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New Hope Moravian Church Newsletter



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2017 Watchword

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "*I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*" John 14:5-6 (NRSV)

Mid-Summer Patriotic Celebration

Well, it's that time of the year for our mid-summer patriotic celebration. For many, the Fourth of July is filled with parades and picnics, grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, watermelon, and of course always a staple for hot summer celebrations: ice cream. The adoption of Jefferson's Declaration in 1776 took place during one of the best weather weeks of the year. And so still today, we along with many other people observe this tradition along with many other traditions deeply rooted in Americana.

What does this celebration mean to us as Christians? As Christians and followers of Christ, our most significant identity lies in our relationship with our "Chief Elder- Jesus Christ! Yes, we're Americans but through Christ, our first allegiance belongs to God! We belong to God's family and "In God We Trust!" Yes, we have loyalty to our country, but no loyalty is greater than our loyalty to God. No man can serve "two masters" both God and country. In Christ, we have one ultimate allegiance; thus, while on this earth, we will always remain pilgrims, strangers and aliens, sojourners and exiles (1 Peter 2:11). This is not our home, at the most basic level, "our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to return one day! Philipians 3:20-21 states, "*transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*" We belong to Christ Jesus above all! When all is said and done at the end of the day, we are sons and daughters of God; no other!

What am I saying here? We as Americans pledge our allegiance to the flag and we sing the anthem together; we enjoy the celebrations of food, parades, and the fireworks together. But no allegiance can run as deep as knowing Jesus sacrifice for us on the Cross. The blood of Jesus love covers a "multitude of sins!" I John 4:8 says, "*Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.*" God is pleased when we as Christians, honor His creation and are patriotic and have a special love for others and our country. Creator God made this country and therefore we are to be the care-givers of this country; we are to protect and defend as God would have us to do!

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Given the fallen condition of our world today with all the human sin, we should be amazed how much common goodness God continues to create and uphold in nations good and even bad. In the same breath Paul instructs Christians to be good citizens — *“to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people”* (Titus 3:1–2) — he also reminds us about our human condition: *“For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy”*(Titus 3:3–5).

So, am I against the “Fourth of July Celebration?” Absolutely not...NO!!! I love our mid-summer celebration. We in the United States have great reason to celebrate. We can still legally speak about our faith without fear of being put in jail or beheaded. We can evangelism and proselytize freely. This is a glorious liberty. Let’s make the most of it. Let’s never forget the past, present and future country built on “In God We Trust.”

C.S. Lewis said this: *“If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing. If that is so, I must take care, on the one hand, never to despise, or to be unthankful for, these earthly blessings, and on the other, never to mistake them for the something else of which they are only a kind of copy, or echo, or mirage. I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that country and to help others to do the same.”* (Mere Christianity)

If we all took these words more seriously this “Fourth of July” the Star-Spangled Banner might fly more highly over our Independence Day celebrations with our family and our friends; God’s country would and could be changed for the better for all people. This Independence Day, let’s be more grateful and thankful for the freedoms we have in this country to recruit others to the Lord Jesus Christ; let’s seize the moment, and no longer be afraid or ashamed to share our faith with others! We should all desire the essentials of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. So this Independence Day, let’s show the world around us where our life, liberty, happiness and “great joy” comes from: Through Christ our Lord and Savior; No other. May God continue to Bless the United States of America...And may we continue to proclaim by faith to all people “In God We Trust!”

Blessings,

Pastor Betty

"Celebrating the 4th of July"

This Sunday, July 2nd

Casual dress in red, white & blue welcomed
Shorts and Sandals are just fine.

Cookout after Worship

Hamburgers & Hotdogs Provided

Please contact Marge Furmage if you have not signed up
for your attendance at lunch or side items.
The more the merrier & we want to have plenty for our visitors.
Hope to see you here!



Soup and Sandwich and Crafting Fun Sunday, July 16 after worship

All crafters and anyone interested in making crafts for bazaar are invited to gather for a soup and sandwich lunch to discuss craft types and make plans for completing them.

The soup will be provided. Please bring your own sandwich and drink.

**If you have ideas or materials to discuss, bring them with you to share.
Hope to see you then.**



If you have any questions, see Pam Prevatte.



**New Choir Robes have been ordered...
coming in September**

During the annual board retreat in January, it was noted that New Hope needs to replace their *thirty year old choir robes*. The robes have now been ordered.

The Stewardship and Commitment Committee has identified several sources of existing funds that could be used for this project, but in addition, some congregation members and friends of New Hope have expressed a desire to contribute toward the purchase of choir robes. *If you would like to help with a contribution, please make your check out to New Hope Moravian and write "choir robes" in the memo line.*

We are buying a total of 25 robes so that all who sing in the choir, both weekly and seasonally, will have a robe to wear. The cost per robe is approximately \$150 per robe.

We greatly appreciate any and all contributions to this project and everyone can appreciate the "new look" when the robes are "unveiled" after the choir summer break.



Thank you,
Your Worship Committee



Canning Season is in Process for Bazaar Goodies!

Please drop off any used or new canning jars in the designated box near the church office. These will be used as we can salsa, beets, jellies and apples for the bazaar this year.

We Will Gladly Take Your Empty Pint & Half-Pint or Quart Jars.

Many Thanks to all those who have already started buying
Or bringing recycled ones in!!!

Let's Hear it For Healthy Snacks!



Mission Committee Continues to Support ECCCM's Student Hunger Prevention Program

Along with our other mission outreach work, our focus for this summer is on healthier food for children at snack time. The food assistance program at ECCCM wishes to supply families with children grades K-12, Parents as Teachers Program and Early Head Start Programs with healthy snacks through their Student Hunger Prevention Program.

Please pick up and bring any of the following to the church collection basket:

Trail Mix, Dried Fruits, Graham Crackers, Breakfast Bars, Nutella Snacks, Baked Chips, Pop corn (individual), Fruit cups (mandarin oranges, applesauce, NOT mixed fruit), Ritz cracker cheese snacks, Cheese-its, Gold Fish, Squeezable Fruits.

Thanks to all who have already started bringing items. Please keep it up! Mission Committee, 2017

John Hus' Festival Communion

Sunday July 9.

This special communion commemorates the martyrdom of Rev. Johannes Hus on July 6, 1415. A Catholic Priest, who never intended to start a new denomination, desired a more open personal style of worship for his congregation. His requests of the Catholic Church were to allow the people to have the bible in their own language, partake in communion are just a few. Johannes Hus was martyred 100 years before Martin Luther and the Reformation.

For more info please go to our www.newhopemoravian.org

Three Folks to Join New Hope on July 23. WOW!!!

What outstanding news to have these wonderful individuals who wish to be part of our church family.

**Please come to show your support for
Katherine Wiles, Steve & Ashley Larson**

**Get to know them better during the reception afterwards.
Contact Marge Furmage if you would like to help with the reception.**

More Good News: Our Church Now Has A Defibrillator

On Site Training:

Wed. July 19 at 6:30

Watch for sign-up sheet and more details to come.



Music Fest Back In NC for First Time Since 2003 & not back for 8 more years = 2025 !!!

Please join Moravian brothers and sisters from across the United States and from around the world as they share their love of music and hard work of preparation during the week-long Moravian Music Festival in Winston-Salem, July 23 – 29, 2017. All concerts are preceded by a band prelude, and are free and open to the public and are sponsored by the Moravian Music Foundation.

The week begins Sunday with a **lovefeast** at Home Moravian Church, 529 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, NC. The following concert on Monday, July 24, 7:30 p.m., Trinity Moravian Church, 220 E Sprague St, Winston-Salem, NC, is a program of vocal solos, duets, and other small ensembles; ***Loveliest Immanuel: An Elegant Evening***

Tuesday, July 25, 7:30 p.m., Salem Band performs on Salem Square, ***Salem's Shining Stars: Best of the Salem Band.***

Joining Our Voices: Anthem Sing with the Moramus Chorale, Wednesday, July 26, 7:30 p.m., Home Moravian Church.

On Thursday, July 27, 7:30 p.m., Calvary Moravian Church will host the **Festival Band and Chamber Ensembles Concert**, in the sanctuary, 600 Holly Ave NW, Winston-Salem, NC;

Home Moravian Church will present the **Festival Children's Choir** in concert on Friday, July 28, 2:00 p.m. ***Sing, O Ye Heavens! The Festival Chorus and Orchestra*** is 7:30 p.m., Williams Auditorium, Winston-Salem State University.

Saturday, July 29, 9:30 a.m., there will be final performances of several instrumental groups, along with some hymn singing at ***Mit Freuden zart: Singstunde: The Festival Trombone Choir, Festival Handbell Choir, Chamber Ensembles*** at Home Moravian Church

For more information, please visit www.MoravianMusicFestival.org and follow the "25thMoravianMusicFestival" on Facebook

Our Music Director, Phyllis Little is Attending

This is an international event! Carpooling to concerts can be planned as needed. There are wonderful places to eat in Winston so it will be a really fun outing.

Hope to see many of you enjoying this fantastic opportunity to meet, hear and enjoy Moravians from around the world.

July 23-29

New Hope Moravian Church is sponsoring a Summer Blood Drive



Date: Tuesday, July 25th

Time: 2:00-6:30pm

Needed: Pat and I will be asking for volunteers to help set-up and clean-up.

Snacks Needed: "Homemade" goodies and volunteers to help staff canteen.

Registration: Olivia has already agreed to run it again for us.

The web-site is **NOT** ready for anyone to schedule an appointment. I will let everyone know when site is available.

From the American Red Cross: "The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give Blood!"

Thank you for supporting this important outreach of our church. Nancy Miller



Vacation Bible School

July 30-Aug29

Theme: TBA & Time: TBA



2018 Daily Text to be ordered soon.

Watch bulletins and Thursday updates for more info. If ordered through our church we get a 15% discount. They come in small paperback, large print paperback, hard cover and a journal style



Church Cleaners Needed for July And Rest of Year.

New sign-up sheet posted on bulletin board. More than one family can work together. All cleaning supplies are provided, but some prefer to bring their own favorite ones. Preschool/Summer Camp does a good job of cleaning their areas, but you do have to check behind them incase others have come in after them.

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

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## **All Other Sign-up Sheets on Bulletin Board are now July and on.**

Please look at the following to see where you can assist:

**Lay Readers**- Reading Scripture or

Reading Liturgy until Pastor Betty back full time.

**Flower Calendar**- Flowers do not have to be from a Florist. They can be from your yard, grocery, Walmart, Sams or even a silk arrangement. Flowers can be given in memory or in honor of someone. They can be given for no reason at all. Secretary will try to list in the bulletin who they are from, etc if noted on the list.

**ECCCM Work Day List**- Sign up if you are available or you make it over there on the first Thursday of month.

**From The Music Department: A sign-up sheet is posted for anyone to assist at the time of the offering. Many different talents can be used such as playing an instrument like piano, guitar, band instrument, etc. One may wish to sing a solo, duet or with a group. There could be a special reading that Pastor Betty has approved. Please consider sharing your many talents while the choir takes a needed break.**

## Do you want to do the Offertory Anthem??

Sign up here

July 2 \_\_\_\_\_

July 9 \_\_\_ Choir sings- Communion \_\_\_\_\_

July 16 \_\_\_\_\_

July 23 \_\_\_\_\_

July 30 \_\_\_\_\_

August 6 \_\_\_\_\_

August 13 \_\_\_ Choir sings- Communion \_\_\_\_\_

August 20 \_\_\_\_\_

August 27 \_\_\_\_\_



# Chicken Pie news -

Please mark your calendars now for September 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

This is when we will make chicken pies for our fall sale.

Additional information and dates for making pies to sell at Candle Tea will follow at a later date. Mark your calendar now as you do not want to miss this opportunity of fun and adventure! We are already being contacted by those going through chicken pie withdrawal, so everyone is needed to come cook, pick, roll and bag. No job too big or small, and no experience necessary!



## Cross Stitch Quilt Update

Cross stitchers, school just ended, but summer will be over in the blink of an eye. It's never too early to start (or finish) your squares. I'm anxious to see them. I've already seen some really good looking ones. Now is a relaxing time to work on them. **Squares are due Sunday, August 27.**

Thanks, Pat



..... that the Board of World Mission is now on Instagram? The BWM's Summer Interns, Emily Burrell and Holland Griffin, created it, and they want you to follow it! They post daily stories and mission opportunities for everyone to see at @moravianboardofworldmission. If you have a mission memory you would like to share, Holland and Emily would love to post it on Instagram. You can contact them at [holland@moravianmission.org](mailto:holland@moravianmission.org) or [emily@moravianmission.org](mailto:emily@moravianmission.org). Additionally, if you do NOT have an Instagram account, you can still see all of the posts on the BWM's homepage at [www.moravianmission.org](http://www.moravianmission.org)

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

I Peter 4:10



## Pray Every Day July 2017

1. It is God who establishes us with you in Christ. Pray for Allen and Deedee lobst and daughter Abigail.
2. You shall not defraud your neighbor. Pray for the Farmhouse at Frys Valley Moravian Church in Philadelphia Ohio's rural immersion mission.
3. We cannot keep from speaking what we have seen and heard. Pray for the Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation aiding the Cuban Moravian church.
4. Jesus said let the children come to me and do not stop them. Pray for the construction of a radio tower that will allow the Word of God to be broadcast into Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Guinea.
5. Devote yourselves to prayer. Pray for the Marshall Mission Outreach of the Alaska Moravian church.
6. He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. Pray for 15 Mission Areas and 5 Mission Provinces of the Moravian Unity.
7. The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. Pray for ongoing outreach to rebuild homes in NC through Moravian Disaster Response, Justin Rabbach. [justin@moravianmission.org](mailto:justin@moravianmission.org)
8. This is the day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison ([www.greekiv.org](http://www.greekiv.org))with Greek InterVarsity Campus Ministry at Clemson University.
9. Sunday. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Pray for Brian (pilot) & Heather Marx (chalk artist ) serving with MAF [Bmarx@maf.org](mailto:Bmarx@maf.org)
10. It is by faith that we understand that the universe was created by God's word. Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima in the Mission area of Sierra Leone who are at home in the U.S. on leave.
11. Be my strong refuge, for which I may resort continually. Pray for Rob and Anne Thiessen in Mexico.
12. You are marked in Christ with the seal, the promised Holy Spirit. Pray for Michael Woo and children.
13. It is God the only son, who is close to the father's heart who has made him known. Pray for Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide, Alaska Bible Seminary, Bethel AK.
14. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him. Pray for Wayne Miller and Alas de Socorro in Honduras.
15. The shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. Pray for the Moravian Volunteer Resources and Moravian Disaster Response.
16. Sunday. I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail. Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman with HIV/AIDS ministry in Tanzania.
17. He shall command peace to the nations. Pray for Michael, Cecilia and Blessing Tesh serving in Kenya.
18. Whoever is faithful in a little is faithful also in much. Pray for the Moravian Music Festival in Winston-Salem, NC.
19. I am the Lord who healed you. Pray for the leaders of our mission efforts - Mission Societies and those that support them and the Exec. Director of the Board of World Mission, the directors, the Staff, and the continuing visioning for the future efforts of the BWM.
20. In you the orphan finds mercy. Pray for Ruth Snyder and Claire Wilson with "Changed Choices."
21. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Pray for the Likewise Aids Ministry as they strive to dispel the myths and non-truths of this devastating disease.
22. We all have become like one who is unclean. Pray for camp directors and workers who make it possible for so many to enjoy times of worship and fellowship in a natural setting and for the children whose lives are being touched there.
23. Sunday. I am the first and the last, besides me there is no God. Pray for Vani Pradhan and the Nepali Moravian Outreach.
24. I urged that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone. Pray for Annie B. Mission with Star Mountain in Palestine.
25. You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. Pray for Phil and Ashley Sineath in Campus Outreach Global.
26. Bless God in the great congregation. Pray for Joe Jarvis and the work with Cuban Moravian Church. Pray for Phil & Eunice Raiford in Mexico and the violence there.
27. Surely, to obey is better than sacrifice. Pray for Charlie & Vickie Brent and Family serving with Bridges International in campus ministry in TX.
28. The Lord is generous to all who call on him. Pray for summer mission trips and Justin Rabbach.
29. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but to protect them from the evil one. Pray for volunteers who run soup kitchens and feed the hungry.
30. Sunday. The kingdom of God is not a matter of words but of power. Pray for R and B in the Sudan.
31. I will remove the guilt of this land in a single day. Pray for the Medical Clinic and the church in Ahuas, Honduras.



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