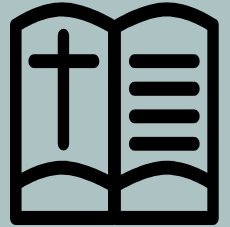


# *New Hope News*

## *August 2015*



### 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*

### **This Month In Moravian History ~ August 13, 1727**

In Moravian history, we are reminded that Moravians were strong followers of John Hus, a fifteenth century Czech priest/reformer. Hus, as we celebrated (600 years) this past July was burned at the stake in 1415 for disobeying the Catholic Church and preaching his sermons in the local Bavarian dialect. Almost completely wiped out by persecution during the Thirty Years War (1618-1648), a small band of Moravians found refuge in Saxony (East Germany) where a rich landowner, Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf. Count Zinzendorf, a Lutheran, gave the Moravians farm land on his estate.

The members of the Moravian Church made it their custom to celebrate special occasions by sharing with friends a simple meal, a "Lovefeast." The name of the service is a literal translation of the New Testament word "agape." It is reminiscent of the "agape meal" shared by the early Christians as recorded in the New Testament- Acts 2.

The first Lovefeast was served in Germany on August 13th, 1727, following the Renewal of the Moravian Church. The first Lovefeast in the United States (the region now known as Winston-Salem) was held in Wachovia November 17, 1753, on the evening of the arrival of the first Moravian colonists in North Carolina. The traditional Moravian Lovefeast celebrates the birth of Christ through Scripture reading and prayer, the singing of hymns, the lighting of candles, and the serving of Moravian buns and coffee. Still today, formal Moravian Lovefeasts are celebrated several times a year, depending on the community and the Church. Moravians, after all these years, still use the same traditional recipe in preparing the buns (for those who make their own buns).

When we celebrate our Lovefeast or our service of Holy Communion, it's my prayer we come together as the early Moravians; spiritually prepared. I pray we come with a sense of anticipation and expectation God will move in our midst and pour out His Spirit upon us. Much like He did for the Moravians at Herrnhut, who had gathered to pray, break bread and partake of Holy Communion in Berthelsdorf on August 13, 1727. May we, like the early Moravians, come together expecting God to move in our midst, as we surrender ourselves to the leading of our "Chief Elder" and to God's Spirit.

I thought this month, you might find it interesting to read quotes from the Herrnhut diary concerning "**We Learned to Love**": **August 13, 1727**. The events of August 13, 1727 are for me, the single most important day in all of our Church history. There are other vital days to recall, but none with the life-changing effects this day represents. When at the conclusion of a Holy Communion service in Berthelsdorf the residents of Herrnhut united into the Renewed Brethren's Church. This special day, is traditionally considered the spiritual birthday of the Moravian Church. Here, in an English translation, is the full description of those events as they were recorded in the Herrnhut diary:

"August 13, 1727": The profound and highly uplifting Communion was held on August 13. Before-hand, as we were on our way to church, everyone was talking with each other and here and there pairs were found among the Brethren, willing to unite. The church service started with the hymn: "Deliver Me, My God," whereby a wicked person, watching the ceremony, was totally overcome.

Afterwards Pastor Rothe, supported by the congregation, bestowed a true apostolic blessing upon the two confirmands. Then the congregation fell down before the Lord, and started to cry and sing at the same time: "My Soul Before Thee Prostrate Lies." One could hardly tell whether we were singing or crying, but it happened with such grace that the officiating minister (because Pastor Rothe celebrated Communion among the congregation) was also totally perplexed by it.

After the hymn was finished some of the Brethren prayed with divine power, laying before the Lord the plight of the congregation and especially that they were at a loss at what to do with those who had left us, doubting they would succeed without sectarianism or separatism, since both are not the right way for the Lord's house.

We also prayed childlike and modestly, that He should teach us the true nature of His church and how to live and walk in His law; that we remain unsullied and inoffensive, so we don't become solitary but fruitful, and neither violate the loyalty and obedience sworn to Him and His Word nor injure the common love through trivialities. We prayed that He would fully bestow on us the holy order of His grace, and not allow our souls to be led from the blood and-cross theology, on which our sole salvation depends. We laid before Him especially the worrying circumstances of our neighboring Brethren and of hundreds of souls that were awakened through our household, but now are partly led astray, partly fail to grow in the spirit and only want to burden themselves with knowledge.

Afterwards, as a great anointment flowed over us and we felt not far from Him, we prayed in faithful assurance that He should let our two Elders, Christian David and Melchior Nitschmann (who were in Sorau with good intentions but with a tragic ending), be powerfully drawn into our fellowship and experience what we were experiencing.

Following the absolution, communion was held with humbled and strengthened hearts, and each of us went home, feeling quite beside ourselves. On the way back to Herrnhut a wasp flew at the overseer [Zinzendorf] with rage and stung him hard on the hand just as he was in the process of trying to win over a separatist. We spent this day and the following in calm and joyful composure and learned to love....

August 28. Christian David and Melchior Nitschmann came back from Sorau and at once asked us what we had been doing on the morning of August 13. They had been in the orphanage at Sablatt and at 10 o'clock in the morning they received a strong urge to pray. They went up into the house's small tower with David Schneider, threw themselves down before the Savior, and were overcome with hundreds of tears and sweet thoughts of the congregation. They had never felt like that in their entire lives; they thought, what is happening in our congregation? If they could only know our circumstances!"

**Sources:** Herrnhut diary, quoted in Hans-Christoph Hahn and Hellmut Reichel, eds., *Zinzendorf und die Herrnhuter Brüder: Quellen zur Geschichte der Brüder-Unität von 1722 bis 1760* (Hamburg 1977), 106-108 (Issue 67...August 2011). Moravian Archives, Bethlehem, Pa. ([www.moravianchurcharchives.org](http://www.moravianchurcharchives.org))

If you are interested in more Moravian history, please check-out New Hope's website <http://www.newhopemoravian.org/traditions.html>.

In Christ Service,

*Pastor Betty*



## Special Guest Speaker

Donna Hurt joins us to share an amazing World War II story that spans 60-plus years. This is a personal story for Donna, about her father who was killed in the war when she was very young. Recently she has made some phenomenal discoveries that have opened up more understanding about the end of his life. Donna recognizes how many timely details have fallen into place during these discoveries, and knows that God put the pieces together. Hearing the unfolding of this drama, from the days of WWII to the present, will both amaze you and inspire you.



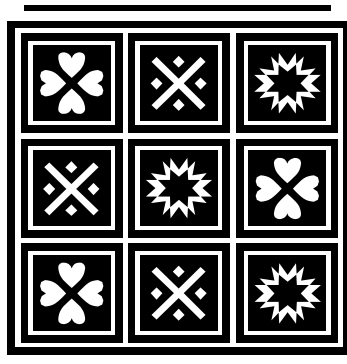
It is almost time to start making apple and chicken pies for our upcoming in September. We are looking for extra freezer space where we may store frozen pie crusts which will be used in making our famous apple pies for the fall. If you have space that you can spare, please call Jane Bumgarner 828-639-0061 (cell) or email [janebumgarner@gmail.com](mailto:janebumgarner@gmail.com).

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION FOR ASSISTANCE!**

A reminder that quilt squares are due **Sunday, August 23**. Less than a month away. I'm looking forward to seeing each of them in our finished quilt. If you have questions, you can call me.

Pat

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## Service & Witness News

We are once again collecting school supplies for ECCCM. Please place donated items in the grocery cart. Thank you in advance for helping the children of Catawba County get a good start to the school year!

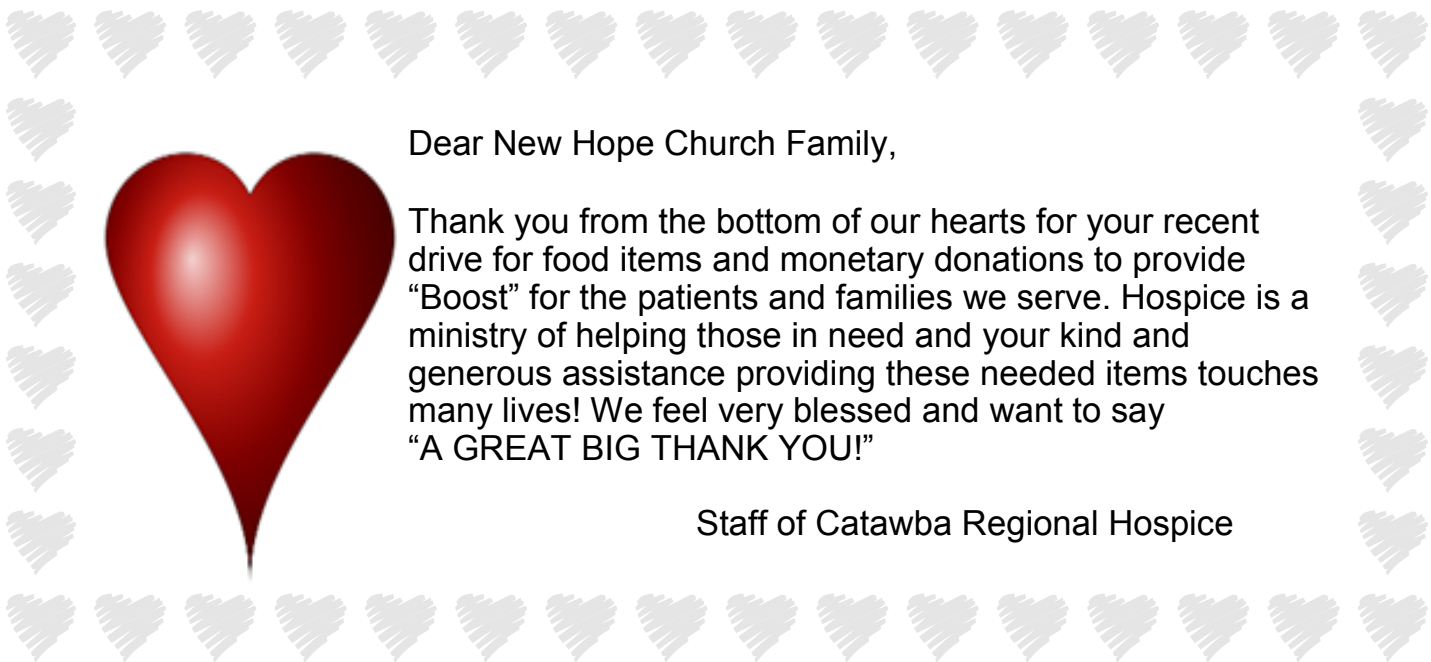
Our next meeting will be August 30th after worship. Lunch will be provided. Please join us if you are interested in serving on this committee!



Congratulations to our own **Nancy Miller**, 2015 inductee into the **North Carolina State 4-H Hall of Fame**.

4-H is the nation's largest positive youth development and youth mentoring organization, empowering six million young people in the United States.

In partnership with 110 universities, 4-H life changing programs are research-backed and available through 4-H clubs, camps, afterschool & school enrichment programs in every county & parish in the U.S.

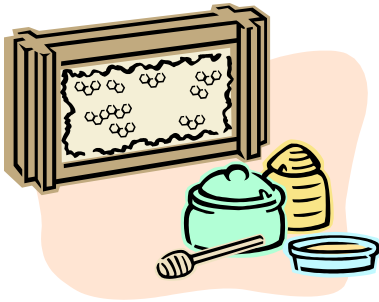
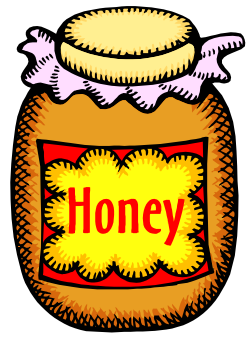


Dear New Hope Church Family,

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your recent drive for food items and monetary donations to provide "Boost" for the patients and families we serve. Hospice is a ministry of helping those in need and your kind and generous assistance providing these needed items touches many lives! We feel very blessed and want to say "A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!"

Staff of Catawba Regional Hospice

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!**

Summer will soon be over and the chickens are calling! Please mark your calendar with the following dates when we will again gather to make our famous Chicken Pies:

- Thursday – Sept. 10, Friday – Sept. 11, Saturday – Sept. 12
- Thursday – Nov. 5, Friday – Nov. 6, Saturday – Nov. 7

You don't want to miss the fun and fellowship, so plan to attend now!

**We need your help!**



## *Moravian Children's Festival*

ARE YOU COMING? JOIN US FOR THE PROVINCIAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL  
ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015,  
AT BETHANIA MORAVIAN CHURCH  
5545 MAIN ST., BETHANIA, NC 27010.

THIS FESTIVAL COMMEMORATES THE MORAVIAN CHILDREN'S SPIRITUAL RENEWAL IN HERRNHUT IN AUGUST 1727. CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES ARE FROM 2:00PM-3:45PM AND INCLUDE: STORYTELLING, MUSIC, GAMES, CANDLE-MAKING, QUILTING, HAYRIDES, HORSE RIDES, & FACE-PAINTING. A SPECIAL CHILDREN'S LOVEFEAST SERVICE WILL FOLLOW AT 4:00PM. BRING A PICNIC LUNCH TO ENJOY WITH YOUR FAMILY OR GROUP ON THE HISTORIC GROUNDS OF BETHANIA PRIOR TO THE ACTIVITIES!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BETH HAYES  
AT [BHAYES@MCSP.ORG](mailto:BHAYES@MCSP.ORG) OR [336.722.8126](tel:336.722.8126).

## **PRAY EVERY DAY AUGUST 2015**

1. The Lord God Almighty, your judgments are true and just! Pray for Dusty Harrison & Christin Harrison – Greek InterVarsity Campus Ministry, Clemson, SC.
2. Sunday - Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx – MAF, Indonesia.
3. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father in heaven. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx-MAF Headquarters, ID.
4. The only wise God, the glory forever through Jesus Christ! Pray for Safiatu & Mohamed Braima- Sierra Leone.
5. Is anything too difficult for the Lord? Pray for Antioch Servants in Tanzania.
6. Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death. Pray for Rob and Anne Thiessen, church planters in Mexico.
7. Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger. Pray for Caroline Woo and family.
8. Christ says, "Abide in my love." Pray for Alaska Bible Seminary students, staff, and volunteers.
9. Sunday. The Lord searches every mind and understands every plan and thought. Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman and the HIV/Aids Program.
10. Strive to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Pray for Michael Tesh and family at Ray of Hope in Kenya.
11. Barnabas exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
12. I want you to be wise about what is good & innocent & about what is evil. Pray for Charlie & Vicki, TX.
13. 1732 Renewal of the Brethren's Church. In all things God works for the good of those who love him. Pray for K & C in the Middle East.
14. Make the Lord your refuge. Pray for Dr. Louis & Susan Sutton, World Evangelism for Christ-Singapore.
15. Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Pray for Adopt-A-Village Program in TZ.
16. Sunday. Lay aside immaturity and walk in the way of insight. Pray for retired ministers and missionaries.
17. By your words you will be justified and condemned. Pray for BWM School of Music and Worship at Tremont Terrace, Bronx, New York.
18. I will give them one heart and put a new spirit within them. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
19. The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble. Pray for Annie B Mission serving Star Mt.
20. You are a God who hides himself, O God of Israel. Pray for Wilford and Ninfa Hodgson in Costa Rica.
21. God knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with him. Pray for Vani & Shanti Pradhan in Nepal.
22. The Lord is good to those who wait for him. Pray for BWM directors and staff.
23. Sunday. The words Jesus spoke to you are spirit and life. Pray for churches in the call process.
24. All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Pray for chaplains and service personnel.
25. I am sending you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied. Pray for shut-in and elderly.
26. Inquire first for the word of the Lord. Pray for Ruth Snyder & Claire Wilson - Changed Choices.
27. Those who oppress the poor insult their maker. Pray for Moravian Volunteer Resources.
28. I am going to gather them from the farthest parts of the earth. Pray for widows, widowers, & orphans.
29. Lead us not into temptation. Pray for pastors, Bishops, and church leaders.
30. Sunday. I am merciful says the Lord; I will not be angry forever. Pray for Adopt-A-Child Food Program in Sierra Leone.
31. All the people shall see the work of the Lord. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.