

New Hope News *September 2015*



2015 WATCHWORD

Everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

New Hope
Moravian Church

The Origin & Growth Of The Moravian Church

The Unitas Fratrum, or Moravian Church, is that branch of the Christian Church which began its distinct life at Kunvald in Bohemia in the year 1457. It was born of the great revival of faith at the close of the Middle Ages, arising from the national revival of religion in Bohemia, in which the writings of Wyclif had great influence, and of which John Hus was the greatest leader. Within the movement Peter of Chelcic represented the traditions of Eastern Puritanism and freedom from official control in matters of religion.

Amidst these influences, the Unitas Fratrum was founded, under the leadership of Gregory the Patriarch, with a three-fold ideal of faith, fellowship and freedom, and a strong emphasis on practical Christian life rather than doctrinal thought or church tradition. The statutes of Reichenau, 1464, contain the earliest statement of this common mind.

Its numbers grew rapidly. This extension drew the attention of the church authorities to the Brethren, who were denounced as heretical and treasonable. They sought to maintain a living contact with the early church, having obtained from the Waldenses the traditional orders of the ministry, including the episcopacy, and thus became an independent ecclesiastical body. The power of the state was then called in to suppress them, but persecution furthered their growth. The impact of the Brethren on the spiritual life in their country and over the boundaries of their homeland far exceeded the numerical strength of membership.

The Brethren were enabled to maintain a living fellowship in Christ with the help of the Bible and hymns in their own tongue, a careful system of discipline and schools for the young. The Brethren met Luther and other Reformers on equal terms, taught them the value of an effective church discipline, and gained from them new insights into the nature of a saving faith.

In the troubles of the reaction against the Reformation, times of persecution alternated with times of comparative calm, until at last in 1620 the Roman Church was placed in power by foreign armies, and the Unitas Fratrum with other Protestant bodies was utterly suppressed. The influence of Bishop John Amos Comenius, who had preserved the discipline of the church, and who had pioneered educational methods, was a great source of strength after the disruption of the church. He never ceased to pray and to plead publicly for the restoration of his beloved church. Strengthened by this faith, a 'Hidden Seed' survived in Bohemia and Moravia, to emerge a hundred years later in the Renewed Church.





Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf
1700 – 1760

Between 1722 and 1727, some families from Moravia, who kept the traditions of the old Unitas Fratrum, found a place of refuge in Saxony, on the estate of Nicolaus Ludwig, Count Zinzendorf, and built a village which they called Herrnhut. Other people of widely differing views also found there a place of religious freedom, but their differences threatened to make it a place of strife. Zinzendorf gave up his position in state service to devote himself to unite these various elements into a real Christian fellowship. He became their spiritual leader, as well as their patron and protector against interference from without.

By his example and pastoral care Zinzendorf quickened their Christian fellowship and united them for communal life under the Statutes of Herrnhut (May 12, 1727), which were found to follow the pattern of the old Unitas Fratrum. Through earnest and continued prayer, they realized more and more the power of the Cross of Christ in reconciling them one to another. A profound and decisive experience of this unity was given them in an outpouring of the Holy Spirit at a celebration of the Holy Communion on August 13, 1727.



Bishop John Amos Comenius
1592-1670

From this experience of conscious unity came zeal and strength to share this fellowship in Christ with other branches of the Church Universal, and joy to serve wherever they found an open door. In following this impulse, relations were established with earnest Christians in many lands of Western Europe, in England from 1728, and in North America from 1735, while in 1732 their first mission to the heathen began among slaves of St. Thomas in the West Indies.

In order to secure official recognition for their workers, and to set a seal upon the links with the old Unitas Fratrum, they decided to continue its Episcopal orders, which had been handed down through Bishop Comenius and a line of bishops in the Polish Province of the ancient Unity. In 1735 Bishop Daniel Jablonsky consecrated David Nitschmann as the first bishop of the Renewed Church. The branches of the church thus established on the Continent and in Great Britain and America continued to develop in accordance with the differing opportunities presented to them, maintaining their association and uniting especially in the work of the spread of the Gospel in other lands.

Thus today the Unitas Fratrum, which has asserted throughout its history that Christian fellowship recognizes no barrier of nation or race, is still an international Unity with congregations in many parts of the world. The Unitas Fratrum cherishes its unity as a valuable treasure entrusted to it by the Lord. It stands for the oneness of all humankind given by the reconciliation through Jesus Christ. Therefore the ecumenical movement is of its very lifeblood. For five centuries it has pointed towards the unity of the scattered children of God that they may become one in their Lord.

Source: <http://www.unitasfratrum.org/index.php/origin-growth-of-the-unitas-fratrum/>

My reason for using this story? I hope to give each one of you, the opportunity to learn more about our Moravian heritage and roots. If you already know all these things; patronize me. Please allow me the opportunity to teach and reveal these very important and vital facts to our new members. If you are like me, you never tire of hearing and reading about our Moravian history.

On November 15, 2015 at New Hope's Church Council, all of you will be given the opportunity to sign the *Moravian Covenant for Christian Living (MCCL)*, which came about as a result of what you have just read. It is my hope that you will take time to read and study the *MCCL* found on our website (see below). I also have green paper-back *MCCL* books for each of you at no charge. It is my prayer that you will desire to become more familiar (if you are not already); with our Moravian customs and traditions and our deep-rooted beliefs and practices that we profess in the *MCCL* and in our daily lives!

<http://www.newhopemoravian.org/tradition.html>

http://www.newhopemoravian.org/pdf-files/covenant_christian_living.pdf

In Christ Service,

Pastor Betty



Have you ever wondered what the Sea of Galilee looks like or how Jesus met those who were to be his disciples. What was the setting for “The Sermon on the Mount” also known as “The Mount of the Beatitudes”? Join us each Sunday in the fellowship hall at 10 to learn more about Jesus and His ministry. The format of the class is a brief video followed with discussion about biblical locations, what life was like at that time and the teachings of Christ. Won't you come and learn with us?

Women's Fellowship

I hope all of you have had a wonderful summer. School has begun and our fall church activities are getting back in order. We hope all women of the church will join us this year. Women's Fellowship has something for everyone to participate in. Of course our largest project is our annual Candle Tea in December but women are involved all during the year with our monthly circle (Bible Study), Chicken Pie making and the Food Ministry which is used to support our church families in times of need. Women's Fellowship also trims the lovefeast candles used in our Christmas Eve Lovefeasts.

The fall meeting of Women's Fellowship is planned for **Tuesday night, September 15th at 7:00**. Dates will be selected for circle meetings and a decision will be made on our study for the year. There will be an update on Candle Tea crafts and follow up on how our money has been spent from our 2014 Candle Tea proceeds. Women are already working on the planning for the 2015 Candle Tea.

Please plan to join us on **Tuesday night, September 15th**. It will be a great opportunity for fellowship, meeting some new folks at the church and catching up with old friends too! There will be light refreshments served during the meeting.

Cheryl Hendrix

If you have a surplus of yarn, I know a lady who makes adult booties for the Family Guidance Center for their domestic violence program. Any yarn would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks, Pat



Dear New Hope Family,

Brett and I wanted to express our deep gratitude to all of you as we journey to bring Ping Jun home. Hosting the jewelry fundraiser, offering words of encouragement, and praying for us are all invaluable gifts that you have blessed us with.



MUSIC NOTES

Summer is ending, students have returned to school and choir rehearsals are beginning again at New Hope. We could use your voice in the choir so prayerfully consider coming to sing with us!

Chancel Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:30 PM

Children/Youth Choir rehearsals begin Sunday, September 13th at 9:30 AM

New Hope Ringers (Handbells) rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 PM (preceding the Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7:30 PM)

Choirs will be preparing pieces to sing for Sunday offertories as well as the lovefeast services that follow in the worship year --- mission, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve lovefeast to mention a few. You are graciously invited to come help New Hope share its music to the glory of God.

As a special note to the youngsters, a few of you have expressed an interest in handbell ringing. I plan to incorporate some **beginning bell ringing in the children's choir rehearsals this fall**. So youngsters, please come out on **Sunday mornings beginning on September 13th at 9:30 AM**. New Hope needs your voice and your hands!

Phyllis Little, Music Director

Thank you

New Hope Moravian

From Catawba Regional Hospice

For all your many past contributions and all that you still continue to do. Your many kind and generous gifts enable Catawba Regional Hospice to better serve the patients, family members and friends during this difficult time.



Dear Nancy,

Thank you for coordinating the Tuesday, July 28, 2015 blood drive. We were very pleased with the drive overall, and the willingness of the donors to share this life saving gift.

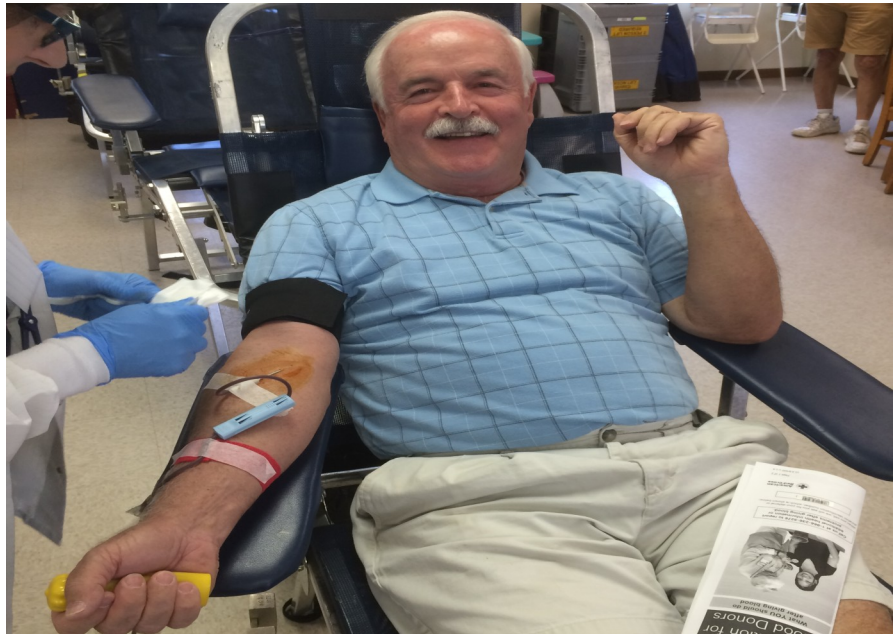
The efforts of New Hope Moravian Church have always been greatly appreciated and their support of the community blood program will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives.

In addition, we very much appreciate your efforts during this crucial time. You may be interested to know that 25 donors registered, 3 donors were deferred and 24 units were collected! We also registered one first time donor!

Again, thank you for your contribution and ongoing support of this important community program. I look forward to working with you again on an upcoming blood drive.

Sincerely,

Linda Kendrick
Donor Recruitment Representative
American Red Cross





CHICKEN CHATTER

Once again it is time to make our delicious chicken pies! Check your calendar and be sure you have the following dates circled, as you do NOT want to miss the fun, laughter, and fellowship we have in the kitchen / fellowship hall of New Hope!

**Thursday 9/10/15 @ 3:00 PM –
Pre Measure and fill baggies with dough making ingredients**

**Friday 9/11/15 @ 7:00 AM –
Chicken cookers begin setting up in preparation for chicken to arrive
@ 8:00 AM– Dough makers arrive
@ 9:00 AM– Gravy makers arrive
ALL OTHER WORKERS ARRIVE AT 9:00 AM**


**Saturday 9/12/15 @ 8:30 AM -
All workers arrive to begin the assembly of the pies**

Please bring a snack, drink or lunch item to share, so that we can take breaks and enjoy lunch together.

It is an honor for the chicken pie committee and the Stewardship committee to tell you that we will soon have two (2) new HVAC units installed. As you know, Mark and Scott Cline have nursed and sweet-talked these troublesome units to last as long as they could. Thanks to Mark and his diligence in pricing, searching and meeting with HVAC contractors, and to all of you in your commitment to make and sell pies, these units will be paid 100% by the monies brought in from our chicken and fruit pie sales, with a nice nest egg left over. It is only through the grace of our Heavenly Father, that New Hope has thrived and become financially able to tackle such large expenditures as this. **All gratitude and glory goes to Him, who provides so much, and asks so little.**

We would also like to thank each of you for your continued support of our pie making. See you on the 11th!

Your chicken pie committee



Dear New Hope Moravian,

It is that time of year again!! I hope all of you can become a member of Pam's Holy Walkamolies and raise funds to support Susan G. Komen in its efforts to END BREAST CANCER FOREVER. We had such a great time last year supporting not only Pam Prevatte in her battle against breast cancer but all those affected by this disease.

Joining the team is easy. Click on the link below and register for the Race for the Cure® through "Join a Team." You do not have to walk/run or even be there on race day in order to be on the team. There is an option to "sleep in".

Remember, one person can make a difference in the fight against breast cancer. Susan G. Komen was founded by one sister making a promise to another sister. You can be a part of this worthwhile effort! Our promise of a world without breast cancer does not just rest in the hands of Komen. It is up to you, our community of survivors and co-survivors, to stand united with us until the promise is fulfilled and the cures are found.

Not only can you join the team, but you can also help in raising funds for the cause. Once you register, visit your participant center. There is a wealth of content to help you in your fundraising efforts.

I look forward to seeing you on Race day!

Sincerely,
Amy Johnson

To send a donation, make all checks payable to:
Susan G. Komen NC Foothills
PO Box 2667, Hickory, NC 28603

To donate online, click the link below:

[Click here to visit my personal page.](#)

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[Click here to view the team page for Pam's Holy Walkamolies](#)

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[Click here to view the company page for Pam's Holy Walkamolies](#)

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GOD HAS BLESSED US

Some upgrades are coming to our church building! Many of you know we have had some problems with some of our heating/cooling units the past several years. The unit for the classroom wing was patched to get us through the last heating season. Instead of repairing this unit and the sanctuary unit, that has had problems also, the Stewardship Committee decided to investigate replacing these two units. Preliminary cost estimates were in the \$17,000 to \$18,000 range. After securing several bids, the price came in much lower than originally anticipated. Upon reviewing the bids, it was recommended to the board to accept the low bid from Central Heating and Cooling for less than \$14,000. Central Heating and Air Conditioning was actually the original contractor for our church heating and cooling system. Even better news is that this will be paid for totally out of the chicken pie funds, which are intended for church facility needs! We will not need to solicit donations from the congregation.

All of the hard work and long hours from church members has paid off. This is the first time a large expenditure has been needed at New Hope when the money was already on hand.

The chicken pie committee has also looked into several options to increase freezer space to meet our ever-growing need for pie storage. We now routinely make 500 + pies several times per year to keep up with demand. After considering several options it was decided to purchase a new chest freezer for the church. Some of the storage cabinets in the Fellowship Hall will be rearranged, and an additional wall cabinet built for pre-school storage. We will not lose any floor space, and CMO Preschool will actually gain some storage space.

Please keep in mind that all these upgrades are the result of hard work by many in our church. God has truly blessed everyone's efforts. If you have not been able to participate in previous pie-making events, please consider helping in our upcoming endeavors. A job can be found for all, and all jobs are important. Just a few hours can mean a lot, and there will be future needs for our church that will take the results of your efforts. Yes, we do work hard, but you can't beat the fun and fellowship that we share when we get together.

Again, thanks to the chicken pie committee and the many helpers who have worked so hard for New Hope, and to God's glory.

Mark Bumgarner

Stewardship Committee Chairman



PRAY EVERY DAY SEPTEMBER 2015

1. I will give great thanks to the Lord. Pray for children and teachers returning to school.
2. Praise God together with glad and generous hearts. Pray for Dusty & Christy Harrison campus ministry, Clemson SC dustyharrison@gmail.com
3. Your King is just and having salvation. Pray for Brian & Heather Marx-MAF, Indonesia. www.maf.org/bmarx
4. Let all the ends of the earth revere Him. Pray for young adult FIT Mission Event Laurel Ridge.
5. Pray for your great love and mercy O Lord. Pray for Antioch servants and projects.
6. Sunday. Freely you have received, freely give. Pray for Rob & Anne Thiessen (Canada for treatments) rvthi-essen@gmail.com
7. Hold to sound teaching in faith and love. Pray for Caroline & Michael Woo (W-S for treatments)
8. Deliverance belongs to the Lord. Pray for Alaska Bible Seminary and new construction.
9. Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven. Pray for Moravian mission volunteers.
10. "I the Lord do not change." Pray for Michael & Cecilia Tesh, Ray of Hope, Kenya www.rayofhopekenya.com
11. The same Lord is lord over all. Pray for Michael & Brenda Brent, Croatia michael.brent@ufokus.hr
12. Give me an undivided heart to revere your name. Pray for Charlie & Vickie Brent, TX. cbrent@bridgesinternational.com
13. Sunday. Incline your ear and come to me. Pray for Phil & Eunice Raiford, MX pbrmissions@gmail.com
14. You will not abandon me. Pray for BWM Staff and Directors www.moravianmission.org
15. By faith, Abraham obeyed. Pray for Unity Women's Desk www.unitywomensdesk.org
16. The kingdom of the earth has become the kingdom of our lord. Pray for 2016 Women's Consultation.
17. May the Lord of Peace give you peace at all times in all ways. Pray for response for Kenya Mission 6/2016 Info Meeting 10/17, 7:00pm Kernersville Moravian. Cynthia Williams (revdrcindy@yahoo.com)
18. The God of all Grace will restore you. Pray for Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center, Palestine <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Star-Mountain-Rehabilitation-Center>
19. Those who cling to worthless idols, turn away from God's love for them. Pray for Bishop Peter Green in Alaska suffering from COPD and pneumonia.
20. Sunday. Keep my steps steady according to your promise. Pray for Revs. Vani & Shanti Pradhan, Nepali Moravian Outreach <http://moravianmission.org/nepal-moravian-outreach/>
21. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving. Pray for Adopt-a-Child Program in Sierra Leone.
22. Bring the homeless poor into your house. Pray for Adopt a Village/HIV-Aids Ministries, TZ. <http://moravianmission.org/aids-ministry/adopt-a-village/>
23. May the Lord of Peace work in U.S. what is pleasing to Him. Pray for Safiatu & Mohamed Braima, Sierra Leone www.sierraleoneinmission.org
24. Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Pray for Youth Ministry leadership development.
25. He guards the lives of His faithful. Pray for Czech Youth Mission Conference. <http://www.moravian.org/the-moravian-magazine/moravian-magazine-jan-feb-2015/planning-visit-reveals-much-about-our-czech-counterparts/>
26. He has brought down the powerful and lifted the lowly. Pray for Changed Choices Ministry.
27. Sunday. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes. Pray for Moravian Mission Societies.
28. Before I was humbled I went astray, but now I keep your word. Pray for pastors, teachers, and bishops.
29. The Lord is your keeper, the shade at your right hand. Pray for widows, widowers, and orphans.
30. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for Dr.Louis & Susan Sutton (WEC) Singapore