



Bethabara Bells

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Vacation Bible School

Marketplace 29 A.D.



Make your plans to join us JULY 17—JULY 21; experience and learn about living in the times when Jesus was on earth.

Our Vacation Bible School program begins at 6 PM but come early and have dinner with us at 5:30PM.

We hope to see you there!!!



*Laugh everyday, it's
like inner jogging!*

BOARD REQUEST

2 congregational members are needed to serve on the Nominating Committee; would you give prayerful consideration to answering the call? If you have any questions, you may contact any Church Board member, or Pastor May.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Cale Edwards Abrams



June 17, 2005

10:13PM

9 lbs. 2 oz.

21 1/4 inches long

PROUD MOM & DAD: Brad & Tamara Abrams

PROUD BIG BROTHER: Boston Abrams

PROUD GRANDPARENTS: Bill & Carole Rosenbaum

COMMUNION

You are asked to note on your calendar our next Communion which will take place in our Sanctuary on **July 10, 2005** at 11AM. This Communion is in celebration of the JOHN HUS FESTIVAL.



*God's
Yard*

ESL UPDATE

Here are some stats from the first class of the summer session: Edna, had 10 students and 1 child in her class, Hilda had 6-7 students. There were 13-15 Latino children PLUS Bethabara's youth so about 20-25 total! WOW!!!

The time to sign up is now! Yard cuttin' season ain't over yet!

Many thanks to those who have assisted with maintaining God's Yard! Would you like to participate and be a Steward in this ministry? Check out the sign-up sheet in the Vestibule, there are still some empty slots!

AROUND THE PROVINCE

- ✝ **July 15-23**—Christmas in July Sale at the Moravian Book and Gift Shop. Daily prize drawings as well as a \$200 shopping spree to be drawn on the 23rd!!
- ✝ **July 3-8**—Session III of Laurel Ridge Mission Camp
- ✝ **July 14-17**—Gemeinschaft Leadership Development Training, Higgins Lodge Laurel Ridge (*registration forms in church office*)
- ✝ **July 1-7**—High School Convo 2005 held at the University of Calgary in Calgary Canada

WELCOME!!

Have you met DONNA UTILI?

Donna is our new childcare attendant. She is a teacher at Old Town Elementary and is furthering her education in the Master's program at Wake Forest University.

Donna is bilingual and hails from Peru.

She brings with her a love of children and great enthusiasm. She is quickly becoming a wonderful accent to Bethabara and its Outreach program with the Latino Community.

Welcome, Donna! We're glad you're here!

NEWSLETTER NOTES

Richard W. Starbuck

From around the Southern Province

Just in time for summer's heat waves, **Fries Memorial** has a new air conditioner. Initial report: It is working so well "many of us froze the first Sunday it was in operation." On the warm side, a new commercial grade kitchen is in the early planning and fund-raising stage. Some funds have already been raised through the sale of slate roofing tiles from the "new" Boys School (1896) in Salem, courtesy of Salem Congregation. The tiles are painted with Christmas Eve Lovefeast candle, bun, and cup.

Hymn writing might not be everyone's talent, but the children of **Konnoak Hills** produced one for their Moravian Music Sunday. Titled "Konnoak is God's Church," it is sung to the tune for "Be Thou My Vision." Good job, kids. God really does "shine on our face."

It's amazing how simple sounding things can cost so much. Kids, for example. And then there are organs. **Messiah's** organ needs a new "combination action system" connecting the keyboard to the pipes. Since the organ is 35 years old, Messiah expects other key components will need replacing. The cost: "in the vicinity of" \$15,000. Already the Women's Fellowship has made a \$500 contribution as seed money for the Organ Restoration Fund.

Meanwhile, **Raleigh's** organ restoration campaign has been a complete success with \$35,102 raised so far including a matching \$10,000 gift from an anonymous benefactor (we love generosity like that). Work has already begun on the Adam Stein organ.

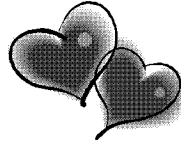
After eight months of haggling, **Covenant** has finally gotten a building permit for its new facility. If patience is a virtue, Covenant speculates, then "we will have the most virtuous building ever constructed in the Moravian Church!" We'll let **Peace** (zoning mess) or **Raleigh** (years of skyrocketing costs and construction delays) debate that point. As for Covenant, now that construction work is under way (we hope), the aim is to be in the new facility by Christmas. That's this year, not the next or the next or....

Yoo-hoo, DOT, bulldoze our parsonage. Please! **Union Cross** is debating the future of its parsonage. Its needs run the gamut: a new roof, complete painting, plumbing repairs, and better water run-off, plus heat in winter and occasional cleanings whether it is occupied or not. Besides, a separation crack in the roof is indicating structural damage. Painting a big bull's eye on it and calling on DOT is out of the question. DOT says it does its best to avoid church and school properties. (Since when, we would like to know.) Besides, Union Cross Road isn't scheduled for widening till at least 2009. So the parsonage sits, awaiting its future. Say, maybe that Dell plant down the road will inspire enough growth — we don't want to wish excess traffic on anyone — to provide the answer.

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i 8 Charlie Colyer
r 10 Jim Ellis
t 15 Doris Brendle
 18 Bobby Kyle
 Betty Fox
h 19 Will Sapp
 21 Jo Beth Boyles
d 24 Joe Maciag
 26 Leona Chatham
 Kristy Sapp
a 27 Cheryl Everhart
y 29 Erika Lambeth
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Happy Anniversary



4 JC/Dot Bruce

12 Dean/Erika Lambeth

Chuck Harmon & Company



In Concert

HAPPENING IN JULY AT BETHABARA

Every Tuesday

7 PM—College Age Fellowship
(meet at the Master's Loft)

Every Wednesday

2PM—Pastor's Class
 5:45 PM—Wednesday Night Dinner
 6:15 PM—Devotions
 6:30 PM—ESL Classes
 6:30 PM—Children's Choir practice
 7:05 PM—Youth Activities

No Adult Choir Practice this month!!

Every Sunday *(unless otherwise noted)*

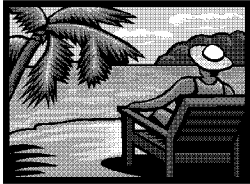
9 AM—Band practice
 9:45 AM—Sunday School
 11 AM—Worship Service
 5 PM—God's Gang

No Handbell practice this month!!

Newsletter submissions should arrive in the church office by the 15th of each month. Any questions? Contact Rachel @ 924-8789

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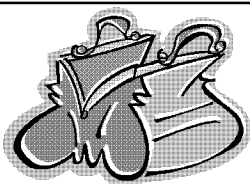
<p><u>BOARD MEETINGS</u> <i>July 10th & 11th</i> <i>7 p.m.</i></p>						1	2
3 Picnic/ Concert!	4 Church Office CLOSED	5	6	7	8	9	
10 Fellowship Breakfast COMMUNION	11	12	13	14	15	16 Scrapbooking/ Craft Night	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Men's Breakfast	
<p>Vacation Bible School @ Bethabara!</p>							
24	25	26	27 Last ESL for Summer session	28	29	30	
31	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>Church Secretary on Vacation JULY 18-22</p> </div> </div>						

THOUGHTS ABOUT OUR PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Are you aware of the “Chuck Harmon Scholarship Fund”? This fund was established to provide financial assistance to our Brother, Chuck Harmon, as he continues his theological education.

The church has been collecting funds and the church has been **benefiting** from this financial assistance!

If you can contribute just a small amount (\$5) to go towards Chuck’s education, these funds will really add up! Just think, if 25 people were to give \$5 per week, that totals \$125 each week. Multiplied by 4 weeks per month (on average) is \$500! That would more than cover the 2 summer school courses that Chuck has registered for.



If your pocketbook is **EMPTY** call Psalm 37.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP CONCERT SERIES

Mark your calendars and join us for our First Sunday Fellowship Picnic and a MINI-CONCERT.

More mini-concerts in connection with our First Sunday Fellowships are in the works! Be a part of the fellowship, good food and great Christian programming: 5:30 pm on the first Sunday of each month.

July 3 Chuck Harmon & Company

August 7 Down Home Quartet

*(During the warmer months, we will meet in the picnic shelter,
weather permitting.)*

BETHABARA NEWS

- ✝ Ushers for the month of JULY: Robby Boyles, Marlon Johnson, Jack Long, Jake Blackburn
- ✝ Nursery Volunteers for the month of JULY:
3)Teresa Reynolds, 10)Fern Hunter, 17)Betsy Johnson, 24) Tammy Gupton, 31)Carole Rosenbaum.
- ✝ A big THANK YOU from our participation in the F.O.R.E Book drive! Bethabara provided 77 books for First Graders at Old Town Elementary! Way to go!! Thank you to everyone who participated in this Outreach Ministry! Be sure to read the notes received from the students who benefited from this ministry! *(Notes are on the vestibule table.)*



- ✝ Our folks will participate in the BOOKMARK FESTIVAL at Bethabara Park on September 10th. *A fun-filled, one-day outdoor tented book festival with national, regional and local authors representing a variety of topics and genres. Events will range from readings by authors to panel discussions to book signings, to chef demonstrations, to hands-on workshops and much, much more. Special children's and teen areas will offer age-appropriate activities. A Music Stage and food vendors also. Free admission. www.bookmarksbookfestival.org . 336-722-9681. 9:30-5:00 p.m.; music until 8:00 p.m.*
- ✝ Our choir will sing (Singstude) in the Bethabara Park Gemein Haus during the Apple Festival on September 17th, *Come celebrate apples, cider, pies, and more food again this year with main-stage American Heritage musicians, vendors, the traditional "band wagon" parade, the Apple Garden, down-home entertainment, local orchards selling new and heirloom apples, 25¢ wagon rides, children's games and colonial re-enactors demonstrating old-time apple cooking and crafts. Museum Shop open. Charge for food; event free of charge!! 10:30 AM—4:30 PM*
- ✝ Hey there all you choir folks!! The adult choir will not rehearsal the entire month of July or the first Wednesday in August! Enjoy your summer break but let Tom know if you have any thing special you'd like to do, sing, or perform this summer!!



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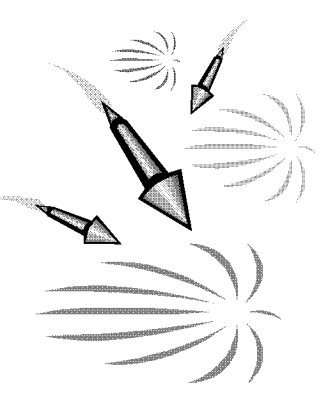
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“...I make mention of you always in my prayers.”

- Romans 1:9