

September 2019
New Hope Moravian
Church

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2019 Watchword

“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” (2 Chronicles 16:9 NIV)



The New Man...The Power of Stickability

In Ephesians 4:24 (NKJV), we read, “...you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” This is a significant verse for believers; all who profess Jesus as Lord...for parents, grandparents, Pastors, teachers, church leaders — all Disciples of Christ.

In this Ephesians verse, we are called to “...put on the new man created according to God...” God reveals to us in Scripture, as Disciples of Christ, we cannot be chasing after the things of this world. If we want to have a godly and successful Christian life; be that in our work setting, our home, our marriage, our relationships, or with our family and friends. We cannot be focusing our time and energy on ungodly worldly cultural distractions. As Christians, we must remain faithful to God. Our powerful testimony and witness to the outside world depends on it. Our focus...must be Jesus!

In a recent television documentary, I learn that the “cheetah” survives by outrunning its prey. It can sprint up to seventy miles per hour, but only in short bursts. While it has a very lithe body that is built for speed, it has a tiny heart which gives it no staying power. Unless it catches its prey in its first burst of energy, it has to give up the chase. There’s no energy left!

When it comes to serving God and doing His work, I guess it would be safe to say, many of us start out as "cheetahs." We start well with great vigor and enthusiasm but for some reason, we finish poorly. As soon as we start to realize our life needs to make some changes...the way gets rough and life becomes

tough. For in our sinful fleshly human nature, the “old man” wants to do the things of the world and thinks more of what we want... rather than what God wants for us. With this attitude, the follower of Christ, like the “cheetah” soon tires and drops out of the race. What the “new man” and faithful Christian needs is not more speed but more staying power. We also need a bigger heart for continued stick-ability and dependability.

Read Proverbs Chapter 12, where Scripture reveals how God favors men and women of righteousness. He disdains those who lie and treat others badly, those whose actions are evil and wicked; He calls them fools.

Being a Christian is serious business. You see our behavior matters. Our conversations matter. Our thoughts matter. If we allow ourselves to be immersed in the world around us, or influenced by, the culture; we fall short of the behavior God expects. If we act un-Christian in our homes, with our spouse, our families, our friends, our co-workers, or with our neighbors this is not godly or healthy. If we are controlled by the ways of the world with anger and resentment and unforgiveness; this destroys our witness in the relationships we have in our homes, our workplaces and our churches.

What we need in our world today are not more Christians like “cheetahs” but more Christians who are mature in their faith, people of righteousness, people of integrity, and people with “big-hearts” of forgiveness and grace. God’s wants Disciples who are changed “inside and out.” Therefore, we as God’s children need to become new creatures in Christ. The world only offers momentary gratifications with no eternal value; it offers satisfactions that are meaningless and destructive to our very souls.

Therefore, instead of being like the “cheetah” and chasing after the world; with little stamina and a small heart; let’s start chasing after the Lord Jesus Christ and communing with Him. Let’s start our race of faith by seeking the face of the Savior, by spending time in prayer and reading Scripture every day. Remember, when we fill our hearts and minds with God’s Word, there’s little room for anything but the promises of God to guide our paths!

Dear Friends, let’s start living our life as “the new man” in “the power of God’s stickability; let’s start being the men and women who “always” put God first and put our earthly desires on the backburner. Let’s start being godly Christian leaders in our homes, our workplaces and our churches; let’s become people with powerful testimonies that impact the lives of many others. Let’s bring praise, glory and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ...Amen!

*In Christ Love and Service,
Pastor Betty*



Congratulations to Albert and Kaytlynn Cortes who were married on August 17, 2019.

Congratulations to Derrick and Teresa Morgan who were married on August 24, 2019.



What is Moravian Day of Service? This is a good question...Are you looking for ways to be more involved in your community? Moravian Day of Service is loaded with lots of community outreach opportunities, and guess what...You're exactly who we need!

In 2018, the Synods of the Northern and Southern Provinces established a Moravian Day of Service here in North America. The PECs of both provinces then designated Sunday, September 15, 2019 as the first Moravian Day of Service. Please consider engaging yourself in a local community service project on or near that day. This may even provide an opportunity to join forces with other congregations in your community or for Moravians to become part of your Regional conference of Churches (RCC).

What are some suggestions for possible service opportunities, you decide. What peaks your interest, where do you see services or help needed? There are many Moravian social service agencies and camps offering projects, and there are many local community outreaches that need a day of service. You decide! You could consider joining forces with another church and provide a service to the community together. When you sign up to be a volunteer, your helping to support the needs of your community. When we volunteer our time and help out with outreach projects, from park cleanups, home repairs for others, task as caretakers for others, grocery pick-up, local home and yard care, donation drives and so much more in between, we are people committed to improving our neighborhood and community. Scripture reminds us in Matthew 25:40 (ESV) "And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" Also in Galatians 6:10 (NIV)... "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

Acts 2 speaks of "the Fellowship of Believers and in doing for one another... **Acts 2:42-47 says**, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

What do you say, can we count on you to take part or organize a "Day of Service" or do some "Acts of Service", on, before, or after Sunday September 15th? If you do, you'll be greatly blessed in your efforts... Remember Scripture says, Matthew 25:40 (ESV) "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

Moravian Day of Service was established by the 2018 Synods of the Northern and Southern Provinces.

*Blessings,
Pastor Betty*

The Mission Committee is in the process of providing opportunities for the members of New Hope to show Christian love. While the logistics of our Day of Service and other local opportunities are being worked out, the chance to help children caught in the immigration crisis is available now. A free-will offering will be collected on Sunday, September 15, the designated Day of Service.

The organization Save the Children is running child friendly spaces and children's play areas at transit shelters in New Mexico for children once they leave detention centers. For many children this is the first time they have been able to play and laugh in weeks or months. Save the Children also helps provide hygiene kits, diapers and clothing. We will be taking donations for their U. S. Border Crisis Children's Relief Fund.

Founded in 1919, Save the Children is the world's first global charity for children. It receives top ratings from charity watch groups. Eighty-seven percent of donations go directly to program services. If you would like to learn more about Save the Children's work or view their financial reports, please visit their website at www.savethechildren.org.



Your Help Is Needed Saturday, September 7th!

Please join your New Hope family as we make apple pies to sell in September and for the Bazaar.

The schedule is - **8:00** for all dough and pie press workers.
9:00 for all other volunteers.

We need apple peelers, helpers to add toppings and baggers to complete this project. Please bring your apple peelers! Plans are to be **completely finished by 12:00** at the latest!! (If you come and help!!)

As Pastor Betty has said, "Many hands make light work for all".

Please join us for fellowship as we make those great Apple Crumb Pies!



IT'S TIME TO MAKE OUR FAMOUS CHICKEN PIES

PLEASE, mark your calendar to come and help with this church-wide project of making chicken pies to sell in September.

The dates are:

- **Thursday, Sept. 12th 1:00** set up and make boxes
- **Friday, Sept. 13th 7:00** chicken cookers arrive
8:00 dough makers arrive
9:00 gravy makers and all other helpers arrive
- **Saturday, Sept. 14th 8:00** all workers arrive and begin pie assembly

Your help is needed any of the days with *special emphasis on Friday and Saturday!* Please bring a snack, drink or lunch item, to share on Friday, so that we can take breaks and enjoy lunch together.

We have a special task just for you as we work together with this church-wide project and have a lot of laughs, fun and chatter. You don't want to miss this event! Please come join us!

**** Time to Order Your Chicken and Apple Pies ****

Place your orders now for our yummy Moravian Chicken Pies \$12.00 and tasty Apple Crumb pies \$10.00. The order form is on the bulletin board in the vestibule. We ask you to order now to insure your order being filled. Also, we ask that members plan to take their pies home when you work on Saturday, Sept. 14th or pick up Sunday, Sept. 15th Chicken pies can be pre-ordered in September. No pre-orders for the pie sale at the Bazaar in December. Plans are to make pies one time in mid-spring where we will be taking pre-orders. So place your orders now.



It's time for their annual Mum Sale to benefit the Erlene Sigmon Fund! Go to their website for ordering information or see the order form below.

<http://catawbacountycapc.org/capc>

Mums will be available for pickup during the Viewmont Street Strut on **Saturday, September 28th** in front of Bargain Hunt on Hwy 127 in Hickory from

10 am until 2 pm. Additional plants will be available at Viewmont Street Strut.



CAPC Annual Mum Sale!
 Saturday, September 28th—10:00 am—2:00 pm
 Location: In the Bargain Hunt parking lot
 on Hwy 127

COME SEE US AT THE VIEWMONT STREET STRUT
 TO PICK UP YOUR BEAUTIFUL MUMS!!
 ADDITIONAL PLANTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT
 VIEWMONT STREET STRUT.



All proceeds will go to the Erlene Sigmon Fund. Following her tragic death in 1990, Mrs. Sigmon's family and the Children's Protection Council started the "Erlene Sigmon Fund" to honor this long-time volunteer. This Fund is supervised by a Catawba County DSS Intake Specialist and enables child protective workers to respond to such emergencies as special medication for children, clothing, dental care, etc. that have no other source of funding.

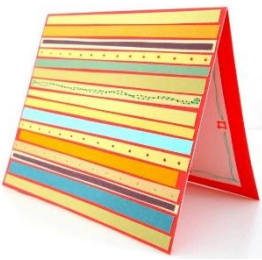
CAPC Mum Sale Order Form

Description	Cost Each		Quantity		Total
	Small	Large	Small	Large	
Burgundy Mum	\$ 8.50	\$ 15.00			
Bronze Mum	\$ 8.50	\$ 15.00			
Yellow Mum	\$ 8.50	\$ 15.00			
Purple Mum	\$ 8.50	\$ 15.00			
White Mum	\$ 8.50	\$ 15.00			
Ornamental Cabbages	\$ 8.50				
Assorted Pansies - 36/flat	\$ 15.00				
TOTAL ORDER					



Name _____ Address _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Payment Method: Check Enclosed Paypal (Mum Sale) www.catawbacountycapc.org
 Mail Check/Order Form to: CAPC, 4360 County Home Rd., Conover, NC 28613
 Questions: Contact Connie at Cengart@catawbacountync.gov or call 465-9296





The photographed note cards which Anita made for us are now available in assortment packs. At only \$5 for 5 cards, these cards will make a special greeting. Also, see Pat to purchase individual cards of your choice. Check it out!

Our Sunday School Continues with our next session:
Unafraid

Break away from your worries and fears, and learn to live with courage and hope.

We know Jesus tells us, "Do not be afraid," but with everything going on in the world, how is it possible not to be anxious? In this five-week study based on his book *Unafraid*, Adam Hamilton explores the worries and fears most of us experience. We as a small group can learn to identify fears and discover practical steps for overcoming them...all in the light of Scripture and a faith that promises again and again that we can live with courage and hope.

The five video session topics include:

1. Understanding and Countering Your Fears
2. Crime, Race, Terrorism, and Politics
3. Failure, Disappointing Others, Insignificance, and Loneliness
4. Apocalypse, Change, Missing Out, and Finances
5. Aging, Illness, Dying, and Fear of the Lord

Come, continue the journey Sundays at 10:00
(refreshments available 9:30 - 10:00)

Prior to this first Sunday School session on *Unafraid*, targeted for September 22nd, the Christian Education Committee will be taking and collecting an anonymous survey of our congregants during our Sunday service and addressing your real-world responses during our Sunday School sessions.

Please have your survey completed and returned by September 15th

See example below of the survey
Unafraid

What are the Fears We Have as a Church, as a Community?
(From your New Hope Christian Education Committee)

- Please write down 10 fears/worries/concerns that you have and rate them on a scale of 1 (being the least) to 5 (being the greatest)
- Your responses will be kept anonymous

	least				most
List your "fears"	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Ex: Corrupt Government			X		

600 Years of Moravian History in 3 Days
A Seminary in the South Learning Intensive
at Higgins Lodge with Craig Atwood
November 3-6

Moravian Theological Seminary and Laurel Ridge are co-sponsoring *600 Years of Moravian History in 3 Days*, a Seminary in the South learning retreat for laity and clergy. All life-long learners are invited to share this new event on the Higgins Lodge calendar welcoming Dr. Craig Atwood. For about ten years, Craig has inspired many students through his courses in Moravian theology and history at Moravian Theological Seminary.

This concentrated overview is for anyone desiring a greater understanding of the history and heritage in which our Moravian theology and tradition are grounded. The Provincial Elders'

Conference is endorsing this event with generous financial support from the Bishop W. Herbert Spaugh Ministerial Education Fund. Bishop Sam Gray will serve as the retreat's worship leader. In the fall of 2018, Craig and Sam offered a similar event to Moravian sisters and brothers in Peru. The retreat begins with a Sunday night supper and ends with lunch on Wednesday.

Cost for room and meals for the entire retreat:

Single Occupancy \$205

Double Occupancy \$150

For more information or to register, contact Laurel Ridge at 1 (888) 831-5922. Salem Wing rooms will be assigned to participants registering first, except for those requesting the Bishops Wing.

Church Cleaning



Please consider signing up to clean the church. For many years this has been done by volunteers. We truly hope to continue this way in order to not have to add another expense to the budget. This only takes an hour or so each week.

Cleaning can be done anytime towards the end of the week or Saturday. If you can only manage to do this one or two weeks of any particular month, that is fine. Just put your name by the week you can on the list on the board and state "only". That way we know you are not taking the whole month.

I will be glad to meet with you to show you what is to be done and where the supplies are. Please feel free, if you wish, to bring your own. **NO CHURCH KEY.....NO WORRY**. Arrangements can easily be made to let you in.

Won't you help us keep this house of worship looking good for all who enter here to worship.

Mark Bumgarner
Vice Chair

September Cleaners: Pastor Betty Helms



Introducing September's Hymn of the Month

"Your Majesty, How Vast It Is"

Tune: Thy Majesty

471 Moravian Book of Worship

Your Majesty, How Vast It Is was written in 1657 by Johann Scheffler (1624-1677) a German Catholic priest and physician who was also known as a mystic and a religious poet. Born in Breslau, Silesia (now Wroclaw, Poland) and raised a Lutheran, he converted to

Catholicism in 1653 and changed his name to Angelus Silesius. (Angelus is Latin for "angel" or "heavenly messenger".) Scheffler took holy orders under the Franciscans and was ordained a priest in 1661. In 1671 he retired to a Jesuit house where he remained the rest of his life. During his adult life he composed tracts and pamphlets condemning Protestantism and also wrote religious poetry, a collection of short poems and more than 200 religious hymns. His writings explored themes of mysticism, quietism, and pantheism (toleration of worship of all gods) written within an orthodox Catholic context.

The composer of the tune Thy Majesty is unknown but the tune was in Moravian composer Johann Daniel Grimm's chorale book in 1755. The book was never printed and only existed in various handwritten copies. The tune later appeared in 1784 in Christian Gregor's *Choralbuch*. Gregor (1723-1801) was a Moravian bishop, organist, hymnist and leader. He was born in Dirschdorf, Silesia and at age seventeen went to visit the Moravians in Herrnhut, then decided to join the church. He served in various positions in the Moravian church but his most important contribution was in the field of music. He composed numerous anthems and was the editor of the German Moravian hymnal of 1778. Christian Gregor was a man greatly beloved and respected, simple of heart, earnest and hardworking and was entrusted with many important missions and visitations.

September Happenings

Sunday, September 1st – New Members Joining followed by Reception

Monday, September 2nd – Labor Day Holiday



Tuesday, September 3rd – First day of Preschool/CMO for the 2019-2020 school year
Monday-Thursday, 8:30-11:30 am
Lunch Bunch (optional), 11:30 am-12:15 pm



Wednesday, September 4th – Music Program resumes



Handbell practice...6:15-7:00 pm

Choir practice...7:30 pm

Thursday, September 5th – ECCCM Workday

Saturday, September 7th – Apple Pie Making, 8 am - 12 pm

Sunday, September 8th – Board of Elders Meeting, 12:15 pm



Tuesday, September 10th – Board meets with PEC for Quadrennial Review, 7 pm
Light refreshments provided

Wednesday, September 11th – Women's Circle Meeting Kickoff
11:00 am at the home of Carolyn McDonald. Covered dish lunch.
Please note new time!

Thursday, September 12th – Saturday, September 14th – Chicken pie making (see specific times above)

Sunday, September 15th – Day of Service

Monday, September 23rd – First Day of Autumn



Thursday, September 26th – October Newsletter Articles due to Office

Sunday, September 29th – Christian Education Meeting after Worship

Out-of-Town Events:

Friday, September 6th – Third Annual Boldly & Beautifully Made

~ A fundraiser to support the Moravian Prison Ministry ~

Where: Hampton House Art & Framing
720 Coliseum Drive NW, Winston-Salem

When: Friday, September 6th, 5:30-7:30 pm

Tickets: \$25 General Admission/ \$50 VIP

All ticket holders enjoy hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and a silent auction.

VIP ticket holders will receive a piece of pottery made with the help of inmates and raku-fired onsite.

Ticket reservations: call 336-416-5801

Email fmprisonministry@gmail.com

www.moravianprisonministry.org

Friday, September 20th – Sunday, September 22nd – Fall Family Camp

Register Today: www.laurelridge.org

\$45 Adults - \$35 Children under 12 - \$25 per person to tent camp

Swimming, Fishing, Canoeing, Nature Walk, Campfires, Good food and more!

Saturday, September 21st – Reading the Bible Together When “We Are Not Agreed”

Program Leader: Dr. Diane Lipsett of Salem College

9:30 am – Noon

Fries Memorial, 251 N. Hawthorne Rd NW, W-S

There is no cost to attend.

Please register by September 18th. Send an email with your name and the name of your congregation to pec@mcsp.org.

The goals of this event are to read the Bible together-closely, sensitively, appreciatively as Moravian congregations in the Southern Province consider their views of LGBTQ persons in membership and leadership. We'll study passages that may be relevant to congregation questions and discuss how, in vital matters of Christian community and ethical practice, readers move from Scripture to life, placing the complex biblical past beside our complex cultural present, and often reaching differing conclusions.



**Franklin Graham's Decision American
Tar Heel State Tour**

Thursday, October 10th

7:00 pm

L.P. Frans Stadium, Hickory

Free Admission

ECCCM 50 Year Celebration

Saturday, October 12th

2:00-4:00 pm

ECCCM would like to invite you to join their celebration of 50 years of service to the community with cake cutting, agency tours, and much more.

For more information: www.ecccm.org

Aging Well Fall Rally

“Keeping Joy in Your Landscape”

Tuesday, October 15th (Payment due by October 7th)

12:30 pm

Tickets \$10

Advent Moravian Church, Winston-Salem

The Aging Well Team helps congregations recognize the need for and then find meaningful ways of providing programming and resources for their members who are older adults, as they age and deal with a variety of challenges.

Join Moravians from across the province to enjoy a fellowship meal, a guest speaker, and to hear updates on various provincial outreach efforts.

Guest speaker J. Eric Elliot, archivist of the Moravian Church, will lead the event.

[Click here](#) to register.

Eastern Catawba County Hunger Walk

Benefitting The Corner Table Soup Kitchen

Sunday, October 20th

3 PM – Downtown Newton

www.ecchungerwalk.com



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