

September 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)

the Revised Common LECTIONARY

For those who may not be familiar with “The Liturgical Year” and what I mean by Year A, Year B, and Year C. And why on Sunday morning at worship, we read the particular Sunday Scriptural text that we do each week. As well as why, I usually choose to write my Homilies each week using the Lectionary Scriptural text, which is also the Scripture that is found in your Moravian Daily Text each Sunday.

Therefore, this month of September, I have decided to give you a brief explanation, since starting Sunday September 5, @ 9:00AM, for our Sunday School discussion time; the group will be using the Revised Common Lectionary Scriptural text each week for Sunday School time. You are already experiencing the Lectionary Scripture each week through my Sunday Homilies and in the Tidbits of Truth (bulletin insert) which uses the Sunday Lectionary text and is written by the (Christian Education Committee) members.

It is my hope, this new topic for Sunday School will take you to a deeper level of your understanding of God’s Word and how He works in our lives in many different ways.

Sunday worship readings are in a three-year cycle which means when you hear a reading you will not hear that reading again for three years unless it is a special celebration which has the same reading every year/and or the Pastor chooses to do so.

For clarification, we normally call this three-year cycle Year A, Year B and Year C.

You will also find that I keep our special celebrations scheduled on New Hope’s: *Yearly Worship & Outreach Calendar*. A copy can be found posted on the Church bulletin board (for the congregation) and in the kitchen for the (sacristans and the dieners).

Our liturgical year has seasons... The liturgical year begins with the Season of Advent when you see the (deep blue) periments displayed in the sanctuary. Following that, during the Christmas Season you see the (white) periments. Next, Ordinary Time (34 weeks) begins when we display the (green) periments. Ordinary Time (green) is interrupted by the Season of Lent when we display the (purple) periments; followed by Easter when the (white) periments are displayed. The Ordinary

Time (green) periments resumes again following the Easter Season and continues until Advent when the liturgical year begins (all over) again.

(White) periments are used for Holy Communion and Special services/as determined by the Pastor.

The last Sunday of the liturgical year is Christ the King Sunday (New Hope celebrates this special Sunday each year one Sunday early/due to our annual Thanksgiving Lovefeast service on the Sunday before we observe Thanksgiving which is traditionally observed on the last Thursday of November.

YEAR B

November 2020 - November 2021

Year B (2020 - 2021)

Advent
Christmas
Epiphany
Lent
Holy Week
Easter
Season after Pentecost

Year C (2021 - 2022)

Advent
Christmas
Epiphany
Lent
Holy Week
Easter
Season after Pentecost

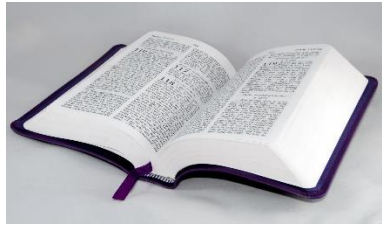
Year A (2022 - 2023)

Advent
Christmas
Epiphany
Lent
Holy Week
Easter
Season after Pentecost

I hope this article has been helpful for you to better understand why we use and read the Common Revised Lectionary Scripture each week for our Sunday Morning Worship services.

I also hope that you will consider coming to the new Sunday School Class starting on Sunday September 5, @ 9:00AM, in the Fellowship Hall. (Please note-all will be spaced out for safety-Due to COVID).

In Christ Love and Service,
Pastor Betty



The Christian Education program for New Hope will resume in-person Bible studies on Sunday, September 5th at 9 am – one hour prior to New Hope worship services. We will generally be following the lectionary of the Church’s calendar for that particular Sunday. Please follow along with us using the Moravian Daily Text resource as a guide for that upcoming Sunday.

For the time being while we come together in person to study the Bible, we will continue to appropriately distance and wearing a mask will continue to remain optional.

Steve Larsen, Committee Chair

Mission Committee News

Our collection for The United Way’s Stuff the Bus School Supply drive totaled 117 items. These items were distributed to the three school systems in Catawba County. Thank you for supporting the children in our area!

Our shopping cart is overflowing! The total number of pounds of our food collection for The Corner Table’s Parade of Cans will be in the October newsletter. Thank you for your generosity!

The Board of World Mission sent out information about the earthquake and tropical storm that impacted Haiti on August 14. Haiti is a mission area of the Moravian Church with a dozen congregations. There were two Moravian churches affected by the earthquake: one is in Jacmel and the other is in Anse de Nau in the Grand Anse Department. The church buildings are damaged and our brothers and sisters from those churches are without homes. The Board of World Mission is currently seeking to wire funds to our brothers and sisters in Haiti to help them purchase emergency supplies. If you would like to donate to the Moravian Disaster Response, you can do so at www.moravianmission.org/give/. Learn more at www.moravian.org/mission.

1 John 4:11-12

“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love each other, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”



On behalf of New Hope, Bonnie Everhart and Dan Greaser are providing items for the Silent Auction at the Share the Harvest Banquet. Bonnie is donating an Amish theme gift basket and Dan is donating a handcrafted maple burl vase. Thank you, Bonnie and Dan! Members who have friends and neighbors attending this event please tell them to seek out these items.

Update About Chicken Pie Making



The Chicken Pie Committee has canceled our making of chicken pies for September 23-25. This was decided due to the current status of the Covid virus and variant plus the safety and health of our members.

Thank you, as always, for your support of New Hope's projects.

Quilt Donation to Benefit Women's Conference in 2027

The Women's Fellowship of New Hope was generous this year by making a quilt and donating it to the Provincial Women's Board. The purpose is to generate money for an upcoming Women's Conference. The next conference will be in June of 2023 somewhere in the North. The PWB will begin selling raffle tickets next year and continue through the conference. We will draw a winner at the conference. The funds will go toward supporting the 2027 conference which will be in the South. This quilt could go anywhere in the world.

All Moravian congregations will have the opportunity to purchase tickets prior to the conference. The Provincial Women's Board is very grateful to New Hope's Women's Fellowship for this opportunity to generate funding for our conference.

A special thank you to Pat deBlois for making a quilt that is so beautiful.



A special thank you to those women who cross stitched a quilt square for the cancelled 2020 Candle Tea. A VERY special thank you to those who stitched a square for a second quilt to be raffled by the Women's Conference to be held in 2023. Proceeds from that quilt will help women from other lands attend the conference. Look for a sample of the fabric used for the Women's Conference quilt on the bulletin board. Please support the raffle! Look for more information on that event.

A raffle will not be held during the 2021 Candle Tea. That quilt will remain on hold until the community can gather safely. Margaret, you keep us organized, and we all appreciate that!



tacklehunger.org

2021 Community Report

Dear Friend of Souper Bowl of Caring,

Because of YOU, local food charities gained significantly more exposure and support! This year, although burdened with the closures of COVID-19, **our mission: to unite all communities to tackle hunger**, was taken to heart by thousands of groups and individuals. **For every \$1** you gave, **we created over \$18** for local food charities! In addition to that, you gave **HOPE** [🙏] **to food charities overworked and overstressed dealing with the record number of food insecure Americans in need.**

Food charities have enough to do with just feeding people. Souper Bowl of Caring and our Tackle Hunger movement helps feed people AND allows funding to get to neighborhood charities without any work on their part. **The [Tackle Hunger Map](#) brought a valued virtual opportunity** to rally support using the energy of the biggest football game of the year! **Look for personal stories** about the impact of the Souper Bowl of Caring inside the community report.

Because we ask that **100% of donations collected go directly to a local food charity in need, we rely SOLELY on [donations from people like you](#).** We simply would not be doing it without you. We cannot say THANK YOU enough. We are blessed to have your continued support and work hard to continue to improve emergency food access for all those in need.

Best,
Alison Reese
Executive Director
Tackle Hunger
Home of the Souper Bowl of Caring



Wearing a mask remains optional.
Always subject to change.



Dear New Hope Church,

Your cards, prayers, love and well wishes during my recovery time following my hospital stay and then the loss of my two brothers, Roger and Leon Bowman, have meant so much to me. Lately, when so much keeps changing in our world, relationships are even more precious and meaningful. I am so grateful for all of you and thank God for being able to worship with you each Sunday. Thank you for your love, your care, and most especially for walking with me through this journey.

*Your sister in Christ,
Phyllis Little*



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). The MMFA provides the portal for this electronic giving and they directly deposit any funds to the New Hope bank account. Here is the link to the online giving portal: <https://mmfa.info/new-hope-moravian-church-north-carolina-donation-form/>.

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.

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 September

Thursday, September 2nd – ECCCM Workday

New Hope Preschool Open House

Sunday, September 5th – **Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service**

Sunday School Resumes at 9 am

Monday, September 6th –



Tuesday, September 7th – First Day for New Hope Preschool



Saturday, September 11th – ECCCM *Share the Harvest Banquet*
(details above)

Sunday, September 12th – Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service

Grandparents Day



Monday, September 13th – Board of Elders Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm

Sunday, September 19th – Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service

Wednesday, September 22nd – First day of Fall



Sunday, September 26th – Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service

Monday, September 27th – October Newsletter Articles Due



September Birthdays

6th – Nancy Miller
14th – Anita Scism
15th – Janie Setzer
16th – Ashley Larsen
18th – Steve Bumgarner

Pray Every Day September 2021

1. Rise up and help us; redeem us because of your unfailing love. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
2. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
3. For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisers make victory sure. Pray for the government leaders in our country.
4. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
5. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
6. For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king, it is he who will save us. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
7. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Pray for the Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
8. Return to me, for I have redeemed you. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
9. So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty. Pray for the Thiessens in Mexico.
10. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
11. I will set a sign among them and I will send them to the nations. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
12. I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
13. The Lord is my portion therefore I will wait for him. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
14. For God so loved the world he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
15. That joy is mine and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
16. I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
17. I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the son sets you free, you will be free indeed. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
18. They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
19. 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 Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
20. Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
22. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice Hospitality. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
23. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. Pray for the Rajpur Foster Child Project.
24. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Pray for PEC members, bishops and other church leaders.
25. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
26. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
27. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Pray for short term mission teams.
28. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Pray for the Moravian churches in Haiti.
29. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Pray for disaster relief workers.
30. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross. Pray for firefighters and police officers.



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