

# June 2023

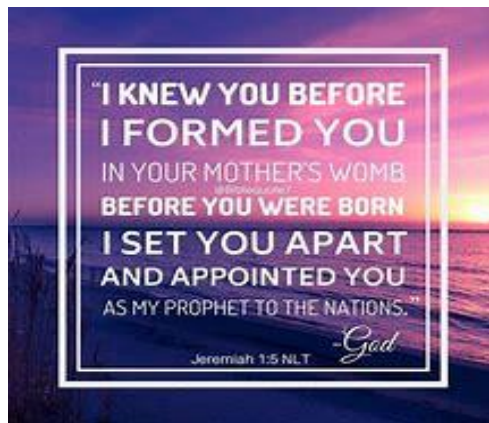
## New Hope Moravian Church

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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)



*"The Lord gave me this message: "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born, I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations."  
Jeremiah 1:4-5 NLT*

In the first chapter of Jeremiah, The Lord gave Jeremiah a specific calling on his life. I don't know about you, but I could read these verses over and over. Many think this passage applied only to Jeremiah, but I tend to believe that the Bible is God's holy Word. Therefore, God is speaking to all of us. Clearly, this passage applies to you and me, just as it did to Jeremiah. God may not call us to be a prophet, but God formed us and has chosen us for an important task or mission that "matters" in His Kingdom.

In our Scripture today, God is giving us three principles for us to heed:

*First, I knew you...* God knew everything about us even before we were born. Imagine that... Clearly, God knows us better than we know ourselves! Psalm 139:16 tells us: "Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

*Second, I set you apart...* God has chosen us for a divine purpose. A purpose that "matters" ... We are unique and special to God. What we do with our lives matters to God. God created each one of us for a divine & unique purpose. Deuteronomy 14:2 says, "You have been set apart as holy to the LORD your God, and he has chosen you from all the nations of the earth to be his own special treasure."

*Third, I appointed you...* God has called each one of us with an appointed purpose. He sends us out into the "highways and byways" as His children. As His children, we are pilgrims in this world and are only passing through this earthly life for a short time. We are to give testimony to the world for what He "has done and is doing" in our lives. John 15:16 says, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you."

As God's children and pilgrims in this world, we may at times lose sight of our divine purpose, and we may feel discouraged. Yet, remember God is with us and He has fully equipped us to do whatever divine purpose He calls us to do. Remember, God has made us uniquely who we are, and we are His children. God does not make JUNK! He knew us and created us, He set us apart, and He appointed us to do whatever He has called each of us to do. Because in our own human strength, "we can do NO-thing."

However, in Christ Jesus, Philippians 4:13 NKJV says, "I [we] can do all things through Christ who strengthens me [us]." "For nothing will be impossible with God" Luke 1:37 ESV.

Therefore, just as God prepared Jeremiah for the task set before him (in the time period) he lived; God also prepares us for the times we are living. I like the thought that, **He knew us** and was **preparing us** since **before we were born**, we can be confident that He is with us. God will direct us on our journey and make straight our pathway (to do) ALL He has **set us apart for and appointed us to do**.

God made each of us uniquely who we are... Scripture states: "So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God, he created them; male and female he created them" "Genesis 1:27 NLT.

God in His sovereignty never made another person like you, and He never will. There is no one that possesses the same gifts as you and no one can do the things you do like you do. All the strength we need to do what God calls us to do comes from Him. God is our strength, and we can trust that "we can do all things through Him."

Even in moments of difficult trials and discouragement, let us ALWAYS remember that God has chosen us to do great things. Our LIFE and what we do MATTERS to God! He knows everything about us, and still chose us to be His children. When we make the decision to see ourselves as God sees us, we will begin reaching our FULL potential and be used by God in a MIGHTY way. Just as God told Jeremiah, he is also telling us "Get up and prepare for action!" Jeremiah 1:17 (NLT).

Dear Ones, thank you for hearing and answering God's call on your life! Always remember, what you do in life MATTERS to God and to others. Your life "matters."

In Christ Love & Service,  
*Pastor Betty*

# New Hope 2023 Summer "Wednesday Dinner Out"

New Hope members and friends are invited to meet every other Wednesday evening during June, July, and August to eat out together. A variety of restaurants have been selected. Come join in the fun and laughter while having a meal together at **6:30 PM**. Meals are **Dutch treat**.

*If you plan to come, please contact one of us **by Monday at noon** to have enough seating.*

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*Let the good food and fellowship begin!!*

## The dates and locations are:

Wed June 7 - **El Paso Mexican Restaurant** (Hickory Plaza) 505 US Hwy 70 West, Hky.

Wed, June 21- **Harbor Inn Seafood** (near Walmart) 2555 US Hwy 70 SE, Hky.

Wed, July 5 - **Olive Garden**- 2261 US-70 West, HKY-      (**4<sup>th</sup> of July Week**)

Wed, July 19- **PJ's Bethlehem Seafood & Steak**- 349 Rink Damn Rd, Taylorsville, 28681

Wed, Aug 2- **Jason's Deli** (across from Olive Garden) Hky

Wed, Aug 16 - **Cracker Barrel** (off L-R Blvd) 1250 11<sup>th</sup> St Ct SE, Hky

Wed, Aug 30- **El Paso Mexican Restaurant** (Hickory Plaza) 505 US Hwy 70 West, Hky.



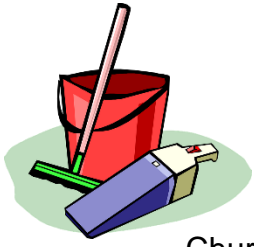
## ECCCM Monthly Food Item for June is Cereal



The monthly food item is simply a suggestion using a list of items ECCCM likes to keep in stock, but they will accept all donations. They are thankful to all for helping them feed the food insecure in Catawba County!

**New  
HIRING**

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](mailto:newhopecmo@gmail.com)



**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.**

➔ **June Cleaners: NEEDED**

**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.



## *June Birthdays*

6<sup>th</sup> – Steve Larsen  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Keith Crowe  
26<sup>th</sup> – Malissa Bumgarner





## WORSHIP:

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



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## DONATE:

Online Giving

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

Please contact Tom Schultz at [newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com) with any questions.



## SOCIAL MEDIA:

Facebook & Instagram  
@newhopemoravian



## *Mark Your Calendar for June*

Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – ECCCM Workday

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> – **Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**

***Trinity Sunday (Father, Son & Holy Spirit)***

**Worship Committee Meeting 11:15 am**  
**Light lunch**

Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – **Wednesday Dinner Out**  
El Paso Mexican Restaurant, Hickory Plaza

Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – **Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**

*Praise and Play*

**Board of Elders Meeting 11:15 am**

Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – First Day of New Hope Summer Camp



Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> –



**Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>** – **Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**



**Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** – **Wednesday Dinner Out**  
Harbor Inn Seafood, Hickory

**Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** – **Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**

**Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>** – **July Newsletter Articles Due**

Pray Every Day June 2023

1. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Pray for the Moravian Church Southern Province Synod.
2. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." Pray for disaster relief workers and Moravian Disaster Response.
3. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
4. It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always and not just when I am with you. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.



5. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. Pray for Moravian Summer Camps.
6. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
7. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Pray for Anna Faircloth with YoungLife Ministry.
8. I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayer, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone, for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. Pray for the government leaders in our country.
9. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions, it is by grace you have been saved. Pray for short term mission teams.
10. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leonne.
11. Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
12. I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
13. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
14. I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
15. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
16. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
17. Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
18. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
19. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Pray for Robert and Anne Thiessen in Canada.
20. I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
21. Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
22. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as our does for you. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
23. Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
24. May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
25. But we ought always to thank God for you, those loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intersarsity.
26. Finally, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
27. I want people everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
28. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
29. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
30. For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayer. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.



## **June 2023 NEWSLETTER**

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