



July 2014

New Hope News



2014 WATCHWORD
God said, "Let there be light";
and there was light.
Genesis 1:3

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"Go From Suffering to Success"

"If you endure when you do right, and suffer for it, you have God's approval." (1 Peter 2:20)

This verse of Scripture is very inspirational to me. When we are humble, show kindness and extend mercy to others, God is pleased. In life we encounter difficulties. On occasion we are persecuted or chastised for doing what is right. The ways of the world are vastly different from the ways of Jesus. As I write this article, I received an email one of my closest friends is experiencing much anguish and suffering because of another! They are going through the fiery trials. What can I do for them? I know I cannot personally retaliate. However, I can be there for them and I can go to the Lord in intercessory prayer. There is a great power in prayer.

Can you relate to a situation like this? If you were still of the world, you might consider taking revenge on their behalf. Yet as Christians, we need to ask "What would Jesus do?" We already know the answer. It helps me to remember Peter's bold statement in 1 Peter because God is aware of our issues, He approves of us when we live righteous lives. God is in charge and does all things in His perfect timing not ours. This means we must honor God's plan even in our suffering. One of my favorite writers, C. S. Lewis, wrote "God whispers to us in our pleasures, and shouts to us in our pain." There is much truth in this statement.

"What would Jesus do?" Read this beautiful meditation written by the Scottish blind preacher, author and composer, George Matheson: "Dear soul, if you want your sympathy for others to be enlarged, you must be willing to have your life narrowed to certain degrees of suffering. Joseph's dungeon was the very road to his throne; he would have been unable to lift the iron load of his brothers, had he not experienced the iron in his own life. Your life will be enlarged in proportion to the amount of iron you have endured, for it is in the shadows of your life that you will find the actual fulfillment of your dreams of glory. The shadows of darkness are better than your dreams could ever be. Do not say that the darkness of the prison has shackled you, for your shackles are wings--wings of flight into the heart and soul of humanity. And the gate of your prison is the gate into the heart of the universe. God has enlarged you through the suffering of sorrow's chain...Great character is made not through luxurious living, but through suffering. And the world does not forget people of great character." Also, "The great objective of this life is character, for it is the only thing we can carry with us into eternity. And gaining as much of the highest character possible is the purpose of our trials" (Austin Phelps).

Suffering for the sake of righteousness is tough. We must embrace and endure it patiently. God, in His love for us, will not let us suffer beyond what we can stand, as we wait patiently for His Kingdom purposes. As Charles Spurgeon wrote, "We cannot too often turn our thoughts heavenward, for this is one of the great cures for worldliness. The way to liberate our souls from the bonds that tie us to earth is to strengthen the cords that bind us to heaven. You will think less of this poor little globe when you think more of the world to come."

Dear one, know this...our almighty God sees far beyond our human capabilities. Take rest knowing when His will and purpose is complete; He will open Heaven's gates and pour out His blessings. You can count on Him!

In Christ Love and Service,
Pastor Betty



Cleanliness is next to Godliness

“Cleanliness is next to Godliness”, an old phrase well known to us older adults. I’m sure it can be interpreted many ways and I’m going to use it to address our Church building. During our last Stewardship and Commitment meeting we discussed our church cleaning situation for now and the future. Ever since we have moved into this building the many Volunteers have done a wonderful job of cleaning our facility. The only issue is that it has been a little harder to get volunteers to sign up. This is a push to encourage folks to sign up through the rest of the year to do the cleaning.

Much discussion and research has gone into this topic of concern to have someone else clean the church. It would cost approximately \$3,000.00 which would have to be added to the budget each year. This would then be covered through the normal giving process & general fund. So please consider spending a few hours’ worth of routine cleaning at New Hope. It only takes 1-2 hours a week. Some weeks it may just be trash and restrooms.

Other times there’s more, like vacuuming and/or mopping. It just depends on what has been going on in the building prior to that weekend. Preschool does a good job of taking care of their cleaning responsibilities.

You may also want to work together with another family and share a month. This is fine as long as there is coverage. I will be glad to work with anyone on what is expected and to let you in on your day of choice.

Mark Bumgarner,
Commitment & Stewardship Chair



Do you recognize this family?

The “Journey” Sunday School class invites you to join us this summer at 10:00 for “Primetime Moments”. Many of us watched and re-watched these comedies, The Beverly Hillbillies, Gilligan’s Island, The Lucy Show, Mayberry and The Dick Van Dyke Show. As we were entertained, little did we know that they were teaching us values through the use of stories, much like Jesus taught using parables. Some of the topics that will be illustrated in short clips from these shows are Blessings, Trust, Unity, Grace and Forgiveness. Each lesson refers to a key scripture and reflection questions. Join us as we take a nostalgic walk and learn more about our Christian Values.

Answer: Rob, Laura and Ritchie Petrie – “The Dick Van Dyke Show”

Looking for empty canning jars... can you help?

If anyone has empty pint or jelly canning jars that you will donate, please bring them to church. A collection box will be on the large cabinet just inside the fellowship hall. We would love to recycle your empty canning jars. We have an abundance of quart size jars... Just need more pint and jelly size. If you would like to purchase new pint or jelly jars for this project, Walmart has the best price for their store brand. Jars do not need to be the Ball Brand.

Thank you for your help with this congregation project. Questions... please see Jane Bumgarner



SOMETHING NEW AND EXCITING!!!!

With July just around the corner, August will surely follow. Many quilt squares have already been turned in, and that is exciting! In August, for the first time, we will be exhibiting a sample of this year's quilt at the Soldiers' Reunion in Newton. Raffle tickets will be available to the community.



REMEMBER, quilt squares are due August 24.

Pat deBlois



Time to Make the Sloppy Joes!

New Hope's Day at The Corner Table, Newton

July 17

Save the date and get the skillet ready to brown that ground beef. Fresh ground beef will be given out after church on **July 13**. Please cook it up well done and return to the Church by Wednesday night **July 16**. New Hope will be providing our famous homemade Sloppy Joes, chips and cabbage for the slaw. They will add the corn, buns and dessert. We will **not** be making brownies this year. They have a source for them now.

Please mark your calendars and watch for the sign-up sheet to be a volunteer. The staff gives very easy assignments prior to service. A few of us make the Sloppy Joes. When it's time to serve it's done like clockwork. They have this down to a science. It is truly an enjoyable way to spend a morning or lunch break.

The Corner Table is Newton's soup kitchen. You will find that it is not the typical one though. Folks are served at the tables. It is a place of grace and dignity. For more info go to www.thecornertable.org or call Mark or Malissa Bumgarner

ECCCM Work Days Big Success

This year New Hope was assigned a different week to staff volunteers at the Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry. We had the first week of June and it seemed to be a better fit as more folks were able to go over and work. ECCCM is a nonprofit sight for food assistance and other services. It is located in Newton but serves Catawba County citizens except those with in Hickory proper which has its own Cooperative Christian Ministry.

New Hope had **14** people go over and spend time in the food warehouse. We were assigned various tasks such as, filling bags with dry & canned goods, bagging breads ready to give out, sorting other food items as assigned.

ECCCM is always in need of volunteers. Another need we noticed right away is for plastic grocery bags. If you have extra of those, please bring to the church and give to me. Mark or I will get them over there if you can't take them yourself.

Many, many thanks to all young and not so young who represented us as volunteers! You not only served those in need, but shared the love of Christ in a real and positive way. Way to go New Hope for representing!!

Malissa Bumgarner, New Hope's Liaison to ECCCM

Attention All Senior Friends

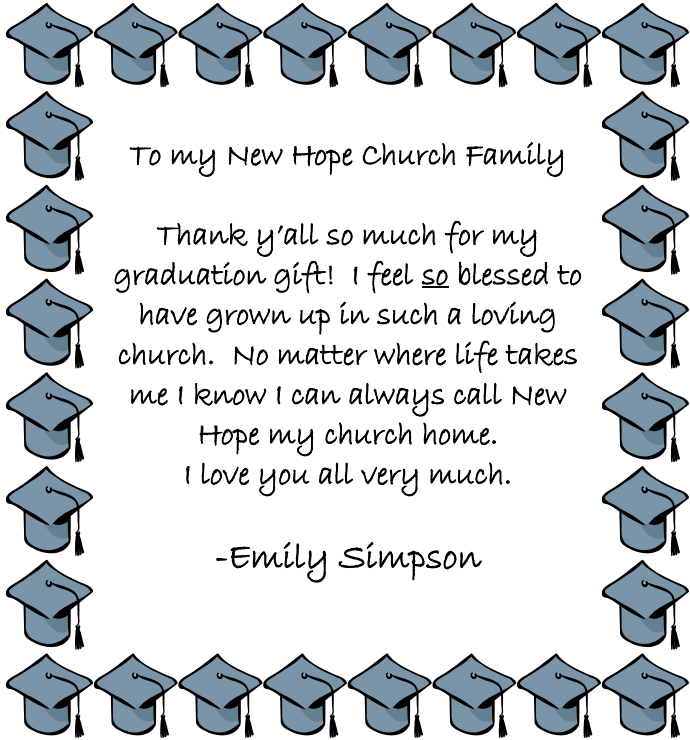
(and other members of the congregation)

even if you have never been to a Senior Friends meeting,
please consider joining the Senior Friends in the Family Life Center at
Friedberg Moravian Church on **July 10** at 11:30 a.m. f
or a salad and dessert lunch, followed by a concert presenting

Daniel, God's Peerless Prophet
presented by Voices in Praises, Calvary Baptist Church Senior Choir.

Please bring a salad or dessert for each person attending. Drinks will be furnished. We
are furnishing lunch for the Voices in Praises, about 50 people. So come with a big salad
or dessert and enjoy this wonderful musical production.

See Pastor Betty if you have any questions. Carpooling can be arranged if interested.



To my New Hope Church Family

Thank y'all so much for my
graduation gift! I feel so blessed to
have grown up in such a loving
church. No matter where life takes
me I know I can always call New
Hope my church home.
I love you all very much.

-Emily Simpson

Dear New Hope Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers placed in church on
June 22nd in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary
and also for all the lovely cards and well wishes. We
are so blessed to have all of you as part of our
lives. We appreciate you and
we thank God for you.

With our love,
Phyllis and Harvey Little



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the
graduation gift. I'm so
excited to start this new chapter
in my life. Your support
throughout the years has gotten
me where I am today. Thanks
again for the gift.

Love,
Claire

Thank you to members of New Hope for the phone calls,
emails, cards, food and support during the illness and
death of my mother, Helen Hatley. A special thanks to
Pastor Betty. I don't know what my family and I would
have done without all the support and love!

Nancy Miller

New Hope Moravian Church Board of Elders Meeting Minutes, June 9, 2014

Meeting opened at 6:35 PM with Daily Text & Prayer by Pastor Betty Helms, all present. Minutes of last Board meeting reviewed & approved as submitted.

Committee Reports

Commitment and Stewardship-Stephen W. and Greg S. submitted May 15 meeting minutes.

Overall financial report very positive.

Other items-Church cleaning: continue with Volunteers now & research cost of possible line item for 2015 budget. Custodial supplies to be studied by Mark B, Lauren W. and Craig D. future sharing the cost of buying in bulk. Road side trash service will be put in 2015 budget at \$25/mo. Chicken Pie funds are designated for improvement of facility & prioritized by the committee: ***The Board took action on the following motion: 1. Purchase food chopper from Howard Reinhardt (if unit checks out), 2. Renovate rest-rooms, 3. Replace flooring in Putz Room, 4. Secure approximate cost for HVAC units for Boards approval at later date,*** motion passed.

Christian Ed- Pam P. reported that VBS is ordered, stream lined and all ready.

Service, Witness & Fellowship- Karen W. highlighted: ECCCM week with 14 volunteers attending. Older Adult/Super Senior Sunday will have reception. Corner Table Meal is July 17 with famous Sloppy Joes. New Hope's Got Talent, July 26- Request by Jon Joplin (Confirmand) & Family to make event a tribute to Mrs. Margy Butterfield, Startown Elementary Music Teacher who influenced many students in our community & our Church. After discussion about her funds being cut, a motion made to have a ***"New Hope's Got Talent"& collect a love offering to support Mrs. Butterfield's music program,*** motion passed. Fall Festival at Reinhardt's farm & picnic shelter was asked about. The date tentatively set for Oct 19 or 26? Jane B. to contact Reinhardts.

Worship- Jane B. noted no changes since last Board meeting.

RCC- Malissa B. reported no minutes available from the RCC Secretary for May 19 meeting. Will email those when they arrive. Highlights verbally covered.

New Business

Parish Nurse Ministry- Pastor Betty gave overview of this. Numerous questions were asked. After much discussion a motion to ***"Proceed with the development of a Parish Nurse Ministry Proposal"*** passed.

Yoga Classes- Possibility of a class at church. Board felt this was a strong possibility, but decided to re-visit at July meeting.

"Know the Church Class"- Pastor Betty reports that she will begin a class soon for the new and many visitors to New Hope. There are 8-10 people. Many considering joining.

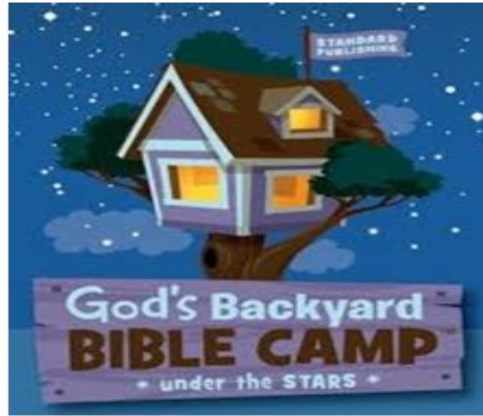
Old Business

Building Use Agreement – Pam P. reports it is done. Needs proofed. Tabled till July.

The meeting ended at 8:15 with prayer by Malissa B.

Respectfully submitted,

Malissa Bumgarner, Board Secretary



Sunday, August 3rd - Thursday 6th
6:00-8:00 (Dinner at 5:30)

Get ready for an outdoor adventure that starts in your own backyard and gets bigger as kids take the love of Jesus into their neighborhoods and communities! This backyard adventure will take place right here at New Hope!

Each day begins at Backyard Bash with large-group music and fun, where kids will be introduced to a Bible story and a life focus. Then after kids experience the other activities of the day, kids gather back to Backyard Bash to review, to be encouraged, and to be motivated to serve others.

	Theme	Scripture Lesson
Sunday	Serve Family	Joseph forgave and fed his brothers (Gen. 37)
Monday	Serve Friends	Jesus washed the feet of His disciples (John 13)
Tuesday	Serve Neighbors	Rebekah sowed kindness to Abraham's servant (Gen. 24)
Wednesday	Serve Jesus	Paul told about Jesus wherever he went (Acts 27)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Crew leaders (Prek-Upper Elem. Level)
 - Craft Leader
 - Outdoor Games Leader
- Music Leaders
- Help with food service and clean up
 - Decorating and Clean up

Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Lauren Westmoreland at westmorelandla@gmail.com.

New Hope Moravian Summer Camp July 2014 Newsletter



July Themes



July 1 st	Summer Misc.	Jesus' Resurrection
July 8 th	Sand and Shells	Parable of the Two Builders
July 15 th	Ocean Animals	Jonah and the Whale
July 22 rd	Water Transportation	Noah's Ark
July 29 th	Bodies of Water	Fishers of Men from Luke 5

New Hope's Vacation Bible School



God's Backyard Bible Camp

Sunday August 3rd - Wednesday August 6th

**Dinner 5:30-6:00 (all welcome)
VBS 6:00-8:00**

Ages: 3 and up

Red Cross Blood Drive



When: Tuesday, July 29th
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"

Reminders:

- Classes are almost full for the fall! If you have not registered, please see Ms. Lauren soon!
- Please remember to stop by the bathrooms every morning to wash hands. We want everyone to stay well!
- **Tuition is due by the 24th of the month.**
- Lunch Bunch: Tues., Wed., Thurs. from 11:30-12:15. (\$3.00 a day)

Refer a Friend!



Refer a friend to our preschool program, and you will receive a free month's tuition. Word of mouth is our best advertisement!

www.newhopemoravian.com/preschool
newhopecmo@gmail.com

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Large Print	\$11.00		
Journal	\$14.00		

*Payable upon delivery (Total Amount Due) \$_____

(Orders should be available for pick-up sometime in October 2014.)

These orders forms should be placed in the folder on church office door no later than Thursday, July 24, 2014.

Or you may email the church with your order
@ newhopemoravian@gmail.com.