



January 2013 New Hope News



2012 WATCHWORD

**“Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, God
of truth.” Psalm 31:5**

New Hope Moravian Church

Dear Friends,

Come January 1, 2013, we will stand at the threshold of experiencing the seasonal rhythm of a whole New Year. Have you ever really thought about the rhythm of God’s Creation in each passing year? How God shows Himself to us in all of His Creation? How God so obviously reveals Himself is in the changing of the seasons? The writer of the biblical book of (Ecclesiastes 3:1) captures it perfectly, “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.”

Each New Year, God blesses us with 365 days. Who knows what we will find in the New Year? What new experiences or opportunities will come our way? In spite of this uncertainty let us, draw great comfort in knowing: “The Lord your God cares for it... the eyes of the Lord... are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end” (Deuteronomy 11:12).

Let us be encouraged by these powerful words from Ecclesiastes 3:11: “He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.” Those who seek God’s spiritual pathway will stand in awe of His mighty works. They will be set on a seasonal-life-course few will be able to comprehend.

Moravian Bishop Nicholas Ludwig Zinzendorf said it this way: *“He leads us on by paths we did not know: Upward He leads us, though our steps be slow, Though oft we faint and falter on the way, Though storms and darkness oft obscure the day; Yet when the clouds are gone, We know He leads us on. He leads us on through all the unquiet years; past all our dreamland hopes, and doubts and fears, He guides our steps, through all the tangled maze of losses, sorrows, and o’er clouded days; We know His will is done; And still he leads us on.”*

So, as we approach this “New Year of 2013” together, let us place all our “faith, hope and love” in the Savior of the world Jesus Christ! Let us choose to walk with the One who will never leave or forsake us. Let us walk with the One who will lead us on our seasonal and spiritual pathways!

May God richly bless you this New Year!

Pastor Betty Helms

Pray Every Day - January 2013

1. In the Lord alone are righteousness and strength. Pray for the victims of hurricane Sandy.
2. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Pray for volunteers and contributions to help the victims of disasters.
3. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some have entertained angels. Pray for Joanie and Weldon Harris, coordinators of the Mission House in Ocean Springs Mississippi.
4. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt so that you may know to answer everyone Pray for Vani and Shanti Pradhan and the Nepali Moravian Outreach.
5. Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. Pray for Roman Brady and the Monthly Mission Ministries.
6. Sunday-Woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! Pray for the Adopt-a-Child food program in the Sierra Leone Moravian church.
7. Jesus said, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it." Pray for the peace of Israel and the Jewish people.
8. "I am with you always, to the end of the age." Pray for Village Missions as they seek to provide pastors for struggling rural churches in North America.
9. Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
10. There is no perversion of justice with the Lord our God. Pray for Celeste Handy with Inter Varsity Fellowship at the University of New Mexico in Gallup, NM.
11. Jesus died and rose again. God will bring with him those who have died. Pray for Glenna and George Tasedan in Labrador.
12. God will redeem me from the realm of the dead. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
13. Sunday-I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine. Pray for Missionary Aviation Repair Center.
14. The Lord is my son and my shield. Pray for those in retirement communities,
15. No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Pray for Love In the Name of Christ (Love, INC).
16. Turn to me and be saved. I am God and there is no other. Pray for the Master's Mission in Robbins NC.
17. I will gather those who have been scattered and give them praise and honor in the land where they were shamed. Pray for our retired ministers.
18. From this time forward I will make you hear new things that you have not known. Pray for Kendra Roy in Brazil.
19. The Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants. Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima in Sierra Leone.
20. Sunday -There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and varieties of service but the same Lord. Pray for Like-wise Aids Ministry.
21. Blessed be the God who has sent his angel and delivered his servants. Pray for Adopt-A-Village program in Tanzania.
22. Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed. Pray for Andrew and Amy Fields, missionary couple at the Moravian Bible Institute in Honduras.
23. This son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. Pray for Ruth Snyder and Claire Wilson with Changed Choices.
24. The hope of the righteous ends in gladness. Pray for the Bishops and Pastors of the Moravian church.
25. Your way, O God, is holy. Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton with WEC.
26. The Lord gives grace to the humble. Pray for K & C in the Middle East.
27. Sunday-No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God. Pray for C & V and Family with Bridges International in campus ministry in TX,
28. The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Pray for M and B Brent with Campus Crusade in Croatia.
29. God is with you in all that you do. Pray for Michael, Cecilia, and Blessing Tesh serving the children in the Ray of Hope orphanage in Kenya.
30. God is wise in heart, and mighty in strength – who has resisted him and succeeded? Pray for the Community Medical Outreach offered monthly in each congregation in Guyana, offering evaluations, educations, medications.
31. The Lord is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King. Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman with HIV/AIDS ministry in Tanzania.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



January Birthdays

- 10 - Jon Joplin
- 11 - Teri Crowe & Valerie Westmoreland
- 12 - Heather Dickey
- 14 - Angie Pooley
- 15 - Greg Simpson
- 19 - Ann Carr & Emily Johnson
- 21 - Emily Grace Johnson
- 22 - Bernice White & Jeff Dickey
- 26 - Jeremy Johnson & Bill Kunkel
- 28 - Addie Joplin & Will Garrett

Women's Circle will meet Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00 at the home of Cheryl Hendrix. We continue our study on "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World". Come join us for this wonderful study about women who struggled even then in Bible times with conflicts much like our own today. Come be part of this wonderful group of women who come together monthly for fellowship and study.

Women's Fellowship

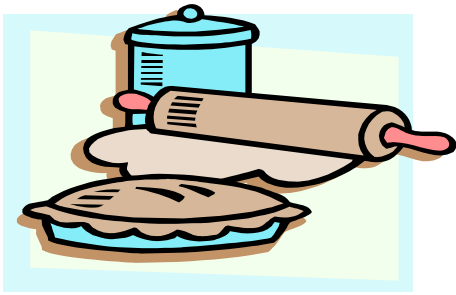
All women of the church are invited to our Women's Fellowship meeting. We will have information and discussion concerning this year's Christmas Candle Tea and make decisions where the money from that tea will be distributed.

Information will also be shared with the group concerning our next chicken pie venture. New officers for the next year will be elected.

Come join us on Tuesday night, **January 8th at 7:00.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of the life of the church. We meet quarterly, one of the meetings is a social (usually in the spring) for the group and the last meeting of the year is our annual trimming of the Lovefeast Candles with a cookie exchange.

Come join us!



“What Says *Love* Like A Chicken Pie!”
New Hopes’ Next Chicken Pie Sale
February 1 & 2

Members of New Hope will once again gather for a Chicken Pie Making Event Friday – Feb. 1 & Saturday - Feb. 2. Due to positive response from the community at our annual Candle Tea/ Bazaar in Dec. for our Moravian Chicken Pies, the Women’s Fellowship will sponsor, with the help of the New Hope Church family, this project. With our limited freezer space, we are only able to produce approximately 200 pies per sale. First preference will be offered to those in the community who signed the “call list” for future sales during the bazaar. Pie sales will be pre-paid. After the community “call list” has been contacted, if we have not fill our 200 pie order limit, pie sales will be open to the congregation.

The Chicken Pie Committee regrets that we can not offer pies first to our congregation. We feel that we must honor those who are on the call list. In the spring there are plans for another pie making sale open for members of New Hope.

Members of the Committee will be calling on you to share your talents of pie assembly and/or donating items or funds for this project. Please mark your calendars for this special date and make plans to join in the fun and fellowship as we gather as a church family for this congregation project. A sign-up sheet for donations and tasks will be posted on the bulletin board the first of January. Watch the Thursday Update for more information.

Thank You,
The Chicken Pie Committee

