

September 2017
New Hope Moravian
Church



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2017 Watchword

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:5-6 (NRSV)



National Back-To-Church Sunday

September 17, 2017

Sunday School- 10:00 AM...Worship- 11:00 AM...Pizza Luncheon- 12:15 PM

New Hope is among the thousands of churches across America participating in National Back-To-Church Sunday...this is a special day to invite family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to come to Church and experience the love, fellowship and friendship, our Church family has to offer. New Hope is very blessed to have such a committed group of followers of the Lord Jesus Christ that love and care for one another. So to invite others in our community to come to our Church, just makes good sense, it gives us the opportunity to share God's love with others in our community.

This year, I am challenging you to reach out to all those in your circle of family and friends. Do I have a goal; I do but we'll leave that number to God. This year, if we could just reach 10% over our regular attendance; just know, I will rejoice with you in whatever attendance we have. This task is a God-size goal that is reachable, if we all do our part and invite lots of people to come on this particular Sunday or any Sunday at New Hope!

Why invite people? Will the main reason is this: there are millions of un-churched people across America (many are right here in this community); people who are your family and friends. Many of these people would most likely come back to Church, if we would only invite them to come.



So, what do you do? You just invite people...It's that simple!

The Facts

67% of Americans say a personal invitation from a family member or friend would be effective in getting them to come back to Church. People like to know that we care about them. The Church is not

a select group of people; we are all sinners saved by God's grace. We are the family of God and we need each other...more than we think.

63% said they would come if the invitation came from a friend or a neighbor.

79% said they came to Church because a friend or relative invited them.

The Mission

The population of the un-churched in the U.S. is almost **100 million**. Studies show that only **21%** of Christians invite someone to Church in a year and **only 2% of those invited are un-churched**.

Congregational Luncheon

In Celebration of National Back-To-Church Sunday on September 17, we will have a Pizza luncheon. When you invite people to come to New Hope for the Back-To-Church Sunday, be sure to issue a special invitation for them to attend the luncheon that will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. The meal will be provided by the Church for all to enjoy. The *Service and Witness (Hospitality) Committee* will be making sure this is a wonderful time of food, fellowship and fun.

Scripture says, "...go home to your friends, and tell them what wonderful things the Lord has done for you and how merciful He has been." (Mark 5:19NLT)...Sounds like we are called to tell others all the good things God is doing for us...now that's not too difficult is it? Hope to see all of you and your family and friends on Sunday September 17!

In Christ Love and Service,

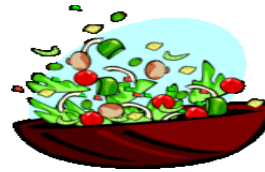
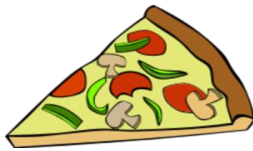
Pastor Betty

Worship Committee News:

Sunday, September 17th is a Busy Sunday for Our New Hope Family

New Hope is recognizing Sunday, September 17th as National Back to Church Sunday.

We hope that all of our members will make a special effort to attend worship on the 17th.



Following worship service we will celebrate this special day with a Pizza Luncheon:

(Pizza and salad provided)

If possible bring a dessert to share.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board so we will know the number of pizzas to order.

Please plan to stay for lunch and fellowship.

After lunch a presentation will be done regarding what losses our church has experienced.

All are invited to stay. See more info next page/below:

“Support For The Journey”

September 17- presentation after the Pizza Luncheon

Rev. Sandy Hood

You might remember Chaplain Sandy Hood of Catawba Regional Hospice who led worship twice at New Hope during Pastor Betty’s absence. Chaplain Sandy was very well received. She has been asked to lead us in a most worthwhile session (~1 ½ hours) entitled ***“Support For The Journey”***. This presentation will help our church family as we experience the loss of our close friends and fellow members.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who plan to attend this session. Numbers are needed for obtaining necessary materials.

We are most appreciative to Chaplain Sandy for volunteering her time to help us through our journey.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE



Exciting, New Series Beginning Sunday, Sept. 17th

Have you ever wondered what other Christian denominations believe and why? Join us at 10:00 each Sunday in the fellowship hall as we study “Christianity’s Family Tree”, a Adam Hamilton’s video presentation with discussion led by Dwane Hutto.

We will learn of 8 Christian denominations and their faith traditions- Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptists, Pentecostalism, and Methodism. We will study their brief history, outline their major beliefs and see how those traditions can strengthen our own Christian faith. This series promises to be inspiring and educational as we study other denominations and faith traditions. We hope you will join us!



DEDICATION OF NEW CHOIR ROBES

Sunday, September 10

Exciting News Update ... The New Choir Robes are here!

Please plan to be at worship Sunday, September 10th as we dedicate the new robes. A special "thank you" to our New Hope Church Family for financially supporting the purchase of the needed replacement robes through individual donations and funds from the Chicken Pie fund! Our old robes will be cleaned and donated to a Moravian Church in the Caribbean Islands. To God Be The Glory, AMEN!

Your New Hope Choir

Super Senior Sunday

Honoring Our Older Adults

Sunday, September 24

Join us for this special Sunday to recognize our elder members. Please invite those seniors that are special to you and your family.



*****No Care-Givers Meeting in September. Next meeting Oct 1 at 4:00 PM*****



Aging Well Fall Rally

Senior Adults are encouraged to attend the Aging Well Fall Rally
(formerly Senior Friends Fall Rally)

Tuesday, October 10th, 2017.

Hopewell Moravian Church Christian Life Center, W-S

Cost will be \$10 for Baked Potato Bar, Salad bar, Dessert and Drink.

Entertainment will be provided by The Moravian Buns.

Tickets are limited to the first 120!

Tickets now available from Pam Prevatte (our older adult liaison)

Until the end of September or 120 are sold.

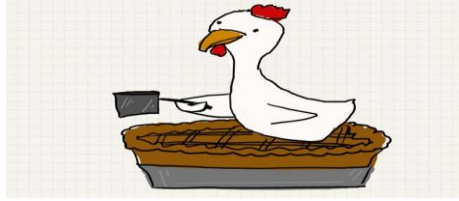


New Hoppers Is Cranking Back Up

After taking the summer off for a break, New Hoppers will begin their monthly meeting Friday, September 29th at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. New Hoppers a fellowship group for those fifty and older, but anytime a program is of interest to others they are more than welcome to come. We begin with a sharing of a pot luck dinner followed by a program.

There will be a special surprise treat this month so you don't want to miss it!

Please join us for this time of great fellowship with friends. We hope to see you there!



Next Chicken Pie Making September 21st, 22nd and 23rd, (Thurs, Fri, Sat)

Chicken Chatter

Hope you have marked your calendar as time is getting closer for the great chicken pie making adventure! This is a very important fundraiser for New Hope and you don't want to be left out of the fun and fellowship.

Dates and times are below:

Thursday Sept. 21st – 1:00 PM make boxes and label. Setting up of work stations

Friday Sept. 22nd - 7:00 AM chicken cookers arrive

8:00 AM dough makers arrive

8:30 AM chicken pickers arrive

Saturday Sept. 23rd – 8:00 AM all workers arrive to assemble pies

As is our custom, please bring a snack, drink and/or lunch item to share as we take breaks and have lunch together.

There is a job *for every member* of our congregation and no experience is necessary. We need all hands helping to have another successful chicken pie making!

See you then.

Your chicken pie committee,
Margaret Furmage



Cleaners Needed for Rest of Year.

New sign-up sheet posted on bulletin board. More than one family can work together. All cleaning supplies are provided, but some prefer to bring their own favorite ones. Summer Camp is now over. Preschool does a good job of cleaning their areas, but you do have to check anyway incase others have used the building after school.

Please consider a turn at keeping God's House spick and span.

**Many thanks to our new members, Ashley & Steve Larsen who cleaned in August.
What an excellent job they did. We appreciate new members just jumping right in to help.**



2017 OLD SOLDIERS REUNION
Thursday, August 17

New Hope thanks all who volunteered in the New Hope booth.

A particular thank you to John Furrage for coordinating this outreach event in down town Newton on the square. All water was given out on that brutally hot day. Many folks came to the booth and asked questions about our church or stated that they loved our pies and cookies.

This was a wonderful way to honor our military members and those in the community.



School Supplies Collected- The Results

Thank-you for the gift of **20 kits**. These will be put in backpacks and given to North Newton Elementary.

The children and parents will be blessed by your generosity.

Your Mission Committee

Next Mission Committee Meeting:
October 8- after worship

No meeting for September

MORAVIAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Hurricane Harvey and Extreme Flooding in Texas

Please share this information broadly and with individuals in congregations:

Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast of the United States on Aug. 25, 2017 as a Category 4 storm with sustained winds of 130 mph. It has and continues to threaten millions of people with multiple days of heavy rain, winds and rising tides. This slow moving storm could bring up to 50 inches of rain to Texas in the days ahead.

While many have evacuated, significant damage is still expected, and thousands of people may be housed in shelters for an extended period of time.

The Board of World Mission has been following the response of our ecumenical partners, and have been in direct contact with representatives of the Unity of the Brethren Church in Texas, which has several congregations in the Houston area. Moravians have a shared heritage with this denomination going all the way back to Jan Hus, and they have a representative who attends BWM meetings.

The efforts of Moravian Disaster Response (MDR) will be in coordination with the Unity of the Brethren. They have asked for time to assess immediate and long term needs. If you are feeling called to help respond, please see avenues for donating and volunteering below. It is our hope to have donations ready to go and sent quickly once a plan of action has been put into place.

Make a Donation

Donations to help support MDR as it partners in the recovery can be made online by going to moravianmission.org/give. Please use the online giving form, and in comments designate the Donation for "Moravian Disaster Response". Donations within the U.S. can also be sent directly to the Board of World Mission at the address below. In the memo line of any checks please write "Moravian Disaster Response".

Board of World Mission, PO Box 1245, Bethlehem, PA 18016

NOTE: We are requesting funds be designated for general disaster response to allow the BWM to respond with the flexibility needed in this ongoing situation. All funds under this designation will be used for disaster response.

Volunteer

If you are interested in getting information on joining teams to help in the recovery and rebuilding efforts for this, or other disasters, please [use this link](#) to enter your contact information, and the BWM will follow up with you regarding any specific opportunities to get involved.

Please contact the BWM with any questions. Southern Province Office: [336.773.1732](tel:336.773.1732)

Justin Rabbach
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Music Notes

How fortunate New Hope is to have folks who love music and who love to sing! Even without weekly choir rehearsals the choir has been blessing us on Sunday mornings with their joyous music. But soon the summer break will be ending and the Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir will once again begin Wednesday night rehearsals.

The fall music preparations will be a busy time with the Chancel Choir preparing for weekly offertories as well as the special lovefeast services: Mission, Thanksgiving and the two Christmas Eve services. Our Chancel Choir has parts for soprano, alto, tenor and bass and we could use your voice in one of those parts. Please join us in whatever part you like to sing.

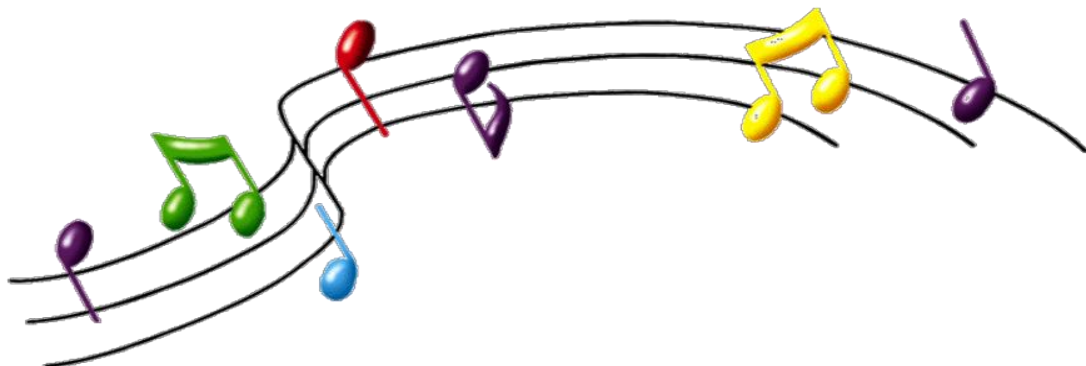
The Handbell Choir will be ringing for the lovefeast services and occasionally for offertory or prelude times. We can use more ringers and substitutes to fill in when someone can't be there. When someone is missing, it leaves a hole in our music as all the bells are needed to complete the handbell instrument. Ringing bells is a lot of fun!

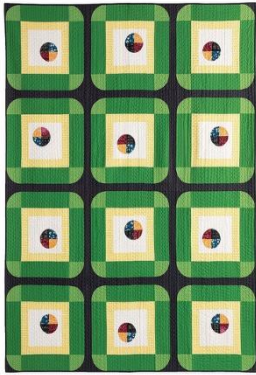
The first Handbell Choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30 PM

The first Chancel Choir rehearsal will follow Bells at 7:30 PM.

Please prayerfully consider joining our choir groups on Wednesdays and sharing your talents in our worship services. You are always welcome.

Phyllis Little, Music Director





Bazaar Quilt

Dear Stitchers,

I hope that each of you are very proud of yourselves. I certainly Am. All of the quilt squares were turned in on time. Yes, all of them!!! Thank you so much to Margaret Schultz and each of you for a job well done.

The sample of the fabric for this year's quilt is on the bulletin board. Please take a look. It's going to be beautiful.

Pat deBlois



BOARD OF
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Greetings From The Board of World Missions!

Where has our summer gone??? I can't believe I'm sending you something for SEPTEMBER! But yet Attached is an insert from the Board of World Mission, for your SEPTEMBER Newsletters and/or any August/September bulletins, as space allows. The Board of World Mission staff and board members are grateful for the efforts you continue to make with the inserts we have provided.

This month's message is from our Director of Intercultural Ministries and New Work, the Bishop Sam Gray. Sam has dedicated his summer to Youth and Mission camps across the country. BWM Staff members Justin Rabbach, Director of Mission Engagement, and Jill Kolodziej, Director of Antioch, also spent some quality time with our campers this summer. Please pray along with Sam that God will keep this mission energy alive and active as this season comes to an end. With every ending comes a new beginning, so let's hope that this autumn is a new beginning for all of us to find ways to use our gifts and talents for mission.

I have attached the "*Mission Minute*" to share. Thank you in advance for helping us get out the message about the important work the BWM mission is doing, and how you can join us!

Peace and blessings,

Deb Swanson

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...that almost 400 Sr. High and Post High campers and counselors from North Carolina, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maryland and D.C. got connected with MISSION this summer by:

-Taking part in small-group mission discussions

-Doing “hands-on” mission projects

- Learning about past models of Moravian mission
- Studying Bible principles and asking, “How Did Jesus Do It?”
- Discovering that, as Moravians, mission is not only in our DNA (it’s in our genes!), it also challenges us to NDA (Notice, Discern, Act!) and we can do this ADN (Anywhere Disciples Needed!).
- Experiencing a taste of many cultures where Moravians are present and active.
- Planning future mission involvement by noticing real needs around them (and beyond!). Brainstorming and planning actual ways to respond to those needs with their gifts and talents.
- Connecting to the BWM through the website and through communication with BWM staff and interns.

Please pray that God will keep this mission energy alive and active as a summer of camps and conferences comes to an end



2018 Synod Nominations Committee Seeks Nominees for Provincial Boards

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Moravian Church, Southern Province Synod of 2018 will be taking place April 19 – 22 at the Blue Ridge Assembly Center, in Black Mountain, NC. Our theme for this upcoming Synod is “Living the Essentials with Courage for the Future.” With this theme in mind, our Nominations Committee is seeking individuals who are willing to offer their leadership by giving of their time and talent in service on a variety of provincial boards.

At this Synod, delegates will elect individuals to serve 4-year terms on our provincial boards. The Nominations Committee is currently seeking applications for the following:

- Board of Directors, Board of World Mission - 2 board positions
- Board of Directors, Mission Society - 12 board positions
- Board of Trustees, Moravian Theological Seminary - 2 board positions
- Board of Trustees, Salem Academy and College - 5 board positions
- Board of Directors, Salemtowne - 4 board positions
- Provincial Elders' Conference* - 3 clergy positions, 3 layperson positions
- Provincial Women's Board - 10 board positions

Information about Vacancies

For more detailed information regarding the mission and responsibilities of each of these Provincial Boards, please read the descriptions in the attachment included in this letter. You may also view these on the Southern Province website by following the link under Synod 2018: “**Provincial Board Descriptions.**”

*(One PEC President will be elected at Synod by ecclesiastical ballot without nomination)

Application Process

All are welcome to recommend someone or to apply for nomination for these positions. Recommendations are due no later than Oct. 16, 2017. Applications are due no later than November 13, 2017.

To **recommend** someone as a candidate for nomination a **Provincial Board Candidate Recommendation Form**.

To **apply** as a candidate for nomination to any of the Provincial Boards EXCEPT Provincial Elders' Conference, use a **Provincial Board Candidate Information Form**.

Those interested in service on the Provincial Elders' Conference should complete the **PEC Candidate Information Form**.

There are **two options** for making recommendations or applying.

- Through an online form.
- Through a printed form to be downloaded, completed and delivered either via email or regular mail.

For access to the online form or the downloadable printed form, please go to the [Nominations and Elections](#) section on the Southern Province website.

Please mail printed forms to: Moravian Church, Southern Province Synod Nomination Committee, 459 S. Church Street ,
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Please email printed forms as an attachment to: mensp2017synod@gmail.com Use the subject line:
"Synod Nomination Form"

All candidates must complete a candidate information form and provide a recent photograph.

Nominations Process

The Nominations Committee reviews all candidate information and determines which candidates qualify to become official nominees for the 2018 Synod Elections. An election manual, which includes sample ballots, will be forwarded to all Synod delegates for review in early 2018. The Committee will notify candidates about whether or not they are selected for formal nomination.

Questions? Contact Nominations Committee Co-Chairs Cheryl Cottingham (336-749-3906 cottingreen@outlook.com); Neil Routh (336-786-5627 or nrouth@gracemoravianchurch.org) for any questions.

With the joy of serving Christ together, The 2018 Synod Nominations Committee¹

¹ Nominations Committee Members are: Cheryl Cottingham and Neil Routh (Co-Chairs), Donna Hurt, Judith Justice, Tamra Thomas, and Russell Williams.

The Church Office will print out a few of the forms PEC recommends.

**Also in November New Hope will elect its new RCC Rep to take Pam Prevatte's place.



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