

The Messenger of Hope

News from Hope
and
the Southern Province
January-February 2018



Interim Ministry at Hope Moravian

Thank you so much for all of your welcoming gestures, treats, and kind words to Tim and me. It is indeed an honor and a blessing for me to serve in Interim Ministry. The Interim period is not a stagnant one, or simply a time of waiting for the next pastor. Of course, the calling of the next pastor is the reason we are in an Interim! However, it is not a time to dally but to “prepare the way” for the present ministry and mission to which God is inviting you!

At Hope I am employed 2 days a week, which could increase somewhat. Thus, for now as with any Interim time, my work is more defined by the amount of hours the Board has offered. During my service here, I will be studying, praying, learning your names, working with the Board, visiting folks who have urgent needs as well as planning worship with the Worship Committee and staff, and leading worship.

As we move forward, I hold to the scripture of blessing you shared as you welcomed Tim and me in *The Messenger of Hope* newsletter: *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*, (Ephesians 3:20) and I will add, *to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever*. (Ephesians 3:21).

Our planning has begun!

Below are upcoming plans that are included in the calendar:

Installation of Judy Knopf as Interim - January 21st during worship

Lenten book study on Thursdays, dates TBA - *24 Hours That Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton

Moments for Meditation for the remainder of January - Digging Deeper with Shorter Passages!

During these upcoming weeks until the time of Holy Week, if you're looking for devotional scriptures to carry you through each week, I have scriptures for you. And I'm inviting you to try this devotional exercise with me - during your devotional time each day read the same scripture for that particular week, Sunday through Saturday. If possible, read it to yourself and then out loud. Take in its message to you. If a word or phrase is meaningful to you, either comforting or challenging, reflect on why is it troubling or meaningful. Reflect in those devotional moments and at times when it pops into your head or heart later on that day. After reflection, ask yourself, “Is God inviting me to do or be something?” Repeat this practice each day.

Meditation for the Week of January 14th - Psalm 139:1-6

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. (Scripture for the 14th)

Meditation for the Week of January 21st - Philippians 4:8-11

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Scripture in the Liturgy of Trust, RED)

Meditation for the Week of January 28th - Psalm 111:7-10

The works of his [God's] hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever. (Verse 10 is the Watchword for the week of the 28th)

- Pastor Judy

Provincial Highlights

Moravian Church in America Southern Province

Days of Prayer 2018

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018

HOME MORAVIAN

Amy Rio

10:00 AM Coffee Hour

10:45 Music

11:00 AM Worship, Nursery Provided

Sunday, February 18, 2018

CHRIST MORAVIAN

The Reverend Rick Sides

2:00 PM Lovefeast, Nursery Provided

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

TRINITY MORAVIAN

Kaylen Hope Lanier

11:00 AM Worship

Luncheon

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

ARDMORE MORAVIAN

The Reverend Chaz Snider

9:45 AM-Coffee Hour

10:45 AM- Music

11:00 AM- Worship, Nursery provided

Wednesday March 7, 2018

CALVARY MORAVIAN

The Reverend Chaz Snider

9:45-10:45- Coffee Hour

11:00- Worship, Nursery Provided

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

FAIRVIEW MORAVIAN

The Reverend Donald Griffin

10:30 AM Band Prelude

11:00 AM Worship with Communion,
Nursery Provided

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

KONNOAK HILLS MORAVIAN

The Reverend Ray Burke

11:00 AM Lovefeast

March 25, Palm Sunday

March 30, Good Friday

April 1, Easter Sunday

Leadership Focus 2018

Still Relevant! Being Moravian Today

Saturday, February 24, 2018 | 9:00am – 2:15pm | Kernersville Moravian Church
Being the church in the twenty-first century calls us to new challenges and demands greater commitment and understanding of our faith and action. This year, we'll explore how we are still relevant and what it means to be Moravian today. What is God calling us to do or be in the 21st century?

Join us for an engaging opening presentation by congregational consultant, the Rev. Mark Tidsworth. A day of learning and fellowship, Leadership Focus provides education, training, and discussion opportunities for Southern Province Moravians.

(For anyone interested in Leadership Focus 2018 information with the schedule, workshop descriptions, cost and registration form are posted on the bulletin board below the office stairs)

Unity Prayer Day and Offering

Each year Moravian churches around the world celebrate the founding of the *Unitas Fratrum* (March 1, 1457) and receive a special "Unity Offering" for an important project or cause somewhere in the Moravian world. Sunday, March 4 is the Day of Prayer for Unity Work. The Hope Congregation is invited to pray for our worldwide church and we will have the opportunity to participate in a special Unity Prayer Day Offering. The Unity Prayer Day Offering 2018 will go to purchase a piece of land for a church office, the first to be owned by the Moravian Church in Peru. Peru is one of the Unity Mission areas with which our Board of World Mission is partnered.

(Information about this mission project and our church in Peru is posted on the bulletin board below the office stairs. On March 4 if you would like to share in the Unity Offering please list Unity Offering in the memo section of your check or place your donation in an envelope and mark that it is for the Unity Offering.)

Acolyte/Worship Leader

Greeters

Children's Messenger

Scripture Reader

4th:
11th:
14th: TBD
18th: Keith Weatherman
25th:

4th: Jarred & Natalie Poupore
11th: Mike Smith
14th: TBD
18th: Roger & Brenda Hockaday
25th: Steve Trantham

4th: Brenda Hockaday
11th: Linda Worley
14th: NCS
18th: Lynn Coore
25th: Beth Ann Polivka

4th: Brenda Hockaday
11th: Linda Worley
14th: TBD
18th: Keith Weatherman
25th: Melody Lee

Ushers

4th: Chad Wallace
11th: Dustin Allen & John Worley
14th: TBD
18th: Ken Butner & Mike Wallace
25th: Mike Smith & Steve Trantham

Nursery

4th: Jodie Edwards & Nicole Crabbe
11th: Sue Kidd & Kathy Gerald
14th: No Nursery
18th: Jarred & Natalie Poupore
25th: Bobby & Debbie Jones



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunnyside Items for February: Canned Tomato Products and Soup						
4 Green Fifth Sunday After Epiphany Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:05 am	5 Chicken Pie Workday 9:00am	6	7 Choir Practice 7:00pm	8	9	10
11 Green Last Sunday After the Epiphany Transfiguration of our Lord Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:05 am	12 Church Board Meeting 7:00pm	13	14 Ash Wednesday Community Lunch- Noon (fellowship hall) DOP-Home Moravian 10:00am Coffee Hour, 11:00am Worship Ash Wednesday Communion and Imposition of Ashes 6:00pm (Hope Sanctuary)	15	16	17
18 White First Sunday in Lent Band Prelude 9:30am Worship-Communion Lent 10:00am Sunday School 11:05am Day of Prayer Service at Christ Moravian 2:00pm Lovefeast Sanctuary flowers (Sandi Mills)	19	20 Night Circle Meeting 6:30pm	21 DOP-Trinity Moravian 11:00am Worship (Luncheon to follow) Choir Practice 7:00pm	22	23	24
25 Purple Second Sunday in Lent Band Prelude 9:30am Worship 10:00am Sunday School 11:05am	26	27	28 DOP-Ardmore Moravian 9:45am Coffee Hour, 11:00am Worship			



Provincial Highlights



Provincial Women's Spiritual Life Retreat

Date: Friday, April 27 - Sunday, April 29, 2018
Laurel Ridge Moravian Conference Center
Higgins Lodge
124 Pendry Dr, Laurel Springs, NC 28644

"Come to Your Senses"

Retreat Facilitator: Rt. Rev. Dr. Kay Ward



Photo Credit: Bethania Moravian Church

The Spiritual Life Retreat is an opportunity for all women in the Province to gather for spiritual renewal and fellowship. The goal for the retreat is for participants to leave the weekend rested, renewed in her faith journey, and with new friends in our sisterhood.

Check-in begins at 4:00pm on Friday evening with dinner at 6:00pm. The program will begin at 7:00pm in Higgins Lodge. On Saturday morning breakfast will be served at 8:00am. We will meet for devotions at 9:00am to start the day in a relaxing atmosphere for spiritual renewal and growth.

We will conclude our time together Sunday morning with worship and communion service followed by brunch and a parting blessing.

Ladies are encouraged to wear casual clothing and comfortable shoes. Please bring to your Bible, pen and journal.

A generous donation will be providing a limited number of \$75 scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come basis. A written request for the scholarship and payment (less \$75) must accompany your registration. To be mailed to the WB Office (address below).

Registration Deadline is Thursday, March 22, 2018.

For more information please contact Cindy Lamb at 336-722-4911 or pwbmcsp@gmail.com

The Provincial Women's Board

500 S. Church St, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

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(Registration forms with more retreat details are located on the bulletin board below the office stairs.)

From Sunnyside Ministry

Dear Hope Moravian Church:

Sunnyside Ministry gratefully acknowledges your gift of \$690.23 from the Christmas Eve Lovefeast Services. We are very grateful to Hope Moravian Church for remembering those in our community that are less fortunate. We are only able to continue this work through the generous support of those like you and ask that you keep Sunnyside in your thoughts and prayers.

Blessings, David Holston, Director
Sunnyside Ministry



News From Sunnyside Ministry Food Pantry Donations

We have been Blessed to receive a lot of food the last few weeks. But the demand is still high. January is not only cold, but the amount of donations drop in January.

How can you help

Donate food, organize a food drive. Food items with the highest demand are: **Canned Beans, Corn, Soup, Canned Meats, Powdered Milk and Peanut Butter.**

We need Coats

Did you get a new coat for Christmas? Think about donating an old coat, gently worn, to Sunnyside Ministry to make the life of someone else just a little bit warmer.

You will feel warmer for making this gift, we promise.

Hope Community Highlights

Hope Moravian Band News

Lent and Easter will soon be here and there are many opportunities for your service. Mark your calendar and join us as we gather together on the following dates:

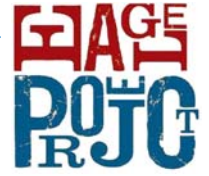
- Sunday, February 18 at 9:30am - Band prelude for the First Sunday in Lent and Holy Communion
- Sunday, February 25 at 9:30am - Band prelude for the Second Sunday in Lent

Thank you for your dedicated service.
Keith

Eagle Scout Project Update and Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who donated to my Eagle Scout Project. I have reached my fundraising goal, and this could not have happened if it weren't for all the generous donations I have received to improve the Hope Church playground. I plan to move forward with my project this spring, and after I finish my project I will be eligible to receive my Eagle Scout Rank! There is no way I could have gotten this far and reached my goal without the church, and words cannot express the gratitude I have for the congregation and the Lord. Thank you all!

Sincerely, Ryan Absher



Chicken Pie Work Days

Chicken pie making at Hope will begin soon and everyone is invited to come lend helping hand. We begin around 9:00am on Monday mornings.

Monday, January 22

Monday, February 5

Please contact Vicky Smith for more information.



The Night Circle will meet
Tuesday, January 16
at 6:30pm in the church
fellowship hall.
Dinner will be provided.



Chicken Stew and Bingo Night

The Estelle Jones Class will sponsor a Chicken Stew and Bingo Night on Saturday January 27 beginning at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited! Please bring your own bowl and spoon and join us for a night of food, fun, fellowship and prizes!



Ash Wednesday Holy Communion and The Imposition of Ashes

You are invited to begin the season of Lent in Worship by sharing in Holy Communion and The Imposition of Ashes on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Hope Church Sanctuary.

(We will not have a Pancake Supper on Ash Wednesday)

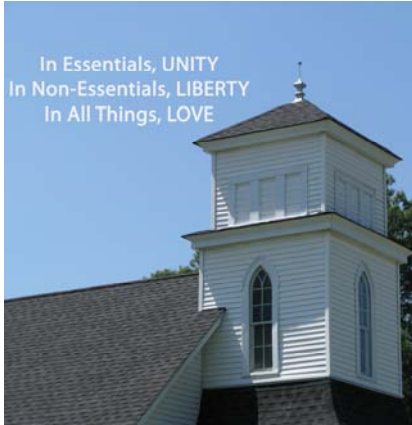


Events coming in March 2018

- Unity Offering Sunday—March 4 at 10:00am
- Daylight Saving Time begins spring ahead 1 hour Sunday morning March 11
- Hope Church Board Meeting—Monday, March 12 at 7:00pm (fellowship hall)
- Hope Community Lunch—Wednesday, March 14 at noon (fellowship hall)
- Night Circle Meeting—Tuesday, March 20 (time and location to be announced)
- Palm Sunday Breakfast—Sunday, March 25 at 9:00am (fellowship hall)
- Band Prelude—Palm Sunday, March 25 at 9:30am
- Palm Sunday Worship—Sunday, March 25 at 10:00am
- Easter Egg Hunt—Sunday, March 25 at 11:05am (church grounds)
- Holy Week Reading Service—Sunday, March 25 at 7:00pm (sanctuary)

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Winston-Salem, NC 27127-8773**

Address Correction Requested



Church Office: 336.765.8017
hopemoraviannc@triad.rr.com
www.hopemoraviannc.org
Worship Service 10:00am
Sunday School 11:05am

Hope Moravian Church

Acolytes: Linda Worley, Keith Weatherman,
Gerald Spaugh

Board Members

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Nicole Crabbe	Keith Weatherman	Mike Wallace
Brenda Hockaday	Sybil Stafford	Sue Kidd
Chris Meinberg	Janice Butner	Jarred Pouppore

Church Directory

Rev. Judy Knopf.... Intentional Interim Pastor
Chris Meinberg..... Vice-Chairman, Hope Church Board
Dustin Allen Head Usher
Bobby Jones Assistant Head Usher
Keith Weatherman Band Director
Becky Hartzog Church Musician
Linda Worley Nursery Coordinator
Sybil Stafford Sunday School Superintendent—
.....Curriculum
John and Linda Worley...
..... Sunday School Superintendent—Social
Mike and Vicky Smith and Debbie Absher.....
..... RCC Representatives

Kenny and Janice Butner.... Older Adult Representatives
Debbie Jones.....Sacristan
Debbie Jones.....Flower Coordinator
Vicky Smith..... Kitchen & Chicken Pie Chair
Debbie Jones..... Head Diener
Heather Branch.....Assistant Head Diener
Kip Crabbe and Mark Edwards Coffeemakers
Linda Worley Women’s Fellowship President
Nicole CrabbeArchivist
Nicole Crabbe, Jodie Edwards and Heather Branch.....
.....VBS Coordinators
Nicole Crabbe Church Council Secretary
Bobby Jones and Mike KiddGraveyard Committee
Roger Hockaday, Mike Smith and Bobby Jones
..... Maintenance Coordinators
Roger Hockaday ... Grounds Maintenance and Janitorial
.....Staff Director
Nicole Crabbe and Linda Worley and Chris Meinberg ...
.....Policy and Procedures Committee
Brenda Hockaday Treasurer
Susan Weatherman Administrative Assistant