

November 2021

New Hope Moravian Church

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2021 Watchword

“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”
(Ephesians 3:20-21 NRSV)



The Rich Man and the Poor Man ~ A Parable for Thanksgiving Written originally by M. Stanley Bubien (1996)

There once was a very rich man. He was so rich, he could have owned many cars, but instead he chose to drive a Ford. He was so rich, he could have owned many computers, but instead he chose an Apple Macintosh. He was so rich; he could have owned many homes---even some in Beverly Hills---but instead he chose to live in East LA.

Because this man was rich, many people in his neighborhood knew him. And also, because the man was rich, many people from outside of his neighborhood knew him too. Often, his doorbell would ring, and there on his threshold would stand someone who had come to ask for a donation.

Sometimes when the bell rang, it was a neighbor who had fallen into misfortune. The man would smile, embrace his neighbor, and place a generous sum into their hand.

Sometimes when the bell rang, it was a charity representing the starving children of Tijuana. The man would again smile, embrace the charity worker, and write a generous check.

Sometimes when the bell rang, it was a Jehovah's Witness. Were he like many of us, the man's first instinct would have been to (not answer the door) or promptly shove them back out onto the street. But instead, he once more smiled and embraced the Jehovah's Witness as any other guest upon his threshold.

One evening, when his doorbell was particularly quiet, this man decided to take a stroll. He headed off, idling along wherever the road wound; amongst the quaint homes of his neighborhood, past the threadbare trees lining the park, along walls painted with an array of colorful graffiti tags (remember, this was East LA).

Every once in a while, a car passed, thumping out the latest rage in rap hit, and he soon found himself whistling one of these catchy tunes to himself.

Lost in the tune, he came suddenly upon a homeless bum lying in the midst of the sidewalk. The bum wore a tattered sweater and ripped pants. He had shoes, but they didn't even match. And oh! The smell! I can't even describe that to you here because it would ruin your Thanksgiving dinner.

Well, this unfortunate soul lying on the street saw the man and knew him. Certainly, the bum said to himself. This is the rich man who lives on the lane. Surely, he can help me, for he has money at his disposal. But instead of reaching out his hand, the bum was overcome by a sudden bout of shame and hid his face.

The man stood over this tattered figure. He reached down and touched the bum's cheek, but the bum shrank away from him even further. The man's eyes clouded slightly, and he cracked a weak smile. Forgetting the tune, he once whistled, the man slowly turned and walked back to his home.

Upon hearing the man retreat beyond the corner, the bum opened his eyes and sat up. There at his feet lay a crisp \$100.00 dollar bill. The bum grabbed the money and made a beeline for the nearest 7/11. Like all bums, this one's first thought was to go blow the money on vodka. What a bum!

But, before he entered the store, he remembered the compassion of the man's touch. This inspired him, and the bum decided then and there to turn his life around. The bum promptly bummed two dimes off an old lady (pay phones don't take hundreds). "Well," the lady replied. "You ain't gonna spend this on alcohol?" The bum shook his head and stuck the money into the slot of the nearest pay telephone.

His broker answered and the bum said, "Hundred dollars. Invest it all in that company with the nerdy looking CEO. Microsoft!" Since this was, as it turns out, the late-1980s, it took only a short while before the stock skyrocketed. Yes, good can come of evil after all---especially when you're working the stock market---and the bum found himself very well off indeed.

Back in East LA the years passed slowly. The generous man kept to life much as usual---taking evening strolls, whistling rap tunes, answering his door.

One day in particular, his doorbell rang, and there stood a finely dressed gentleman in a three-piece suit. Uh oh, the man thought. Jehovah's Witness. But before he could do anything, his guest spoke.

"You're the rich man, aren't you?" his guest asked.

"What can I do for you?" the man responded automatically, so accustomed to being asked for things.

"It is not what you can do for me," answered his guest. "But what you have already done."

"What have I done for you?" the man asked in surprise.

"You've given me a second chance at life. Why, with your generous gift, I was able to invest the money and pull myself out of my poverty. I no longer wallow in the grime and gutters, but I walk along crowded sidewalks with my head held high. I have you to thank for that."

Suddenly, the man recognized his guest. It was the old bum who'd been lying in the street. The man replied, "What I gave you, you did not ask for. I gave it simply because I saw you there and loved you. I would have given it to anyone in your position."

"All the more reason to come and thank you," his guest said.

"But I am rich," replied the man. "I have many gifts to give. I don't expect anything in return."

"Good," his guest said with a nod. "Because I don't have anything to offer in return---whatever I have, you gave to me. All I wanted to do was come and thank you."

The man stared as his guest reached out and took him into an embrace. It was the same gesture the man had so often offered to those at his door, yet this was the first time someone had offered it back.

Tears filled the man's eyes as his guest, a lowly bum off the street, held him in the most satisfying embrace he had ever received.

This Thanksgiving let us think of ways like the rich man that we too, can reach out and help those less fortunate. Let us give freely to those in need just as the rich man gave to the bum expecting absolutely nothing in return. We never know how God might use our small gift or gesture of kindness to help another who has need.

Have a Blessed November with all the beauty it brings forth & Happy Thanksgiving.

In Christ Love and Service,
Pastor Betty



Christmas Before Halloween, Ugh!!



Well folks, it's official. New Hope is having to think about Christmas and our favorite Christmas items way ahead of time again. Due to Covid-19 many of the businesses that we obtain these beloved items from for our special services are needing our orders much earlier than normal again this year.

We are providing you with various order forms and are asking you to respond ASAP. Forms will be available at worship also. So sorry to ask you think of these things at this time.

Poinsettias for Christmas Service:

2021 Christmas Poinsettias

These beautiful flowers are a Christmas tradition at New Hope. They have a prominent place in our worship area during the Holiest of Seasons. They will be given to you no matter the circumstances of the service.

Give order and payment to Ushers or Mark Bumgarner no later than December 5 Or mail

order and check to 2249 Dove St, Newton, NC 28658. Make checks to New Hope.

ONLY PREPAID ORDERS CAN BE PLACED

6 ½" pot \$12.00 _____

8" pot \$22.00 _____

Your Name _____

Total Plants Ordered: _____ Total Paid: _____

Please complete information for EACH flower ordered.

Flower: circle your choices:

Color: red or white

Size: 6 ½" or 8"

In Honor of or In Memory of

Name(s): _____

Given by: _____



2021 Fall Moravian Cookies Prepaid & Preordered For New Hope Moravian Members*

All proceeds go to *The Women's Fellowship Fund and Outreach*.

Cookies Flavors **Price Each** **Quantity** **Total \$** (Cookies in small clear packs only)

Ginger	7.00	_____	_____
Sugar	7.00	_____	_____
Lemon	7.00	_____	_____
Walnut	7.00	_____	_____
Butter Scotch	7.00	_____	_____
Chocolate	7.00	_____	_____

PREPAID FINAL TOTAL \$_____ (No tax) Check___ Cash___

Name: _____ **Date** _____

Pay Cash or Make check to: New Hope Moravian Woman's Fellowship.

**Place this form with the cash or check in the
Cookie Order Envelope on office door by November 21st**

OR

Mail form and prepayment to Mark Bumgarner before or by Nov. 21

2249 Dove St. Newton, NC 28658

Pick up Date: Early December

*****Orders may be placed for non-church attendees, but must go thru members only***
Members will be responsible for prepayment, pickup and delivery for non-church attendees.**

Holiday Crafts & Treasures Support Our Church & Women's Fellowship

We hope you've checked out the wonderful items in the vestibules "Country Store." Since New Hope is unable to have a bazaar again this year, sales in the vestibule can benefit both New Hope's general fund and the Women Fellowships fund.

To Participate with Donated Items:

"Country Store"- If you wish to sell your items to benefit the General Church Fund, please do the following:

- Items must be priced and placed on the designated cart. Homemade Crafts, Jams, Jellies, etc. are welcome. See Jane Bumgarner's article for more info.

Women's Fellowship Items- If you wish to sell to benefit WF funds do the following:

- Make a written inventory of your donated items with corresponding prices. Inventory must have item name, how many you donated and at what cost.
- Put the inventory (even if it's only 1 item) in the acrylic stand in the vestibule. This will help with bookkeeping.
- Place priced handmade or bazaar type items in vestibule & Country Store area. Pricing required!
- At the end of the sale the WF will receive the funds of what was purchased based on what was left (just like at bazaar).
- At end of sale all items MUST be removed. No storage available!

For both groups: Items can be added any time.

Moravian Cookies- Pre-sale order form bulletin inserts will be coming soon. Proceeds will benefit Women's Fellowship as usual.

So, check out all our gifts and talents. Help support the church and our Women's Fellowship charities. Get ready for the Holidays. They'll be here before you know it!



ANGEL TREE PROJECT

The November-December Mission Committee Project will be to participate in the Angel Tree Project sponsored by Exodus Homes of Hickory. You will be encouraged to choose the name of a child from the tree set up in the vestibule around mid November. Gifts will be brought to the church and we will deliver them to Exodus Homes in time for Christmas delivery. Over 400 gifts were distributed last year to children of incarcerated parents in Catawba County who submitted applications. Exodus Homes is a faith based United Way agency offering supportive housing for homeless and recovering former inmates.

This venture will replace the Salvation Army Stocking collection we usually participate in.

Church Council – Sunday – November 14, 2021

You might ask “What is Church Council?”. Following our regular worship service, the church family of New Hope will have their annual congregational meeting in the sanctuary or outside if the weather permits. During this gathering we will receive the upcoming 2022 budget that has been submitted by the Stewardship and Commitment Committee and approved by the Board of Elders. Also, to be presented is a slate of candidates to fill the upcoming Board of Elders slots whose term is expiring at the end of this year. The floor will also be open for any nominations. An election of three new board members will take place. This year, we will also need to elect (one) Synod Delegate and (one) Alternate to represent New Hope at The Moravian Church, Southern Province Synod of 2022 which will be taking place June 1st- 4th at Winston-Salem State University in Winston-Salem, NC.... Our Board of Elders, with Pastor Betty serving as the Chairperson, is led by our Chief Elder – Jesus Christ. Please plan to stay for this important brief meeting.

In Christ Service,
The Rev. Betty A. Helms
New Hope Board of Elders



New Hope Moravian Thanksgiving Lovefeast Sunday, November 21, 2021

Sunday, November 21, we will be celebrating at worship our Thanksgiving Lovefeast. Diners will be serving coffee and bun to those who worship inside the sanctuary and in the parking lot.

We are excited about this upcoming service. It has been a long time since we have had a lovefeast as a church body. All safety precautions will be taken, and we will be using disposable cups and individually bagged buns.

Please mark your calendar to join us each Sunday and especially November 21st for our Thanksgiving Lovefeast.



Many thanks to...

Margaret Schultz, Malissa Bumgarner, Nancy Miller and Jane Bumgarner for providing a decorated trunk and treats for the Preschool Trunk & Treat this past Thursday.

To all members of New Hope and parents of New Hope Preschool from Carolina Caring Cardinal Kids for the outstanding response for our October Mission Project of providing diapers and baby toiletries. An update of the totals collected will be in upcoming Thursday updates.



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Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry, Inc



Please join us

FOR OUR 2021

SHARE THE HARVEST ONLINE AUCTION



OUR AUCTION WILL BE LIVE

OCTOBER 25TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 7TH.



**TO ACCESS THE AUCTION LINK, VISIT [ECCCM.ORG](https://www.ecccm.org), AND CLICK
THE BANNER ON OUR HOME PAGE.**

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN SHOPPING THAT SUPPORTS
THE ECCCM MISSION.**





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 November

Tuesday, November 2nd –



Thursday, November 4th – ECCCM Workday

Sunday, November 7th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service 10:00 am



Daylight Saving Time Ends
Don't forget to turn you clocks **back** one hour on Saturday!

Monday, November 8th – Board of Elders Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 11th – No School for New Hope Preschool or Catawba County Schools



Sunday, November 14th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service 10:00 am

Christ as Chief Elder Communion

Church Council (immediately after worship)

Sunday, November 21st – Sunday School 9:00 am
Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service 10:00 am

Thanksgiving Lovefeast

Wednesday, November 24th – No School for New Hope Preschool or Catawba County Schools

Thursday, November 25th –



Friday, November 26th – December Newsletter Articles Due

Sunday, November 28th – **Sunday School 9:00 am**
Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Service 10:00 am

First Sunday in Advent



November Birthdays

4th – Roberta Frazier
8th – Linda Stack Morgan
10th – Shawn Snipes
12th – Ben Johnson
18th – Phyllis Little
25th – Rachel Schultz Snipes
27th – Gabriel Snyder
28th – Mark Bumgarner

Pray Every Day November 2021

1. Turn oh Lord and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
2. Keep me safe O God, for in you I take refuge. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
3. Hear O Lord, my righteous plea; listen to my cry. Give ear to my prayer. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
4. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock in whom I take refuge. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
5. You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. Pray for the Thiessens in Mexico.
6. The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
7. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
8. In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
9. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
10. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahuas.
11. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
12. The Lord is my light and my salvation, who shall I fear? Pray for Moravians in Peru.
13. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
14. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
15. O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
16. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
17. Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
18. We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. Pray for short term mission teams.
19. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
20. Your love, O Lord, reaches to the Heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. Pray for the government leaders of our country.
21. The days of the blameless are known to the Lord, and their inheritance will endure forever. In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
22. O Lord, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God. Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior. Pray for the Moravian churches and missionaries in Haiti.
23. I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. Pray for Alan and DeeDee Iobst in France.
24. Be pleased, O Lord, to save me; O Lord, come quickly to help me. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
25. As the deer pants for the streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
26. Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. Pray for firefighters and police officers.
27. All this happened to us, though we had not forgotten you or been false to your covenant. Our hearts had not turned back; our feet had not strayed from your path. Pray for the Board of World Missions.
28. Rise up and help us; redeem us because of your unfailing love. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
29. Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth! Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.
30. Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love. Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Pray for disaster relief workers and Moravian Disaster Response.



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