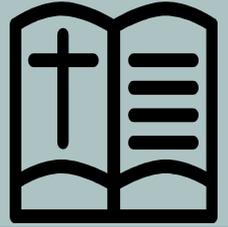


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2013 WATCHWORD

**“I will give them one heart, and put
a new spirit within them.”
Ezekiel 11:19**

***New Hope
Moravian Church***



Lay Renewal Ministries

Happy New Year New Hope Saints,

It seems impossible another year has already come and gone. 2013 at New Hope was a vital and energizing one; we grew in our faith, our numbers, our attendance and our giving. New Hope's 2014 Church calendar is also shaping up to be a most exciting and promising year in activities and ministries of our Church! Why do I say this? Well, some of you may be asking, why is Pastor Betty asking every Sunday morning that we pray for New Hope's upcoming 2014 Lay Renewal Ministry...What is LRM? Well, I am glad you asked this question.

Lay Renewal Ministries is based on an overlying philosophy. If our Church wants to position itself to be maximally effective for the Kingdom of God, there needs to be an intentional plan in place to renew, motivate, and equip its members on an on-going basis. Last year, after much prayer and discernment, New Hope's Board members decided that New Hope desired to be all God wants our Church to be. Thus, the decision was made to invite LRM to come to New Hope for a workshop on March 14-16, 2014.

This LRM positioning can best be accomplished when we as a Church subscribe to the "Process of Renewal". When all of our Church members become fully engaged with God's Word, other Church members and the community at large. This calls for intentional spiritual renewal both as active members, and active leaders of our Church. This takes commitment to more than just attending Church Sunday morning. It calls for our spiritual renewal and commitment to God by all members of New Hope.

How does all of this renewal-ministry work? Please review the graph displayed on the following page. It will provide a clear projection of how this process works.

Pastor, Ministry Facilitator & Lay Leaders

Who will lead this "Renewal?" The Pastor, ministry facilitator, and lay leaders are at the center of our weekend together. There is an intentional focus on leadership development, congregational renewal, mission-outreach, goal setting, vision strategy, and task-equipping so that our Church will learn more about how to become a more effective Church for us as individuals and for our community.

Leadership Development

Effective churches train and develop active members and active leaders that understand what it means to serve and follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. At our "renewal training," LRM will be using several workshops and resources to help New Hope develop more active members and active leaders.



Moravians have traditionally always been about Church renewal and restoration. Throughout our history, the most important components of our Church community and ministry have been the celebration of focusing on our faith, discerning God's purpose and plan for our lives, our prayer life, seeking the abundant and blessed life God has given us, and the daily study of God's Word. Our main focus during the LRM will be "Celebration of Faith" and God's vision for New Hope! Benjamin Franklin said this about having a vision and goal. "Those who fail to plan are planning to fail!" Another person said, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."

A Church that prepares itself and sets goals will be a Church that experiences and witnesses God do the impossible. Healthy Churches intentionally seek God's specific direction and vision for their ministries. They intentionally develop objectives and strategies to successfully accomplish God's plan and purpose for their lives. It is my belief with God's leading, our obedience, and much purposeful prayer, God will send New Hope the ideal spirit-filled LRM group of godly people to teach, lead and share their personal life experiences with us. Our time together will be a blessing to all involved. We want this to be 100% of our Church family.

So please, put this date on your calendar for March 14-16, 2014. I am asking you to spend time with and participate with other Church members in *Koinonia* translated in the Greek as (κοινωνία), which means communion; joint participation. This is an opportunity of a lifetime for our Church, to enjoy community and fellowship with other Christians as we together gain new insights about one another and learn more about our own personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Take it from me...You do not want to miss this event!

In Christ Love and Service,

Pastor Betty

Highlights from the Board

The board met on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 6:30 PM. Committee reports were given. Mark Bumgarner delivered 246 pounds of food to ECCCM that was collected at Candle Tea. The Worship committee is currently making plans for the Christmas Eve services.

The Board will plan the Lay Ministry Renewal weekend during the Board Retreat in January. The decision was made to use the money from the Christmas Eve collection to cover the cost of 2 lovefeasts with the remainder going to ECCCM.

If you have any questions, please contact any board member.

Pam Prevatte, Board Secretary

Christian Education Committee

There will be a meeting for the Christian Education Committee on Sunday, Jan. 5 after worship. I will provide a light lunch for you. If you have children, I will arrange for someone to be there to play with them. Since we will be planning for the year, it is important that anyone interested and all members attend.

Please let Pam Prevatte know if you will attend.



The women's fellowship will meet at 7pm on Jan. 14 in the fellowship hall at church. We will elect new officers, discuss how to spend our money and have a report from the chicken pie committee. All ladies of the church need to attend so you can voice your opinion. Thank you for your interest and support.

Leslie, Vice President





New Hope Shares The Story Of Christmas

This past Advent Season at New Hope was a time in our church family that we have had many ways to spread the word of God's gift to us, His Son – Jesus Christ, to others. The Pre-Advent season began with the assembly of the wonderful Putz, our choirs and band practicing special hymns and anthems for the season, decorating of the sanctuary and of course the hanging of our magnificent star. The Candle Tea/ Bazaar was another opportunity for New Hope to reach out to those in our area with over 500 attending this annual event. Each Sunday worship began with families in the church lighting the advent wreath as we prepared for Christ's birth. Weekly showings of the Putz, reminded us of the wonder of the Christmas story, as we heard voices of some friends who are no longer with us. Uplifting music at worship prepared us for Christ's coming. Our precious children also told of the God's love for us through their Christmas Play, "The Nativity". Meals were shared. Groups traveled to carol to members, proclaiming God's love as they joyfully sang Christmas hymns in harmony. And oh yes, our two Lovefeasts and Candlelight Services on Christmas Eve, which have become a Christmas tradition for many families in our community, was a special worship in which we felt God's love for all people.

God has richly blessed our church family with numerous opportunities where we have and will continue to spread His love to others.

Thanks Be To God.

The Worship Committee



**Arise, shine, for your light has
come, and the glory of the Lord
rises upon you.**

Isaiah 60:1

**Thank you for sharing your gifts
of welcoming others and care of the
children!**

Those serving in January

Nursery: Jan. 5 - Laura and Adelyn Hildebran,
Jan. 12 - Pat deBlois
Jan. 19 - Lauren Westmoreland,
Jan. 26 - Margaret Schultz

Greeters: Jim and Cheryl Hendrix
Ushers: Bill Biles and Craig deBlois

Those serving in February

Nursery: Feb. 2-Brenda Nogales and Donna
Feb.9 - Leslie Srail
Feb. 16 - Pat DeBlois
Feb. 23- Mary Anna Pearson

Greeters: Johnnie and Mary Anna Pearson
Greg Simpson
Ushers: Jim & Cheryl Hendrix

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In service to others, in Christ's name.



Thank You

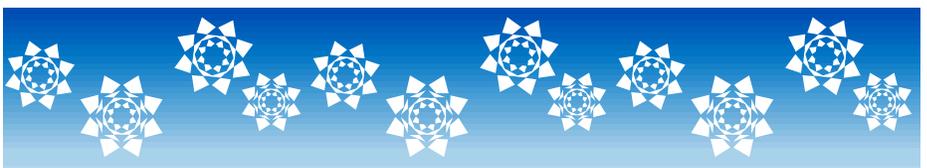
Scott Cling for bush hogging the back of New Hope in preparation for the Candle Tea and Bazaar.

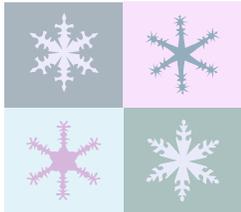
Thank you
Mark Bumgarner
for installing
our new towel
dispensers in the
church.

I appreciate New Hope's holiday generosity. I am thankful everyday to work with such a kind (and lots of fun too!) group of people.

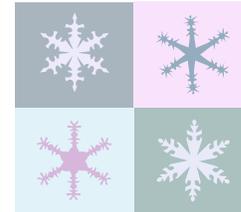
Joy Prevatte

Thinking of others...





Pray Every Day - January 2014



- I gave them my Sabbaths, as a sign between me and them. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison with Greek InterVarsity Campus Ministry at Clemson University.
- Do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. Pray for Brian & Heather Marx serving with MAF.
- Take courage says the Lord, for I am with you. Pray for Safiatu & Mohamed Braima in Sierra Leone
- Christ is the one who has shone in our hearts to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God. Pray for the Antioch Project and Jirina Cancikova serving in Peru until 2/22/14.
- Sunday. Surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF
- Epiphany-Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have toward your people. Pray for the staff, students, and faculty of Alaska Christian College.
- Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist. Pray for Rob and AnneThiessen in Mexico.
- Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth! Pray for Woo family in Asia.
- Be devoted to one another in love. Pray for Peace Meetings in Honduras 1/9 – 1/11.
- As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for us. Pray for Monthly Mission Ministries serving in NY and FL 12/27/13 – 1/4/14.
- Why, oh Lord, do you stand far off? Pray for the Medical Clinic in Ahaus, Honduras.
- Sunday - a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench. Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman serving through the HIV/AIDS ministry in Tanzania.
- Greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you. Pray for Ruth and George Goff, a pilot in Honduras.
- All His works are truth and His ways are justice. Pray for Phil and Ashley Sineath serving in campus ministry in Wingate, NC.
- The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" Pray for Michael, Cecelia, & Blessing Tesh in Kenya.
- Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent with Campus Crusade in Croatia
- The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Pray for C & V in campus ministry in TX,
- My heart exults in the Lord. Pray for K & C serving the Magi People in the Middle East.
- Sunday-The Lord is a refuge for his people. Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton with WEC.
- I have put my spirit upon my servant; he will bring forth justice. Pray for Bob Petersen serving at the School of Music and Worship in Puerto Limon, Costa Rica.
- God told Moses, "Loose the sandals from your feet, for you are standing on holy ground." Pray for Ruth Snyder, Claire Wilson and others helping women to "Change Choices."
- It has pleased the learner to make you a people for himself. Pray for Adopt A Village program supporting more than 2,800 children in Tanzania.
- God has made known to us the ministry of his will, according to his good pleasure. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford establishing a medical clinic in Juquilla, Mexico.
- A new heart I will give you and a new spirit I will put within you. Pray for Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide in Bethel, Alaska.
- Jesus prayed, "The glory you have given me I have given them, so that we may be one." Pray for Annie B. Mission with Star Mountain in Palestine.
- Sunday. The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? Pray for Vani and Shanti Pradhan and the Nepali Moravian Outreach.
- The Lord is good to all, his compassion is over all. Pray for the Adopt a Child Food Program in the Sierra Leone Moravian church.
- Blessed are those whose strength is in you. Pray for Glenna and George Tasedan in Goose Bay/Happy Valley Labrador
- I know your afflictions and your poverty yet you are rich! Pray for the Moravian church in Cuba.
- He changes times and seasons, deposes kings and sets up kings. Pray for Celeste Handy serving with Inter Varsity in New Mexico.
- Rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. Pray for the peace of Israel and the Jewish people