family and friends!



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.

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 1st – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Wednesday, May 4th – **Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 5th – **ECCCM Workday**
Volunteer 10 – 12, lunch after for those that want to go

Sunday, May 8th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am



Monday, May 9th – **Board of Elders Meeting** via Zoom, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 11th – **Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 12th – ECCCM Golf Tournament at Glen Oaks
(details above)

Sunday, May 15th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Moravian Music Sunday



Wednesday, May 18th – **Preschool Graduation**



**** No Bible Study Tonight ****

Thursday, May 19th – **Last Day of Preschool**

Sunday, May 22nd – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Wednesday, May 25th – **Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 26th – **June Newsletter Articles Due**

Saturday, May 28th – **Ridgefest** at Laurel Ridge, 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Sunday, May 29th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Monday, May 30th –





May Birthdays

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

Pray Every Day May 2022

1. Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
2. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Pray for Moravians in Peru.
3. I lift my eyes to the hills where does my help come from? Pray for Moravians in Honduras.
4. My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Pray for the Thiessens in Canada.
5. May there be peace within your walls and security within your cities. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
6. Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy on us. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek InterVarsity.
7. Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
8. Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
9. Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
10. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Pray for PEC members, bishops and other church leaders.
11. He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
12. Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. Pray for disaster relief volunteers.
13. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
14. If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore, you are feared. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
15. I wait for you Lord, my soul waits, and in his word, I put my hope. Pray for the Rajpur Foster Child Project.
16. O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. Pray for Moravians in Labrador.
17. How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity! Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
18. Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord who minister by night in the house of the Lord. Pray for firefighters and police officers.
19. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord. Pray for short term mission teams.
20. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant. Pray for the refugees from Ukraine.
21. Give thanks to the Lord of lords; to him who alone does great wonders. Pray for summer camps and campers.
22. When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stouthearted. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
23. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
24. The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever. Pray for Alan and DeeDee Lobst in France.
25. O Lord you have searched me and you know me; You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
26. You hem me in, behind and before, you have laid your hand upon me. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
27. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
28. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Pray for Moravians in Nicaragua.
29. I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
30. Praise be to the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
31. He is my loving God and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield in whom I take refuge. Pray for Michael and Brenda in Croatia.



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