



June 2016

New Hope News



2016 WATCHWORD

Christ says, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me."

John 15:4 (NRSV)

New Hope Moravian Church

What's Your Purpose in Life?

Do you ever feel like something is missing in your life? Maybe you feel like your life was meant to be more. Maybe you want to make a bigger difference in the world, but you aren't sure how. Many people walk through life, desiring a greater purpose in their life, but aren't sure how.

The Apostle Paul wrote: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing" 2 Timothy 4:7-8NIV.

Josh McDowell at one of his seminars tells about an executive headhunter who recruits corporate executives for large firms. The headhunter tells McDowell, when he interviews an executive, he likes to disarm them. "I offer them a drink," said the headhunter, "take off my coat, undo my tie, throw up my feet and talk about baseball, basketball, football, family, whatever, until he/or she is completely relaxed. Then, when I think I've got them relaxed, I lean over, look them square in the eye and say, "What's your purpose in life?" It's amazing how top executives fall apart at this question."

The headhunter continues his story by telling McDowell about one man, he interviewed recently. He had the executive all disarmed, his feet up on his desk, talking about football. Then the headhunter leaned over and said, "What's your purpose in life, Joe?" The executive looked the headhunter in the eye, without blinking, and said, "To go to heaven and take as many people with me as I can."

"Wow!!! For the first time in his career," said the headhunter, "I was speechless."

Many times, in my life, I too have asked people "What is your purpose in life?" Just about everyone believes God has a God-given life purpose for them, yet, when I ask them what it is, few have the slightest idea what it might be. They believe God loves them, and they want to serve Him, but they're just not sure how. Consequently, they go through life, with little motivation to be all God has planned for them.

A friend of mine says it this way, "If we want to die well, we need to live well" therefore, it is imperative that we know what our God-given life purpose is and with God's help give it our best shot." So, like the Apostle Paul, we too will be able to run our race with perseverance and faith in Christ Jesus to the very end!

Today, I challenge all of us to recommit our lives to the work of Christ Jesus; I challenge us to find God's purpose for our life. I challenge us to live out our faith and embrace God's plan for our life! Then soon...like the Apostle Paul, we too will be oozing with passion for the things of God; our life will be lived with greater meaning. Let's commit the upcoming days of summer, to finding our God given-life purpose. Let's commit to living our life in fellowship and unity with one another. Let's commit ourselves to finding God's passion and purpose for our life together. Then, let's enjoy serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as the body of Christ...together!

In Christ Service,

Pastor Betty



**American
Red Cross**

Red Cross Blood Drive

When: Tuesday, July 26th
2:00pm-6:30pm

Where: New Hope Moravian Church

How: To schedule an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org,
enter sponsor code: "New Hope Moravian"



Worship Committee Meeting!

The Worship Committee will meet on Sunday, June 5th, at 12:15 following the worship service. There will be a light lunch provided.

Please let Jane know at janebungarner@gmail.com if you are unable to attend. This is a very important meeting, and I need all present if possible.

Thanks, Jane



Women's Fellowship

All women of the church are invited to join us for a craft workshop to be held at the church in the Putz Room on **Monday June 6th at 10:00**. We have met once and have together brain stormed some ideas for crafts for the December Candle Tea. Come join us for a fun morning!
Contact Pam Prevatte if you have questions.

Our annual Hot Dog Cookout is **Tuesday, June 7th at 6:00** at the home of Leslie Srail. We always look forward to this annual event. Leslie grills the hot dogs and we furnish all the fixings for a great dinner. There is a sign up sheet on the church bulletin board for you to let Leslie know what you plan to bring. Come join us for this fun night!

Women's Fellowship has donated \$250 to the Safe Harbor Rescue Mission in Hickory to their Dollar For Dollar campaign held during the month of May. Our donation turns into \$500 to help those in need in our community. Women Fellowship uses the profits from our annual Candle Tea each year to give back to our community through programs that can make a difference in the lives of those around us in our county.

Safe Harbor Rescue Mission helps women and children who are experiencing homelessness and women who are in recovery from addiction. Their mission statement is "to provide a Christ-centered environment for women to rebuild their lives through short and long term programs."





Sunday, July 3rd

New Hope Celebrates the 4th of July

Join us at 11:00 for a special worship service as we praise our Lord and celebrate our country's independence. Our dress will be casual, shorts are fine. We ask that you wear red, white, or blue if possible.

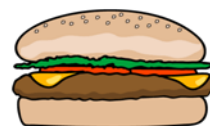
Following worship, we will gather in the fellowship hall for a cookout luncheon. A sign-up sheet for needed food items will be posted on the large bulletin board in the vestibule. This is one church family gathering that you don't want to miss!!!

Great fellowship, tasty food, time to talk with friends and family...

Just a really good time!



Hot Dog



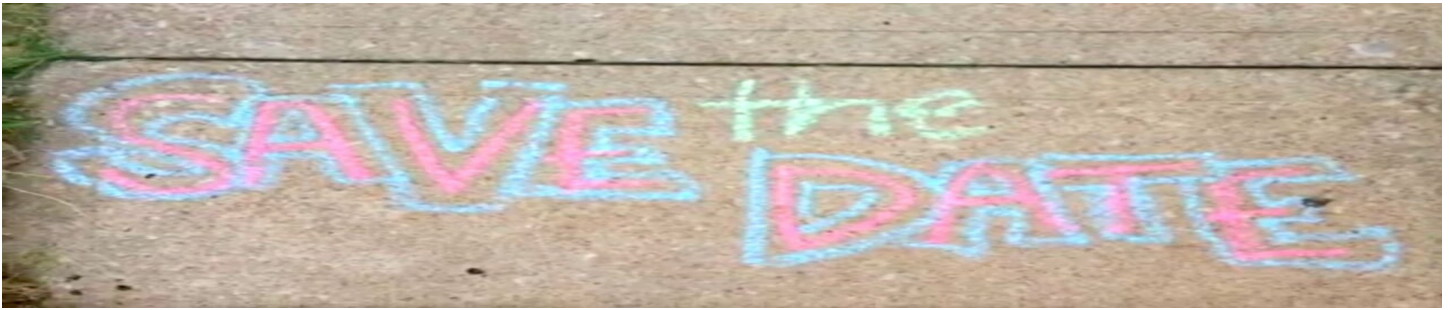
The requested contribution to ECCCM's pantry for the month of June is canned vegetables (standard size cans, veggies of your choice). Although we're in the midst of gardening season, fresh vegetables are not always an option for families who rely on canned products. The Service and Witness Committee thanks you on behalf of the families served!

Please continue to bring your plastic bags. Place bags and cans under the table at the back door.



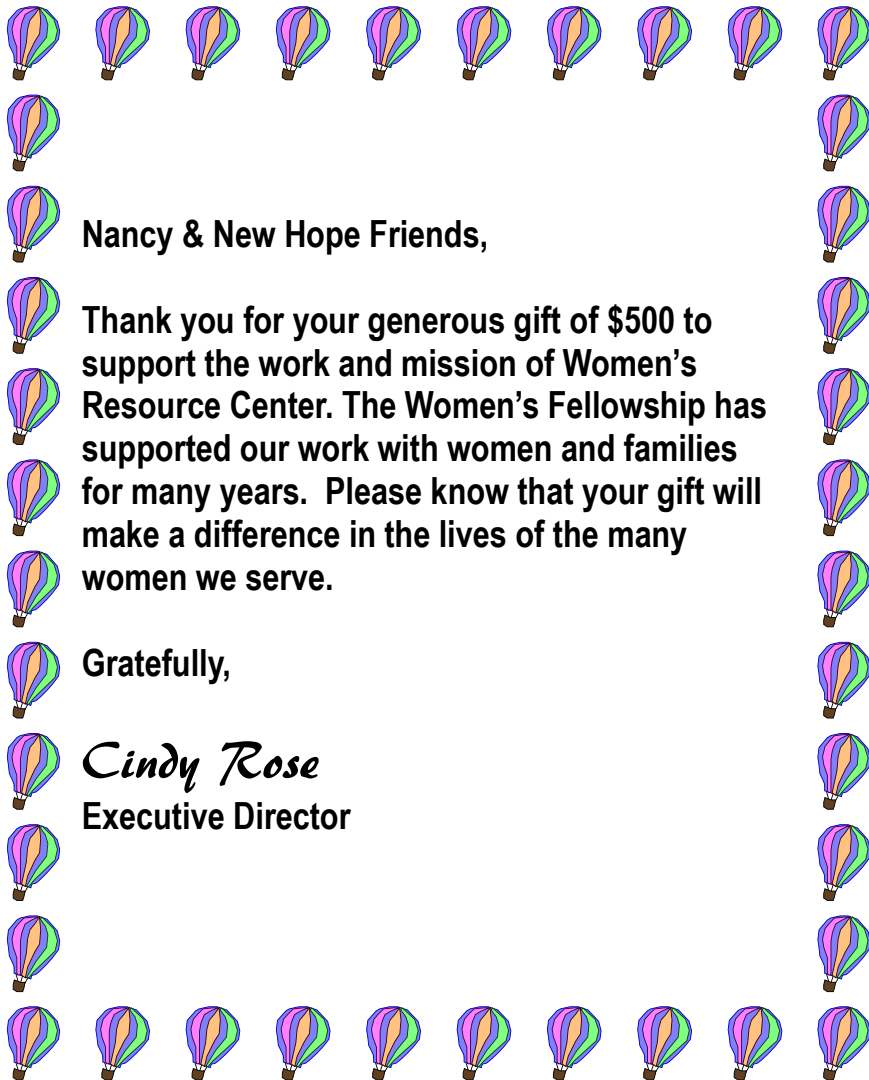
Thank you,
Ann





New Hope's
Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 31st-Wednesday August 3rd
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM



Nancy & New Hope Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500 to support the work and mission of Women's Resource Center. The Women's Fellowship has supported our work with women and families for many years. Please know that your gift will make a difference in the lives of the many women we serve.

Gratefully,

Cindy Rose
Executive Director

CROSS STITCHERS

Hey, cross stitchers!

Why don't you finish up those squares before you go on vacation so it isn't hovering around in your head while you're away?

Just a thought.... Pat



Pray Every Day June 2016

1. I gave them my statutes and showed them my ordinances. Pray for Honduran Moravians meeting today concerning Ahuas Clinic.
2. There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous persons. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison @ Clemson University (www.greekiv.org)
3. You are no longer strangers and aliens, but citizens with the saints of the household of God. Pray for Brian & Heather Marx with MAF (Bmarx@maf.org).
4. It depends not on human will but on God who shows mercy. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx, MAF.
5. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. Pray for Mission Society Dinner at Bethania Moravian Church.
6. Be on your guard against all kinds of greed. Pray for Safiatu & Mohamed Braima in Sierra Leone Mission Area.
7. The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Pray for the container going to Sierra Leone.
8. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. Pray for Antioch Project & for Jill Kolodziej, Dir.
9. Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Pray for Jenna, Hayley, and Helen, summer Antioch Servants in Alaska.
10. Those who hear these words and acts on them, will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. Pray for Rob and Anne Thiessen, returning to Mexico.
11. Pay attention to how you listen. Pray for the Woos as they return to Asia.
12. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Pray for Ed Dehnert & Barb Weide, AK Bible Seminary.
13. You shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Pray for the Moravian Volunteer Resources and the victims of disasters.
14. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. Pray for Samaritan's Purse building for Alaska Moravian Province.
15. We cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard. Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman with HIV/AIDS ministry in Tanzania.
16. Do not claim to be wiser than you are. Pray for Michael, Cecilia & Blessing Tesh in Kenya.
17. Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits. Pray for Michael & Brenda Brent, Campus Crusade, Croatia.
18. Jerusalem shall be to me a name of joy, a praise, and a glory before all nations. Pray for Charlie & Vickie Brent and family in campus ministry in TX.
19. Dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. Pray for the leaders of Mission Societies and for the Board of World Mission.
20. God chose what is low and despised in the world. Pray for K & C in the Middle East.
21. He is not far from each one of us. For "in him we live and move and have our being." Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton with WEC (World Evangelization for Christ).
22. The love of God has reached perfection in those who obey his Word. Pray for Ruth Snyder, Claire Wilson with "Changed Choices".
23. You have given me the shield of your salvation. Pray for Adopt-A-Village program in Tanzania
24. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. Pray for Joe Jarvis and the work with Cuban Moravian Church.
25. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday & today & forever. Pray for Phil & Ashley Sineath, Campus Outreach.
26. Do not be afraid, for I am with you and will bless you. Pray for R and B in the Sudan.
27. Love the Lord, all you saints. Pray for the advisory board of the Unity Women's Desk.
28. You shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace. Pray for Moravians in Albania, most atheistic country in Europe.
29. When you have eaten & are satisfied, praise the Lord your God. Pray for Phil & Eunice Raiford, MX.
30. The 12 went out and proclaimed that all should repent. Pray for Justin Rabbach, Dir. of Volunteer Services justin@moravianmission.org