

August 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)



August In Moravian History ~ August 13, 1727

In Moravian history, some stories bear repeating again and again... In August, we are reminded through our recorded history that Moravians were strong followers of John Hus, a fifteenth century Czech priest/reformer. Hus, as we celebrated (606 years) with Holy Communion 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 farmland on his estate.

The members of the Moravian Church made it a 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, 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.

Few churches today, still make their own buns... most churches buy their buns from Mrs. Pumpkins in Winston-Salem or buy from the Salem Bakery in Old Salem).

When we celebrate our Lovefeast or our service of Holy Communion, it's my prayer we come together as the early Moravians; spiritually prepared and united. I pray we come with a sense of anticipation and expectation that 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 with eagerness; expecting God to move in our midst, as we surrender ourselves to the leading of our "Chief Elder" Jesus Christ and to God's Spirit.

I hope this significant portion of Moravian history was inspiring... I am also including some quotes from the Herrnhut diary concerning "**We Learned to Love**": **August 13, 1727**. The events of August 13, 1727 are for me, one of the most important day's in all of our Moravian Church history. There are other vital days to recall, but none with the same, 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 in August is traditionally considered the "spiritual birthday" of the Moravian Church. Here, is an English translation, in its 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. Beforehand, 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 do not 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)

If you are interested in more Moravian history, please check-out New Hope's website www.newhopemoravian.com.

In Christ Service,
Pastor Betty

Calling All Choir Members

Exciting News!!!

The choir will begin sitting in the choir loft Sunday, August 22. We will be singing a familiar hymn, chosen by Phyllis, for the call to worship and the choral benediction. We will be unmasked and social distance if possible. Our plan is to do this through September 5th. Regular choir practice will resume Wed. Sept. 8 with the time TBA.



Please join us, new members and returning members! Come help us sing praises to the Lord.

The Worship Committee

Financial Update for Second Quarter of 2021

Our monthly budget is \$10,372. The following reflects what our monthly giving and expenses for the second quarter of 2021:

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
April	\$8,789.00	\$8,018.00
May	\$9,514.00	\$7,407.00
June	\$13,186.00	\$11,972.00

For this quarter our total expenses exceeded income by about \$4,000. June's expenses were unusually high. This was due to the yearly copier lease payment of approximately \$2,500. Our contributions were high also during that same time because \$2,000 was transferred from Chicken Pie fund to cover cost of copier which the Board and Chicken Pie committee approved. New Hope also received about \$1,500 from the Southern Province. The Provincial Treasurer's office applied for this and was granted these funds from the Covid Relief Retention Credit on our behalf.

Your continued support is needed and appreciated for the remainder of the year. The Board and Stewardship Committee appreciates everyone's financial support of our church.

Mark Bumgarner,
Stewardship Chair

Just A Reminder: Our 2021 budget was held to as minimal a change as possible. Our expenses for the most part have been held below budget, however general giving has not kept up. We are in need of **\$10,372.00 monthly** to meet the total 2021 budget.

As always, please prayerfully consider your giving. There are several ways now to give that offers you more convenience:

1. Drop off offering plates as you enter the Sanctuary.
2. Drop a check in the mail preferably to: New Hope Moravian, C/O Mark Bumgarner, 2249 Dove St, Newton, NC 28658 (church mail box isn't monitored regularly)
3. Online Option: donate to New Hope NC via credit card or direct debit (automatic bank to bank transfer). The Moravian Ministries Foundation of America (MMFA), provides the portal for this electronic giving and they directly deposit any funds to the New Hope NC bank account. Here is the link to the online giving portal: <https://mmfa.info/new-hope-moravian-church-north-carolina-donation-form/>.



6th Annual *Parade of Cans*
 Food Drive Competition!
 August 2021

Thank you for supporting the Corner Table’s mission to feed the hungry in Catawba County.

New Hope’s Mission Committee encourages members to donate from the following requested list of items. Place your donations in the shopping cart at church. We have five Sundays in August to show that New Hope members *Can* Make A Difference!

The *Parade of Cans* benefits the soup kitchen of The Corner Table as all donations replenish the Corner Table’s stock room. Organizations making donations compete to see who collects the most non-perishable items/money during August. Donations are measured by weight.

Canned Goods:

- Potatoes (sliced, diced, whole)
- Rotel Green Chilis & Tomatoes
- Greens (turnips or collard)
- Carrots (sliced)
- Pork n Beans
- Cream of Mushroom/Chicken Soup
- Crushed Tomatoes
- Sweet Peas
- Lima Beans
- Evaporated Milk
- Vienna Sausages/Potted Meat
- Chicken Broth
- Sauerkraut

Other:

- Dry beans (great northern, black eyed peas)
- Mayonnaise (also packets)
- Mustard (also packets)
- Ketchup (also packets)
- Stove Top Stuffing
- Barbecue Sauce
- Biscuit Flour
- Self-rising Flour
- Cornmeal
- Grits (bulk containers)
- Sugar
- Pasta (egg noodles, rotini, penne, elbow)

Those who are interested in remaining or serving on the **Christian Ed Committee**, there will be a **meeting on Sunday, August 1st** following the worship service. Please join me if you are able and if not, you can contact Steve Larsen, Chair, to let me know you are interested but unable to join.

Thanks and see you then,
 Steve Larsen, Christian Education Committee Chair & Board Representative



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



Beginning on Sunday, August 1st, children and adults alike will be able to immerse themselves in an interactive online experience of St. Philips rich history. Using this platform, families can go at their own pace to learn about St. Philips, the oldest African American Moravian congregation in the United States, originally located within Salem.

A livestreamed lovefeast will conclude the unique event on Sunday, August 15th, 4:00-5:00 pm from St. Philips Moravian Church. (Link will be posted on MoravianBCM.org in August) Gather your lovefeast supplies and watch the service with children from across the Southern Province and beyond!

For more information visit www.MoravianBCM.org or contact Beth Hayes, BCM's Director of Congregational Resources & Ministries.



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).

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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/UCagQSb0gw2QUC-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 August

Sunday, August 1st – Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service

Christian Ed Committee Meeting following Worship

Children's Festival & Lovefeast Begins Online

Collection for "Parade of Cans" Begins

Thursday, August 5th – ECCCM Workday

Sunday, August 8th – **Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service**

August 13th Festival
(Renewal of the Unity Communion)

Daily Text Orders Deadline

Monday, August 9th – **Board of Elders Meeting** via Zoom, 6:30 pm

Thursday, August 12th – **Last day for New Hope Summer Camp**

Sunday, August 15th – **Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service**

Children's Festival & Lovefeast Livestreamed, 4 pm

Sunday, August 22nd – **Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service**

Monday, August 23rd – Catawba County Schools Begin

Thursday, August 26th – **September Newsletter Articles Due**

Sunday, August 29th – **Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service**

Monday, August 30th & Tuesday, August 31st – Preschool Staff Workdays



August Birthdays

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

Pray Every Day August 2021

1. Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
2. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Pray for Moravians in Peru.
3. Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love. Pray for Moravians in Honduras.
4. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be pleasing in your sight. Pray for the Thiessens in Mexico.
5. Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
6. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek InterVarsity.
7. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
8. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
9. But as for me and my household we will serve the Lord. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
10. Do not repay evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. Pray for PEC members, bishops and other church leaders.
11. We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
12. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you. Pray for disaster relief volunteers.
13. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
14. I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
15. As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. Pray for the Rajpur Foster Child Project.
16. Rise up and help us; redeems us because of your unfailing love. Pray for Moravians in Labrador.
17. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
18. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God. Pray for firefighters and police officers.
19. Therefore since we have been justified through faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for short term mission teams.
20. If God is for us, who can be against us? Pray for the medical personnel caring for Covid-19 patients.
21. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Pray for summer camps and campers.
22. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
23. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
24. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. Pray for Alan & DeeDee Iobst in France.
25. You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
26. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
27. He is good; his love endures forever. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
28. And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love. Pray for Moravians in Nicaragua.
29. Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
30. Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
31. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Pray for Michael and Brenda in Croatia.



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