

**August 2019**  
**New Hope Moravian**  
**Church**



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**2019 Watchword**

“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” (2 Chronicles 16:9 NIV)



*In God We Trust... Goodness or Greatness*

Did you know: “In God We Trust” is the official motto of the United States of America, Nicaragua, and of the U.S. state of Florida? It was adopted as the United States' motto in 1956 as a replacement of or alternative to the unofficial motto of E pluribus unum, which was adopted when the Great Seal of the United States was created and adopted in 1782. (Wikipedia)

Scripture says: *“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord”* Psalm 33:12.

Georgie Anne Geyer, a syndicated columnist and author wisely observed: "I have come to the conclusion that it is impossible to have a moral community or nation without faith in God, because without it everything rapidly comes down to “me” and “me” alone is meaningless....

If anyone thinks there is not a direct and unbreakable relationship between our personal integrity...and our society's moral standards and prosperity, their thinking has been influenced by society more than history. “Good and Great” moral societies, are built upon faith in God and putting trust in God. Trust in God brings harmony despite our circumstances. Trusting God for our own individual goodness and greatness is something far beyond us.

“Alexis de Toqueville said it best when he realized at the beginning of our national life: 'America is great because America is good. If America ceases to be good, she will cease to be great.’” (Bits & Pieces, September 17, 1992, pp-23-24)

The same is true of Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Mexico, New Zealand, South America, and the rest of the world. People and nations only become truly great when they remain morally good and upright. When they retain integrity at every level of society, and put and keep their trust in God and abide by His commands as found in His holy Word; which says, “*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord*” Psalm 33:12 and “*Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people*” Proverbs 14:34.

Righteousness begins when a heart is filled with integrity: which calls for good moral and upright living. It begins with you and me. God’s goodness and greatness begins in the hearts of those who love, trust and obey God’s Precepts. It begins when God’s love flows from our hearts to all people! The following hymn verse from Tuesday-July 9, 2019 in our Moravian Daily Text is fitting as we reflect on the life and faith of our country and ourselves:

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s Light;  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, And all your day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found In Him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll walk, Till trav’ling days are done.  
(Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say-MBW #606)*

Remember: “*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord*” Psalm 33:12.

Prayer: Dear Father God, today I pray that You will send a great moral and spiritual awakening to our country; Let this renewal and awakening begin in the hearts of each one of us. Thank You Father for hearing and answering my prayer. In Jesus’ name...Amen.

*In Christ Love and Service,  
Pastor Betty*

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## Financial Update for Second Quarter, 2019

<u>Month</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
April	\$10,705.00	\$10,703.00
May	\$7,713.00	\$10,619.00
June	\$10,181.00	\$9,877.00

Our expenses for the first half of the year have exceeded income by over \$5,000.00. Even though activities are more laid back in the summer, our expenses continue to incur. Please continue to consider your giving this summer. The Board appreciates everyone's financial support of our church. One change that the Board has now decided to try. Monthly giving reports will be posted on the small bulletin board instead of in the bulletin. Look for it beside the Monthly Board Meeting Summary.

Thank you,  
Mark Bumgarner  
Board Vice Chair/Stewardship Chair

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The photographed note cards which Anita made for us are now available in assortment packs. At only \$5 for 5 cards, these cards will make a special greeting. Also, see Pat to purchase individual cards of your choice. Check it out!

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## **A new Sunday School series to start August 11th**

**From Half-Truths, that often miss the mark or at least give only an incomplete answer to the questions we seek, to The Truth and the foundation of our Christian beliefs. We introduce ...**

**Creed:**

**What Christians Believe and Why**

by Adam Hamilton

Video Link to Introduction (Ctrl+Click to follow link): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9pNrFUQ3W\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9pNrFUQ3W_Y)

We're all searching. Sometimes the search is easy: simply type a question and the answer pops up. But sometimes our questions are complicated, and the answers can be even more difficult to see and harder to articulate. How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Adam Hamilton believes that some

powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs.

In this six-week study for Lent, Easter, and beyond, Hamilton considers important questions of life, reality, and truth. He explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters.

The DVD contains six video segments of 12-15 minutes each, featuring Adam Hamilton in an informal setting with a group of seekers and believers. The videos, when combined with the six book chapters, make an ideal 6-week group study. All video sessions are closed captioned.

**Come, continue the journey Sundays at 10:00**  
(refreshments available 9:30 - 10:00)

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Stitchers, quilt squares are due **August 25**. It will be here before we know it. I look forward to seeing your beautiful work. Some of you may not know that this quilt COULD be sent to another state or some exotic location in the world. It will be raffled at the Moravian Woman's Conference as well as the bazaar this year. I think that's exciting!

Thanks,  
Pat

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## **New Hope Summer "Dining with Friends" Continues**

New Hope members and friends will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings during August to eat out together. A variety of restaurants in different locations around our area are selected. Come join in the fun and laughter while having a meal together at **6:30 PM**. Meals are Dutch treat.

*If you plan to come, please contact Margaret Schultz or Malissa Bumgarner using our cells or email by Monday at noon so we will have enough seating available.*

*Let the good food and fellowship begin!!*

**Margaret's cell: 828-234-8184      email: [tlschultz@embarqmail.com](mailto:tlschultz@embarqmail.com)**

**Malissa's cell: 828-244-3630      email: [mmtbum@charter.net](mailto:mmmtbum@charter.net)**

## The dates and locations are:

Wed, Aug 7 - **Cracker Barrel** (off L-R Blvd) 1250 11<sup>th</sup> St Ct SE, Hickory

Wed, Aug 14 - **Boxcar Grill**-( exit 135 off I 40) 3140 North Oxford Street, Claremont

Wed, Aug 21 - **Akito** (Mtn. View, exit 42 off Hwy 321 ) 3068 Hwy 127 S, Hickory

Wed, Aug 28- **El Paso Mexican Restaurant** (Hickory Plaza) 505 US Hwy 70 West, Hky.



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## Church Cleaning



Please consider signing up clean the church. For many years this has been done by volunteers. We truly hope to continue this way in order to not have to add another expense to the budget. This only takes an hour or so each week.

Cleaning can be done anytime towards the end of the week or Saturday. If you can only manage to do this one or two weeks of any particular month, that is fine. Just put your name by the week you can on the list on the board and state “only”. That way we know you are not taking the whole month.

I will be glad to meet with you to show you what is to be done and where the supplies are. Please feel free, if you wish, to bring your own. **NO CHURCH KEY.....NO WORRY**. Arrangements can easily be made to let you in.

Want you help us keep this house of worship looking good for all who enter here to worship.

Mark Bumgarner  
Vice Chair

**August Cleaners: NEEDED**



**Introducing August's Hymn of the Month**  
**“How Like a Gentle Spirit”**  
**Tune: Sursum Corda**  
**# 459 Moravian Book of Worship**

C. (Charles) Eric Lincoln (1924-2000), an African-American scholar, wrote the text for ***How Like a Gentle Spirit*** in 1987. Lincoln was born in Athens, Alabama and was raised by his grandmother after being abandoned first by his father and later by his mother. He worked and studied in Chicago, eventually earning degrees in Sociology and Philosophy, then a Bachelor of Divinity degree at the University of Chicago. In 1957 he was ordained a Methodist minister and with further study obtained a Masters Degree in Education and a PhD in Socio Ethics. He was a poet, a hymnwriter, and the author of several books, including sociological works and fiction. He taught at universities in Georgia, Oregon and New York. And from 1976 to 1993 Lincoln taught religion and culture at Duke University in Durham, NC. In 1990 he was cited by Pope John Paul II for "scholarly service to the church."

The tune Sursum Corda was written in 1941 by Alfred Norton Smith (1879-1971) from Pennsylvania. He earned Bachelor of Divinity and Bachelor of Sacred Theology Degrees at the Philadelphia Divinity School and was an ordained Episcopalian deacon and priest. He served several churches and was a chaplain in the U.S. Army during World War I. Following the war he served in Philadelphia at the Episcopal City Mission and as chaplain at a penitentiary in addition to several schools. He also served as an associate priest. As an adult, Smith studied harmony and violincello. Besides some hymns and carols, he composed two masses -- one in 1936 and another in 1948.

The tune name "Sursum Corda" comes from a Latin term meaning "Lift up your hearts." The Sursum Corda is the opening dialogue to the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer in the liturgies of the church, dating back to the third century. The Sursum Corda tune also appears in **Moravian Book of Worship** on page 766 with the text for *O Christ, Who by a Cross*.

## ***August Happenings***

**Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> – ECCCM Workday**

**Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Outdoor Drama: “This Day Forward”**

Margaret Schultz has purchased 17 tickets for the August 2<sup>nd</sup> show. Tickets are \$14 each, and will be distributed through the church. The gate opens at 7:30 and it is general admission. Seating is folding metal chairs with a separate area if you want to bring your own lawn chair. If you would like to go and didn't ask to get a ticket, there are presently tickets available. Call 828-522-1150 or order online at [www.oldcolonyplayers.com](http://www.oldcolonyplayers.com). Questions contact: Margaret Schultz

**Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> – Transfiguration of our Lord Sunday**

Wedding & Baby Shower for Kaytlynn Noland and Albert Cortes (after worship)

**Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> – Dining with Friends, 6:30 pm**  
Cracker Barrel, Hickory

**Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** – August 13<sup>th</sup> Festival Communion  
Renewal of the Unity

**Board of Elders Meeting**, 12:15 pm

**Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** – **Dining with Friends**, 6:30 pm  
**Boxcar Grille**, Exit 135, Claremont

**Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** – **RCC Meeting at New Hope**, 7:00 pm –  
Women's Fellowship providing Meal

Summer Camp Ends

**Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>** – **Dining with Friends**, 6:30 pm  
**Akito**, 3068 Hwy 127 S (Mtn View), Hickory

**Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** – **September Newsletter Articles due to Office**

**Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** – **Quilt squares due**

**Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>** – **First Day of School for Catawba County Schools**

**Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>** – **Dining with Friends**, 6:30 pm  
**El Paso Mexican Restaurant**, 505 US Hwy 70 West (Hickory  
Plaza), Hickory

### **Looking Ahead**

**Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Labor Day Holiday



**Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** – First day of Preschool for the 2019-20 School Year  
Monday - Thursday, 8:30-11:30 am; Lunch Bunch 11:30 am-12:15 pm

**Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** – Music Program Resumes  
Handbell Rehearsal: 6:30-7:15 pm  
Choir Rehearsal: Begin at 7:30 pm

## *Upcoming Out-of-Town Events:*

### **Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> – Sixth Annual Children’s Festival & Lovefeast**

Friedland Moravian Church, W-S  
2:00-5:00 pm

All are invited to this interactive event where families can go at their own pace and learn about Moravian history. Activities include storytelling, sugar cake and putz making, mission projects, plus much more! A lovefeast will conclude the event at 4:00pm.

This year, we are making goody bags for the City With Dwellings: Community First Center! The center provides a place for the homeless to go during the spring and summer when the shelters are closed. We are asking congregations during the months of July and August to collect items to go in the bags. Simply bring the items by the BCM Office before August 15 or let us know by then what you are collecting and bring the day of the festival.

Suggested items: travel size personal care items, socks, water bottles, snacks (such as packages of crackers), pens, notebooks, and coupons to a fast food restaurants

For more information visit [MoravianBCM.org](http://MoravianBCM.org).

### **Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – Third Annual Boldly & Beautifully Made**

~ A fundraiser to support the Moravian Prison Ministry ~

Where: Hampton House Art & Framing  
720 Coliseum Drive NW, Winston-Salem

When: Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 pm

Tickets: \$25 General Admission/ \$50 VIP

All ticket holders enjoy hors d’oeuvres, refreshments and a silent auction.

VIP ticket holders will receive a piece of pottery made with the help of inmates and raku-fired onsite.

Ticket reservations: call 336-416-5801

Email [fmprisonministry@gmail.com](mailto:fmprisonministry@gmail.com)

[www.moravianprisonministry.org](http://www.moravianprisonministry.org)



## PRAY EVERY DAY AUGUST 2019

1. But you, O Lord, do not be far from me. Give thanks for MAF's 2 new Cessna Caravans serving Africa & Indonesia. (Steve and Anne Marx Family)
2. Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Pray for teams rebuilding the Moravian adopted house in Lumberton, NC.
3. Hear, you who are far away, what I have done; Pray for Laurel Ridge Junior 2 Mission Camp 8/4 – 10.
4. Set your minds on things that are above, Pray for Michael Brent leading Old Testament class in Moldova.
5. We are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works. Pray for team at Camp Cuba 8/5 – 14.
6. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Pray for Moravians, Switzerland with Mission 21.
7. God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are. Pray for Peru National Conference from Aug. 7 – 10 and Amazon trip.
8. In your hand are power and might, so that no one is able to withstand you. Pray for Raifords in W-S 8/12-9/17.
9. Through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. Pray for continued growth in faith for new believers in Magi Land. (Kevin & Charity)
10. You shall not join hands with the wicked to act as a malicious witness. Pray for Danish Moravians serving in many parts of the world.
11. You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is Christ Jesus. Pray for German Sisters supporting women in refugee camps in Malawi and German Moravian Congregations.
12. For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Pray for the Christian David School in Latvia.
13. Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Pray for the ministries of the Comeniana Assoc. in CZ Province.
14. Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Pray for New & Emerging Ministry Team Event, Moravia Moravian 8/14, 3:30-1:30.
15. How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, proclaim peace, bring good tidings, & proclaim salvation, Pray for Campus Outreach's new missionaries to 8 countries (Sineath Family).
16. I, the Lord, am the vineyard's keeper; every moment I water it. Pray for growing Moravian communities in India and Nepal.
17. Thus says the Lord, "How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me?" Pray for the Suttons in Singapore.
18. Commit your way to the Lord: trust in him, and he will act. Pray for the Children's Festival and Lovefeast at Friedland Moravian 8/18, 2 – 5 pm.
19. The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many. Pray for the Woo Family coaching new long-term missionaries for OMF.
20. He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison (Greek InterVarsity).
21. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. Pray for Michael Tesh Family & health concerns for Donna.
22. He was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. Pray for Robert & Anne Thiessen in TX (Mennonite Brethren Mission)
23. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Pray for Safiatu Braima and church leaders in Sierra Leone.
24. If you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord. Pray for 16 Mission Areas and 5 Mission Provinces.
25. If the root is holy, then the branches also are holy. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
26. The same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. Pray for Brian & Heather Marx (MAF).
27. See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me. Pray for Moravian Volunteer Resources.
28. My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness. Pray for Moravian Clinic/Church in Honduras.
29. The fear of the Lord is instruction in wisdom. Pray for Rev. Andrew Craver & Jenna serving in AK.
30. The Lord is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. Pray for all hurricane victims and relief efforts.
31. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray for Justin attending European Mission Council.



## **August 2019 NEWSLETTER**

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