

**August 2020**  
**New Hope Moravian**  
**Church**

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**2020 Watchword**

“If I understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.”  
(1 Corinthians 13:2 NIV)



The Church at Berthelsdorf, Germany Site of the August 13, 1727 Renewal  
1727 – AUGUST 13th – 2020

Every year as Moravians’ we observe the August 13<sup>th</sup> Festival with the celebration of Holy Communion (on the Sunday closest to August 13<sup>th</sup>). This was the date in 1727 when our forebears who were dealing with some division experienced a most powerful spiritual renewal; it’s respectfully called “the Moravian Pentecost.”

Most Moravians know a little about what took place on August 13, 1727 but few know the most intricate details. The Moravians’ spiritual renewal, didn’t just “happen.” It was the summer of 1727 in Herrnhut, Germany, on the estate of Count Ludwig Von Zinzendorf. When a small group of villagers came together; they were composed of various religious refugees. Herrnhut had experienced rapid growth in the five years since its establishment, due to so many people in surrounding areas around the village seeking a home for their religious practice.

The problem, for Herrnhut, was the inner discord due to the villager's various practices of worship. The villagers soon begin to argue over forms of how to worship and their religious doctrine.

Zinzendorf recognized that his little village of refugees was on the path to destruction, so, he resigned his position in the court in Dresden to return home and act as pastor to the villagers. He began visiting and calling the people together for prayerful study of the Scriptures. During this period, the villagers became convicted that their disagreements and behavior toward one another was inexcusable – that their Savior called His faithful followers to exhibit oneness and love toward one another. Out of this conviction grew the document known in German as the *Bruderlich Vertrag*, the “Brotherly Agreement”, what we know today as the “Moravian Covenant for Christian Living.”

The “Brotherly Agreement” the Moravians agreed upon was not a doctrinal statement, but rather a code of Christian behavior. This was signed on May 12, 1727 by all the residents of Herrnhut. Unity among the villagers was obvious as they (together in full agreement) entered a period of obedience to what they had derived from Scripture. Each villager started spending increased quality time in both prayer and meditation.

Dr. Kenneth Curtis, founder of the Christian History Institute, wrote:

“On August 5, Zinzendorf and fourteen of the Brethren spent the entire night in conversation and prayer. On August 10th, Pastor Rothe was so overcome by God's nearness during an afternoon service at Herrnhut, that he threw himself on the ground during prayer and called to God with words of repentance as he had never done before. The congregation was moved to tears and continued until midnight, praising God and singing.” Source: Dr. A. Kenneth Curtis, “A Golden Summer.” Republished online at the Zinzendorf Jubilee site, <http://zinzendorf.com/pages/index.php?id=a-golden-summer>

The next morning, Pastor Rothe invited all the villagers in the Herrnhut community to a shared Communion Service at the Bethelsdorf Church. This was held Wednesday August 13th (in the evening). Prior to this service of Communion, Count Zinzendorf took it upon himself to personally visit every family household in Herrnhut to pray with them in preparation for the shared Communion.

During this time period the villagers sought to be obedient to the Brotherly Agreement, as they continued their daily studies of the Scriptures and prayer. As they communed with God, they soon found themselves mindful of their own selfishness, sinfulness and need for forgiveness – from Christ and from one another. The Communion Service they experienced became one of personal confession and forgiveness, like they had never seen or experienced before. Count Zinzendorf viewed August 13th as “a day of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the congregation”; then suddenly, this unified group experienced a

Pentecost much like the “Day of Pentecost.” Clearly, this was the day the congregation “learned to love God and one another more.”

This suddenly movement of the Holy Spirit reestablished the call of the Unity – to live out and obey the Great Commandment and the Beatitudes in community in a way that bore witness to God’s love for all people. Scripture says, “*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another*” (John 13:35 NIV).

This year our August 13<sup>th</sup> Festival and Communion Service will be held at God’s Acre on our grounds (outside) under our neighbors’ beautiful shade trees on Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. If you can come, please do so. We’d love to see you. I’m sure the pandemic has turned your lives upside-down but when we all come together each week to worship (outside); it is such a great joy. There, we are not thinking about the pandemic, nor are we divided by the hot-button issues of our time, instead, we praise God and rejoice together in the goodness of our Lord and the fellowship of one another. Thank you- Lord Jesus’. Amen.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Betty*

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## **Midyear Stewardship Report-July 2020**

Dear New Hope Members and Friends,

It’s hard to believe the first half of the year is already over. This is a good time to give you an update on finances and the building and grounds. Starting with the finances, we held a Winter Challenge the first of the year which began with a gift of \$5,000.00. The challenge was for the congregation to match it with donations of at least \$2,500.00. We far exceeded this with the congregation donating \$5,925.00. Our Winter Challenge total of \$10,925.00 was a tremendous boost to our budget. Many thanks to all who helped make this wonderful cause happen.

Our normal monthly giving by members and friends has been good considering the unusual circumstances we are faced with. The good news is that the year-to-date total income is still ahead of expenses by \$6,622.00 (with the help of the Winter Challenge). If you are unable to come to the outdoor services your financial gifts can still be sent to 2249 Dove St, Newton, 28658 rather than the unattended church box.

Several things have occurred with our facility. A water line leak was found which was not an easy fix. Outside contractors had to be brought in to take care of it for a final cost of \$884.00 which was covered by our chicken pie funds. This is a perfect example of why the chicken pie fund was established, one of which is to pay for major building repairs or expenses.

We also had just begun researching office copiers and testing different ones when COVID-19 shut us down. After looking at several companies, it was decided our best long-term option was to lease. There is a yearly lease fee of \$2,356.00 which is a set price for 5 years. It covers all copies and upkeep. If we had purchased the copier it would cost \$7-8,000.00 and we would have to pay for maintenance, etc. Money for the new copier came from chicken pie fund. The Preschool will be paying a monthly fee to the church for their part towards the lease once school reopens. This copier is coded for usage by both church and Preschool to track numbers of copies run.

With the building not in use several things have been done for safety and to save money. All the thermostats have been set to “unoccupied” so the air conditioning does not run on the previously programmed times. The hot water heaters have been cut off. The water fountain is unplugged and not to be used during COVID-19 anyway. We also are required by the State to run and flush all water lines weekly while the building is not in use. There is a chart next to the alarm key pad to record which area you ran water in if you are in the building. With no indoor worship, Preschool or summer camp our utility bills should be much lower this year.

Finally, thank you for all your prayers, continued financial support and participation in many different ways during these unusual times.

Mark Bumgarner  
Stewardship Chair

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Dear New Hope Brothers and Sisters,

The Mission Committee invites you to participate, once again, in the Parade of Cans Food Drive. This is a benefit for the Corner Table. This drive will support the Soup Kitchen. The list of most needed items is included below and you will receive a flyer when you attend the Sunday parking lot services. Donations will be collected during August at the church. If you prefer to contribute cash that will be gladly accepted.

Please remember that ECCCM can use volunteers to help packaging food, etc. Call them to schedule times so they can coordinate “social distancing” measures. Also they need the plastic bags which you can bring to the church and drop off when you get your bulletin.

Thanks again for supporting our community.

Dan Greaser

# PARADE OF CANS

## food drive!

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## August 1-31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Join us for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual  
Parade of Cans Food Drive competition!  
This year, we have four (4) trophies to award.

### FOODS MOST NEEDED

#### **Soup Kitchen:**

Canned Potatoes (sliced, diced or whole) / Sauerkraut / Carrots (sliced) /  
Lima Beans / Tomato Sauce / Greens (turnips or collard) / Sweet Peas / Rotel  
Green Chilis and Tomatoes / Mayonnaise / Mustard / Vienna Sausages or

Potted Meat / Pasta (egg noodles, rotini, penne, elbow) / Stove Top Stuffing / Dry Beans (great northern, black eyed peas) / Mayonnaise Packets / Mustard Packets / Ketchup Packets / Pickles (dill spears, dill chips, dill cubes, sweet cubes) / Barbecue Sauce

**Backpack Program:**

Macaroni and Cheese (boxed or Easy Mac) / Microwave Meals (unrefrigerated) / Pop Top Canned Meals (such as Chef Boyardee) / Canned Meat (tuna or chicken) / Peanut Butter (plastic containers only) / Jelly (plastic containers only) / Canned Pasta / Rice (1 lb bags or less) / Cereal (small boxes) / Poptarts / Oatmeal (in packet form) / Grits (in packet form) / Pudding Cups (unrefrigerated) / Kid Friendly Snacks (granola bars, fruit snacks, goldfish, popcorn, etc)

## QUESTIONS?

Visit us at [www.thecornertable.org](http://www.thecornertable.org) to download the complete 2020 Information Packet and Participation Form. You can also call our office at 828-464-0355 or email [info@thecornertable.org](mailto:info@thecornertable.org).

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION TO FEED THE HUNGRY IN CATAWBA COUNTY!



Dear Pastor Betty and New Hope Family,

Words can't express how appreciative I am for all you did for me and the other graduates!! I loved all of the decorations and snacks and kind words. I think I speak for all of us when I say the whole occasion made us feel special and appreciated. Thank you so much for all you do.

Thank you,  
Emily Grace



**We are Broadcasting!  
Tune into FM 87.9  
for New Hope's service over the airways!**

On Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> we successfully tested a FM transmitter during the worship service. This gives people who chose to stay in their car an option to listen to the service on their car radio. This also gives us the ability to conduct a service if the weather is bad. Pastor Betty and the music can be under a shelter or inside the church building and broadcast to people parked in the lot.

**Restrooms in the church are open** before, during and following Sunday worship. The Board of Elders do ask that you enter through the main front doors to use the restrooms. We also ask that only one family at a time use the restrooms. Please sanitize your hands as you enter and exit the restrooms, masked and practice social distancing.

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**Alternative Ways to Worship & COVID-19 Updated Information**

We have resources to worship with other Moravian Churches via streaming. You might enjoy visiting many of the sites and use this as a time to broaden our worship experiences through other Moravian Churches.

Your resource is: [www.Moravian.org](http://www.Moravian.org)

Click "Concerning COVID-19 Resources"

This will provide you with updated information regarding the virus, what you can do on a personal level and at church as well as alternative ways to worship.

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**ECCCM**  
Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry, Inc

**Volunteers mean everything to ECCCM operations!** ECCCM is using social distancing measures, as well as requiring masks. Food pantry has been redesigned to allow for greater distance between workers, and they're scheduling no more than 10 people at any given time.

**In order to maintain a safe number of volunteers at a time, please call to schedule volunteer hours.** Christina would love to schedule a time that works for you. Scheduling keeps from having too many people show up at once, which would violate social distancing rules.

**Current Volunteer Opportunities include:**

Food Pantry stockers  
Food Pantry distribution  
Grocery Drivers  
Truck Drivers  
Office Data Entry  
Thrift Store Helpers

**Current Needs:**

**Empty 1-dozen size egg cartons** – Styrofoam or cardboard-paper type.

**Bags!** Please save your plastic and paper grocery/shopping bags and donate them to ECCCM!

Big Ticket Items: **Drive in cooler and Drive in freezer**

Greatest need is **Financial Contributions**

To make an online contribution: <https://www.ecccm.org/donate/>

**Please call Christina to schedule volunteer hours.  
(828)465-1702 Ext 123**

ECCCM thanks you!!



## *Mark Your Calendar for August*

August 1-31<sup>st</sup> – Parade of Cans Food Drive

Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> – ECCCM Workday

Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup> Festival: Renewal of the Unity Communion

Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> – Board of Elders Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm

Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – First day of School for Catawba County Schools

Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> – September Newsletter Articles due to Office



### *August Birthdays*

3<sup>rd</sup> – Katherine Wiles  
4<sup>th</sup> – Jane Bumgarner  
20<sup>th</sup> – Adelyn Hildebran  
28<sup>th</sup> – Pam Prevatte  
29<sup>th</sup> – Shannon McDonald

## Pray Every Day - August 2020

1. The same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on Him. Pray for Safiatu Braima.
2. Sunday. His compassion is over all that He has made. Pray for Moravians in Peru.
3. In humility, regard others as better than yourself. Pray for the Thiessens in Mexico.
4. In the great congregation, I will bless the Lord. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya.
5. The Lord pardons those who seek Him. Pray for the Moravian Church in Honduras.
6. We are saved through the grace of the Lord, Jesus. Pray for Armando Rusindo Foundation.
7. On Him who rescued us, we set our hope. Pray for Justin Rabbach( BWM).
8. My eyes are ever toward the Lord. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
9. Sunday. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for Annie B Mission (Star Mt).
10. It is not those who commend themselves who are approved. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx (MAF).
11. Rejoice always in the Lord. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek InterVarsity.
12. Let your eye be open to the plea of your servant, oh Lord. Pray for the Unity Women,s Desk.
13. Aug.13 Festival. By His stripes, we are healed. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
14. Whom have I in heaven but you ? Pray for Brian and Heather Marx (MAF).
15. God chose what is low and despised in the world. Pray for Jenna and Andrew Craver in Alaska.
16. Sunday. Let all the people praise you, O God. Pray for Allan and DeeDee Iobst in France.
17. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
18. His steadfast love endures forever. Pray for Charlie and Vickie Brent with Bridges International at TX A & M.
19. God called you through the proclamation of the Good News. Pray for Dr. Benno and Teresa Marx, WA.
20. Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses. Pray for Moravian volunteers.
21. ...unless you become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Pray for Adopt-A-Village,TZ.
22. At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow. Pray for those still suffering loss due to disasters.
23. Sunday.Trust in Him at all times. Pray for Moravian ministers and churches needing them to bring God's word.
24. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. Pray for the food programs taking care of children without good nutrition.
25. Lord, I rejoice in your salvation. Pray that our government will turn back to God.
26. He has reconciled you by Christs physical body through death. Pray for Hayley Geis and Veterinary Missions.
27. I am with you always, to the end of the age. Pray that our government will turn back to God.
28. Let anyone who is thirsty come to me. Pray for medical personnel serving in the war against Covid-19.
29. Being healed, only one turned back and praised Him. Pray for PEC members and other church leaders.
30. Sunday.The effect of righteousness will be peace. Pray for Police and Fire Fighters.
31. In Him, we live and move and have our being. Pray for government officials and leaders.



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