

September 2024

New Hope Moravian Church

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2024 Watchword

“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.”
Colossians 3:12

God’s Church: One United Body

"Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall."
Proverbs 16:18 (NIV).

Basketball coach Pat Riley in his book *The Winner Within* talks about the 1980 World Champions Los Angeles Lakers. They won the NBA Championship that year, and they were recognized as the best basketball team in the world.

They began their 1980-1981 season, considered likely to win back-to-back championships, but within weeks of the season opener, Magic Johnson tore cartilage in his knee and needed a three-month recuperation period. The team and the fans rallied, and the remaining players played their hearts out. They were determined to make it through that period without losing their rankings. They were winning seventy percent of their games when the time began to draw near for Magic Johnson to return to action.

As his return grew closer, the publicity surrounding him increased. During time-outs at the games, the public address announcer would always say, "And don't forget to mark your calendars for February 27th. Magic Johnson returns to the lineup of your World Champion Los Angeles Lakers!" During that announcement, the other players would

look up and say, "We're winning now. What's so great about February 27th?"

As the day approached, fewer and fewer things were written or said about the players who were putting out so much effort. All the media attention was focused on the one player who hadn't been doing a thing. Finally, the 27th came, and as they clicked through the turnstiles every one of the 17,500 ticket holders was handed a button that said, "The magic is back!" At the mention of the name Magic Johnson, the arena rocked with a standing ovation. Flashbulbs went off like popcorn.

Meanwhile the other players who had carried the team for three months and who were totally ignored, were seething with jealousy, resentment, and anger. They were so resentful that they barely won the game that night against a bottom-of-the-bucket team, and eventually the morale of the entire team collapsed. The players turned on each other. The coach was fired. And they eventually lost their opening game of the play-offs, having the most disastrous record ever.

Riley said, "Because of greed, pettiness, and resentment, we executed one of the fastest falls from grace in NBA history. (www.sermoncentral.com)

Saints of God, the sin of pride is not just found in sports teams and secular organizations. Sadly, it is often found in the Church! Pride has divided congregations and hindered the growth of God's people. How amazing would it be if the Church acted as the (holy and righteous) body of Christ? Everyone doing their part and working together for God's Kingdom.

Imagine how many people could come to know Christ Jesus through the love and unity they witnessed in Christians being genuine before them. In God's eyes, we are all equal... God given each one of us many different gifts and unique talents. Always remember, (ALL) of God's children have been given the needed abilities for doing ministry. And (ALL) are considered valuable in the workings of the body of Christ: God's Church.

Prayer: Father God, forgive us for the times, when we might allow pride to enter our thoughts and influence our words and actions. Lord we as Your Church are teachable; Teach us to be more like Christ. Please remove anything in us that hinders Your work for us. Make us (holy & righteous) and usable for Your Kingdom work. Make us instruments of Your glory. In Jesus' Name... Amen.

In Christ Love & Service,
Pastor Betty



Handbell and Chancel Choir practices will resume on
Wednesday, September 11th.

Handbells 6:15 pm
Chancel Choir 7:00 pm



The quilt squares are in, and the quilt is in progress. Beautiful work, ladies. Margaret, I couldn't do it without you.

Thanks to all of you!
Pat

Hospitality Committee

Wednesday Dinners Out 2024: This has been another successful summer of gathering. We had 15-20 per night attend which included friends of New Hope, visitors and potential members. We began our summer with a cookout at church with entertainment provided by Jane & Steve Bumgarner. We then frequented a variety of restaurants. Our last meal was a covered dish at the church. Rachel & Shawn Snipes provided the entertainment.

Many thanks to all who provided food for the meals at church. Jane Bumgarner is commended for getting the headcount, contacting the restaurants and keeping things rolling.

New Member Reception-August 18: The reception after worship in honor of Jean and David Sparks joining New Hope was just wonderful. A great variety of finger foods were provided and was enough to serve as a light lunch. Many thanks to all who provided the food and beverages. Also, thanks to those who set up and stayed to clean up. An exciting event all the way around. Welcome Jean and David!!!!

Mission Sunday- September 15: A light meal will be planned and offered as part of our mission activity after worship. The meal will be a joint effort of the Mission Committee and Hospitality. Questions? Contact Jane Bumgarner.

Malissa Bumgarner, Hospitality Chair 2024

Pie Making Time Is Here!



Apple Pies - Friday, Sept. 13 9-12



Chicken Pies Sept. 19-21

Thursday - 1:00 Set up for pie making

Friday - Please bring a bagged lunch-
water and chips provided - making only
300 pies

7:30 chicken cookers

8:00 dough makers

8:30 all workers

Saturday - Assemble pies 9-11:30

Both pies will be sold to the congregation and then
the community October 5, 9-12. An order sheet
for your pies will be available Sept. 1. Due to lack
of freezer space please take your pies with you
either Saturday Sept 21 or Sunday Sept 22. All
proceeds go to the Chicken Pie Fund.

Mission Events for September

New Hope's Mission Committee has planned several activities for this month.

Our **Teacher Wish Lists** will be available on September 1st. The teachers from Claremont Elementary School will submit their requests for items for their classrooms. There is a \$50 limit on the requests. If they choose, church members can go in on a request together or just fill part of a teacher's wish list.

Here are the easy steps to make a teacher's wish come true:

1. Select an apple that has the teacher's name and wish list items on it.
 2. Pick up the corresponding envelope containing detailed descriptions of the items requested.
 3. Purchase items (any or all of them)
 4. Bring items to church by September 29. Please attach an apple with the teacher's name for each item. Extra apples will be in your envelope.
- The requested items are available from different sources like Walmart, Target, Amazon, etc. If you need help ordering online or don't have an Amazon account, please let Margaret or Rachel know. They will be happy to assist you.

Direct questions to Margaret Schultz or Rachel Snipes.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. The teachers are excited!

Moravian Day of Service will be observed on September 15th. This day came about in 2018 in recognition of the fact that Moravians have always celebrated their faith through service and mission work locally, regionally, and globally. Also, Moravians derive a sense of common unity and identity from serving together and with others.

Julie Tomberlin, Ph.D., Coordinator for Unity Women's Desk, will speak to us about the organization during worship. Then after worship, we will gather in the fellowship hall to pack birthing kits for the Unity Women's Desk. These small kits help women have cleaner and safer birthing experiences. The kits are used in remote areas where women can't get to a clinic or hospital to deliver their babies, or in clinics with inadequate medical supplies. Ideally, midwives and others who assist with home births receive training in using the kits when they receive them. In the past, these kits have been sent with love to our sisters in Honduras, Peru, and Tanzania.

New Hope's Women's Fellowship has partnered with the Mission Committee and is funding the purchase of the needed items.

Please plan to stay after worship on the 15th and help assemble the kits. A light lunch will be provided after the kits are completed.

Provincial Women's Board's

Fall Celebration-Study Book Workshop

Find Out What's Going On and Where You Fit In?

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Join us at Olivet Moravian Church
2205 Olivet Church Rd, Winston-Salem, NC

Coffee and Activities

Including a Silent Auction to benefit the PWB,

beginning at 9am

Lunch at Noon, \$10

Lunch Reservations to be mailed to
the PWB,
with payment included,
no later than

Wed. September 18, 2024

We do have a pay online option,
fees added. Call 336-722-4911 for
information.

You may attend the workshop and not purchase lunch.



Name: _____

Church: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

\$10 per person, amount included: _____

Names of other attendees may be listed on the back.

PWB

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH



Share the Harvest

BENEFITING:



FROM 5PM - 11PM

HICKORY METRO CONVENTION CENTER
1960 13TH AVE DR SE, HICKORY

EAT | FELLOWSHIP | DANCE | RAFFLES & MORE



Church Cleaning: Please consider **cleaning the Church.**

Through the years, we have been blessed with volunteers who signed up to clean the Church. We hope to continue this so there will be no added expense to the Church budget. It only takes an hour or so each week at your convenience. Do a whole month or just one or two weeks. **Sign-up list on Church bulletin board...**

NO CHURCH KEY... NO WORRY. Arrangements can be made to let you in the Church. Cleaning supplies are provided, or you can bring your own. **Let's ALL work together to keep New Hope clean & looking good for ALL who enter here to worship.**

➔ **September Cleaners: David & Jean Sparks**

Board of Elders Small Bulletin Board- In the vestibule you will find (for transparency) at the Fellowship Hall doors summaries of the Board of Elders meetings, Quarterly Average Attendance Report and Quarterly Financial Report. Please look for these updates.

STAYING CONNECTED AT NEW HOPE

WORSHIP:

- 1) Inside
- 2) Parking Lot (Tune to FM 87.9)
- 3) YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCagQSb0gw2QUC-UFiwe5ikg>

DONATE:

Online Giving

<https://mmfa.info/new-hope-moravian-church-north-carolina-donation-form/>.

Please contact Tom Schultz at newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com with any questions.

SOCIAL MEDIA:



Facebook & Instagram
@newhopemoravian



Mark Your Calendar for September

**Sunday, September 1st – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am**

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday, September 2nd –



Tuesday, September 3rd – First Day of Preschool



Thursday, September 5th – Ashure Ministry Volunteer Day 10 -12

**Sunday, September 8th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am**

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Praise and Play

Board of Elders Meeting 11:15 am



Wednesday, September 11th – Patriot Day



Handbells & Chancel Choir Practices Returns

Handbells 6:15 pm

Chancel Choir 7 pm

Friday, September 13th – Make apple pies, 9-12

Sunday, September 15th – Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship Service 10:00 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Lunch following Worship

Wednesday, September 18th – Handbell Practice 6:15 pm

Chancel Choir 7 pm

Thursday, September 19th – Set up for chicken pie making, 1 pm

Friday, September 20th – Chicken cookers arrive, 7:30 am

Dough makers arrive, 8 am

All others arrive, 8:30 am

Saturday, September 21st – Assemble chicken pies, 9-11:30 am

Sunday, September 22nd – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Wednesday, September 25th – **Handbell Practice 6:15 pm**
Chancel Choir 7 pm

Friday, September 27th – **October Newsletter Articles Due**

Sunday, September 29th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

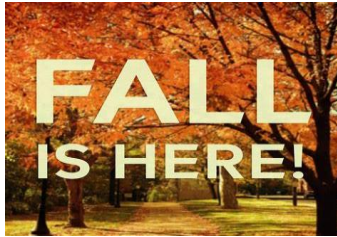


September Birthdays

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

Pray Every Day September 2024

1. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Pray for disaster relief workers and Moravian Disaster Response.
2. You see at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
3. So also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Pray for Joey Yokeley with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
4. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
5. 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 Anna Faircloth with YoungLife.
6. I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. Pray for short term mission teams.
7. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leonne.
8. Oh the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
9. I urge you, in view of Gods mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleased to God-this is your spiritual act of worship. Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
10. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil. Cling to what is good. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
11. As surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
12. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
13. No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
14. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
15. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. Pray for the Michael and Ceci in Kenya and Ray of Hope Orphanage.
16. And now these three remain; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
17. Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love. Pray for The Dwelling and homeless shelters.
18. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
19. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! Pray for the Phil and Ashley Sineath in Campus Outreach.
20. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Pray for Vani and Shanti Pradhan in Nepal.
21. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
22. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
23. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved. Pray for the Blessings Flow project and clean water needs.
24. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
25. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Pray for the Dusty and Christin Harrison with Greek Intersarsity.
26. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
27. But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
28. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
29. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
30. Since then you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.



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