

# *New Hope News*

## *August 2014*



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

*New Hope*  
*Moravian Church*

Dear New Hope friends,

Doing the work of the Lord is rewarding in itself, but when you see the benefits of that work, and feel the love and comradery that comes from working together, then that is a reward that cannot be described.

Seven or eight years ago, Jean Elmore and I embarked on an adventure, hoping to bring in a little more revenue at our Candle Tea Bazaar. The entire church became involved in donations of time and money, as we began making New Hope Moravian chicken pies to sell! Every ingredient was donated, crusts were hand rolled and the chickens were individually purchased and cooked. Two week-ends in the fall were donated to making crusts and assembling chicken pies, which were only sold once a year – at Candle Tea.

Wow! We have come a long way Baby! We are now 100% self –supporting, and have moved into the 21st century with machinery to help make our process faster and more uniform, we have streamlined our techniques and are now making pies 4 or 5 times a year. The best news of is we sell out each time, and actually have people on a waiting list from one sale to the next, *and* we are building a great nest egg for the church’s use for the updating and needed repairs of our building.

Let me back up. The above really *is not* the best news. The BEST news is we are touching so many lives and spreading God’s word and love through such a simple thing. We have visitors come from out of town to help out. We have visitors who visited our church only a couple of times, volunteer to come and help us, just to hang out with us and enjoy a few hours with a *true* church family. We have our own church members who put everything aside on the scheduled pie making dates and arrive early and stay late to help with the cooking, gravy making, crust making, assembly and anything that needs to be done. We have those who come to pick up the pies, who are amazed that such a small group can perform such a large task, year after year, and who see Christ’s love shining on the faces of every person working. We have laughter and song. We have a gathering of Christian friends who have a commitment to one another and to New Hope, and most importantly, to God. He is in our hearts and hands and souls. He has shown us a way to thrive in a time when so many churches are closing their doors. As the heart poster in the fellowship hall says, “God lives here!”

If you have not been a part of this, you have missed out on a lot of fun, getting to know your fellow church members, and the love that is evident throughout the church and beyond. Please consider coming and helping. Yes, it is hard work, and yes, you will be tired when you leave, but what you, your fellow workers and the community gain, far outweighs a tired back. We have many jobs that need to be done, and there is a job for everyone. Maybe your job could be helping to put the love – God’s love – into each pie.

To God be the glory!

Margie and your chicken pie committee

## Service & Witness Committee

New Hope will have another opportunity to serve at ECCCM

**August 18-21.**

Those who have helped know how rewarding it is. Please consider signing up. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Thanks for your giving spirits!

The date for the next Service and Witness meeting has been changed from

**Sept. 21 to August 24**

after worship. Light lunch provided. Everyone is welcome.

Please mark your calendar for

**October 26.**

This date is confirmed with the Reinhardt's for our fall outing.

Updates will be coming your way.

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I would like to Thank each and every one for the out pouring of Christian Love and Affection.

It truly was overwhelming, from Members going that extra mile, literally, to the caring call I received from my Mentor. Personally you all have touched my heart and healed it.

GOD Bless and Keep you all;

In Christian Love  
Bill

**Dear Friends at New Hope,**

**Thank you so very much for your prayers, cards and acts of kindness during the sudden illness and death of my mother, Alice Mae Yoder-Switzer.**

**Mother was ready to meet the Lord and I know she is singing alto in the Heavenly Choir.**

**Thelma Greaser**



# Old Soldiers Reunion

**WOW! It's time again for great fun and fellowship in the streets of downtown Newton at the Old Soldiers Reunion. This year 2014 marks the 125th anniversary of the Soldiers Reunion in Newton. Sponsored by the Newton Merchants Association and American Legion Post 16, the celebration is believed to be the longest-running patriotic celebration not based on a holiday in the entire country. This year's Annual Soldiers Reunion has activities from August 5-23, 2014.**

**The Soldiers Reunion has a rich heritage. The tradition began in Newton on July 4, 1889, as veterans of the Civil War answered a statewide call for recognition of their wartime efforts and to receive their pensions. That gathering in Newton led to annual reunions, starting the popular patriotic Soldiers Reunion. Most Reunion Week events are centered around the 1924 Courthouse Square, and are family-friendly, featuring patriotic themes throughout the city.** For more information- go to our New Hope Website or to <http://www.lifeinhickory.com/2013/07/newton-nc-soldiers-reunion-3/#sthash.lv8e7LQR.dpuf>

**Tuesday-Thursday-August 5-7**

6:30 p.m. Beauty Pageants  
Newton-Conover Auditorium

**Thursday-August 14**

7 p.m. Senior Citizens Dance\*  
Downtown Newton  
Lower Level Newton Rec Center

**Friday & Saturday-August 15-16**

Men's Softball Tournament\*  
Northside/Broyhill Park

**Sunday-August 17**

2:30 p.m. Car Show  
6:30 p.m. Cruisin'  
Downtown Newton

**Monday-August 18**

7:30 p.m. Gospel Music  
Courthouse Square

**Tuesday-August 19**

6:30 p.m. Cornhole Tourney\*  
Newton Rec Center  
7:30 p.m. Beach Music  
Courthouse Square

**Wednesday-August 20**

6 p.m. Baby Parade  
Eastside of Courthouse Square  
7 p.m. Pet Mania\*  
Westside of Courthouse Square  
7:30 p.m. Country Music  
Downtown Newton

**Thursday-August 21**

9 a.m. Activities on the Courthouse Square  
(New Hope Moravian Church-will be there)  
10 a.m. Memorial Service  
4 p.m. Reunion Service  
5 p.m. Reunion Parade  
7 p.m. Horseshoe Tourney\*  
Westside/Jaycee Park

**Saturday-August 23**

8 a.m. 1-Mile Fun Run\*  
8:30 a.m. 5K Run/Walk\*  
Newton Rec Center

**Sunday-August 24**

8 a.m. 30-60-100 Bike Ride\*  
Newton Rec Center

Save the Date! August 29<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm  
New Hoppers August Meeting

Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, New Hoppers will meet for a covered dish dinner and have a special guest speaker, Julie Packer. Julie is with Catawba Regional Hospice and will do an informative program about choices that we all will face... health care power of attorney, Living Wills and other end of life concerns and documents. Now is the time to learn and ask those questions that you didn't know who to ask.

All of New Hope Church family is invited to attend. Just bring your favorite dish to share and come and learn with us!

August 29<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 in the fellowship hall



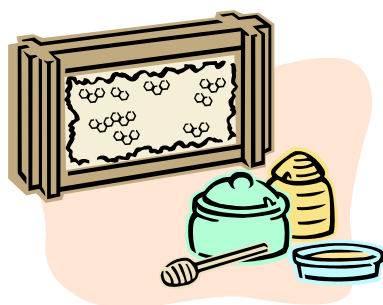
DO YOU HAVE A PROPANE BURNER THAT  
NEW HOPE CAN BORROW?

We need to borrow a propane burner *with a full tank of gas* for the upcoming chicken pie making days in September.

Please see Johnnie Pearson or Margie Furmage if we may use yours.



Local raw honey from John Furmages' bees is now available in the narthex. Please put your money in the envelope provided. All proceeds go back into the church fund being handled by the stewardship committee for the updating and repair of the church building. 12 oz. "bears" are \$6.00 and the 16 oz. jars are \$8.00. John F. will be glad to answer any questions you might have or to take orders for larger quantities.



## LOCAL RAW HONEY

**It is about**



**to make**



**pies!**

The dates have been set for our New Hope Church family to unite to make chicken pies. Please add these dates to your calendar.

- Thursday – Sept. 11, Friday – Sept. 12, Saturday – Sept. 13
- Thursday – Nov. 6, Friday – Nov. 7, Saturday – Nov. 8

**A sign-up sheet is on the information bulletin board. Please let us know when you will be available to help.**

The chicken pie committee will be back in touch with you.

**We need your help!**

## PRAY EVERY DAY – AUGUST 2014

1. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Pray for Ruth Snyder, Claire Wilson, and all others who are helping women to “Change Choices.”
2. Our fellowship is with the Father and with his son Jesus Christ. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF Headquarters in Idaho.
3. I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs. Pray for Moravian young adults participating in a Youth Camp in Cuba until August 8, 2014.
4. Jesus was in the wilderness 40 days being tempted by Satan. Pray for Moravian Church in Honduras.
5. God sent his only son into the world that we might live through him. Pray for the solar project being developed for Sierra Leone.
6. You shall be called by a new name that the Lord will give. Pray for G. & G. Tasedan in Labrador.
7. Jesus went out to the mountains and spent the night in prayer to God. Pray for those suffering from long-term illnesses and disabilities.
8. You have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. Pray for the Unity Women’s Desk advocating for the needs of Moravian women around the world.
9. The Lord will arise upon you and his glory will appear over you. Pray for Annie B. Mission supporting the work of Star Mountain in Palestine;
10. Sunday- May God be gracious to us and bless us. Pray for Western Tanzania’s mission outreach to Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi.
11. Praise the people, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples! Pray for Justin Rabbach, Director of Mission Engagement for the BWM.
12. Thomas answered Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" Pray for camp staff making it possible for so many believers to enjoy worship & fellowship in a natural setting & for children’s lives are being touched there.
13. The Lord appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life. Pray for Ruth and George Goff, with Alas de Socorro in Honduras.
14. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Pray for Adopt A Village Program supporting more than 2,800 children in Tanzania.
15. I know your works, your toil and your endurance. Pray for SOAR Int. ministering in Chukotka Region of Russia encouraging local church, teaching Bible camps, holding women’s outreach & much more.
16. You are children of light. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison with Greek InterVarsity Campus Ministry at Clemson University.
17. Let all the peoples praise you, Oh God. Pray for Brian & Heather Marx serving with MAF.
18. The wedding guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them. Pray for the Antioch servants and for Jill Kolodziej, Director.
19. Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Pray for Safiatu & Mohamed Braima in Sierra Leone.
20. Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. Pray for church planters, Rob & Anne Thiessen, serving in Mexico.
21. The Lord your God will make you prosperous in all your works. Pray for C & M and S & W in Asia.
22. The people who know God will display strength and take action. Pray for widows, widowers, orphans, and others who might be alone or lonely.
23. You have multiplied your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us. Pray for Ruth and George Goff with Alas de Socorro in Honduras.
24. Sing aloud to God our strength. Pray for Drs. Bill & Peggy Hoffman; HIV/AIDS ministry in Tanzania.
25. Christ is our peace. Pray for Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide, Alaska Bible Seminary, Bethel, AK.
26. There is no rock like our God. Pray for Michael, Cecilia, and Blessing Tesh and the children in the Ray of Hope Orphanage in Kenya.
27. You shall eat your bread to the full and live securely in your land. Pray for C & V and Family serving with Bridges International in campus ministry in TX,
28. Before they call I will answer. Pray for K & C serving the Magi People in the Middle East.
29. I will wait for the Lord. Pray for Dr. Louis & Susan Sutton with WEC (World Evangelization for Christ).
30. We labor and strive because we have put our hope in the living God. Pray for the Moravian Bishops.
31. All things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose. Pray for ministers, Sunday school teachers, and church leaders.

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