

May 2023

New Hope Moravian Church

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2023 Watchword

“The righteous are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.
Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.”
(Psalm 1:3)



“Keeping the Faith and Remaining Secure in God”

The Apostle Paul said, *“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith”* 2 Timothy 4:7 (KJV).

One of my favorite quotes is from Theodore Roosevelt who said, “In the battle of life it is not the critic who counts. Not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause. Who, at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.”

Wow!! Nevertheless, in the midst of our “good fight on our faith journey”, let us never forget: “We are SECURE in the hands of a holy God!” Therefore, “Keep the Faith” on your journey of FAITH!

Scripture Psalm 121 (NIV) states: *"I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber; Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you – the LORD is your shade at your right hand; The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."*

When we experience uncertain times (like the COVID-19 pandemic), it can cause us to have a sense of insecurity. And yet, the world around us is constantly changing and unpredictable. However, we can be certain of one thing... "God's Got This!" God is watching over us and we can TRUST Him. Whatever the future brings, we can rest knowing that God is in control. Nothing happens outside the realm of His omnipotence. He will always remain in total control.

As we start the month of May, I encourage you to read and mediate on both 2 Timothy 4:7 and Psalm 121. When a stressful situation arises, or you encounter challenges (and they will). May these words be constantly hidden in your heart and bring you God's PEACE. May you be reminded that God is always FAITHFUL. As the Psalmist says, "... *The LORD will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.*" Amen.

In Christ Love & Service,
Pastor Betty



Dear New Hope Church Family,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful flowers, the gift card to PJ's Restaurant near our home, and the amazing musical notes mug crafted by Leslie. I'm loving admiring the flowers, drinking hot tea from the mug and looking forward to eating lunch with Harvey after church.

I knew from my very first Sunday at New Hope 13 years ago that you were a church that loved music and loved to sing. How blessed I am able to share that love with you as we worship and sing praises to our Lord. I thank God for the gift of music and for each one of you. Thank you again for your love, for your kindness, and for welcoming me into your church family. To God be the Glory!

**Your Sister in Christ,
Phyllis Little**

May Mission Project



PET FOOD COLLECTION

In honor of National Pet Month, ECCCM is requesting donations of pet food. Bring your donations to the church during the month of May.





Wednesday Dinner Out!

Our chancel choir and bell choir take the summer off each year. That leaves Wednesday evenings open. Our church family and friends look forward to meeting at area restaurants for a meal together.

Our first Wednesday Dinner Out will be June 7th. We will meet on the first, third and fifth Wednesdays in the months of June, July, and August.

Everyone is excited about reinstating our Wednesday Dinner Out. Stay tuned for date, time, and location.

Malissa and Jane Bumgarner

Financial Update for First Quarter of 2023

To keep the congregation more informed the Board of Elders is giving a quarterly update on our financial status. Some months are higher in expense since we pay for some items once a year, like insurance.

Our monthly budget for 2023 is \$10,913.00. The following reflects what our monthly giving and exact expenses were for the first quarter of 2023:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
January	\$9,902.00	\$8,121.00
February	\$10,076.00	\$10,178.00
March	\$12,667.00	\$13,531.00

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

1. Drop off your donation in offering plate as you enter 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



Our preschool is looking to hire a teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity, please contact Jen Morris at newhopecmo@gmail.com

ECCCM
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THE
23RD
ANNUAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT

MAY 11
THURSDAY | 2023

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

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

LUNCH	RANGE BALLS
GREEN FEES	MULLIGANS
CART FEES	TEE BUSTER
REFRESHMENTS	PUTTING RULER

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

\$110 | \$440
One Player | Foursome

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

JENNY DAUGHERTY
j.daugherty@ecccm.org or 828-465-1702 ext 115

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE;
PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ONLINE REGISTRATION: WWW.ECCCM.ORG/GOLF-TOURNAMENT



2023 NEW HOPE SUMMER CAMP!!



**Tuesday - Thursday
9:00-12:00
18 months - 6th Grade
June 13th - August 10th
(off week of July 4th)**

3 days/week: June-\$215, July-\$215, Aug-\$145

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

***Prices based on the number of weeks of camp each month (3/3/2)*

***Register for the whole summer to save your child's spot*

***\$40 Registration Fee*

Let's Have Some Fun!

- Outdoor Play
- Sand and Water Play
- Crafts
- Music

Don't forget about School!

- Writing Activities
- Math Games and Activities
- Summer themed projects
- Science Experiments

**New Hope Moravian Preschool
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New Hope Moravian Preschool

*Celebrating over 25 Years
in Catawba County*

Now Enrolling for 2023-2024 School Year!

Starts Tuesday, September 5th

Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30

Optional Lunch till 12:30 (\$5 per day)

Ages 18 months – 5 years

(Transitional Kindergarten)

Program Offers:

- ❖ Small student-teacher ratio
- ❖ Themed monthly units
- ❖ Structured schedule
- ❖ Weekly Chapel & Outside Programming
- ❖ Focus on early literacy and number concepts
- ❖ Arts and Crafts, Music, Outdoor and Center Play

3 days/week \$185/month

4 days/week \$215/month

**\$60 Registration Fee*

Call for more info or to set up a tour

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Star Staff of the Month

Kristy Bowman



About Ms. Kristy

Kristy was born and raised in Catawba County. She lives with her family in Hickory. Her two daughters are ages 9 and 5. The oldest is a graduate of the preschool and the youngest is currently a student in the preschool's Transitional Kindergarten Class. They share their home with 4 dogs and 2 cats.

Kristy began helping at preschool as a volunteer in 2017, when her oldest daughter was a student. It wasn't long before she was substituting for teachers in the classroom. Kristy's role expanded during 2020 when she stepped up to help during the frequent staffing shortages due to COVID. Her kind and gentle manner makes her a favorite of the children. She can often be seen comforting a child on her lap or holding the hand of a hesitant child. Kristy says being at preschool has given her a feeling of being needed that is different from being a mom to her daughters. She also values the relationships she was able to form with the other staff members.

Favorites

Ways to Spend Free Time: Camping, Riding Bikes with her Family, Going Mudding

Color: Pink

Snack Food: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

Beverage: Dr. Pepper Zero

Type of Food: Japanese

Author: Nicholas Sparks

Movie: Elf

Superhero: Spiderman

Holiday: Christmas

Childhood Dream Job: Nurse or Teacher

Place to Vacation: North Myrtle Beach or Carolina Beach



Church Cleaning: Please consider **cleaning the Church.** Through the years,

we have been blessed with volunteers who signed up to clean the Church. We

hope to continue this so there will be no added expense to the Church budget. It only takes an hour or so each week at your convenience. Do a whole month or just one or two weeks. **Sign-up list on Church bulletin board...**

NO CHURCH KEY... NO WORRY. Arrangements can be made to let you in the Church. Cleaning supplies are provided, or you can bring your own. **Let's ALL work together to keep New Hope clean & looking good for ALL who enter here to worship.**

➔ **May Cleaners: Carolyn McDonald & Mark Bumgarner**

Board of Elders Small Bulletin Board- In the vestibule you will find (for transparency) at the Fellowship Hall doors summaries of the Board of Elders meetings, Quarterly Average Attendance Report and Quarterly Financial Report. Please look for these updates.



May Birthdays

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



WORSHIP:

- 1) Inside
- 2) Parking Lot (Tune to FM 87.9)
- 3)



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCagQsb0gw2QUC-UFiwe5ikg>

DONATE:

Online Giving

<https://mmfa.info/new-hope-moravian-church-north-carolina-donation-form/>

Please contact Tom Schultz at newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com with any questions.



SOCIAL MEDIA:

Facebook & Instagram

@newhopemoravian



Mark Your Calendar for May

**Wednesday, May 3rd – Handbell Practice 6:15 – Last Handbell Practice
Chancel Choir 7-8 pm**

Thursday, May 4th – ECCCM Workday

**Sunday, May 7th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am**

Moravian Music Sunday



Wednesday, May 10th – Chancel Choir 7-8 pm

**Sunday, May 14th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am**



Wednesday, May 17th – Preschool Graduation



Thursday, May 18th – Last Day of Preschool

**Sunday, May 21st – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am**

Ascension Sunday

Praise and Play

Board of Elders Meeting 11:15 am

Tuesday, May 23rd – June Newsletter Articles Due

Wednesday, May 24th – Chancel Choir 7-8 pm – Last Choir Practice

Sunday, May 28th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

Monday, May 29th – Memorial Day Holiday



Pray Every Day May 2023

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 Joey Yokeley with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
4. My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Pray for Robert and Anne Thiessen 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 Anna Faircloth with YoungLife.
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 and Honduras.
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 Brent in Croatia.



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