

☀️ August 2022 ☀️

# 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)



## *God's Evaluation of Our Faithfulness!*

This month, I'd like to talk with you about God's evaluation of our faithfulness. If you were to stand before God today, would you hear the words of (Matthew 25:21NIV): "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" In God's Church, we are all considered leaders in some capacity. Therefore, developing our ministry and leadership skills should be a priority.

In God's Church, we are called to know what's important in our life and what is not important in our life. A faithful follower of Christ knows how to wisely invest his or her time, talents, gifts and resources in the work of the Lord, the ministries of the Church. Christ calls His followers to bear fruit. A faithful follower of Christ makes his or her life count for the Kingdom of God. A faithful follower of Christ makes significant changes in his or her life and seeks to make substantial difference in the lives of others!

Proverbs 28:20 says, "A faithful man will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished." This verse contrasts faithfulness with a desire to get rich quick. We usually tend to think of being monetarily rich. But the author isn't talking about money. He's saying, realize, "there's more to life than the accumulation of money and stuff."

Scripture states: "do not worry." (Matthew 6:25-34 NIV) says....<sup>25</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than

food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? <sup>28</sup> “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

As followers of Christ, our faithfulness is confirmed and demonstrated by our refusal to put our faith in the riches and desires of this world, but in God! As followers of Christ, we work together and put our TRUST in Jesus and no other.

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)

Our faithfulness is reflected in our relationship with Christ, rather than the materialistic world. Christ calls His faithful followers to invest their lives in other people. Faithful followers need to swim against the stream of the contemporary culture, which usually ask: “What’s in it for me? What are my needs, my desires, my ambitions, my goals, my hurts, my values, my profit; what benefits me?” Faithful followers of Christ, focus more on the needs of others, rather than being absorbed in their own personal needs!

How do you become a faithful follower of Christ? (Galatians 5:22-23) says, “... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control....” When the fruit of the Spirit lives in us; we demonstrate “faithfulness” to God by accepting the challenges and responsibilities God places before us.... God calls each one of us to bear fruit for His Kingdom.

Are YOU bearing fruit for God's Kingdom? How's the year going? Today, I would say take time out of your busy schedules to re-evaluate your life and the work you are doing for God's Kingdom! Christ calls His faithful followers to invest their lives in ministering to other people. Remember, I said earlier, "Faithful followers swim against the stream of the contemporary culture. Faithful followers focus more on the needs of others."

Where are you today? Are you committed to being one of God's faithful followers? Are you prepared to give testimony of what God is doing in your life? If you stood before God today, would you hear the words of (Matthew 25:21NIV): “Well done, good and faithful servant!” I pray these words ring loudly in your presence; I pray God works His work of faithfulness in your life today and every day.

Brothers and Sisters let's be found faithful... Let's bear fruit and bring praise and glory to God and His Kingdom together!

In Christ Love & Service,  
*Pastor Betty*

# Praise and Play

Starting in September, there will be a new worship opportunity for children ages 4-10. **Praise and Play** will be held on the Second Sunday of each month during the 10:00 worship service. The children will have a Bible Lesson, play time, and snack in an engaging and fun environment.

Questions? Contact Margaret Schultz or Rachel Snipes





**Coming Soon!**

**TEACHER  
WISHLIST  
DONATION  
DRIVE**

Your Mission Committee will be sponsoring a Teacher Wishlist Donation Drive for Claremont Elementary School. More details coming soon!



Dear New Hope Church Family & Friends,

It's hard to express our heartfelt gratitude for your thoughts and prayers for Mark's recovery from sepsis and emergency surgery. We were blessed to have folks loan us the needed home equipment and supplies necessary for recovery while assisting him with walking, pain reduction and saving us financially. Healing is now steady but slow for Mark's liking.

Then topping our situation off we contracted Covid-19 after being home for several weeks post op. Therefor we also appreciate the grocery runs folks did while we were quarantined. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated! Thank you for the food, calls, cards, and offers of assistance. We have been truly blessed!

Love,  
Malissa & Mark Bumgarner



## **New Hope Blood Drive Success!**

**From New Hope's Chair, Craig deBlois..**

**Tom and Margaret Schultz and I had a great turnout on July 25<sup>th</sup>. We had 25 collections for a GREAT day!**

**With more than half being late sign-ups or walk-ins, amazing that people just wait for a day they're free and search for openings at current drives.**

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## *Financial Update for Second Quarter of 2022*

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To keep the congregation informed the Board of Elders will continue to give quarterly updates on our financial status. Over the last year and early 2022, the Covid-19 Virus continued to present many issues for each of us and our sweet little church.

Our monthly budget for 2022 is \$10,685 for general expenses. The following reflects what our monthly giving and exact expenses were for the second quarter of 2022:

|       | <b><u>Expenses</u></b> | <b><u>Contributions</u></b> |
|-------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| April | \$9,886.00             | \$10,284.00                 |
| May   | \$12,553.00            | \$8,004.00                  |
| June  | \$10,411.00            | \$9,659.00                  |

May expenses were very high due to payment of copier lease. (\$2,666.00)

As always, please prayerfully consider your giving. There are several ways now to give that offers you more convenience:

1. Drop off in offering plate as you enter or as you exit the Sanctuary.
2. Drop a check in the mail preferably to: New Hope Moravian, C/O Mark Bumgarner, 2249 Dove St, Newton, NC 28658 (the church mail box is not monitored regularly)
3. Donate online option: To New Hope via credit card or direct debit (automatic bank to bank transfer). The Moravian Ministries Foundation of America (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/>.

The Board appreciates everyone's financial support of our church.

Mark Bumgarner  
Stewardship and Commitment Chair



Celebrating education  
the *Moravian* way!  
with our friends at South Fork Elementary

**Sunday, August 21st 2022**

**2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**New Philadelphia Moravian Church  
Winston-Salem, NC**

**Please bring SCHOOL SUPPLIES  
for the event offering**

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## Ways to Give to New Hope

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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 at [newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com](mailto: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 August*

**Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm

**Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> – ECCCM Workday**

**Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**

**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

***Receiving of New Member***

**Mission Committee Meeting following Worship**

**Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> – Board of Elders Meeting** via Zoom, 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm

**Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> – Last Day for New Hope Summer Camp**

**Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**

***August 13<sup>th</sup> Festival***

**Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm

**Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**

**Moravian Children's Festival**

New Philadelphia Moravian Church, Winston-Salem  
2 – 4 pm

**Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm

**Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> – Preschool Advisory Meeting**

**Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**

**Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> – September Newsletter Articles Due**

**Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> – Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm



***August Birthdays***

3<sup>rd</sup> – Katherine Wiles  
4<sup>th</sup> – Jane Bumgarner  
20<sup>th</sup> – Adelyn Hildebran  
28<sup>th</sup> – Pam Prevatte  
29<sup>th</sup> – Shannon McDonald

## Pray Every Day August 2022

1. Rise up and help us; redeem us because of your unfailing love. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
2. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
3. For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisers make victory sure. Pray for the government leaders in our country.
4. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
5. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
6. For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king, it is he who will save us. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
7. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Pray for the Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
8. Return to me, for I have redeemed you. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
9. So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty. Pray for the Thiessens in Canada.
10. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
11. I will set a sign among them and I will send them to the nations. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. Pray for the work of the Unity Women's Desk.
12. I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
13. The Lord is my portion therefore I will wait for him. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
14. For God so loved the world he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Pray for Alan and DeeDee Iobst in France.
15. That joy is mine and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
16. I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
17. I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the son sets you free, you will be free indeed. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
18. They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
19. Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
20. Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Pray for the refugees and displaced persons in Ukraine.
21. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
22. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice Hospitality. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
23. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. Pray for the Rajpur Foster Child Project.
24. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Pray for PEC members, bishops and other church leaders.
25. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
26. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
27. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Pray for short term mission teams.
28. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Pray for students returning to school.
29. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Pray for disaster relief workers.
30. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross. Pray for firefighters and police officers.
31. The Lord is good, his mercy endures forever. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.



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