

July 2021

New Hope Moravian Church

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2021 Watchword

“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”
(Ephesians 3:20-21 NRSV)



The Penny - In God We Trust!

Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home. My friend, Rose was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house.

The first day and evening went well, and Rose was delighted to see how the very prosperous and wealthy lived. The husband's employer was a generous host and took them to one of the finest restaurants. Rose knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again, so she decided to treat and enjoy herself immensely.

As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Rose and her husband. He stopped suddenly, and looked down on the pavement for a long, silent moment.

Rose wondered if she was supposed to go around him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette butts. Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny.

He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How absurd! What need did this man have for a single penny?

Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up?

Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her daughter once had a coin collection and asked if the penny he had found had been of some value.

A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before!

What was the point of this?

"Look at it." He said, "Read what it says" She read the words "United States of America."

"No, not that; read further."

"One cent?" "No, keep reading."

"In God We Trust?" "Yes!" "And?"

The boss then responded, "And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin, I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him. Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray. I then ask myself, "Am I truly trusting God? I pick the coin up as a response to God; showing Him that I fully trust in Him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. God is patient and pennies are plentiful!

A few days after I found this story: I went to pick-up a few items at my local store. You guessed it; I found a penny on the sidewalk. Did I pray, and then pick it up? You know I did. I also read the inscription...I wanted God to know, I was responding and putting my complete trust in Him. Finding this small coin, reiterated this story but it also reminded me that God is always faithful. After reading again the inscription "In God We Trust"; my steps felt lighter and more confident because I was reminded that my God cares for me; that I need not fret over the things I need or cannot change. As I re-read the words, "In God We Trust," I found myself laughing out loud. Yes, God, I get Your message to me... I can stand on Your promises, and I can always TRUST You!

Perhaps, we all need to start looking more for coins with blessings and words of encouragement from God. Recently, I have been finding on the pavement an amazing number of pennies, but then, pennies are plentiful!

Yes, God is patient with us.... And thank God He is.... Yes, WE are Blessed!!! Because "In God We TRUST"! Amen. (Unfortunately, I do not know the source of this story)

Blessings,
Pastor Betty

GRILL & CHILL



**Join us for the annual
New Hope Moravian Patriotic Cookout**

**In Celebration of
Our Country's Birth and its Religious Freedom.
Sunday, July 4th**

Immediately after worship in the fellowship hall.

**Safety precautions will be followed in preparation, service and eating
during our gathering.**

All food will be served to you by committee members.

**Please check the vestibule to sign your name and how many you may be bringing so that enough
hotdogs and beverages can be purchased. There is also a list of items needed.**

Please indicate what you might bring.

Contact Malissa Bumgarner if you have any questions or wish to add name or item to the list.

The attire for Worship and cookout is comfortable and casual.

Feel free to wear red, white and blue.

Thank you!

Women's Resource Center Pantry Collection

In May, New Hope collected items for the Women's Resource Center's Pantry with a Purpose. Your generosity resulted in the donation of 20 bags of items with an estimated value of about \$200.

Our donation was happily accepted by their staff with much appreciation. Thank you for supporting their work of caring for women in need!

New Hope's Mission Committee



New Hope Summer Camp is off to a great start! They are excited to 'Explore God's World' as they 'travel' to a different country each week this summer.

No Summer Camp the week of July 5th.



It is that time again... canning salsa, beets and jellies for New Hope. If you have any pint or jelly canning jars that you have emptied, please bring to church. The deposit box is located in the vestibule. Thank you for your help!



Blood Drive

New Hope Moravian Church
Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 26th

2:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Please visit www.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.



**60th Anniversary Homecoming at Laurel Ridge
Saturday, July 24, 2021
Laurel Ridge Camp, Conference, and Retreat Center**

With food trucks, games, activities and fun for people of all ages, this celebration is sure to be loads of fun! Contact info@laurelridge.org with questions and registrations for the event.

Accommodations can be made to spend the night Friday and Saturday night, at Higgins, and Summer Camp. Activities are scheduled for Saturday 11 am through Sunday at 2 pm! Come up the mountain to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Laurel Ridge Summer Camp with us in true “Camp” fashion.



**CELEBRATING GOD'S
PERFECT COLORS**

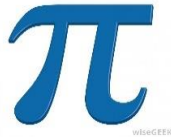
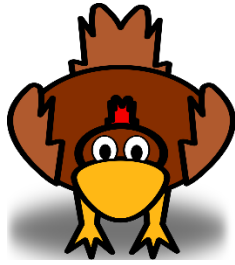
Commemorating the Founding of St. Philips Moravian Church

2021 CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL & LOVEFEAST

Sunday, August 15, 2021 | 4:00 PM ET
Interactive Online Experience & Livestreamed Lovefeast

MoravianBCM.org





Coming Soon!

The Chicken Pie Committee has met and is in need of your help!

We plan to make our famous Moravian Chicken Pies Friday, Sept 24th and Saturday, Sept 25th. Since we are returning after a Covid delay, we plan to make only 300 pies (in the past we made 500 +). A reduction in pies will be less taxing for all workers!

Please mark your calendar to help with this project as we enjoy a time of great fellowship!

The Chicken Pie Committee



Ways to Give to New Hope

Thanks to the Moravian Ministries Foundation of America (MMFA), we now have an online option to donate to New Hope via credit card or direct debit (automatic bank to bank transfer).

The MMFA provides the portal for this electronic giving and they directly deposit any funds to the New Hope bank account. Here is the link to the online giving portal: <https://mmfa.info/new-hope-moravian-church-north-carolina-donation-form/>.

This is a great option for Friends of New Hope that no longer live in the area. These donations will be tracked for tax filing purposes. Transaction fees do apply, just under 3% for credit card transactions and \$0.75 for direct debit transactions.

We will be adding the link to the New Hope website in March.

The MMFA also provides a means to donate securities/stocks. Your broker transfers the securities/stocks to MMFA and the MMFA executes the securities/stocks into cash. Securities/stocks executed in this way are not subject to capital gains tax. Please contact Tom Schultz if you are interested in the process for this type of monetary transaction.

Please contact Tom Schultz at newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com with any questions about the items above.

New Hope Service on



Click on the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCagQSb0qw2QUC-UFiwe5ikg>

This will take you directly to the homepage of our New Hope YouTube channel. Here you can choose from different videos that are available.

Mark Your Calendar for July

Thursday, July 1st – ECCCM Workday

Sunday, July 4th – **Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service**



Monday, July 5th – Thursday, July 8th – No New Hope Summer Camp

Sunday, July 11th – **Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service**

John Hus' Festival (Commemorative Communion)
(Hus martyred on July 6, 1415)

Monday, July 12th – **Board of Elders Meeting** via Zoom, 6:30 pm

Sunday, July 18th – **Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service**

Saturday, July 24th – Laurel Ridge 60th Anniversary Homecoming

Sunday, July 25th – **Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service**

Monday, July 26th – **New Hope Blood Drive**, 2:00-6:30 pm

Tuesday, July 27th – **August Newsletter Articles Due**

Saturday, July 31st – **Post-Game Christian Concert**

Rhett Walker Band

Hickory Crawdads game begins at 5 pm, concert begins immediately following the game.

Individual tickets \$16

Group tickets \$13



July Birthdays

2nd – Jerry Snyder

5th – Ashlynn Cortes

Autumn Greaser

10th – Donna Marie Monge

11th – Libby Williams

Thelma Greaser

16th – Paul Morgan

18th – Sharon Allen

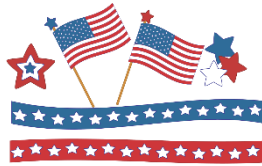
22nd – Samuel Snyder

23rd – Pam Gilbert

31st – Almon Carr

Pray Every Day July 2021

1. We know that we abide in Him because we have His Spirit within us. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
2. The home of God is among mortals. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
3. God is not far from each of us. Pray for Safiatu Braima's visit from Sierra Leone.
4. Sunday-My grace is sufficient for you. Pray for Moravians in Peru.
5. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Pray for Moravians and Armando Rusindo Foundation and Cuba.
6. Seek the welfare of the city and pray for it. Pray for Moravians in Honduras.
7. Deliver us and forgive our sins, for your glory. Pray for Moravians in Nicaragua.
8. We ponder your steadfast love, O God. Pray for the Thiessens in Mexico.
9. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya.
10. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. Pray for Unity Women's Desk
11. Sunday-My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
12. Outdo one another in showing honor. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek InterVarsity.
13. You O, Lord are my shield and defender, the lifter of my head. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx (MAF).
14. Christ has set us free. Do not yield again to the slavery of sin. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
15. When you have done the will of God, you will receive His promise. Pray for Alan and DeeDee Iobst in France
16. God is the god of the living for all in Him are alive. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
17. He heals the broken-hearted and binds their wounds. Pray for Annie B Missions (Star Mt).
18. Sunday-Do not be afraid; I am the first, the last and the living one. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
19. In Jesus Christ, we have redemption, the forgiveness of sin. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx (MAF).
20. "Those who love me, I will deliver." Pray for police and firefighters everywhere.
21. Do not despise the Lord's discipline. Pray for PEC members, Bishops and other church leaders.
22. When you have eaten your fill, do not forget the Lord your provider. Pray for summer camps and campers.
23. Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
24. Let no evil talk come out of your mouth. Pray for disaster relief volunteers.
25. Sunday-The Lord is faithful in all His words and gracious in all His deeds. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania
26. I urge that supplications, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all. Pray that our country will turn back to God.
27. There is one God and Father of all. Pray for those still suffering loss due to disasters.
28. In Him we live and move and have our being. Pray for medical personnel serving in the war against Covid-19.
29. The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out to hire workers for his vineyard. Pray for Moravian ministers and for churches needing them to bring God's word.
30. Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Pray for the food programs taking care of those needing good nutrition.
31. No one receives anything except what comes from heaven. Pray for the leaders of our churches and our country.



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