



July 2015

New Hope News



2015 WATCHWORD

Everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.
Matthew 7:8

New Hope Moravian Church

Summer is upon us! Its July...and there is so much to enjoy during this sultry season. For some it is a hot and sticky time, and for others, well, you love the warmth of the hot summer days and nights! No matter which way you lean, summer is a great time for family fun and togetherness. There's the fun and laughter of family cookouts, swimming, sailing, fishing, gardening, and camping with all the lightening bugs. But "beware" summer also brings some pesky and annoying bugs, like mosquitoes, there's also poison ivy and other unlikely creatures to deal with.

Yet, summer is a unique time in the life of the Church. During the summer months, Church members take week-long vacations or try to escape from the stresses of life for just a short-weekend. During the summer months for many Churches, Church attendance can be sparse on Sundays. Thankfully, at New Hope, the past several years, we have been attentive of our need to worship together as a Church body and we have kept our attendance at an all time high for the summer months. God has richly blessed us! What has made the difference? We utilize our summer for vacation time, spiritual growth time and Church family togetherness. We purposely have planned Church activities and exciting activities for all ages. Yes, people still get away for their vacation fun times and rest, but there still remains a sense of connection as folks involve themselves in our weekly Bible Study, Sunday School, Sunday Worship and August- Vacation Bible School. All this is pre-scheduled on the Church Calendar for your convenience.

All of New Hope's ministries are a true blessing to those who take part and attend, myself included! So, this summer, let's not just try to keep ourselves busy. Let's decide to enjoy the abundant life God has so graciously blessed us with. God's gift of another new day, another new gift from Him for us to spiritually grow us in our faith and fellowship with one another. This summer, if you have not enjoyed our inspiring Monday- Bible Study, our Sunday School, our uplifting Sunday Worship Services, you have been missing a great time of fellowship and fun with some pretty amazing people from your own Church family and community.

This summer, let's not just try to be "champions of busyness" but instead, let's be "champions for God." Let's take our summer time and spend it with God's creation and others! Let's take time from our busyness to form a new relationship with God, ourselves and others. Let's sit at Jesus feet and soak in His spiritual renewal and rest. Now please know, I am speaking to myself too. We all need times of rest and renewal...Let's all plan this summer to step-back from our busyness and enjoy intimacy with God, even if it's just in our own backyards. Let's go fishing and watch the water ripple as the fish swim all round us. Let's go to the beach and watch the endless waves rush upon the shore. Let's go to the mountains and rise to new heights in our relationship with our Creator. This summer, let's find ways to breathe in God's greatness and enjoy the goodness of this season. Let's spend time with God's creation and others, as never before. Let's purposely use our time and energy to prayerfully reflect and communing with God and enjoy time with our family and friends, and our Church family. Let's renew ourselves, so we can start our fall season refreshed and re-energized with God's grace and love for one another!

In Christ Love and Service,

Pastor Betty



Church Cleaning

Please consider volunteering to clean our church. We have a number of months left this year in which we need volunteers. It only takes an hour or so each week. This is a tremendous savings for our church budget to not have to pay for cleaning.

Those that have done it this year have done a wonderful job. You can even do a week or two if time doesn't allow you to do a full month. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. If you haven't done it in the past or not sure what to do I will be glad to come and go over what is to be done. Thanks for your consideration in another ministry for our church.

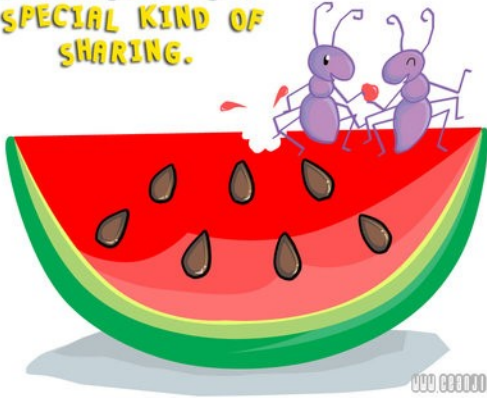
Mark Bumgarner,
Commitment & Stewardship Chair



Come and listen to a story about a man named Jed. Poor old mountaineer barely kept his family fed. Then one day he was shooting at some food and up from the ground come a bubbling CRUDE... Oil that is...Texas Tea....

Recognize this song? There will be a special 4 week summer bible study beginning July 12th in the fellowship hall during Sunday School (10:00). We will view specific episodes of "The Beverly Hillbillies", a sitcom of the 1960's. Lessons will present the themes of humility, forgiveness, generosity, and belief. This entertaining bible study is for all ages... *ya'll come back now, ya hear!*

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SHARING.



WATERMELON RECEPTION

There will be a Watermelon Reception after Worship on July 19th. We will have lots of icy, cold, delicious watermelon and possible seed spitting contest (Shannon!). If anyone has a surplus of watermelon please let me know.

Karen Warren

The Garden Basket



During the garden season, if you have an overflow of vegetables, please bring them with you on Sundays. There is a **Garden Basket** in the vestibule for veggies that you wish to share with your church family. Please help yourself to any vegetables in the basket.



Our Church Family Is Growing... Welcome !!!

New Hope received new members Sunday, June 21st. We welcome David O'Donnell, Lorraine Saporito and their daughter Aurora. David and Lorraine grew up in Wilkes-Barre in Scranton, Pennsylvania. David was a welder for government contracts and is currently an evening supervisor for UPS. Lorraine is a licensed therapist for The Family Net of Catawba County. When asked of their interests Lorraine enjoys reading and traveling. David is a Philadelphia Eagles fan and is growing to love the Panthers. He also enjoys golf. Aurora has a love of space, trains and elephants. The family enjoys trips to museums and zoos with Aurora's favorite being the Shields Nature Museum in Gastonia.

We are very glad that they are now part of our New Hope family.

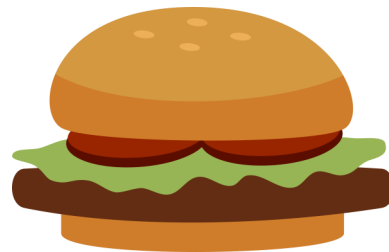
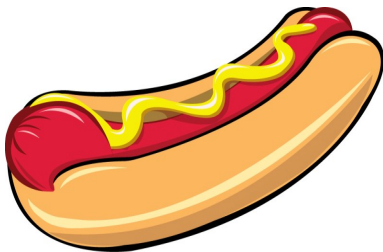


“Celebrating the Fourth of July”

Sunday, July 5th



Casual dress... don't forget to wear red, white or blue



New Hope will celebrate the Fourth of July on Sunday, July 5th, with a cookout immediately following church service. Bring your family, your friends, and a dish or two to share. Please dress casually and join us for fun and fellowship as we celebrate this great nation in which we live. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

See you there!



New Hope continues collecting items to help hospice patients.

Items needed are:

individually wrapped snacks –salty & sweet,
cups of pudding, fruit, sugar free gum, soups, fruit, vegetables,
applesauce, toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, peanut butter, pasta,
canned pasta, macaroni & cheese, cereals, oatmeal, grits, canned meats

Place food items in the mission grocery cart.

If you would like to make a monetary donation for the purchase of “Boost” please place your gift in the



marked envelope at the office door.

**Please make checks to New Hope Moravian with
BOOST written on the memo line.**

Catawba Regional Hospice serves 300 patients daily. Your kind gift will be greatly appreciated in helping meet the needs of their patients.

Update of “Heart 2 Heart” Hospice Drive

New Hope has been collecting snacks for the bereavement baskets for the Hospice House in addition to canned vegetables, soups, pastas, etc. for the patient pantry at Hospice. We have filled the grocery cart at church and the items which you donated were greatly appreciated. Hospice patients are also in need of Boost / Ensure. Karen Warren has made special arrangements for purchasing large quantities of this nutritional supplement at a rock bottom cost (\$4.00 / 6 pack). Thank you, Karen! Currently New Hope through your kind donations is able to supply 12 – 6 packs of Boost. *Thank you for caring and sharing with those we serve.*

The “Heart 2 Heart” Hospice Drive will continue through the month of July. *Thank you for your kind and generous donations... our patients and their families greatly appreciate what you are providing!*



“Hospice Happenings”... from Jane Bumgarner

I am serving as a Hospice contact for our congregation. The following is information that they are asking area churches to include in their newsletters.

Upcoming Volunteer Training – Saturday Aug. 29th 9-4 and Monday Aug. 31st 5:30 – 8:30. Location: Catawba Regional Hospice on Robinson Road. Contact Volunteer Dept. @ 828-466-0466 or see me for more information.

Memory Bear Program – Hospice is looking for folks who would be interested in helping make “Memory Bears” for family members who have lost a loved one. Memory Bears are teddy bears made from special articles of clothing, uniforms, blankets or other items that hold a special place in the family member’s heart. Hospice has the pattern and instructions for the bear. Please contact Sara @ 466-0466 ext. 2141 if you are interested in helping.



**American
Red Cross**

Red Cross Blood Drive

When: Tuesday, July 28th
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”



The Chrismon Project

Thursday, June 18th, a group of 6 traveled to Clemmons to participate in a Chrismon Workshop sponsored by a group from Clemmons Moravian Church. We viewed over 100 Chrismons that the group had made and then we made our own Latin Cross. The host group served as mentors for us. Following the workshop we enjoy lunch at Clemmons Kitchen (the fried squash was outstanding) and a brief trip to Mrs. Hanes Moravian Cookie Factory.

Go to our website NewHopeMoravian.org - events page to see a slideshow of the workshop.

Plans are being made for a Chrismon Workshop here, at New Hope, in July. Crosses to be made are The Anchor, The Eye of God and The Loop. Watch the Thursday updates announcing the date and time for the upcoming workshop.

What is a Chrismon?

Chrismons, from the Latin phrase "Christi monogramma" ("monogram of Christ"), were symbols used by early Christians as a statement of faith. In ancient times when it was dangerous to be a Christian, followers of Jesus used secret signs and symbols to communicate with one another. Traveling Christians would find their way to centers of worship in distant villages by looking for the fish or anchor cross painted or carved in places such as underground passageways - the catacombs.

Today, the sign of the fish and the anchor cross are just two of the Chrismons still visible etched in the stone of the catacombs in Rome. Over time, more symbols have been added with meaning derived from Biblical Scripture. Nowadays, Chrismons are most often used on Christmas trees in churches and Christian homes as a vivid reminder that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus's birth.

3RD ANNUAL NEW HOPE'S GOT TALENT

When: July 25th, 2015
Time: 6:00 pm until
Where: New Hope Moravian Church



- Any talent acceptable
- Including but not limited to singing, skits, dancing, instruments, juggling, acrobatics, etc...
- Sign up by July 19 at bulletin board
- Sign up to bring a dessert or beverage to be shared
- Open to everyone! Church member or NOT

For more information please contact Addie Joplin 704-459-2106
text or call or E-mail: ajselviskitty@gmail.com

PRE-ORDER FORM FOR 2016 DAILY TEXT

Order before July 26 and receive a 15% discount!

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Digital editions of The 2016 Daily Texts will also be available for Kindle, Nook, and iBooks directly from Amazon, Barnes and Noble and iTunes in November.

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Paperback	\$9.00		
Hardcover	\$13.00		
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 Sunday, July 26, 2014.

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



Pray Every Day July 2015

- Jesus said, quote I came to bring fire to the earth. "Pray for Zach Routh & Angelica Regalado, BWM summer interns.
- Oh God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you. Pray for Antioch servants Trina & Ken Holmberg, Nepal.
- The poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. Pray for Rhyssa Beckford, Emmerline Nelson, and Olayinka Idowu, Antioch Servants at Bishop Kisanji Girls School in Kigwa, Tanzania.
- Oh Lord my God, in you I take refuge; save me and deliver me. Pray for The Ayagalria family from Alaska serving with the Labrador Moravian Church camp.
- The Lord raises up the poor from the dust. Pray for participants in Laurel Ridge Mission Camps July 5-1; July 19-25; July 26-Aug 1.
- Christ is our peace. Pray for Antioch servants Rachel Schachter and Jamie Davis in Honduras.
- Christ was fateful as a son over his house whose house we are. Pray for Tremont Terrace Moravians music camp in August in NY.
- We declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. Pray for disaster relief for Nepal and Moravian Disaster Relief teams in September – December.
- Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength. Pray for the solar project in Sierra Leone.
- Jesus told the disciples, "Peace be with you. As the father has sent me, so I send you." Pray for Joe Jarvis and the work with Cuban Moravian Church.
- Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds. Pray for Justin Rabbach, Director of Mission Engagement.
- Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him. Pray for Sr Hi Camp at Laurel Ridge.
- Rend your hearts not your clothing. Pray for the kindergarten, the school, the autism program, the vocational training, and the community work program at Star Mountain in Palestine.
- Go, and may the Lord be with you. Pray for the participants in Convo in the CZ Republic.
- If one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit. Pray for camp directors and workers and youth enjoying times of worship and fellowship in a natural setting and for the lives being touched.
- His ways are higher than your ways and his thoughts higher than your thoughts. Pray for C & V and Family serving with Bridges International in campus ministry.
- Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us. In your book are written all the days that were formed for me. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent serving with Campus Crusade in Croatia.
- The Lord will bless his people with peace. Pray for Michael, Cecilia & Blessing Tesh at Ray of Hope in Kenya.
- The Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces. Pray for church planters Rob and Anne Thiessen in Canada for health concerns.
- The Lord really rewards everyone for his righteousness and his faithfulness. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison serving in Campus Ministry at Clemson, SC.
- I will add to their numbers, and they will not be decreased. Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima in Sierra Leone.
- When I sit in darkness, the lord will be a light to me. Pray for the Woo family for medical concerns.
- Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away. Pray for Brian & Heather Marx, MAF-Indonesia.
- May the God of peace make you complete in every good thing. Pray for K & C serving the Magi People in the Middle East.
- The Lord is faithful in all his words. Pray for Ed Dehnert & Barb Weide - Alaska Bible Seminary,
- We know what love is because Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton with World Evangelization for Christ in Singapore.
- We give thanks to you, O God, for your wondrous works. Pray for Moravian Volunteer Resources.
- This Jesus asked, "But who do you say that I am?" Pray for Drs. Bill & Peggy Hoffman with HIV/ AIDS ministry.
- I am with you, says the Lord, to save you. Pray for the team serving in Peru.
- Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert and with Thanksgiving. Pray for Adopt-a-Village program in Tanzania.
- You are the God of my salvation. Pray for the advisory board of the Unity Women's Desk.