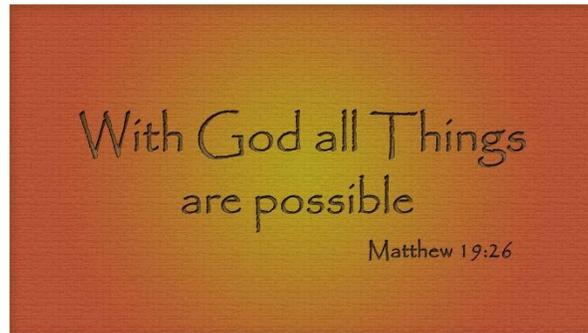


**March 2020**  
**New Hope Moravian**  
**Church**

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**2020 Watchword**

"If I understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing."  
(1 Corinthians 13:2 NIV)



*Failure & Delays: The Back Door to Success*

"What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead. Men and Women of God in days of old were famous for their faith."  
Hebrews 11:1-2 (TLB) (NLT)

It has been said, "If you want to hit home runs you've got to be willing to strike out." Top batters in baseball have all struck out many times. And most people who have succeeded in life have also struck out many times. For example, Walt Disney went broke seven times and had a nervous breakdown before he became successful. At age 40, Henry Ford was broke. Thomas Edison failed more than 6,000 times before he could get an electric light bulb to work. As a child, one of his teachers even called him a dunce. Abraham Lincoln was well known for his many failures but became one of America's most beloved presidents. And Albert Einstein and Werner von Braun both flunked courses in mathematics. History is filled with similar stories. Perhaps, you can relate to the failures of these famous people.

The reason these people all succeeded is because they didn't quit; they did not give up. They believed they could succeed and they stuck with it until they did. As the old saying goes, "Quitters never win and winners never quit!" So, if you and I want to hit some home runs, we

need to get out there, stand at the base and keep on swinging. Eventually we, too, will win if we "keep the faith" and never give up.

Furthermore, if you're genuinely seeking to do what you know God wants you to do, there will always be a way to do it; with God all things are possible. Faith says, "With God's help I'll find the way and I'll keep on trying!" With God even the impossible is made possible...With God all things are possible!

Remember, too, the only real failure is not to get up one more time when we strike out or get knocked down. Remember, too, that in every failure God always has something valuable for us to learn. In fact, failures and delays are often our greatest teachers, a blessing in disguise. The key issue is to follow your God-given potential, and not allow failures or delays to stop you; Don't give up...Don't ever give up!

The young missionary Henry Martyn said, "If [God] has work for me to do, I cannot die."

Brothers and Sisters, God has work for all of us to do...Work only we are called to do; God has much work for us to do until He returns for His Church. So I appeal to you today. Let's do this work together, let's not yield to the evil spirit of failures and delays. Let us love God's Truth; Let us holdfast to what we learn from God's Truth! Then let us speak with boldness what we have learned from God's Word to those in the world! Let us let Jesus' light shine in us for all to see! What you read and hear in the Scriptures proclaim it...And do not fear failures or delays in the face of any man or woman; For God is with you!

As Romans 8:31-32 NIV states, "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" Let us as we walk our walk of faith; let us remember Romans 8:37 NIV "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

Let us pray this prayer: "Dear God, help me to know for certain what my God-given life purpose is, and with Your help, let me never give up no matter how great the challenges are. Help me also to realize that in every failure or delay of my life, you have a valuable lesson for me to learn. Thank you, Lord, for hearing and answering our prayers. In Jesus' name...Amen."

*In Christ Love & Service,*

*Pastor Betty*

## 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 March.

The dates are:

- **Thursday, March 5** -1:00 set up and make boxes
- **Friday, March 6** 7:00 chicken cookers arrive  
8:00 dough makers arrive  
9:00 gravy makers and all other helpers arrive
- **Saturday, March 7** 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!



We are collecting recycled canning jars in pint and jelly sizes for use in canning bazaar items. There is a collection box outside the church office.

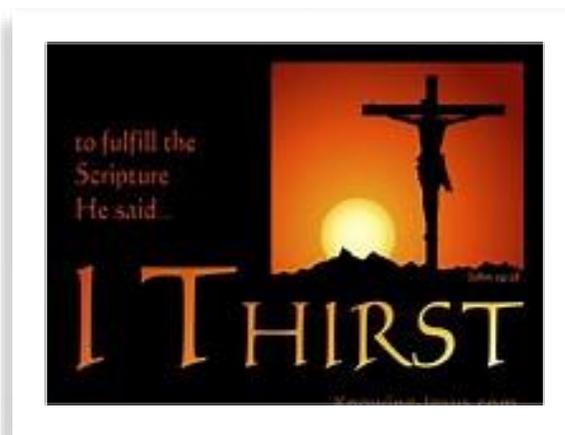
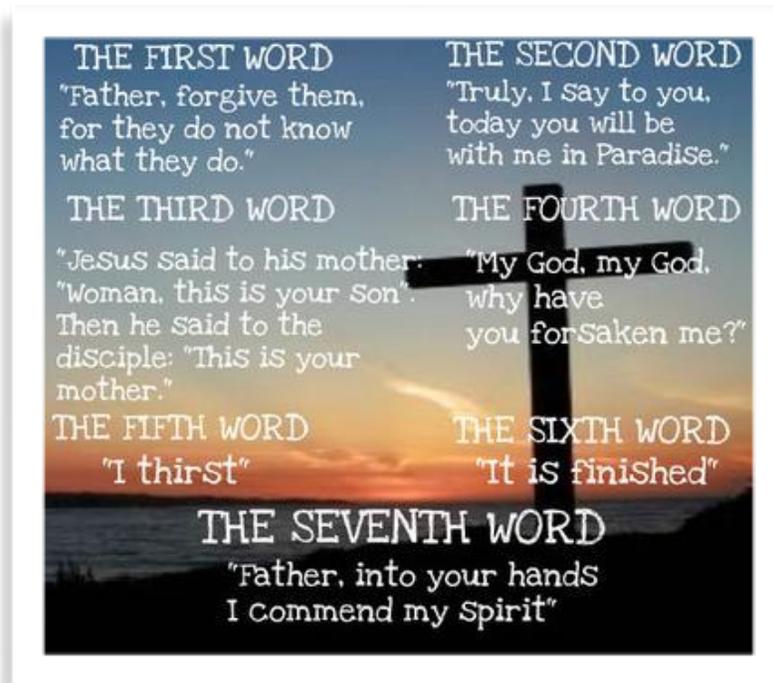
# The 5th Word

## "I Thirst"

Sunday School (March 1, 2020)

Some of the last words Jesus uttered while hanging on the cross were

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## 'I thirst'

These sorrowful words are simple, yet very human. Jesus Christ, the thirsty one, shares deeply in the mess and muddle of human living. The CROSS is about the

suffering and the longing of Jesus; it shows us his pain and his love and the depths to which He would go - did go - so that, through Him, we may know

### Our Father Who Art in Heaven

The hope is that, as we enter into Lent and come to the great festival of Easter, we will know afresh that the One who thirsts is also the One in whom our own thirsts are quenched. Only by exploring His remarkable Love and PASSION can we begin to understand our own mortality and suffering.



### Come, for He Thirsts for us.

"We have been created to love and be loved, and God has become man to make it possible for us to love as he loved us. He makes himself the hungry one, the naked one, the homeless one, the sick one, the one in prison, the lonely one, the unwanted one... He is hungry for our love."

'Jesus his God, therefore His love, His thirst, is infinite. He, the Creator of the universe, asked for the love of His creatures. He thirsts for our love. 'These words: "I thirst" - do they echo in our souls?'

Come join us this Sunday for the beginning of our Lenten walk with a new series of **The Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross**. We will also prepare for a special addition to our Sunday service that will, I pray, be a spiritually moving experience of reflection, discernment, and insight for you as it has been for me.

Come. Understand His thirst –

Steve Larsen

Mother Teresa of Calcutta



### What is a Lovefeast?

The first Moravian Lovefeast was served in Germany on August 13, 1727, following the Renewal of the Moravian Church. Lovefeast is styled after the common meal partaken in love and fellowship by the early Church (as described in the Book of Acts).

The first lovefeast in North Carolina was held on the evening of the arrival of the Moravians at Bethabara in 1753. Warm mugs of sweetened coffee, prepared in the Moravian tradition, and authentic Moravian buns are served to the congregation. Seasonal music and Christmas carols set a festive tone while the congregation enjoys the “feast.” The candle portion of the service began as a Moravian children’s service. Handmade beeswax candles decorated with a red paper frill are distributed to each worshiper. The beeswax candles have been variously described as symbolizing the purity of Christ and the sacrifice of Christ as the light of the world. The candles are lit while the worship space is darkened except for a large illuminated Moravian Advent Star. Often led by a child, worshipers sing the antiphonal hymn, *Morning Star, O Cheering Sight*. In some congregations, after the last hymn, the worshipers carry their lighted candles out into the world.

### Did you know?

Leslie Srail has been a Diener for 37 years.

Cheryl Hendrix has been a Diener for 30 years.

Nancy Miller has been a Diener for 26 years.

### Our others Dieners at this time are:

Ashley Larson, Emily Simpson, Jerry Snyder, Steve Larson, Mark Bumgarner, Greg Simpson, Jeff Ayers and Shawn Snipes.

Head Diener Fay Ayers

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## Ray Vander Laan

***Ray Vander Laan is coming to our area in this month*** to the Lenoir Presbyterian Church for a weekend filled with study in preparation for Easter. This is his fifth visit to Lenoir Presbyterian. The seminar dates and times are listed below as well as childcare information for anyone who is interested in going. **There is no charge for the seminars. No reservations need to be made, but it is suggested you arrive early, because these seminars are crowded.** You may attend one or all of the seminars. Each seminar is different, but each study builds upon what has been taught in the study or studies that proceeded it. Having the opportunity to meet Ray Vander Laan in person makes watching these DVDs even more special.

## **Seminar Schedule at Lenoir Presbyterian:**

### **Friday, March 27, 2020:**

6:30-9:00 p.m. Seminar 1 – Sanctuary

### **Saturday, March 28, 2020:**

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Seminar 2 – Sanctuary

1:30-4:00 p.m. Seminar 3 – Sanctuary

### **Sunday, March 29, 2020:**

9:00-10:00 a.m. Seminar 4A – Sanctuary

10:15 a.m. Worship (Singing and prayer)

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Seminar 4B – Sanctuary

Child care from birth through 5th grade will be provided at all sessions. **CHILDCARE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FROM MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS:**

Call 828-754-5351 or [jonnie@lenoirpres.org](mailto:jonnie@lenoirpres.org) to make your reservation for childcare.

**Reservations for childcare are due by Monday, March 16.**

**NOTE THAT THIS SEMINAR IS THE WEEKEND PRIOR TO PALM SUNDAY, AND THE FOCUS OF IT IS TO GET EVERYONE PREPARED FOR EASTER.**

## **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

**March 2020 Cleaners: Needed**

## *March Happenings*

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – *First Sunday in Lent***

**Holy Communion**

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – ECCCM Workday**

**1 pm – Set up and make boxes for chicken pie making**

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – 7 am – Chicken cookers arrive**

**8 am – Dough makers arrive**

**9 am – Gravy makers and all others arrive**

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – 8 am – All workers arrive & begin pie assembly**

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – *Second Sunday in Lent***

**Board of Elders Meeting, 12:15 pm**



Daylight Saving Time begins  
Move clocks *ahead* one hour on Saturday night

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – *Third Sunday in Lent***

**Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – No CMO/Preschool**

**Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – **Women's Circle Meeting**, 1 pm**

At the home of Thelma Greaser



**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** – Registration due for the Provincial Women’s Board Spiritual Life Retreat  
(See details below)

**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** – First Day of Spring



**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** – April Newsletter Articles due to Office

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** – *Fifth Sunday in Lent*



**Aging Well Conference**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2020**  
**9 am until about 1 pm**

**This is an event sponsored by the Aging Well Team. There will be 2 sessions that you can attend and lunch. It will be held at Fairview Moravian Church. More information will be sent out as plans are finalized.**

**“Favorites in our Faith”**

**The Provincial Women’s Board Spiritual Life Retreat**  
**April 24-26, 2020**

**Retreat Facilitator: Sister Donna Hurt**  
**Laurel Ridge Camp & Conference Center**  
**Higgins Lodge**

## **124 Pendry Dr, Laurel Springs, NC**

Registration is open; Deadline is Thursday, March 19, 2020  
Price includes Registration, Room for 2 nights and meals

- Salem Wing – Private Bath
  - Package A: Single Occupancy \$265
  - Package B: Double Occupancy \$170 per person
- Bishop Wing – Semi-Private Bath
  - Package C: Single Occupancy \$245
  - Package D: Double Occupancy \$160 per person

Mail registration, including non-refundable cost of your weekend to:

Provincial Women's Board  
500 S Church Street  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

You may pay one-half of the cost when registering but **the balance must be paid in full before Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.**

*Brochures are available on the table outside the sanctuary.*



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