

June & July 2018

New Hope Moravian Church Newsletter



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2018 Watchword

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21 (NKJV)



Recently, I was going through some paper work 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 quickly reminded of God’s great love and devotion toward us; His compassion and loyalty toward us. I was 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, and 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

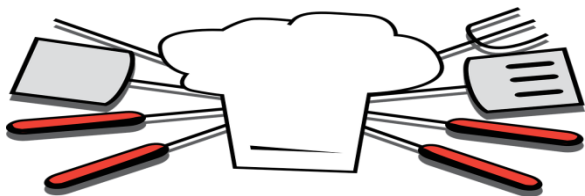
delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, and 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 a couple of hours on Sunday during Sunday worship and Sunday school time; 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, I pray you will take the time to rest in your Savior Jesus Christ; the Chief Elder of the Moravian Church. May you learn to comprehend and cherish with all your heart the sacrifice He made for you and for me...Our God is a personal God and He desires that we as His disciples be fully committed to Him in all our ways! So, this summer, let's strive to deepen our walk and journey with Christ 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



Women's Circle Cookout **Tuesday, June 5- 6:00PM**

All women invited to join in this final gathering of the year for the circle. It's a hot dog cookout. The hot dogs and condiments will be provided. Look at sign-up sheet on bulletin board to indicate needed items. This is a really fun tradition, Ladies!! Hope to see you then. If you have any questions, contact Leslie Srail.

Church Cleaners Needed for June, July, August & Rest of Year.

New sign-up sheet posted on bulletin board. More than one family can work together. All cleaning supplies are provided, but some prefer to bring their own favorite ones. Preschool & Summer Camp do a good job of cleaning their areas, but you do need to check incase others have come in after them.

Please consider a turn at keeping God's House spick and span.

Other New Sign-up Sheets are on bulletin board:

Lay Readers- Reading Scripture or occasionally assisting with a Liturgy.

From The Music Department: A sign-up sheet is posted for anyone to assist at the time of the offering. Many different talents can be used such as playing an instrument like piano, guitar, wind instrument, etc. One may wish to sing a solo, duet or with a group. There could be a special reading that Pastor Betty has approved. Please consider sharing your many talents while the choir takes a needed break. Sign up or contact Phyllis Little.

Do you want to do the Offertory?

Sign up here

June 3 _____

June 10 _____

June 17 Father's Day_____

June 24 _____

July 1 _____ *Anita Scism*

July 8 _____ **Choir sings- Communion Anthem**

July 15 _____ *Carolynn McDonald & Margie Furmage*

July 22 _____

July 29 _____

August 5 _____

August 12 _____ **Choir sings- Communion Anthem**

August 19 _____

August 26 _____



New Storage Addition Started On Back Side Of Fellowship Hall

It's very obvious we have finally started construction. Please be careful when you are out back! Unfortunately once started, the rain decided to also start. This has naturally slowed the project down somewhat. Once they complete the foundation, it will require good weather to tie the roofing into our existing building. Exterior lighting in the back of the church is being upgraded as part of this project as well.

General Contractor Mark Williams was low bidder. He is also known by the Furmages and has actually assisted occasionally with our chicken pie making. These contacts will help in the knowledge of what the church needs.

We do have full funding for this project with the majority coming from our Chicken Pie Fund. This additional storage room will be used to house tables, chairs and other church items. Storage of the chicken pie supplies and equipment will be so much easier to get to in this area.

Thank you so much to everyone who has worked on making chicken pies which is now providing very much needed storage for our church!

Mark Bumgarner
Stewardship Chair

Chicken Pie Making News -

**This wonderful church wide event has benefited so many
needed & important projects.**

This fall we will make chicken pies for our Candle Tea and Bazaar.

Additional information and dates will follow at a later date. Keep watch as you do not want to miss this opportunity of fun and adventure! Many are going through chicken pie withdrawal, so everyone is needed to come cook, pick, roll and bag. No job too big or small, and no experience necessary!

More Good News:

Our Office Now Has A New Administrative Assistant

We are glad to announce that we have hired a part time Administrative Assistant. Her name is Karen Shokes. She has been a stay at home mom with her two children for a number of years after working in several business positions. Both of Karen's elementary age children went through New Hope's Preschool program so she is familiar with our church.

Karen comes to us with a wealth of experience. She has a degree in business management and is up to date in computer skills. Karen currently is the PTO President at her children's elementary school and is actively involved with all the children's many activities.

We all feel this type position will work well for both Karen and our church's needs. Malissa Bumgarner and Pastor Betty Helms will begin working with Karen in June. She will be taking over the normal routine office responsibilities of a Church Administrative Assistant.

We want to thank Malissa for her volunteering in the position over the past year and a half. She has agreed to assist in the transition, help with seasonal projects and high work load times, and fill in as needed when Karen might be out.

Karen will be invited to church soon so that the congregation can meet her.

Mark Bumgarner

Vice Chair Church Board of Elders



Canning Season is in Process for Bazaar Goodies!

Please drop off any used or new canning jars near the church office. These will be used as we can salsa, beets, jellies and apples for the bazaar this year.

We Will Gladly Take Your Empty Pint & Half-Pint or Quart Jars.

Many Thanks to all those who have already started buying
Or bringing recycled ones in!

Vacation Bible School

June 17-20, Sunday-Wednesday

Dinner 5:30 VBS 6:00-8:00

Are you ready to sled into an ice way to spend the ultimate summer week?
At Polar Blast, you will chill with new friends and warm up to Jesus-- the coolest friend of all.
Please join us from June 17-June 20.

On Wednesday, we will have **family night** where we will showcase the week of learning.
All family members are asked to stay for this great celebration.

Helpers Needed: One or two people in charge of outdoor snow games.

VBS Needs:

Inexpensive hair conditioner (\$1 store brand) - 5-6 bottles
Corn starch or baking soda
Chenille wires in white, silver and blue
Blue food coloring (1-2 bottle)
Tea lights (around 24)
Inexpensive baby oil (5 bottles)
Pony beads
Plastic bowls that have lids
Baggies
Foam balls (any size - 30 to 50 balls)
Old pool noodles that can be cut up (10-12)
Hula hoops and jump ropes
Sponges for game (20 or more)

For the Mission Project:

The children will perform mission work of bagging cat and dog food for the homeless and Meals on Wheels. **NEEDED:** bags of dog or cat food or gallon size baggies for the kids to use.

Thank you for your help and encouragement for the children of New Hope and our community.

Laura Hildebran

Vacation Bible School Dinner Menu Items Needed & Sign Up

VBS FOOD ITEMS NEEDED	YOUR NAME
Hamburgers	Mark & Malissa
Hot Dogs	John & Margie
Buns for Both	
Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo	John & Margie
Pickles (sweet and dill) 2 jars each	
Chili	Margie
Onion – chopped and sliced	
Tomato – chopped and sliced	
Cheese slices	
Lettuce – Leaf and shredded for tacos	
Cole Slaw	
Baked Beans (Need 2)	
Potato Chips (Plain or Rippled) no flavored please	
Peanut Butter (Need 2 large)	
Grape Jelly (Need 2)	
Strawberry Jelly (Need 2)	
Ham and Turkey Lunch Meat	
Bread Need 6 large loaves	
Applesauce	
Ground Beef for Tacos Cooked & Seasoned	John & Margie
Shredded Chicken for Tacos Cooked & Seasoned	John & Margie
Taco Shells	
Flour Tortillas	
Shredded Cheddar Cheese	
Salsa – Mild	
Sour Cream	
Refried Beans	
Tortilla Chips	
OTHER ITEMS NEEDED	
Lemonade	
Kool-aid	
Paper Plates for dinner	
Paper cups 8 or 10 oz.	
Ice	
Dessert items - Please fill in item & quantity	All great dessert ideas are appreciated! Please keep desserts “Polar” themed
Cookies – Need 4 doz.	
Brownies or Blondies	
Cupcakes	
Ice Cream cones or sandwiches	
Blue Jell-O cubes with cool whip	
Blue popsicles	

We average serving 50 to 60 people an evening

See Bulletin Board to sign up or call Margie Furmage

New Hope "Dining with Friends"

A couple of years ago the members of New Hope met on Wednesday evenings during the summer to go out to eat at a variety of restaurants in our area. We are going to do that again this summer. We hope that many of you might enjoy having a meal and gathering together. Margaret Schultz and Jane Bumgarner are your contacts if you plan to join the group. We will meet at the designated restaurant at 6:30. Restaurants have been chosen in different areas of the community.

The dates and locations are:

Wednesday June 6- Geppeto's (Springs Road)- 1030 Springs Road Hickory

Wednesday, June 13 - Boxcar Grill-(off I 40 exit - 135) 3140 North Oxford Street Claremont

Wednesday, June 20 - no meeting due to Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 27 - Court Street Grill (Mtn. View near Mighty Dollar) 2950 Hwy 127 S Hickory

Wednesday, July 4 - no meeting-Cookout at New Hope after worship Sunday July1

Wednesday, July 11 - El Paso Mexican Restaurant (Hwy 70 near old Catawba Mall) 505 US Hwy 70 Hickory

Wednesday, July 18 - Captain's Galley (Springs Road) 1261 16th St. NE

Wednesday, July 25 Thai Orchid (off Catawba Valley Blvd. near Pier One) 1822 Catawba Valley Blvd. SE Hickory

Each Sunday the upcoming outing will be announced at worship and in the Thursday Update.

We ask if you plan to attend, please contact Margaret or Jane using our cells or email by Monday at noon so we will have seating available.

The meals are dutch treat and promise a good time for our church family to enjoy a good meal and great company. We look forward to hearing from you!

Margaret's cell: 828-234-8184 email: tlschultz@embarqmail.com

Jane's cell: 828-639-0061 email: janebumgarner@gmail.com

“Celebrating the 4th of July”

Sunday, July 1st

**Casual dress in red, white & blue welcomed
Shorts and Sandals are just fine.**

Cookout after Worship

Hamburgers & Hotdogs Provided

**Marge Furmage will post a signup sheet soon
To indicate your attendance at lunch & what side items are needed.
Hope to see you here!**



Summer Camp Takes Week of The 4th of July Off

**Then our wonderful program continues to operate as usual
On Tuesdays-Thursdays**

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Cross Stitch Quilt Update

Cross stitchers, school is ending, and summer will be over in the blink of an eye. It's never too early to start (or finish) your squares. I'm anxious to see them. Now is a relaxing time to work on them.

Squares are due Sunday, August 26

*This year's quilt fabric has a **Christmas Pattern**. Look for the sample on the bulletin board.*

Thanks, Pat deBlois



Words of Thanks-

To My New Hope Church Family,

Thank you all so much for all that you have done for me over the years. I love you all so much and enjoy seeing everyone on Sundays. Thank you for always welcoming me with open arms.

Love always,

Emily Simpson

Dear New Hope Family,

Thank you so much for remembering me a while back for Administrative Assistants Day. The sanctuary flowers were beautiful and I was able to enjoy them for a long time at home. The restaurant gift card has been put to good use and yes I did share it with Mark as instructed.

I have truly been honored to serve you in the office. It has been my way of giving back to the Lord and you.

Sincerely,

Malissa Bumgarner

Pray Every Day June 2018

1. God sends forth his love and his faithfulness. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison (www.greekiv.org).
2. You are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Pray for Brian (pilot) & Heather Marx serving with MAF.
3. Sunday. I delight to do your will, oh my God your law is within my heart. Pray for Mission Awareness Dinner.
4. The Lord said, "those who love me, I will deliver." Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima in Sierra Leone.
5. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. Pray for Rob & Anne Thiessen (MX) and summer travels.
6. The Lord is my strength. Pray for Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide, Alaska Bible Seminary, Bethel AK.
7. Mercy triumphs over judgment. Pray for Alas de Socorro in Honduras. Pray for the Moravian Volunteer Resources and the Moravian Disaster Response.
8. The good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF and Peru Mission Team.
9. The Lord searches every mind, and understands every plan and thought. Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman with HIV/AIDS ministry
10. Sunday. Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. Pray for Michael & Cecilia Tesh, Kenya.
11. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent serving with Campus Crusade in Croatia and Honduras Mission Team.
12. In Jesus Christ you are all children of God through faith. Pray for Kevin & Charity in the Middle East.
13. If God is for us, who can be against us? Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton serving with WEC.
14. God has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure. Pray for Ruth Snyder, Claire Wilson with "Changed Choices" and Albania Mission Trip.
15. He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities. Pray for Adopt-a-Village program in TZ.
16. Surely it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness. Pray for the Likewise Aids Ministry and Nepal Mission Team.
17. Sunday. My Spirit abides among you, do not fear. Pray for camp directors and workers.
18. Thus says the Lord, "I will rejoice in doing good to them." Pray for the Mission Areas of Sierra Leone and Peru, Mission Province of Cuba, and the families of the recent plane crash victims in Cuba.
19. He who observes my ordinances, and follows my statutes; he shall not die for his father's iniquity. Pray for the Marshall Mission Outreach of the Alaska Moravian church.
20. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. Pray for the construction of a radio tower that will allow the Word of God to be broadcast into Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Guinea.
21. Oh Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trust in you. Pray for Allen and Deedee lobst in Spain in campus ministry.
22. God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. Pray for the BWM, Justin Rabbach Ex. Dir.
23. The Lord will not cast away his people, for his great name sake. Pray for Phil & Eunice Raiford with the Mixe in Mexico.
24. Sunday. Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Pray for Joe Jarvis and the work with Cuban Moravian Church, Laurel Ridge Mission Team, and Lumberton Mission Team.
25. Do not spurn us, for your namesake; do not dishonor your glorious throne. Pray for the Medical Clinic, the church in Ahuas, Honduras, and Cuba Mission Team.
26. Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Pray for R and B in the Sudan.
27. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Pray for the advisory board of the Unity Women's Desk.
28. Let the unrighteous forsake their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them. Pray for Annie B. Mission with Star Mountain in Palestine.
29. Paul wrote: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost. Pray for the peace of Israel and the Jewish people.
30. Paul wrote: The Lord stood by me and gave me strength. Pray for those who minister in diverse settings such as provincial offices, counseling centers, ecumenical agencies, prisons, hospitals, schools and colleges, and the armed services



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