



January 2018

New Hope Moravian Church

Newsletter

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2018 Watchword
2018 Congregational Watchword Will Be Selected the
First Sunday of January

Make New Year 2018 Count...

Well, it's a New Year! You all know the spill...the pep talks...the assurances that come with starting a New Year...this year's going to be better. This is the year of new beginnings...this is the year of new opportunities; the year to complete the things on your bucket list. Well, I don't know about you, but year after year, all this chatter does nothing for my motivation. What concerns me is that I've already "experienced" many of my fresh starts and perhaps there's not as many too come. After all, last year was filled with so many "new firsts" for me; so many, I lost count. Perhaps, like me, you are mindful that many of your resolutions last year were not met. Perhaps, it was because there were a lot of unforeseen new first to deal with. All this has made me think; perhaps my list last year wasn't really all that important anyway. Because, God's plan for your life and my life; is the perfect plan. His plan brings praise and glory to His name. Interruptions in our plans might make us feel out of control, but trust me...God's got this!

So here's my dilemma in a nutshell. Maybe it's yours too, as you start this New Year. In my life, I prefer organization, routine and structure...it provides a predictable normal in my life. Predictability and familiarity in our life make us feel safe. And yet, you and I both know life is filled with frantic and crazy unexpected happenings; some good, some not so good. Our routines, predictability and familiarity make our life feel safe, secure and undisturbed. It's what we come to expect and know...it's what we crave for. And, yet, we all know, life is never completely safe and undisturbed...nor secure (except our life in Christ Jesus). In case you hadn't noticed, life is filled with the unpredictable and the all too unfamiliar frenzy of turbulences...Ordinary has never been a key element in my life, and probably not yours either. For this reason, our much desired meaningless

ordinary routine that acts as a security blanket of sorts for us, quickly abandons us and leaves us with feelings of turbulence in the mist of the unexpected in our lives.

The predicament we find ourselves in is this: We want to feel “safe and secure” against “frantic and frenzy.” So how do we make these opposites co-exist? How do we make our lives count for God despite all the unsettling unpredictability’s? How do we keep our calm and secure feeling? Well, I believe our God is the God of impossibilities; He is the God of the impossible! He destines for us to live a life that is far from mundane or ordinary. Our Creator desires that we make a difference in this life...in this world. He desires that we make a difference in the lives of others to further His Kingdom. At times these tasks seem impossible, but remember...God makes all things possible. God uses His Word, His people and circumstances to make a difference in this world. If we risk nothing, preserving our safe and secure routines and ordinary lives, we risk falling short of God’s full potential in our life. God’s assignment for your life this New Year may feel out of reach. You may say, “My life is a disarray and too unpredictable, how can God use me? Well, I am glad you want to know...God can use anyone willing to serve Him with all their heart, body, soul and strength. Psalm 28:7 states: *“The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.”*

So where does this reality leave us in a season of New Year resolutions? This New Year ushers us into right where we need to be, in the hands of a holy God; with our “Faith.” Friends this life is not a dress rehearsal...this is it! So let’s make the most of it. Let’s run our race of faith together amidst the unpredictable and the unfamiliar; amidst the frantic and the frenzy; amidst the ordinary and unsecure.

This New Year, let’s run our race of faith outside our feeling of safe and secure; let’s set goals outside our human capabilities; let’s make our goals so GOD-SIZE, we will know it has to be God who makes it all happen. Remember, God is the God of the impossible! So, step out in faith this New Year and trust Him for the impossible. Let’s run our race of faith and serve God together this New Year. God’s got great things for us to do together. So let’s get started serving and working together in 2018...Happy New Year!!!

In Christ Love and Service,

Pastor Betty

New Hope's 35th Anniversary- February 11, 2018

Has it really been 35 years? Wow!

The worship committee would like to invite those folks that are former members or friends of New Hope. If there are families you have kept in touch with, please start sending in to the church office the name, email address (preferably) or snail mail if you don't have email. That way when it comes time we can send an invitation to them.

Be watching for more exciting news about this special worship service and day.

Christmas Cards at New Hope

Please don't forget to check the pew for any cards that you have placed there for others by worship service the morning of New Year's Eve. After this any remaining will be moved to the Narthex. The church does not mail out any unclaimed cards. So, grab the ones made out to you and any that are unclaimed that you have made.

Moravian Christmas Tradition Presentation Given

In November Malissa Bumgarner & Pastor Betty Helms were invited to speak on Moravian Christmas traditions to the Hickory Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). It was the perfect time to promote our Candle Tea & Bazaar to the 60+ folks present. We covered things such as "What is a Moravian?" & how we are similar, yet different than other denominations. Gave out invites to Candle Tea & Christmas Eve. Shared about our candles, costumes/ribbon colors, stars, cookies, advent wreath, etc. & answered questions. It was a wonderful way to spread the word on the joys of a Moravian Christmas.

Christmas Eve Services

Pastor Betty has said many times “it takes many hands when serving our Lord”. She was so correct in these words. The following are those who volunteered to help with our Christmas Eve Services. The following tasks fell under the Worship Committee. Many thanks to Jane Bumgarner, our Worship Committee Chair & Malissa Bumgarner of the Office, for coordinating all the parts of this service with Pastor Betty’s Guidance.

Combined Offering for ECCCCM- \$1,116.00

Thanks to the Following:

Decorating Sanctuary: Karen Warren, Mark & Malissa Bumgarner, Jane Bumgarner

Parking Gents: John Furmage, John Prevatte and Jeff Beck

Ushers: Ann Carr and Shannon McDonald greet and hand out bulletins. Donna Marie Monge and Mark Bumgarner assist with collecting offering.

Music Department: Phyllis Little- Music Director, Hand bells, & Accompanist, Trevor Bumgarner-Guest Director of Choir (of The Juilliard School), Tom Schultz-Band Director, Adult Soloists: Meggie Bumgarner, Addie Joplin, Almon Carr, Dan Greaser. Voice- Steve Bumgarner. Children’s Choir: 1st service little ones- Leela & Ping Jun Sain, & Adelyn Hildebran. 2nd service big kids- Emily & Kimberly McDonald, Meggie Bumgarner, & Addie Joplin.

Dieners: Fay Ayers (Head Diener), Leslie Srail, Nancy Miller, Roxanne Mosses, Ashley Larsen, Nancy Olson, Mark Bumgarner, Steve Larsen, Jon Joplin, Jerry Snyder.

Nursery: Brenda Nogales, Donna Marie Monge & Ashley Larson / Margaret & Claire Schultz, Amy Brown.

Luminaries: Jane and Steve Bumgarner

Straighten & freshen Sanctuary: Pam & Jon Prevatte

Straighten & freshen Restrooms: Ann & Almon Carr

Straighten & re-stock bulletins for second service: Mark & Malissa Bumgarner, Pam Prevatte

Meal between Services: Margie Furmage & Pam Prevatte. Thanks to all that brought food items to share. Also to Mark Bumgarner for the green solo cups.

Thank you to all for sharing your time and your gift of hospitality to those who attend our Christmas Eve Services.

A special thanks to all who stayed to clean up afterwards also.

The Christmas Eve Poinsettias Placed

In Honor of

Pastor Betty Helms
Malissa & Mark Bumgarner Family

Tom Schultz- New Hope Band Director
Trevor Bumgarner

Steve Bumgarner
His Children & Grandchildren

Bruce & Pam Sigmon- Amanda's Parents
Odessa "Rae" Houston- Amanda's Grandmothe
Hal and Fannie Sigmon- Amanda's Grandparents
Brett, Amanda, Ping Jun, and Leela Sain

The Christmas Eve Poinsettias Placed

In Memory of

Jim Hendrix
The Garretts & Johnsons

Jim Hendrix
Cheryl Hendrix, Their Children & Grandchildren

Myrtle Corpening
Cheryl Hendrix & Family

Bob Warren & Danny Tucker
New Hope Moravian Band

Bob Warren
Karen Warren

Bob Warren- My #1 Music Career Cheerleader
Trevor Bumgarner

Jim Helms
Mark & Malissa Bumgarner Family

Jim Helms
Jane & Steve Bumgarner

Julia Carr Denham- Almon's Sister
Ann & Almon Carr

Inez Riley
New Hope Moravian Church Family

Rachel Lail and Alex Lail
Anita Scism

Raymond & Helen Hatley
Nancy Miller

Cont.
The Christmas Eve Poinsettias Placed
In Memory of

Aaron Greaser

Dan, Thelma, Kimberly, Autumn Greaser, Danita, Rachel

Wayne Garrett
Emily Garrett

Our Parents
Dan & Thelma Greaser

Scott & Pat Sain- Brett's Parents
Brett, Amanda, Ping Jun, and Leela Sain

Jeffrey, Don & Carroll Williams, III
Our Sons
Libby & Carroll Williams, II

Julia & Jim Dougall
Mark & Roxanne Moses

William & Joanne Moses
Mark & Roxanne Moses

Deb McLauchlin
Tom & Margaret Schultz

Robert & Rachel Shilling
The Schultz Family

Thomas E. Schultz
The Schultz Family

Oneita & Glenn Bumgarner, Janice & Robert Lawton
Our Parents
Mark & Malissa Bumgarner

Many of these poinsettias are still in the Sanctuary. Please take the ones that are yours or that were bought as gifts for someone else. Please take them. If you wish to leave them to beatify the sanctuary, that is fine. Just let Mark Bumgarner know so he does not discard them if wanted. Thank You.

Church Board of Elders

Elections were held at the Church Council on November 5. The following were elected for three year terms: Dwane Hutto, Carolyn McDonald and Roxanne Mosses. They will replace the outgoing Board Members: Margie Furmage, Shannon McDonald and Denise Beck.

The Board retreat for 2018 will be held on Friday January 19th and Saturday January 20th. Outgoing members are asked to be present for the Friday meeting, along with the 2018 members. This will make the transition easier. The Saturday meeting is for the members serving 2018 and beyond. The retreat sets the schedule and focus for the year. Committee chairs are established also.

Many thanks to Margie, Shannon and Denise for your dedication and service to New Hope over the past three years.

Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry (ECCCM)

Report for 2017

Below is information for the January newsletter about ECCCM from Mission Committee. The volunteer figures came from the sign-up sheets.

Seven members logged 33 volunteer hours in the ECCCM food pantry in 2017. Thank you for your commitment to volunteering on our assigned first Thursday of each month. This will remain our 2018 assigned day.

We donated **341 pounds** from our community collection at Candle Tea. Our Christmas Eve community offering of **\$1,116.00** has all been donated to ECCCM.

Currently we are collecting "cold weather" canned goods--soups, stews, meats, pastas. A total amount of these type donations for 2017 will be reported at a later date.

Sincerely, Ann Carr
Mission Committee

2018 Church Helpers Needed:



Church building Cleaners for 2018

New sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. More than one family can work together.

All cleaning supplies are provided, but some prefer to bring their own favorite ones.

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

The more families that participate, the fewer times the same folks have to cover this.

What we have so far: January- Mark & Malissa Bumgarner

February- Faye & Jeff Ayers

Lay Readers of Bible Verses during Worship

These are folks that read several scriptures during the worship service. Pastor Betty lets you know the verses ahead of time so that you can look them up and/or practice if you like. You may read from the pulpit Bible, your own Bible, the Bible on your phone or a print out of the verses, whatever makes you feel the most comfortable.

To date we have all women signed up again. There are still some openings. Gentlemen- Please give this some thought.

ECCCM of Newton Volunteers

Our designated day for New Hope is still the first Thursday of each month. You are certainly welcome to work any other days if you are willing and able. ECCCM is always in need of help. If you do go please list your name and number of hours that you worked so Service & Witness can track.

New Hope used to be assigned only 1 week per year to help at ECCCM. We would have anywhere from 2-5 people that could go over and the total hours were minimal and varied. This new system of assigning 1 day a month has increased our participation dramatically.

Way to go Mission Committee!!!!!!



2018 Unity Prayer Watch

For

New Hope Moravian:

January 6...this Fri-Midnight till Sat-6am

What Is It? This is an unbroken stream of prayer by Moravians around the world continually all year.

When is it? THIS FRIDAY NIGHT starting at midnight till Saturday at 6:00 AM.

Where is it? Usually there are worship opportunities, special prayer circles, and times for members and friends that include coming to the church to pray during the assigned period as available. New Hope has the middle of the night so the church **will not be open** and Pastor Betty wants you to safely pray at home.

Why do we do it? The Moravian Church has experienced spiritual renewal and strength through a covenant of prayer. In 1727, the church in Herrnhut, Germany covenanted for an “hourly intercession” which continued for one hundred years with great blessing to the entire Moravian Church. The “Prayer Watch” in which Moravians around the world participate was reestablished in 1957, the 500th anniversary of the Unitas Fratrum. The prayer watch means prayer is being offered somewhere in the Unity 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The church has gained a great deal of strength in good times and in times of difficulty through prayer.

How Do We Do It? Some resources include the Daily Texts for the day, “Hymnal of the Moravian Church” Liturgy of Adoration, pp.18-22; hymns on prayer, pp. 444-468; “Moravian Book of Worship” General 1: Shorter Church Litany, pp. 10-12; Hymns on prayer, pp. 737-750.

At the end of this newsletter there is plenty more info on what to pray for during the time frame that you are available to be up and praying for (usually 30 minute slots).

**Pastor Betty has said she will kick things off from 12:00 midnight-1:00AM.
You are welcome to join her or select another time.**

We ask God's blessings as your congregation joins in this worldwide offering of intercessions!

Grace and peace,
The Provincial Elders' Conference (PEC)



NEW HOPE MORAVIAN CHURCH
35th Annual Candle Tea & Christmas Bazaar
A Huge Success on December 2, 2017!!!!

Many thanks to the following for the beautiful Christmas Music Performed by New Horizon Band with the New Hope Moravian Band, Directed by Tom Schultz. The Soloists were our own Meggie Bumgarner & Kimberly McDonald who grew up in our church. The visitors and church members were delighted to hear your beautiful voices again. Many thanks also to Phyllis Little for accompanying them. To Fay Ayers, Head Diener and the dieners who served. To Nancy Miller speaking to the attendees, and to Pastor Betty for mingling and helping where needed.

The Following was offered and handled by:

- ❖ Putz, A narrated Nativity set to Music- Pam Prevatte & Anita Scism
- ❖ Beeswax Candles- Pat deBlois
- ❖ Moravian Sugar Cake, Cookies & Moravian Buns- Mark Bumgarner (ordered & obtained)
- ❖ Stained Glass, Tin Ware, Woodwork- Nancy Miller coordinates
- ❖ Baked Goods- Amy Johnson- Bakery Coordinator
- ❖ Handmade Arts and Crafts- Numerous Church Members- Thanks to all Crafty Crafters!
- ❖ New Hope Quilt raffle- Pat deBlois quilter, many women stitch the squares
- ❖ Moravian Chicken Pies- Margie Furrage, Jane Bumgarner, Pam Prevatte & the Chicken Pie Committee along with numerous faithful workers made 500+ pies and sold out!!!
- ❖ Apple Pies- Jane & Steve Bumgarner and the apple pie team
- ❖ Pecan Pies & Moravian Slaw- Jane & Steve Bumgarner. Thanks for making these yummy items and selling them also.
- ❖ Silent Auction- Thelma Greaser handled this area which was packed with very nice items bringing top dollar. Thanks to those who donated the items.
- ❖ Vendors- Leslie Srail arranged for a variety of items & crafts to be sold alongside our own crafts. Special Guest Venders: Mrs. Loafman's Moravian art & Sally, The Sister Mouse books with author
- ❖ New this year- "The Tasting Room" with delicious Cooke Tavern Soups mixes for sale. Thanks to Nancy & Jim Olson. Yum.

It was a beautiful experience even though we were shorthanded due to illnesses/work obligations. We collected 341 pounds of dry goods for ECCCM Food Bank and ~650 attended. We saw old friends & many new faces as well. Great job everyone!!

Dear Moravian Sisters and Brothers,

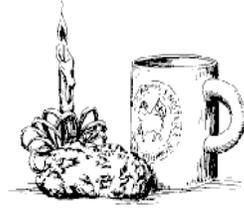
On this very special day,

May the peace of Christ comfort and sustain you.

May the light of Christ show you the way.

May the promise of Christ give you hope.

May the love of Christ fill your heart to overflowing that you may share that love wherever you go..



Christmas Blessings from the Unity Women's Desk.

Reverend Patricia Garner, Coordinator

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**BOARD OF
WORLD MISSION**
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Dear Churches,

It's the most wonderful time of the year! I hope this message finds all of you relaxed and stress free! (LOL!) Attached is an insert from the Board of World Mission, for your JANUARY Newsletters and/or any December/January 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 Antioch, Jill Kolodziej. Jill shares with us one of the many stories of rebuilding efforts from this year's devastating hurricanes. Thank you for sharing this message as many ways as you can. There is still so much work to be done.

I have attached the "*Mission Minute*" in Word and PDF formats – hopefully one of them will work for you. We are always open to suggestion and welcome them along with any comments you may have. Also, if you notice that there someone missing from the list who might be interested in sharing these messages, please let me know.

Thank you in advance for helping us share the message about the important work the BWM mission is doing, and how you can join us!.

Wishing you all a most blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy 2018!

Peace and Joy,

Deb Swanson

Executive Assistant

Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church, N.A.



Board of World Missions: In Texas the winds have subsided, the water has receded, and now the long, hard work of restoration has begun. Through the generous donations of resources and time, homes are beginning to be made habitable again. Aaron Van Der Linden of Wisconsin is working with the Board of World Mission and the Unity of the Brethren to help assess sites for the work that needs to be accomplished as well as coordinate those that volunteer to assist with the reconstruction. One of the projects Aaron and a team of volunteers have been tasked with is a house deemed a house too far gone for renovation. The short story is that the termite damage in this house was very bad and had ruined a load-bearing wall. This wall held up the roof and the roof addition. Section by section they propped the house up, removed the rotted wall and replaced it. This house is now safe for them to make repairs to other damaged areas, and hang drywall.

This is just an example of ONE home of thousands that received damage from this year's hurricanes. There is still much work to be done.

If you or a team are interested in assisting with the ongoing effort to rebuild the lives of the residents of Texas please contact the BWM at the Northern Province office @ 610.868.1732 or the Southern Province office at 336.773.1732.



There



New Hope Moravian Church & the American Red Cross are hosting blood drive.

Address: [2897 Sandy Ford Road, Newton, NC, 28658](#)

Date: Mon Jan 15, 2018

Coordinator Name: Craig DeBlois

Room Name: Fellowship Hall

Time: 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Coordinator Phone Number: [8282944802](tel:8282944802)

[Click here to make an appointment](#)

Come and help people in need of Blood. Contact New Hope Moravian Church or reply to the attached email.

Thank You, Craig deBlois

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!

Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App on the [App Store](#), [Google Play](#) or text BLOODAPP to 90999. Schedule appointments, get rewards and invite friends to join you on a lifesaving team.

Pray Every Day January 2018

1. You must be careful to do as the Lord your God has commanded you. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison, Greek InterVarsity Campus Ministry.(www.greekiv.org)
2. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying a heavy burden, and I will give you rest. Pray for Brian & Heather Marx with MAF (Bmarx@maf.org).
3. Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF in Nampa, Idaho.
4. God chose what is low and despised in the world, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima in the Mission Area of Sierra Leone.
5. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. Pray for Antioch servants and for Jill Kolodziej, Director.
6. Epiphany of the Lord. See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him. Pray for Rob and Anne Thiessen in Mexico.
7. Sunday. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor. Pray for Michael Woo and family.
8. Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? Pray for Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide Alaska Bible Seminary, Bethel, AK.
9. From your lofty abode you water them out to: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. Pray for the Moravian Volunteer Resources.
10. God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for Moravian fellowships and young congregations.
11. For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin. Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman with HIV/AIDS ministry.
12. The Lord God will take away the disgrace of his people from all the earth. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent.
13. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully. Pray for Michael, Cecilia, Blessing, and Love Tesh in Kenya.
14. Sunday. The Lord was with Joseph; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper. Pray for Charlie & Vickie Brent and family serving in campus ministry in TX.
15. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton with WEC.
16. Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed. Pray for Ruth Snyder and Claire Wilson with "Changed Choices."
17. To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God. Pray for Kevin & Charity in the Middle East.
18. You are the trust of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest sea. Pray for Annie B. Mission, Star Mountain in Palestine.
19. The promises of the Lord are promises that are pure. Pray for the Moravian Mission Areas of Sierra Leone, Cuba, and Peru.
20. God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. Pray for the advisory board of the Unity Women's Desk.
21. Sunday. Trust in him at all times, pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Pray for Justin Rabbach, Director of Board of World Mission.
22. He knows the secrets of the heart. Pray for Ashley and Philip Sineath in Campus Outreach.
23. The Lord was with Samuel and let none of his words fall to the ground. Pray for the Radio Station project and the newly established churches in Sierra Leone.
24. Help, oh Lord, for there is no longer anyone who is godly. Pray for Joe Jarvis and the work with Cuban Moravian Church.
25. Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due. Pray for Allen and Deedee lobst in Spain in campus ministry.
26. You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off. Pray for volunteers who run soup kitchens

and feed the hungry.

27. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. Pray for the Moravian churches and missions in Peru.
28. Sunday. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Pray for the Bishops of the Moravian Church.
29. I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them. Pray for Wings of Mercy in Honduras.
30. May God continue to bless us; for all the ends of the earth revere him. Pray for outreach to disaster victims
31. I was saying to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.

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Unity Prayer Watch 2018 Topics For

The Worldwide Moravian Unity

– its 24 Unity Provinces, 2 Unity Undertakings, 5 Mission Provinces, and 15 Mission Areas: • The Unity Committee on Theology; • The Unity Mission and Development Board; • The Unity Provinces, Mission Provinces, Mission Areas, witnessing to their people and in many places struggling with poverty or with secularization; • The Unity Women’s Desk and Unity Youth Committee; • The 2 Unity Undertakings: the Unity Archives; and the work at Star Mountain, Ramallah; • The unity of the worldwide Unity, given the very differing cultures and circumstances; • That the Unity may remain faithful to its calling and mission; • The fellowship of believers within the Unity and with those who are not part of the Unity; and • Prayer for those serving the worldwide Unity. For the Unity Board, pray for... • The Unity Chair, Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis, and the other members of the Unity Executive Committee, including North American representative Rev. David Guthrie; and the Unity Board Administrator, Jørgen Bøytler. Unity Provinces For the Alaska province, pray for... • the congregations, fellowships, outreach ministries and their pastors; • the provincial board and its chairperson Rev. Isaac Amik; • resources and pastoral help to support their new mission outreach in Marshall, Alaska; • the Alaska Bible Seminary—gratitude for more people who are feeling called to study; • economic challenges and needs for renovation of church buildings, equipment and heating systems; • opportunities for youth as they deal with alcohol, suicide, and other difficulties; and • Situations of division within the province. For the America Northern province, pray for... • the 85 congregations and 3 emerging ministries that they may be agents of change in their communities; • the PEC president, Betsy Miller and the other members of the Provincial Elders’ Conference: David Bennett, Bruce Nelson, Greg Weir, Wilton Grannum, Jill Westbrook, and Tom Zimmer, as they serve the church through leadership and administration; • the upcoming 2018 Provincial Synod; • the ministry of its agencies: the Archives, the Provincial Women’s Board; • the Camp and Conference Centers – VanEs, Mt Morris, Camp Hope; • the senior living facilities: Marquardt Village, Moravian Manor, Moravian Hall Square, Moravian Care Ministries; and • Renewed passion and commitment to the gospel through its Healthier Congregations initiatives. For the Costa Rica province, pray for... • the congregations, their ordained pastors, the provincial board and its chairperson, Leopoldo Pixley; • continued reconciliation between the Province and the group that formerly made up the Pavas congregation; and • The School of Worship and Music and the Multi-use Building. 2 For the Czech province, pray for... • the congregations, ministers, the provincial board and its chairperson, Bishop Petr Krasny; • the Blahoslav Secondary School; • continued reconciliation of the two groups of

Moravians; • the focus of congregations on the needs of the society around them, and for the resources for their projects; • the gypsy congregation named Nevo Dživipen and their congregants, the ongoing mission work in Poland; and • The recurring influence of the Communists upon the country. For the Democratic Republic of Congo province pray for... • the congregations, pastors and evangelists, as well as the teachers for the Theological faculty, • the provincial board and its chairperson Bishop Moise Tshimanga; and • Safety and effective witness in situations of conflict arising in the region. For the Eastern West Indies province, pray for... • the congregations and fellowships scattered in ten islands under five different governments; • the provincial board and its chairperson, Cortroy Jarvis; • mission efforts in Tortola, Grenada and Haiti; and • The opportunity for closer ties between this province and the North American Provinces. For the European Continental province, pray for... • the congregations, fellowships and outstations in 8 different countries that form the province; • the provincial board and its chairperson, Rev. Raimund Hertzsch; • the many refugees who have been coming into Europe and helped by the church, speaking a word of “encouragement against hatred”; • the extension of the work in the Baltic countries, in particular Estonia; • the continued influence of the Losungen (Daily Texts) with a printing of more than 1 million copies; • the ministries of the German Mission Board (HMH), ZZg of the Netherlands, Mission 21 in Switzerland, and the mission outreach in Stockholm and Latvia; • the ministry of the Danish Mission Board and the mission staff in Christiansfeld; and • Continued mission outreach in Albania, Latvia, Cottbus, Germany and East Germany. For the Great Britain and Ireland province, pray for... • the congregations, the provincial board and its chairperson, Gillian Taylor; • new vision and new expressions of church and God's blessing on our small churches as they work and witness in an aggressively secular civil society; • the students preparing for pastoral service; • the involvements of the British Mission Board in North India, Jamaica, Tanzania, and Nepal; and • The two independent Moravian Schools, their students, staff and governors. For the Guyana province pray for... • the provincial board and its chairperson, Noel Adonis; • the congregations of the province that they be revitalized with increased stewardship and commitment to Christ; and wisdom to address vexing issues related to crime and violence, out-migration of strong leaders, economic development, land use, and a high incidence of HIV/AIDS; and • for the ecumenical United Mission in five congregations, in collaboration with the Methodist and Congregational churches; 3 For the Honduras province, pray for... • the congregations, pastors, and lay pastors; the provincial board and its chairperson, Raby Becam; • the positive signs of reconciliation between the Province and the Mission Province to continue; • the mission outreach to the Garífuna, Belize and Tawahkas; • the radio outreach program; • the medical program and the Ahuas Clinic; • theological education through the Bible Institute in Puerto Lempira; • the Alas de Socorro aviation ministry and its new pilot; and • Strength and wisdom as they confront ongoing division within the church and the effects of drugtrafficking and violence in their country. For the Jamaica province, pray for... • the congregations, pastors, the provincial board and its chairperson, Phyllis Smith-Seymour, • for healing of the province through recent turmoil; • the camping and evangelistic programs; • the opportunity for closer ties in mission with the North American Board of World Mission; • the United Theological College of the West Indies, where Jamaican and EWI Moravian pastors are trained; and • Mission outreach in Haiti, in collaboration with the EWI Province. For the Malawi province, pray for... • the provincial board and chairman, Henry Mwakibinga; • the furtherance of evangelism to reach out to more people; • increased refugees from Burundi and DR Congo; and • The furtherance of social and economic activities to the poor people of Malawi. For the Nicaragua province, pray for... • the congregations of different ethnicities, the Provincial Board and its chair, Joseph Rivera; • the social

development ministry of ADSIM, that it deals with the many challenges of the social ills it faces; • the medical and public health programs being developed in Bilwaskarma; • new outreach efforts in the interior region of Matagalpa; and • The church to maintain unity in the face of potential division. For the South Africa province, pray for... • the main stations, outstations, and preaching sites, the chairperson, Godfrey Cunningham, and provincial board; • the lay workers' training program; and • The land reform efforts to allow land ownership on Mission Station land. For the Suriname province, pray for... • the congregations, the provincial board and its chairperson, Rev Hesdie Samuel; • 70 primary and advanced elementary education schools, three homes for the elderly, five children's home, three boarding schools, and youth ministries; • the evangelistic work in French Guyana, and in the Hinterland where there is a mission hospital; and • The theological education program. For the Tanzania Eastern province and Zanzibar mission area pray for... • the congregations, its members along the coastal region and provincial chairperson, Samuel Mwiseje; • the lack of employment for youth; • the growing mission efforts in Zanzibar; and • The faithful witness of Moravians within a strong Muslim area. 4 For the Tanzania (Lake Tanganyika) province, pray for... • the congregations, pastors and evangelists, and Chairman Charles Katale and other leaders in the church; • the construction of the Kaliua Secondary School; • upgrading the clinic building for the Ichemba dispensary; and • The resources to deal with the many refugees, some of them Moravian, coming in from Burundi and The Congo. For the Tanzania (Northern) province, pray for... • the congregations and evangelical mission centers, the provincial board and chair, Peter Malema; • proposed leadership training at all levels; and • Opportunities to move into remote areas to share the Gospel. For the Tanzania (Rukwa) province, pray for... • the congregations, outstations and ordained pastors, and provincial chairperson, Nebort K. Sikazwe; • the African Rainbow Secondary School and the problem with competition from the government schools; and • The Mlimani Theological College and its students. For the Tanzania (Southern) province, pray for... • the congregations, pastors, the provincial board and its chairperson, Samuel Kabigi; • the issue of transport, especially for the mission areas of Ruvuma and Njombe; • the areas affected by drought and flooding; and • More trained staff for the Isoko Hospital. For the Tanzania (South-West) province, pray for... • the congregations, outstations, pastors, the provincial board and its vice-chairperson, Bro. Sichone; • the potential development of a Mission Province in the Mbozi region; • the teachers and students at TEKU University in Mbeya; • the continued challenges of poverty and HIV/AIDS; and • The threat of losing church property due to high land taxes. For the Tanzania (Western) province, pray for... • the congregations, outstations, pastors and evangelists, the provincial board and its chairperson, Ezekiel Yona; • the hospital and its staff in Sikonge, along with the dispensaries, including the one in Tabora; • church-run schools of Bishop Kisanji, Lusangi and Ussoke; • the significant poverty, especially in the rural areas, due to unemployment, bad weather, and inflation; • supervision of mission areas in Kenya, Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda; and • Mission among the Sukuma people and the Muslim. For the Zambia province, pray for... • the congregations, ordained ministers, pastors, evangelists, the provincial board and its chairperson, Happy Sikafunda; • the development of capital projects to bring income into the church; and • the goals to further spread the gospel within Zambia; and Mission Provinces Mission Province of Burundi, pray for • guidance and strength for the development under the leadership of Rev. Ntahnkuriye Salatiel; • relief from the political tensions within their country and for those who are now refugees in Tanzania; and • Wisdom and vision for the leadership of the church. Mission Province of Cuba, pray for... • the national board and president Tania Sanchez Fonseca; • the bishop-elect, Rev. Armando Rusindo; • different groups now meeting, with ordained ministers and lay pastors; • the growing outreach in

Holguin, as well as the Comenius Center; • efforts for land and produce development to help their church communities; and • The beginning outreach in Ecuador. Mission Province of the Czech Republic, pray for... • the congregations and outstations, ordained ministers, the leadership and chair, Ondrej Halama; • the project for the Prague congregation house; and • Future leadership within the church. Mission Province of Honduras, pray for... • the congregations, pastors, provincial board and its chairperson, José Smith; • ongoing efforts toward reconciliation with the Honduras Province; • the Bible Institute in Ahuas, its leadership and students, and the 3 students taking additional on-line theological training through a seminary in Costa Rica; and • New mission outreach. Moravian Church in Newfoundland and Labrador, pray for... • the congregations, the provincial board chair, Sarah Jensen, and all leaders of the province; • opportunities for theological education and the preparation of new leaders and pastors; and • The four established congregations in Happy Valley, Makkovik, Hopedale and Nain and several smaller groups of Moravians in Postville and St. John's, Newfoundland. Mission Areas 1. Moravian Church in Belize, pray for... • work in communities with a growing membership; and • Theological training for leaders in the church. 2. Moravian Church in Eastern Congo in Sud Kivu and Katanga (DR Congo), pray for... • congregations, ordained ministers and evangelists; • the Uvira Orphans Center; • the mission station for Pygmies; and • Release from the wars they have experienced. 3. Moravian Church in French Guyana 4. Moravian work among the Garífuna people in Honduras, pray for... • The churches and pastors in this region. 5. Moravian Church in Haiti, pray for... • continued support for pastors training at United Theological College in Jamaica; and • Development of reconstruction plans for buildings affected by Hurricane Mitch. 6. Moravian Church in Iringa (Tanzania South West) 7. Moravian Church in Kenya, (Western Tanzania) 8. Moravian Church in Kiwele (Western Tanzania) 9. Moravian Church in Peru (America North), pray for... • its national board and president, Christopher Valencia; • growth in the house churches and resources to continue renting space; and • Further development of leadership and income-generating projects. 10. Moravian Church in Ruvuma-Njombe (Tanzania Southern) 11. Moravian Church in Rwanda 12. Moravian Church in Sierra Leone (America South), pray for... • the high school and the hope for finding qualified teachers; • new outreach to share the gospel in nearby villages; • a new computer and science lab for the school; and • Continued collaboration with the Muslim leadership to meet the needs of children in their village. 13. Moravian Church in South Asia (British), pray for... • the school in Rajpur under the leadership of Rev. Thespal Kundan and new leadership with his retirement; • the ministry and school in Ladakh under Rev. Elijah Gergen and new leadership with his retirement; • the translation project in Ladakh; and • The ministry in Nepal under the Rev. Nagendra Pradhan, assisted by Revs. Shanti and Vani Pradhan. 14. Moravian Church in Uganda 15. Moravian Church in Zanzibar (Eastern Tanzania), pray for... • the church members and the primary school; and • The need for an administrative office and houses. Prospective Mission Areas 1. Angola 2. Mozambique 3. South Sudan Other Prayers For your nation, pray for... • the president of the United States, Donald Trump; the prime minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau; and all elected officials as they seek to govern, that they might lead with justice and concern for the poor and those without voice; • courageous and faithful witness against racism, bigotry, and oppression; • ecumenical relationships: The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and The Episcopal Church with whom we are in full communion; the United Methodist Church who approved our full communion relationship in 2016, awaiting synod consideration in 2018; the Covenant Partnership (2010) with the Presbyterian Church (USA); our work with Christian Churches Together (CCT); our membership in the World Council of Churches, and state councils of churches (FL, NC, and VA). • increasing peace, mutual respect and

harmony, particularly in areas experiencing protracted violence and fear; • the issues of health care, violence, racial tensions, domestic violence, child abuse, and poverty (to name a few) that impact the people of our continent and our faithful response to people of great need, and • The world in which we live and our commitment to be careful stewards of the land, water, and air. For our Southern Province, pray for... • the 54 congregations and 9 Fellowships that form our Province, that we would be faithful to God's invitation to join God at work in our neighborhoods and around the world; • the Bishops residing in our province: Wayne Burkette, Sam Gray, Graham Rights, Lane Sapp, and John Wilson, as they pray for the work of the church and provide counsel for our pastors; • The members of the Provincial Elders' Conference: Ron Bell, Ray Burke, Peggy Carter, Daniel Crews, David Guthrie, Chris Thore, and Joyce Vance. 7 • The 2018 Provincial Synod April 19-22, 2018, and its theme: Living the Essentials: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. • The emerging ministries of Anthony's Plot community (Russ May), Come and Worship (Brad Bennett); and a developing ministry to immigrants in the Forsyth County area (Angelica Regalado). • the 12 Regional Conferences of Churches as they share, support and engage in mission together; • increasing vitality in our congregations through the eight characteristics of health: Relationship with Jesus Christ both personally and corporately, Worship, Mission, Leadership, Cooperation, Ministry, Stewardship, and Growth; • faithfulness to God's invitation to share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed with our neighbors and around the world; • The Board of Cooperative Ministries, and its staff: Ruth Burcaw, Beth Hayes, Heather Stevenson, Andrew Cox, Amy Linville, Hanna Jackson. • The Provincial Women's Board. Its staff: Cindy Lamb; Board chair: Mallie Graham. • The Provincial Support Services Board: Ron Bell, Peggy Dodson, David Guthrie, Joe Hoover, Sabrina Maksi, David Marcus, Katherine Wilkerson (chair). • The Provincial Finances Office. Robyn Glance, CFO, Donna Hampton, Drew Coulter; the Human Resources and Benefits Administrator, Paula Midkiff. • The Provincial Archives. It's staff: Eric Elliott, Nicole Crabbe. • the Mission Society of the Moravian Church, South, Donna Hurt (chair); • Sunnyside Ministry of the Moravian Church. Its staff: David Holston, Jonathan Barnes, Charles Forrest, Tommy Thomas. • Laurel Ridge Moravian Camp and Conference Center. Its staff: Tres Fordham, Terry Rausch; Teresa Cude, Scarlett Dowdy. • the clergy of our province as they minister in settings as diverse as congregations, seminaries, prisons, and hospitals; • the church educators of our province; • the retired clergy and their spouses; • Pastors serving in specialized ministry: Logan Jones (Rex Hospital), Heather Vacek (Pittsburg Theological Seminary), Nola Knouse (Moravian Music Foundation); Bert Chin (VITAS Hospice). • candidates for the ordained ministry: Leslie Cox, Andrew Craver, Illovis Gonzalez, Fran Saylor; and for others to be called by the Holy Spirit into the service of the Church; and • the lay people who give of their time and talent on numerous boards, committees, and task forces • Our partnership with Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry; Chaplain Robert Wolfe. • Salemtowne, the Moravian Retirement Community, its leadership team, associates, and residents. Mark Steele (President/CEO); Deron Mabe (Board Chair). • our educational institutions: Salem Academy and College, Lorraine Sterritt (President); Moravian College and Theological Seminary, and its faculty: Frank Crouch (Dean), Deborah Appler, Craig Atwood, Tim Luckritz Marquis, Nelson Rivera, Michelle Santiago, Riddick Weber, Jane Williams. • staff of the Interprovincial Board of Communication: Mike Riess, Jill Bruckart, and Sue Kiefner; • the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America: Chris Spaugh, Laura Watson and Kara Yates; • the Moravian Music Foundation: Nola Reed Knouse, Gwyneth Michel, Margaret Brady, and Erik Salzwedel; and • The Board of World Mission as the vision for mission around the world is integrated with the vision of local mission within your community. Pray for the staff: Judy Ganz and the new Executive Director, Sam Gray, Justin Rabbach, Jill Kolodziej, Deb Swanson, Sheila Beaman, and Rex Knowlton; For your congregation, pray for... • discernment of God's leading for how

your church participates in God's ongoing work; • your church board(s) and program committees; • your pastor(s); church educator(s), and other ministry and administrative staff; • members and those involved with the life and witness of the congregation; 8 • those with special needs (such as the ill and the home-bound); • ministries of worship, music, spiritual formation and nurture, outreach and evangelism, and social justice; • organizations of the congregation; • local ecumenical and community programs; and • Your neighbors near and far.

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now" Philipians 1:3-5