

The Messenger of Hope

News from Hope
and
the Southern Province



July-August
2017

From the Pastor

Hope Church Diary for July 2, 2017

Not long ago, while reading the Hope memorabilia from 1820, I was struck by some encouraging words written by what was then known as “the congregational committee” (e.g. the church board). Having described in detail the many gifts, opportunities, and challenges facing the community at that time, the members concluded:

“We must not be discouraged, but it becomes us to hope and trust in the Lord alone...What do we know at this present moment, what our all merciful Savior and Shepherd is about to do?”¹

As I reflect upon these last four years of ministry, I am amazed by what God has done in and through the people of Hope, the countless ways that Christ has proven faithful. I am also blessed and humbled, having learned so much from the many and varied people who gather together in worship and in prayer, in service and in love. Looking-ahead, I can see many paths and possibilities for renewal and growth, for rededication and new leadership. Nevertheless, I am reminded of the wisdom that is handed-down: “We are what God has made us,” (Ephesians 2:10a).

As followers of Jesus, perhaps our primary task is the ongoing discernment of our identity in Christ. For in discerning *who we are* we can begin to live in accordance with our vocation, the beautiful work-of-art that our God created us to become, as the writer of Ephesians continues, “[We have been] created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life,” (Ephesians 2:10b). As we enter a new season of life and ministry, could it be that God is already shaping and sustaining us? If so, then there is hope for us all—hope for today and hope for tomorrow.

– Pastor Andrew

A Prayer for July & August

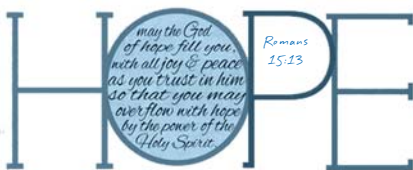
God of every moment—
Sometimes, if I’m honest,

I wonder about your presence.

How are you able to journey with us?
I guess it’s because you care so much,
always wanting to be near, to be close.

Teach me to understand your love:
for me, for my neighbors, for my enemies.

And make me open to the future,
for the future belongs to you. Amen.



¹Hope Moravian Church: 225th Anniversary—Memorabilia from 225 Years of Hope, Moravian Archives, ©2005, pg.58.

Hope Community Highlights

Sunday Morning Worship Leader Opportunity

While our church is involved in the Call Process we have a need for volunteers to help with Sunday morning services. In a typical Sunday morning worship service, the liturgist/lay leader may lead the following:

- Call to Worship
- Hymn (Announce hymn)
- Welcome & Announcements
- Prayer – Joys and Concerns
- Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

If you would like to volunteer to be a liturgist/lay leader during this time please contact Chris Meinberg or Susan Weatherman.

John Hus Martyrdom Holy Communion

5th Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2017

Band Prelude 9:30am

Worship with Holy Communion 10:00am

The Rev. Lisa Mullen, guest speaker



August Thirteenth Festival Holy Communion

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2017

Band Prelude 9:30am

Worship with Holy Communion 10:00am



237th Anniversary Lovefeast



Sunday, August 27th

Band Prelude 9:30am—Anniversary Lovefeast 10:00am

Join us as we celebrate the 237 Anniversary of Hope Moravian Church!

Our guest speaker will be the Right Rev. Graham Rights.



News From the Widows Society

In September, 2017, the Widows of men who were members of the Widows Society at the time of their death will be receiving a check for \$325.00. Two widows have been added to the list this year. It is difficult to believe, but there are many married Moravian men who do not have this protection for their wives and children.

One of the goals for the Moravian Widows Society for 2017 is to have 100% of eligible males in the Southern Province as members.

To be a member, one must be under age 61, in good health, and a member, or associate member, of a Moravian Church, OR married to a member.

Also, one must pay the one time membership fee of \$250.00. (plus \$10.00 per year for those over age 50) For example, a man age 57 would pay \$250.00 plus \$70.00, or \$320.00.

Through the generosity of a "Sister" Moravian, we now have GRANT MONEY available to assist (in part) with the fee. To apply for a grant, one needs to:

- 1 - Submit an application (available from Bill Campbell) 336 403 3209
- 2 - Send along with a check for \$125.00, made payable to the Moravian Widows Society, to Rev. Dr. Bill Campbell, 584 Riverbend Drive, Bermuda Run, N.C. 27006

Submitted by Rev, Dr. Bill Campbell, Secretary, THE WIDOWS SOCIETY

Acolyte/Liturgist

2nd: Linda Worley, Keith Weatherman
9th: Chris Meinberg
16th: Nicole Crabbe
23rd: Max Spaug
30th: Max Spaug

Greeters

2nd: Mike & Sue Kidd
9th: Pat Foster & Mike Wallace
16th: Bobby & Debbie Jones
23rd: Ken & Janice Butner
30th: Jarred & Natalie Poupore

Children's Messenger

2nd: Pastor Andrew
9th: Linda Worley
16th: Allen Daniel
23rd: Billy Coore
30th: Beth Ann Polivka

Scripture Reader

2nd: Sarah Hubbard
9th: Jodie Edwards
16th: Allen Daniel
23rd: Max Spaug
30th: Keith Weatherman

Ushers

2nd: Mike Smith & John Worley
9th: Jarred Poupore & Terry Crater
16th: Kevin Absher & Bobby Jones
23rd: Ken Butner & Mike Wallace
30th: Donnie James & Dustin Allen

July 2017

Nursery

2nd: Debbie Absher & Shannon Meinberg
9th: Sue Kidd & Kathy Gerald
16th: Brenda Hockaday & Pat Foster
23rd: Jarred & Natalie Poupore
30th: Jodie Edwards & Nicole Crabbe

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunnyside Items Canned Meat, and	July: Canned Fruit, Macaroni & Cheese					1
2 Green Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Band Prelude 9:30am Worship-Independence Day Lovefeast 10:00am Sunday School 11:05am Congregational Cookout at Noon (fellowship hall)	3	4	5 No Choir Practice	6 John Hus Festival	7	8
9 White Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Band Prelude 9:30am Worship-Holy Communion in observance of the martyrdom of John Hus (July 6, 1415) 10:00am (Rev. Lisa Mullen, guest speaker) Sunday School 11:05am Sanctuary flowers (Women's Fellowship)	10	11	12 Community Lunch- fellowship hall noon Choir Practice 7:00pm	13 Moravian Widow's Society Meeting fellowship hall 7:00pm	14	15
16 Green Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00am (Rev. Steve Craver, guest speaker) Sunday School 11:05am	17	18 Unity Women's Desk—South Branch RCC Event Ahuas Clinic in Honduras update by Rick Nelson Konnoak Hills Moravian 6:00pm	19 No Choir Practice	20	21	22
23 Green Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00am (Rev. Lisa Mullen, guest speaker) Sunday School 11:05am	24	25	26 Choir Practice 7:00pm	27	28	29
30 Green Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00am (Rev. Steve Craver, guest speaker) Sunday School 11:05am Sanctuary flowers (Melanie Harris)	31					



Acolyte/Liturgist

6th: Linda Worley
13th: Keith Weatherman (Acolyte), Janice Butner (Liturgist)
20th: Jodie Edwards
27th: Brenda Hockaday

Greeter/s

6th: Bradd Craver
13th: Roger & Brenda Hockaday
20th: Steve Trantham
27th: Mike Smith

Children's Messenger

6th: Eric Crews
13th: Chris Meinberg
20th: Brenda Hockaday
27th: Linda Worley

Scripture Reader

6th: Billy Coore
13th: Sue Kidd
20th: Nicole Crabbe
27th: Albert Atwood

Ushers

6th: Justin Absher & Ryan Absher
13th: Jarred Poupore & Terry Crater
20th: Chad Wallace & Matt Polivka
27th: Mike Smith & Mike Wallace

August 2017

Nursery

6th: John & Linda Worley
13th: Debbie Absher & Shannon Meinberg
20th: Sue Kidd & Kathy Gerald
27th: Brenda Hockaday & Pat Foster

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunnyside Items for August: Canned Tomato Products and Soup		1	2 Choir Practice 7:00pm	3	4	5
6 Green Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00am (Rev. Lisa Mullen, guest speaker) Sunday School 11:05am Sanctuary flowers (Branch family)	7	8	9 Community Lunch Noon (fellowship hall) Choir Practice 7:00pm	10	11	12
13 White Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August Thirteenth Festival Band Prelude 9:30am Worship - Communion-August Thirteenth Festival 10:00am Sunday School 11:05am Sanctuary flowers (Sandi Mills)	14 Church Board Meeting 7:00pm	15 Night Circle Meeting (Sybil Stafford) 6:30pm	16 No Choir Practice	17	18	19
20 Green Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship - "Blessing of the Backpacks" 10:00 am Sunday School 11:05 am 2017 Children's Festival—Friedberg Moravian 2:00-5:00pm	21 <small>Moravian Mission Founded, 1732</small>	22	23 Worship Commit- tee Meeting 6:00pm (fellowship hall) Choir Practice 7:00pm	24	25	26 <small>Hope Moravian Church Founded, 1780</small>
The 25th Moravian Music Festival July 23-29						
27 Green Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Band Prelude 9:30am Worship - 237th Hope Anniversary Lovefeast 10:00am (the Right Rev. Graham Rights, guest speaker) Sunday School Anniversary Picnic following worship 11:30am (fellowship hall) Vesper Service on the Old Hope God's Acre 6:00pm Band Prelude with Vespers/ Communion at 6:15pm Prayer Day for Education	28	29	30 No Choir Practice 1780-2017	31		

Hope Community Highlights

Thankyou!

Hope's "Camp Out! Getting S'more of Jesus" VBS was held June 18-21 and was a big success! We had over 20 children for three nights of classes and a final night cookout, camp fire, and of course s'mores. At this year's VBS the kids learned how Jesus is the Light of the World.

Attendees and their parents were treated to a delicious dinner every night provided by Vicky Smith with the help of Brenda Hockaday, Debbie Jones, and Thelma Houck. Afterward Pastor Andrew would gather them for prayer and then the fun would begin!

Jodie Edwards, with the help of Taylor Edwards, Kirsten Hafkey, and Summer Gerald, would gather the children at the camp-site on the stage and sing camp songs and other classic bible school songs include the popular Lovefeast Song.

For the other sessions the children were split into three groups: Pre-K, K-2, & 3-5. Thank you to the group leaders Nancy Molnar, Shannon Meinberg, Debbie Jones, Natalie Poupore, Kip Crabbe, Macy Blum, Taylor Edwards, and Janice Butner.

Kathy Gerald and helpers Nancy Brandon, Kirsten Hafkey, and Summer Gerald made awesome crafts like little camp-fires, lanterns, lightning bugs, and bracelets, one to keep and one to go to missions in order to "share the light" of Jesus.

Beth Ann and Matthew Polivka wore the kids out with fun games both inside and out, including kickball and an awesome obstacle course.

Bible Study was lead by Nicole Crabbe with the help of Jodie Edwards. The kids were treated to fun activities and discussions on several Bible verses including John 3:16-21, John 8:12, and John 1:4-9 as well as others. They learned Jesus is the Light and talked about ways they can reflect that light to others.

After these sessions were over everyone enjoyed a snack, prayer, and gathered together in a circle to sing the Jude Benediction. It was beautiful.

Thank you to Bobby Jones and Mark Edwards who helped with the final cookout, Linda Worley for pictures, Terry Crater for providing wood for the "camp site", the Hope Youth Mission Team for sharing their favorite songs from Laurel Ridge, and Susan Weatherman for pictures and for working behind the scenes with the registration forms, postcards, and name tags.

We are blessed as a congregation to have so many willing to pitch in and help out where needed. We are also blessed to have so many youth, members and non-members, to both help at VBS and attend VBS. Thank you again for your support!

~ Nicole Crabbe, Jodie Edwards, Nancy Brandon - VBS Coordinators

South Branch RCC Highlights

Please join the Unity Women's Desk and the South Branch Regional Church Conference for an update on the Ahuas Clinic in Honduras by Rick Nelson!



**Where: Konnoak Hills Moravian Church
(3401 Konnoak Drive Winston-Salem)
When: Tuesday, July 18, 2017
Time: 6:00PM-8:00PM**

**What: A potluck supper and report on the Ahuas Clinic
with a focus on the Infant Feeding Program**

Join us for a wonderful night of fellowship and learning!

Please bring something to share for the potluck supper!

South Branch RCC Discussion for Mission Volunteer Crew to Assist With Hurricane Matthew Recovery Efforts

It should be no surprise to anyone living in North Carolina that the name "Matthew" has been retired as a Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Name by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). On October 8, 2016, Hurricane Matthew battered, beat, and crashed into North Carolina, leaving behind \$1.5 billion in flooding damage and 26 human deaths. The Tar River in small town Princeville rose to 17 feet above flood stage during the hurricane.

As a result of Matthew, half of the state's 100 counties were under a state of emergency and more than 2,000 people had to be rescued from high water. On farms across eastern North Carolina, 1.7 million chickens, 112,000 turkeys, and 2,800 swine were killed by flood water during the hurricane.

More than 100,000 buildings in North Carolina were flooded and severely damaged during Hurricane Matthew. Robeson County, the poorest county in the state, has hundreds of homeowners still living in hotels in the Lumberton area. Thousands of homes are completely uninhabitable.

The State of North Carolina has asked for \$929 million from the federal government to help assist recovery efforts in the aftermath of the hurricane. Unfortunately, North Carolina will receive less than 1% of the requested funding.

The lack of recovery funding creates an even greater need for donations and volunteer recovery help. Relief organizations estimate that recovery efforts in North Carolina will take at least four to five years. The Southeastern District (SED) of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) is coordinating Lutheran relief efforts in North Carolina, on behalf of the Southeastern District.

All volunteer teams need to be flexible and patient. Chainsaw debris clean up is still going on. Roof repair, insulation, drywall, painting, food prep, food distribution, etc. is needed. Housing and meals are being initially arranged by Hope Lutheran Church in Wake Forest.

Our South Branch Regional Conference of Churches (RCC) is considering the possibility of sending a week long mission crew to Lumberton this Fall. Please contact **Ashley** or **Clayton** if you are interested in dedicating some time to this very worthy cause. Dates for the mission will be determined later this summer

Ashley Snyder Miller – 336.486.5142; Ashsmiller@gmail.com

Clayton Miller – 336.731.2643; Clayton.Miller@highwoods.com

Provincial Highlights

Moravian Music Festival

The 25th Moravian Music Festival will be held July 23-29, 2017

In Winston-Salem, NC, on the campuses of Home Moravian Church and Salem College.

The Moravian Music Festival is where dedicated church musicians convene and conference, to reaffirm their work and service to the Lord. Festival is the opportunity to connect to the larger Church and the Worldwide Unity. The Festival is for everyone, serving musicians of all levels, from beginner to director. Moravian Music Festivals are a learning opportunity for singers and instrumentalists (Moravian and non-Moravian). It is full of practical ideas, skills, and techniques for the musician, the ensemble, and the congregation. Find registration and more information at www.moravianmusicfestival.org



An event for all children and their families commemorating the 1727 Moravian children's spiritual renewal in Herrnhut

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

Friedberg Moravian Church | Winston-Salem



News from Sunnyside (The Vision Statement for Sunnyside Ministry is "to be a place of **hope** in times of crisis".)

Our standard food items are:

- Peanut Butter
- Saltine Crackers
- Dry Pasta Noodles
- Canned Fruit.

Our standard non-food items are:

- Toilet Paper
- Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Shampoo

We continue to need **large brown paper bags** (without rips), preferably with handles

Year-to-Date Assistance

- 2504 interviews
- 311 first time interviews
- 2114 grocery orders
- Clothes or household items 2147 times
- Financial assistance 557 times, amounting to \$132,969.00.

Clothing & Household

Please donate current season items that are clean, repaired, and ready for someone else to enjoy. We can use:

- Summer clothes
- Tennis shoes and sandals
- Bed and bath linens

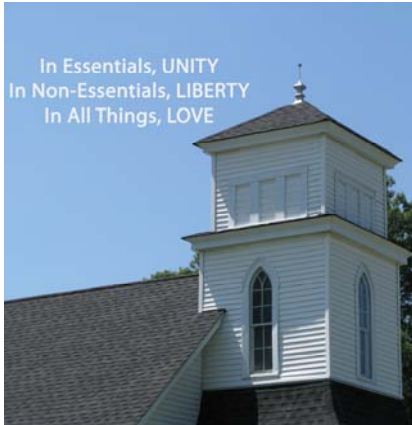
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www.hopemoraviannc.org
Worship Service 10:00am
Sunday School 11:05am

Hope Moravian Church

The Rev. Andrew L. Heil, Pastor
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 Poupore

Church Directory

Chris Meinberg..... Vice-Chairman, Hope Church Board
Jarred Poupore..... Head Usher
Dustin Allen Assistant Head Usher
Keith Weatherman Band Director
Becky Hartzog Church Musician
Linda Worley Nursery Coordinator
Kathy Gerald Sunday School Superintendent—
..... Curriculum
Natalie Poupore Sunday School Superintendent—
..... Social
Chris Meinberg & Mike and Vicky Smith
..... RCC Representatives

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