

June 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)



Recently, I was going through some paperwork from my Seminary days, and I found this declaration and commitment of a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ; it was penned by a young Pastor in Africa and tacked to a wall in his house. As I read his declaration, I was reminded of God's great love and devotion toward us; His compassion and loyalty toward us. I was also reminded of God's sustaining power and strength; His encouragement in our times of doubt and fear; His faithfulness during our times of struggles and trials. Hopefully, we will never have to experience the persecution this young Pastor endured (day after day), and yet, he kept the faith. He determined to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ; no matter the cost. Unwavering each day, he lived this declaration of deep faith, despite his circumstances.

My Commitment as a Christian

I'm part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of Jesus Christ. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I'm finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap living, and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised,

regarded, or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, deluded, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, preached up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till all know, and work till He stops me. And when He comes for His own, He will have no problem recognizing me--my banner will be clear!

Where are you today in your commitment as a Christian? Is your discipleship commitment just (one hour) on Sunday during Sunday worship; or do you spend quality time with God each and every day? Do the words of this Pastor's declaration resonate with you? Are you "all in" with Jesus Christ? God desires that we walk closely with Him on our journey of faith. This summer, despite the pandemic and its uncertainty; I pray you will take time to get to know your Savior Jesus Christ a little better. I pray you develop a deeper personal relationship with the Chief Elder of the Moravian Church. May you comprehend and cherish with all your heart the sacrifice Jesus made for you and for me...Our God is a personal God. He desires that His disciples be fully committed to Him. God calls His disciples to be "all in"!

So, this summer, let's strive to deepen our spiritual walk and journey with Christ. We're in this together. Let's love one another with the love of Jesus Christ in all our words and our deeds; let's be fully committed to God and one another.

Blessings,
Pastor Betty

Thank
You

Thank you, Craig deBlois!

New Hope would like to express our gratitude to Craig deBlois for his years of service as the treasurer of our congregation. Craig began as treasurer

in 2011. While he served in this roll he arranged for online billing and banking for the church. This change improved the task of booking.

A brief history of this position, those who have served as the treasurer of New Hope since its birth were Mike Westmoreland, Tom Schultz, Craig deBlois and our reappointed treasurer is now Tom Schultz.

Being a treasurer is a task which can be time consuming. The treasurer must be diligent in weekly recording the offerings to the church, provide a monthly report to the board of the church finances, pay incoming bills in a timely manner and prepare for an annual audit.

Many thanks to our past and present treasurers for sharing their time and talents in this important role. You are appreciated!

*Rev. Betty A. Helms
New Hope Moravian Board of Elders
New Hope Moravian Congregation*



Parking Lot Worship Service

We are now parking facing God's Acre. When arriving you will be given individual consecrated elements for the service and an order of worship. Please feel free to worship in your cars or in the shaded yard, remembering distancing of 6 feet.

There will also be a gloved and masked Parking Lot Helper giving you the bulletin and will assist you in dropping your offering (if you feel so lead) into the designated container. You may do this as you enter or exit.

You will be directed to a specific parking space with an X on it by Parking Lot Helpers. **It is important that you follow the Parking Helpers instructions.** We have designed a specific way to park for the protection of all. Cars **cannot** be parked side by side - must be 6 feet apart.

Members/guests are not to get out of their cars without a mask per PEC.

- Those desiring to bring a chair can sit beside their car/truck or up under the shade of the trees near the graveyard or the graveyard sidewalk. The speaker system is loud enough that you will be able to hear. Be sure to space 6 ft apart. For the safety of all we ask that you wear mask.
- Remember to face the graveyard. Pastor Betty will be on a platform near the graveyard this time. More can be in the shade this way.

We CANNOT stress this enough: there is to be NO co-mingling with others without practicing safe distancing (6 feet) and being masked. This is for the safety of ALL who are attending our worship service. To violate this, could mean we will not be able to continue worshipping in our parking lot. We are doing this for the safety of ALL!

The Church will be locked – no access to bathrooms.

Please know if you choose not to attend the Parking Lot Worship Service that is okay too; it may not be for everyone. We ALL want to worship but do not want anyone to not feel safe.

We are making every effort to follow all the guidelines of the CDC and the North Carolina restrictions of Gov. Cooper's (Phase Two) guidelines and the PEC restrictions. Doing the Parking Lot Worship Service (outside) right now is our only safe option for ALL safety needs to be met.

Weather: This can be our friend or our foe...Sprinkling rain? Possibly use easy to put up tent. Heavy Rain- bad weather- No service

Your Parking Lot Worship Team:
 Steve & Jane Bumgarner
 Mark & Malissa Bumgarner
 Steve & Ashley Larsen
 Tom & Margaret Schultz
 Pastor Betty

Opportunity to Give

You may give at the outdoor service on Sundays or you may mail it in. 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
 Newton, NC 28658



Other Options If You Can't Worship at New Hope's Outdoor Service on Sunday Visit other Moravian Churches through Streaming

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/>



Blood Drive

New Hope Moravian Church

Monday, June 29th

2:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter New Hope Moravian to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

**** We are in need of 2 or 3 helpers and also some snacks. Red Cross will do everything but snacks. They will provide masks and gloves. ****



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!!

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 June

Saturday, June 20th – *First Day of Summer*



Sunday, June 21st –

HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!

Tuesday, June 23rd – July Newsletter Articles due to Office

Monday, June 29th – Blood Drive at New Hope, 2:00-6:30 pm



June Birthdays

6th – Steve Larsen
23rd – Keith Crowe
26th – Malissa Bumgarner

Pray Every Day June 2020

1. What is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roof. Pray for wisdom for our country and leaders in time of reopening transition.
2. My heart exults in the Lord. Pray for all suffering with Covid-19 virus and that all will use good judgment.
3. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya.
4. You come to me with sword and spear and javelin. I come to you in the name of the Lord. Pray for the Sutton's with WEC.
5. My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness. Pray for Moravian outreach in Nepal.
6. How great are God's signs, how mighty His wonders. Pray for those still suffering loss due to disasters.
7. Sunday. The Lord is coming to judge the earth. Pray for those struggling to provide for their families.
8. Cr ation will be set free from its bondage of decay. Pray for Dr. Benno and Teresa Marx.
9. You shall not steal. Pray for Moravian ministers and for churches needing them to bring God's word.
10. The jar of meal did not fail nor did the jug of oil, according to the word of the Lord. Pray for Justin Rabbach and BWM Directors in making decisions for future mission endeavors.
11. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the Fowler's. Pray that our government leaders will lead the country back to God.
12. As the Father has loved me, so I love you. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with MAF in Indonesia.
13. The Spirit helps us in our weakness. Pray for Annie B Missions (Star Mt).
14. Sunday. The Lord is good, His steadfast love endures forever. Pray for Justin Rabbach (BWM).
15. The one who raised Jesus will raise us also with Jesus. Pray for Moravians in Peru.
16. If you continue in my word, you are my disciples. Pray for Jenna and Andrew Craver in Alaska.
17. Worship the Lord with gladness. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
18. Faith is the assurance of things hoped for; The conviction of things not seen. Pray for Unity Womens Desk.
19. I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek InterVarsity, Clemson.
20. Let everyone who calls on the name of the Lord, turn away from wickedness. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
21. Sunday. It is good to give thanks to the Lord ; to sing praises to Him. Pray for Allan and DeeDee Iobst in France.
22. Every good gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF.
23. The word of God is not chained. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
24. A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace. Pray for Charlie and Vickie Brent in Texas
25. Who will separate us from the love of Christ ? Pray for the Moravian Church in Honduras.
26. Blessed are those who maintain justice and do right. Pray for the food programs taking care of children without good nutrition.
27. You know the grace of the Lord Jesus, though He was rich, for your sake became poor. Pray for Armando Rusindo Foundation.
28. Sunday. No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
29. We are persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed. Pray for the Thiessens in Mexico.
30. O Lord,I will seek. Pray for Safiatu Braima and the church in Sierra Leone.



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