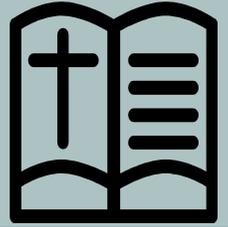


New Hope News

May 2014



2014 WATCHWORD
God said, "Let there be light";
and there was light.
Genesis 1:3

New Hope
Moravian Church

Moravian Music Sunday - May 18, 2014

Moravian Music Sunday is celebrated on **the fifth Sunday of Easter** and this year it falls on **May 18**. Each year the Moravian Music Foundation selects a theme such as the work of a past Moravian composer, the works of living Moravian composers, or Moravian women text and hymn writers among others. This year the theme is *Life with the Savior, Now and Forevermore* where the music, scriptures and liturgies for the day may be focused on this central theme. The works of non-Moravian composers are used also as well as folks in the local congregations who are musically gifted in singing, playing or composing. It is a Sunday set aside to celebrate music in the church and in our lives.

When I came to New Hope four years ago as your music director, a gentleman remarked to me, "We Moravians love our music!" and I realized his statement was true in just a few short weeks. I, too, love music for it has been a gift from God in my life since age seven when I first began piano lessons after school. Moravians celebrate music as part of worship services every Sunday in general worship, in the many lovefeast celebrations, in many festival services and one Sunday during the church year is specifically set aside to observe that celebration.

Music is a gift from God, often expressing things we know but cannot put into words. Music expresses all the joys and sorrows in our lives as well as all the deep feelings. Singing together in worship and playing instruments together unites us as a living community of brothers and sisters in Christ. In our music we praise God and share in joy of making music with each other. It involves our whole person, body, mind, spirit and soul.

Our music making is a reminder of this one particular aspect of life in the reign of God: none of us is complete alone. We need each other's voices and instruments for the music to be complete for the music of all is much greater than any we can make alone. This also is God's gift to us in Christ: our life in community. Listening to others sing or play isn't enough and we should not wait until we think we are "good enough" to sing or play. Our worship, our praise, our singing, our playing, our best efforts where we are now is pleasing to our Lord and Savior. I have sometimes remarked to the choirs that God doesn't expect perfection; He just expects us to do our best.

On this Sunday set aside for us to celebrate and recognize the value music plays in worship and in our lives, let us be thankful to God for this marvelous gift which draws us closer to our God and to one another. Through music may we learn to love our Savior more deeply and to love one another more fully. To God be the glory and thanks be to God for music!

Always keep a song in your heart,

Phyllis Little, Director of Music

Women's Fellowship

Women Fellowship is planning a **Spring Outing** for all women of the church on **Monday, May 19th**. We will **meet at the church at 9:00** and carpool to the mountains for a day of good fellowship and shopping! We'll stop off at the home of Jim and Cheryl Hendrix's in Linville Land Harbor before starting the day of shopping. Plans are to eat lunch at a local restaurant in the Linville/Banner Elk area and return home by late afternoon. Everyone is encouraged to join us for this fun day away.

Women's Fellowship Executive Committee has met and begun planning for 2014 Candle Tea. Leslie Srail is in charge of getting vendors for this year's event. All vendors will need to fill out an application with pictures submitted of their craft items (something new this year). There is a \$15 vendor fee to anyone interested in applying. Members who may know of someone that would be interested in coming this year are asked to see Leslie and she will send them an application. Of course members' crafts are always so important to Candle Tea. We encourage members to start planning now on how they can contribute this year. If you are not a craft person, don't forget that the bakery is a huge hit every year at Candle Tea. We need all your best bakery items! Remember to save those boxes and box lids for our check out area. Mark Bumgarner will be collecting these items all year long. **Candle Tea is Saturday, December 6th.**

Summer Camp

It's time to sign-up for Laurel Ridge summer camp. Women's Fellowship has \$375 available to help the children of New Hope attend camp.

Please contact Nancy Miller if you are interested in a camp scholarship



Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet **Tuesday, May 20th, at 7:00 pm** at the home of Cheryl Hendrix. We will end our study of "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World." At this meeting we will discuss what type of study we would like when we resume in the fall after a summer break. All women are invited to join us at any time.



The American Red Cross has asked our church to host a Blood Drive on **Tuesday, July 29th**. There is always a need for people to give blood, but in the summer the need is especially great due to people being on vacation, sites closed, etc.

In order to host the drive, we need **30 people** signed up in advance to donate on the 29th. I will post a sheet this Sunday on bulletin board in hall and ask that all of you consider donating. Please tell your friends and neighbors about the drive and ask them to donate. I will have fliers available for you to hand out next week.

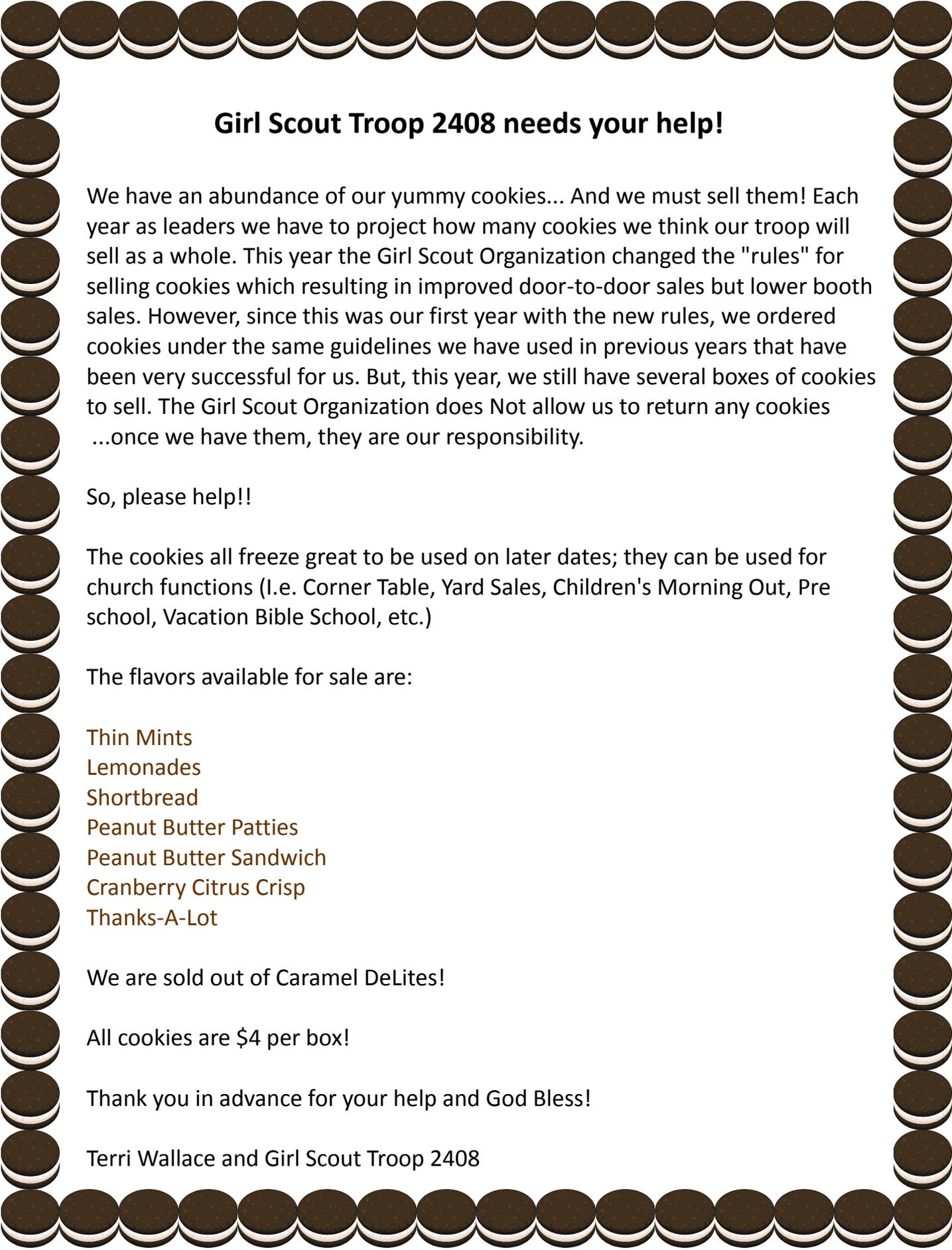
The Red Cross will also advertise the Blood Drive, but not until we have a commitment from 30 people. I know some of us already give on a regular basis, but please time your donations so that you can give at our Blood Drive.

After we reach our goal, I will be asking for volunteers to help on the day of the drive. This will be a great community outreach for our church!

If you have questions or concerns, just give me a call!

Thanks,

Nancy Miller



Girl Scout Troop 2408 needs your help!

We have an abundance of our yummy cookies... And we must sell them! Each year as leaders we have to project how many cookies we think our troop will sell as a whole. This year the Girl Scout Organization changed the "rules" for selling cookies which resulting in improved door-to-door sales but lower booth sales. However, since this was our first year with the new rules, we ordered cookies under the same guidelines we have used in previous years that have been very successful for us. But, this year, we still have several boxes of cookies to sell. The Girl Scout Organization does Not allow us to return any cookies ...once we have them, they are our responsibility.

So, please help!!

The cookies all freeze great to be used on later dates; they can be used for church functions (I.e. Corner Table, Yard Sales, Children's Morning Out, Pre school, Vacation Bible School, etc.)

The flavors available for sale are:

Thin Mints
Lemonades
Shortbread
Peanut Butter Patties
Peanut Butter Sandwich
Cranberry Citrus Crisp
Thanks-A-Lot

We are sold out of Caramel DeLites!

All cookies are \$4 per box!

Thank you in advance for your help and God Bless!

Terri Wallace and Girl Scout Troop 2408



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The annual **Hot Dog Cookout** at Leslie Srail's home is **Tuesday night, June 3rd at 6:00 pm**. All women of the church are invited to join us as we dine outside on Leslie's great porch! This is such a fun night of fellowship and good food! Look for a sign up sheet on the church bulletin board for suggestions of things to bring to share with the group.

DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!



SAVE THE DATE

**New Hope's
Volunteer week at ECCCM is
June 2nd-June 5th**



New Hoppers will be sponsoring a day trip to Old Salem on **Saturday, May 31**. We will see some designated places and have free time to explore the shops.

More details will be coming. We will need to know who will be going soon. This is for anyone who wants to go and should be a lot of fun.

Contact Pam Prevatte or Jane Bumgarner if you have questions.



Congratulations to Our New Hope Moravian Church Graduates

Sunday, May 11th, at our worship service we will be recognizing those who are graduating this spring.

You are invited to attend a reception following worship in their honor.

Our graduates are:

Daniel W. Long is the son of Hugh and Linda Long. Daniel will be graduating with Honors from NC State University May 10th. He is receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering. Daniel has been awarded a full scholarship in the Graduate Doctorate Program and plans to attend either the University of Minnesota or the University of Pennsylvania – Pittsburg in August. His studies will be concentrating in “Healing Cancer: Tissue Regeneration.”

Rachel E. Schultz is the daughter of Tom and Margaret Schultz. Rachel graduates from Queens University of Charlotte May 3rd. Rachel will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education – grades k-6. Presently Rachel has been student teaching in grade 2 at Eastover Elementary in Charlotte. Rachel enjoys working with children, especially in grades k-2. She is in the process of applying to various school districts for a teaching position. In addition to her love of working with children, she also enjoys participating in the practice of Yoga.

J. Claire Schultz is the daughter of Tom and Margaret Schultz. Claire graduates from Fred. T. Foard High School June 14th. Claire is an Honors graduate. She is a member of the Beta Club and is a Senior Class Representative. Claire plans to attend NC State University in August where she will study engineering. Claire has a gift of music and has been in the Fred T. Foard band as a trumpeter for four years. Prior to high school, she was in the band at Jacob’s Fork Middle School. She has studied music for 13 years. Her other interests include piano and reading.

Emily W. Simpson is the daughter of Greg and Caron Simpson. Emily graduates from Fred T. Foard High School June 14th. She graduates Magna Cum Laude. Emily is member of the Beta Club, Juniorette’s Chaplain, the Spanish Club, the Art Club, FGA Club, and serves as the President of the SCCLA Club. Emily has also been on the FTF Volleyball team for 4 years. She plans to attend the University of North Carolina in Wilmington in August with a study in the field of physical therapy. Emily serves as an Intern with Carolina Orthopedics this semester. She also is employed part-time by Belks.

Congratulations to our Graduates.... and congratulations to their parents. Your New Hope Family is so proud of each of you and know that we love and support you.