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New Hope Moravian Church

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2022 Watchword

“If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”

(1 John 1:7)



Faith Matters ~ A Leap of Faith

Have you ever stopped to think that “no matter” how we might try, “We do not know, nor can we ever know, everything we might want to know about our life, and our future life? That’s why we call it a journey of FAITH. Our FAITH unfolds as God ordains it to be!

Scriptures states, ¹*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.*” (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Imagine that... we have a “cloud of witnesses” some who have gone on before us (whose memories we treasure) and others who are still here (helping to direct our journey) of FAITH. Those who have influenced our FAITH were placed there by Jesus the Pioneer and Perfecter of our FAITH.

There are two statements we might consider as we continue our pilgrimage of life and FAITH: The first from Corrie ten Boom, she gained international recognition after writing her book, *The Hiding Place* (1971). It was made into a movie (same name) in 1975. In this book, she reveals how she and her family, living in the Netherlands when the Nazis invaded, hid Jewish neighbors to save them. The family became active in the Dutch underground, hiding refugees as well. The entire ten Boom family was eventually arrested, and her sister, Betsie (died in captivity). Corrie survived the Nazi camp but died in 1983 in California. She was a woman of strong Christian FAITH. Her statement about life and death is this: “Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.” Let me repeat that: “Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”

The second is from Elizabeth Gilbert, a contemporary American author best known for her 2006 memoir, *Eat, Pray, Love*, which spent 199 weeks on the New York Times best-sellers list, and which was also made into a film in 2010. In 2015, she joined several other authors in fundraising efforts for Syrian refugees, raising over \$1 million in 31 hours. Her statement is this: "Faith is walking face-first and full-speed into the dark."

Ponder this, if we truly knew all the answers in advance as to the meaning of our life and the trials and circumstances, we may endure. If we knew in advance the nature of God and the destiny of our daily lives and our souls, our belief would not be a leap of faith; It would not be a courageous act of our submission or humility... It would just be ... a mere prudent insurance policy. However, taking a "leap of faith" requires heartfelt FAITH and TRUST in God and His divine plan and purpose for our lives and souls.

How do we live our life with FAITH that matters? We take a "leap of faith?" We don't give up on ourselves when things get tough, or they don't go the way we thought they would. Nor do we give up on the God who created us; The One who loves us so far beyond what our human minds can ever possibly comprehend!

There's an old saying, "Quitters never win and winners never quit!" These same words affect us in our "victorious" FAITH walk with Christ. Not quitting or losing FAITH despite our circumstances requires us to plant our feet upon the firm foundation of Christ Jesus. This is true in all aspects of our lives... Scripture states, *"He is my loving God and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield, in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me."* (Psalm 144:2)

Yes, God is our greatest Encourager... Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is always cheering us onward... He's cheering us forward on our journey of FAITH. He calls us to TRUST Him. Isaiah 54:17 states, *"No weapon forged against you will prevail... This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD.*"

Scripture also states in Psalm 25:3, *"No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame."* God is on our side; He loves us. Therefore, we "cannot" give up! Eventually we, too, will be victorious if we "keep the faith" and never give up. Remember, God always makes a way! Isaiah 43:1-3 states, *¹"But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."*

So today, we end up where we started. Our journey of FAITH is still challenging; It's still a leap of FAITH; Death is still a mystery. And yet, we still affirm our FAITH, but we do so from this side of the Cross, knowing our Savior walked this road before us; He invites us to follow Him. Therefore, we say in FAITH: "I believe in the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. I believe and TRUST in my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

In Christ Love & Service,
Pastor Betty

**Southern Province Synod
to Convene at
Winston-Salem State University
June 1-4, 2022**



Every four years, delegates from all congregations and fellowships of the Southern Province gather for a Synod. Our 2022 Synod will be called to order at Winston-Salem State University, June 1-4.

In Moravian polity, synods represent the highest decision-making body of each province and tremendous responsibility in the life of the Moravian Church. Southern Province Synod delegates will help decide how the province continues its work while exploring ways to strengthen the church in the future.

During the four-day event, delegates elect provincial leadership for the upcoming four years, including the Provincial Elders' Conference, members of provincial and interprovincial boards and agencies, and in some years, bishops of the Moravian Unity (at the 2018 Synod, delegates elected two bishops: the Rt. Rev. Carol Foltz and the Rt. Rev. Tom Shelton).

Synods also establish direction and priority for provincial ministries and encourage activities on the congregational level. They help answer questions and set guidelines on key topics and issues facing the province, while providing a platform for new ideas for strengthening the church and the faith of its members.

In addition to the legislative and decision-making duties of synod, these gatherings also provide a rare opportunity to bring together clergy and lay persons from all areas of the province, including its agencies and leadership, to worship, pray, and talk about ministry together. Synod gathers the collective wisdom and experience of the entire province to work with each other and discern what God is calling us to do now.

All pastors under call are delegates to Synod, and every congregation has one lay delegate for every 125 adult communicant members. Small congregations are entitled to one delegate in addition to the pastor, while each fellowship is represented by an advisory (non-voting) delegate. Provincial boards and agencies are also represented, as are retired pastors and certified, full-time DCEs. Advisory delegates representing our various interprovincial agencies, ecumenical partners and emerging ministries also attend.

Pray for our Synod as it prepares to discern the Chief Elder's direction for our Province over the next four years and beyond.

More information about the upcoming Synod is available at the Southern Province website, www.mcsp.org. In addition, the Interprovincial Board of Communication and Commission on Congregational Development will cover the 2022 Synod and will report on key events and decisions.



New Hope's Playground

Our playground renovation is officially completed! A blessing/dedication was held after worship on May 8th and the preschool children had their first chance to play on it the next day. As anticipated, there was much excitement and laughter. The preschool also hosted a Family Fun event the following Sunday afternoon which was attended by present and past students and families, along with church members. It was a wonderful celebration of God's blessings.

One of the blessings we are thankful for is the work crew that made the renovation possible. They replaced landscape timbers, unloaded the delivery truck, dug holes, put equipment together, spread mulch, and did anything else that needed to be done. Many thanks to Mark Bumgarner and his crew of helpers (Shawn Snipes, Dan Greaser, Craig deBlois, Greg Simpson, Steve Bumgarner, Tom Schultz, Steve Larsen). God has blessed New Hope with willing servants!

Also, a special thank you goes to the Beta Club from Maiden High School. Seven young men from the club helped spread 3 truckloads of mulch one Saturday morning. It was a lot of mulch, and their help was greatly appreciated!

Please look at the poster at church that contains pictures that document the renovation process and the people that made it happen.



New Hope's Preschool News



On May 18th seven preschoolers graduated from our program. It was a lovely, bittersweet ceremony that was attended by their families and friends, all the preschool teachers, and members of the Preschool Advisory Committee.

Summer Camp will begin June 14th. It will run from 9 am to 12 pm Tuesdays through Thursdays.



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Monday – July 25, 2022

2 PM TO 6:30 PM

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS enter New Hope Moravian to schedule an appointment.



The Wednesday night Bible Study
will not meet for the month of June.



**2022
NEW HOPE
SUMMER CAMP!**



**Tuesday - Thursday
9:00 - 12:00
18 months - 5th Grade
June 14th - August 11th
(off week of July 4th)**

3 days/week: June \$210, July \$210, August \$140

2 days/week: June \$150, July \$150, August \$100

\$35 Registration Fee

Share with your family and friends!

**Please mark your calendar ...
Date for Making Chicken Pies is August 25 – 27**



This will be our first time since the onset of Covid in making chicken pies. Plans are to make less pies than in the past to reduce the stress and workload. The chicken pie committee will be meeting soon to review the costs of ingredients and to decide on the cost of a pie.

Please mark your calendar so you will be available to help. Set up will be the afternoon of Thursday, August 25th and Friday, August 26th will be the day of cooking the chicken, making pie shells and gravy while the morning of Saturday, August 27th will be assembling the pies. Friday and Saturday we need “All Hands on Deck!”

It is a great time for fellowship as we work together making a wonderful pie, in support of our church edification of grounds and building.



Job Opening

Senior Nutrition Services of Catawba County is hiring 3 Site Supervisors for Seniors Morning Out (for the Hickory and Newton areas).

- **Part time positions (24 hrs per week) with benefits**
- **Normal work hours are 8 am – 1 pm, Mon – Thur**

This is a great position for someone who enjoys working with seniors and wants to stay busy. The Site Supervisor plans activities and oversees operations.

If you, or someone you know, is interested they are welcome to contact the Senior Nutrition Manager, Michele Francois at 695-5617 to learn more about the position. A job description of the position is posted at the county site

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/catawbacountync/jobs/3532587/nutrition-site->



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 June

Thursday, June 2nd – ECCCM Workday

**Sunday, June 5th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am**

Day of Pentecost ~ Holy Communion

**Sunday, June 12th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am**

Trinity Sunday

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

Tuesday, June 14th – First Day of New Hope Summer Camp



Sunday, June 19th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am



Tuesday, June 21st – **First Day of Summer**



Thursday, June 23rd – **July Newsletter Articles Due**

Sunday, June 26th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Worship Service 10:00 am



June Birthdays

6th – Steve Larsen
23rd – Keith Crowe
26th – Malissa Bumgarner

Pray Every Day June 2022

1. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Pray for the Moravian Church Southern Province Synod.
2. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." Pray for disaster relief workers and Moravian Disaster Response.
3. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
4. It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always and not just when I am with you. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.

5. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. Pray for Moravian Summer Camps.
6. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
7. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Pray for the Moravian churches in Haiti.
8. I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayer, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone, for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. Pray for the government leaders in our country.
9. 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 short term mission teams.
10. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
11. Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
12. I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
13. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
14. I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
15. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
16. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
17. Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
18. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
19. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Pray for Robert and Anne Thiessen.
20. I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
21. Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
22. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as our does for you. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
23. Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
24. May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
25. But we ought always to thank God for you, those loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intersarsity.
26. Finally, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
27. I want people everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
28. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
29. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
30. For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayer. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.



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