



# September 2014 New Hope News



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

*New Hope*  
*Moravian Church*

## **"Seeking... A Life of Success God's Way"**

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do" Joshua 1:7NLT.

Many years ago God gave His people, the ancient Israelites, a specific goal, and an unbeatable formula for both personal and spiritual success. The goal was to claim and possess the Promised Land which, in time, became the country we know today as Israel.

If we want to be successful— as Christians, in the eyes of God, we need to discover our God-given purpose and goal in life. We need to be sold-out, and totally committed to fulfilling our God-given purpose. And with God's help, in the process, be sure to live in harmony with God's biblical instructions and principles for living a wholesome life.

It seems far too many people in our world today, drift through life allowing "life as it happens" to determine their future, rather than specifically seeking and choosing God's clearly defined direction for their abundant future life. As Christians, it is imperative we avoid sinful words and actions; we avoid going our own way. God's Word defines clearly "the way, and the truth and the life" John 14:6NIV. We just need to be obedient and follow the example set-forth by Jesus Christ. Then our life will be more clearly defined not by our control but through "God's Eternal Plan" for our life.

Psychologists have been telling us for years, if we want to be successful, we need to set well defined goals. Victor Frankl, the Viennese psychiatrist, says "not having a goal is more to be feared than not reaching a goal."

What is your purpose and goal today? If you want to be truly successful both personally and spiritually, seek God's plan for your life; seek Jesus Christ in all your ways. As Henry Blackaby states in his book, *Experiencing God*, "Find where God is already working in your life and then join Him there." Let go and let God lead you to His clearly defined life of purpose. Let God help you set your goals! Be open to His leading, and His placing circumstances, people and places before you, to help you reach your goals.

The first step in discovering your life's purpose and goal starts with prayer (spending daily time with God). Then put your prayerful thoughts and goals on paper; be specific. Always remember: Godly success is the ability to formulate a worthwhile purpose and goal; and then employ all of God's powers for the achievement of that goal.

Jack Canfield, author of the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series states, "If you are clear where you are going and you take steps in that direction every day, you eventually have to get there." If I head south toward Florida and take five steps a day, eventually I have to end up in Florida. So today, prayerfully decide God's purpose for your life, write it down, and each day, do something that moves you closer toward this purpose and goal.

In Christ Love and Service,  
Pastor Betty



# Chicken Pie News

## ***What do chicken pies and our restrooms have in common?***

Check out the FABULOUS - new and improved restrooms - compliments of all the congregation's hard work in the making and selling of chicken and dessert pies! This is just the beginning. We have other projects, hopes and dreams coming down the pike. Affordable only because we have banded together as a congregation and set into motion a terrific fundraising event that not only tastes great, but also gives us the ability to update and upgrade our facility. Of course, having Mark to do the labor has been a true blessing and has saved us many dollars! Thank you Mark, and everyone who contributed their time, labor and talents over the years of making pies. We again need everyone to rest-up for the upcoming chicken pickin, pie makin' that will be here before we know it. Mark your calendar and don't miss out on an opportunity to help! Dates are as follows:

**September 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Thurs. – Sat.**  
**November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Thurs. – Sat.**

In Christian fellowship,  
 Your chicken Pie Committee



## **New Hope Is Growing**

**Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> you could feel excitement and the presence of the Holy Spirit as we welcomed nine into our New Hope Church family. God has richly blessed us by leading these special people to New Hope. We look forward to working together in service to the Lord.**

**Our new members are:**

**Adelyn Hildebran and Isaac Hollman (through baptism),  
 Dan & Thelma Greaser, Laura Hildebran, Todd & Beth Hollman,  
 and Nancy & Jim Olson.**



# MUSIC IN THE AIR

Oh my, how time does fly!!! Summer break for all the choirs is ending and there will soon be more music in the air around New Hope as rehearsals begin for all the choirs in September. We will be getting ready for all the special services that come in the fall ---*Children's Lovefeast* on September 21st, *Mission Lovefeast* on October 12th, *All Saints* on October 26th, *Thanksgiving Lovefeast* on November 23rd, and before we know it our *Christmas Eve Lovefeast* will be here!! We could use your voice in choir or your pair of hands for ringing handbells in our group. Please prayerfully consider joining one or several of our choirs. You are always welcome to sing/ring and fellowship with us.

**Chancel Choir's first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 PM (and will rehearse at 7:30 PM each Wednesday thereafter).**

**Children/Youth Choir's first rehearsal is Sunday, September 7th at 9:30 AM (and will rehearse at 9:30 AM each Sunday thereafter).**

**New Hope Ringer's (Handbells) first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30 PM with Chancel Choir following at 7:30 PM.**

Please come join us as we rehearse for all our services, special or otherwise, for they are all our offering to God and special to Him. To God be the glory.

Phyllis Little, Director of Music

## Women's Fellowship Fall Meeting

All women of the church are invited to join us on **Tuesday evening, September 16th at 7:00** at the church. This is a good chance to find out about things happening in our Southern Province that effect us here at New Hope. There will be discussion about our monthly circle and the opportunities that includes, Candle Tea updates, general financial information and finding out about things women of New Hope will be involved in the coming year. Please join us for this opportunity to be part of an great group of women; eager to serve God in our church and community!

Cheryl Hendrix



## Calling All ECCCM Volunteers: Thank You Dinner

You are cordially invited to a dinner to celebrate and thank you for volunteering and donating your time at ECCCM in Newton. Volunteer Dinner is **Oct 2 at 5:30** at Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ.

Please RSVP by Sept 29 to Guynelle Sears at 465-1702 or [executiveassistant@ecccm.org](mailto:executiveassistant@ecccm.org)

It would be wonderful to have a group from New Hope go eat together.

Malissa Bumgarner, ECCCM Liaison



## *Upcoming Worship Committee Meeting Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>*

The Worship Committee will meet following worship service **September 7<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please plan to stay. We will be discussing and planning the upcoming services for the remainder of the year.

*We would love for you to join us.*

A light lunch will be provided.

Questions about the meeting, please see  
Jane Bumgarner – Worship Committee Chair

## Planning a Candletea / Bazaar project?

If you are in need of *quart canning jars* for a special project for the upcoming bazaar, please let Jane Bumgarner know.

New Hope has a large quantity of *quart jars* available.



I am looking for pretty tea cups and saucers to make into beeswax candles. Other small receptacles will work too. The cups and saucers don't need to match, but must be in perfect or near perfect condition. These will be sold at the bazaar.

Pat deBlois

## News from Women's Fellowship

We hope everyone has enjoyed this past summer season and now we begin to think of getting ready for our annual Candle Tea held in December. Women's Fellowship Candle Tea Committee has worked on Candle Tea preparations all during the summer and now we asking for your help.

If you are crafty please be thinking of something that you can donate to the bazaar. We may have an opportunity for you to come join us in a craft workshop soon so be watching the newsletters and bulletins for that information. We will be having the Silent Auction again to benefit an agency in our community and we will need items for that as well. If you're not a craft person, don't forget the bakery which is always a hugh hit and brings smiles to the many faces that come through our church doors.

If you would like to help in the planning or have ideas to share please don't hesitate to let us know. Candle Tea is sponsored by Women's Fellowship but is a church function will all of us together making it a very special day in our church and our community!

Cheryl Hendrix  
Leslie Srail  
Pat deBlois  
Nancy Miller



## 2014 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who helped out with VBS! We had a great time and an even better turn out. We averaged 30 children over four nights.

Thank you to Margie and the kitchen crew for our yummy dinners. Thank you to Jane, Beth and our musicians for leading music. Thank you to my sweet husband for being our "camp counselor". Thank you to Jon J. for being an awesome dog who made everyone laugh. Thank you to our confirmands and mentors who had such creative, fun ways to share the Bible stories. Thank you to our craft helpers and crew leaders. Thank you to Margaret, Claire and Amanda for wearing the kids out! Thanks to my dad who cleaned up in record time. And thank you to John Furmage for building a campfire every night!

What a wonderful message we sent our VBSers: serve family, serve friends, serve neighbors, and serve Jesus!

Until next year...

Lauren Westmoreland

## 20 YEARS!!

New Hope Preschool will begin its 20th year on *September 2nd*. We had an open house on Thursday, August the 28th. We are starting the year with 23 students in three classes.

Our teachers this year are

Patty Holland (2's)  
Mitzi Davis (3's)  
Dana Florez (4's)

We're open Monday-Thursday from 8:30-11:30 with lunch bunch until 12:15.



## SERVICE AND WITNESS UPDATE

9/14 New Member Reception following worship

9/28 Super Senior Recognition Reception following worship

All ECCCM volunteers are invited to a Volunteer Dinner on **Oct.2 @ 5:30**. This will be held at Trinity Reformed. RSVP by Sept. 29 by calling 465-1702 or emailing [executiveassistant@ecccm.org](mailto:executiveassistant@ecccm.org). Hope we can get a group to go eat together.

Sign up sheet on bulletin board for anyone interested in a yoga class here at New Hope. If there is enough interest we will look into specifics.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events:

10/12 Covered dish after Mission Lovefeast

10/26 Fall Harvest Picnic 3-7pm Rhinehardt's farm

-Karen Warren



### SEPTEMBER 3rd

It's that time of year, **New Hope's Wednesday Night Fellowship** with meal @ **6:00pm**. We will need groups or individual people to provide meals when we gather. Dinner begins at 6:00pm and a good estimate of 15-18 for first night. Once we begin, we can get a better number of how many will be attending. A schedule is on the Church bulletin board. Ownership of this ministry has not yet been taken; perhaps, this is a ministry God is calling you to do. Most of the work is completing the schedule sign-up for the meals upfront and posting it on the Church Bulletin Board (the group and meal for each night). We try to have a variety of dinners without having the same thing each week.

Thank you in advance for providing meals during this time of gathering. Please let me know if you have any questions!

In Christ Service,  
Pastor Betty

## Pray Everyday September 2014

1. Come and see what the Lord has done .Pray for Jill Kolodziej and the Antioch Servants
2. The Lord is near to all who call on him. Pray for R and B in the Sudan
3. I have no God apart from you. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford with Mixtec in Mexico
4. He came not to judge but to save the world. Pray for Justin Rabbach Director of Mission Engagement
5. Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Pray for containment of Ebola virus and people of Western Africa.
6. All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. Pray for Women 's Fellowship workshop at Oak Grove Moravian Church.
7. Sunday. Give me understanding, O God, that I might keep your law. Pray for peace in Israel.
8. Verily verily, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. Pray for Vani Pradhan and the Nepali Moravian Outreach
9. By grace you have been saved through faith. This is not your doing, it is the gift of God. Pray for the adopt a child food program in the Sierra Leone Moravian church.
10. Do not fear, I have redeemed you. Pray for Annie B.Mission with Star Mountain in Palestine;
11. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you Pray for. Celeste Handy in New Mexico
12. We are more than conquerors through him who loves us. Pray for Glenna & George Tasedan in Labrador
13. If God is for us, who is against us? Pray for Kendra Roy from Dillingham, AK serving in Brazil.
14. Sunday. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. Pray for Dr. Benno and Theresa Marx
15. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Pray for the Likewise Aids Ministry
16. The Lord will not acquit those who misuse his name. Pray for Adopt A Village program in Tanzania
17. Lift up your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees. Pray for Ruth Snyder, Claire Wilson and all others who are helping women to "Change Choices"
18. The righteous know the rights of the poor. Pray for the Bishops of the Moravian church
19. The eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf shall be opened. Pray for K& C serving the Magi People in the Middle East
20. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God. Pray for Safiatu & Mohamed Braima in Sierra Leone
21. Happy are the people whose God is the Lord. Pray for C, M, S and W in Asia.
22. In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison -Greek InterVarsity Campus Ministry
23. Weep with those who weep. Pray for Ed Dehnert & Barb Weide Alaska Bible Seminary, Bethel,Ak
24. Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, I will give you rest. Pray for Ruth and George Goff,- Alas de Socorro in Honduras.
25. In Jesus Christ every one of God's promises is a "yes".Pray for PEC members and churches in the call process.
26. In the Lord God you have an everlasting rock. Pray for Philip & Ashley Sineath-Campus Outreach
27. This commandment is that we should love one another and believe in the name of Jesus Christ. Pray for C & V and Family serving in campus ministry in TX,
28. Sunday- Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. Pray for Lewis and Susan Sutton-WEC,Int
29. Be strong and courageous. Pray for Michael and Cecilia Tesh-Ray of Hope Orphanage
30. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF