



# Bethabara Bells

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## **PASTORAL ASSISTANT UPDATE**

Just wanted to share with you that I have begun classes at Vintage Bible College & Seminary. I am enrolled in the Associate Degree in Christian Counseling program. I'm thankful many of my credits from Forsyth Tech will transfer!

I'm taking two classes this spring, on Monday nights I have "Introduction to Christian Counseling" and on Tuesday nights, "The Study of Hebrews."

Thank you for your support and prayers as I seek to follow the leading of our Lord Jesus.

Yours In Christ, *Chuck*

## **UPCOMING WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE** *(A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR)*

Our Wednesday Night Program includes a variety of ministries. They are designed to help us to know the Bible better, to communicate with others more effectively through language study (Spanish and English classes), and to discover each other, in Christ. Our Wednesday programming also provides sound Christian music experiences for children and adults (many of which are shared in worship settings at Bethabara). Our children also enjoy interesting classes and age-appropriate activities. In short, Wednesday night is a time when there is something for all ages (including nursery for the smallest).

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## RACE FOR THE CURE

*Paulette Kuzmanovich*

Please support the fight against breast cancer by sponsoring Jim and I as we walk in the *Race for the Cure* (Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, NC) at Old Salem on Saturday May 7th. You can make a tax-deductible donation online (amount unknown to us) directly at the web site [www.triadrace.com](http://www.triadrace.com)



**SATURDAY MAY 7, 2005**

"in support of Paulette Kuzmanovich". If you prefer, you may place your donation in a sealed envelope with my name on the outside, and put it in our box in the foyer. Checks should be

made out to: Komen NC Triad Race for the Cure, and on the left side of the check's Memo Line, please write "*in support of Paulette Kuzmanovich*". You can also mail them to me at: 1849 Faculty Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. We will collect them and turn them in unopened at the race registration on Thursday May 5th. Please call me at 336-759-0788 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

## MORAVIAN HOLY LAND TRIP 2006

**F**rom 1995 to 2001, Moravians from across the Province have traveled to the Holy Land together for a wonderful time of Biblical learning, fellowship, inspiration, and spiritual growth. Now the time has come to renew this unique travel opportunity and a Moravian group is being organized for a 10-day trip to the Holy Land (January 3-12, 2006).

The trip is being coordinated by Rev. Rick Sides, Director of the Board of Christian Education, along with other Pastors and Christian Educators in the Province. The trip is arranged through

Educational Opportunities and will include a visit to Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center of the Moravian Church in Ramallah.

An informational meeting about the January 2006 trip will be held on Sunday evening, May 15, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor of Home Moravian Church. Anyone interested in learning more about the trip is invited to attend.

For more information or registration materials, contact Br. Sides at the Board of Christian Education (336) 722-8126.

# NEWSLETTER NOTES

*Richard W. Starbuck*

*From around the Southern Province*

**Mizpah** has a “new” church van, thanks to a generous donor. It’s a 1997 model that looks like a small bus on the inside. The donor went the extra mile of cleaning, repairing, and painting it himself. Now church groups can enjoy it, but remember to return it refueled.

**Peace** is starting several classes this spring, and the names of two of them are intriguing. The “Whopper Boppers” class — no, you ask ’em — Monday evenings introduces music reading and the history of our wonderful Moravian hymns. “A Wing and a Prayer” class Sunday mornings is aimed at the college age and up and will relate today’s issues to Scripture. A third class is a video Bible study Wednesday evenings, focusing this season on the Book of Acts.

**New Philadelphia** has been enjoying its beautiful new fellowship building for five years now. It has also been diligently whittling away at the \$3.25 million cost. In January the congregation passed a milestone when the debt was reduced well below \$1 million. Soon, debt free!

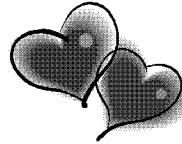
One Moravian minister’s commentary: “I’ve always wondered why Moravians celebrate the Resurrection in a manner that leaves everyone feeling dead afterwards (Trinity).” Yeah, that’s why we always had a “desire to depart,” as the older Easter morning liturgy so aptly quoted Paul (Phil. 1:23). And Paul wasn’t even lugging a tuba through the graveyard at dawn.

Just in time for Easter, **Leaksville** received the donation of what may be its first new band instrument, a sousaphone. It was ordered last December and was not expected until after Easter, but it arrived almost a month early, to the delight of the band. The bass section must have been something else this Easter. (By the bye, it is rumored that some of us Salem slickers can indeed find Leaksville but only after we reach the far side of Eden. We’ll know next time: when the highway marker says turn right, go straight.)

**B** 1 Addie Overby  
**i** 7 Sarah Holland  
**r** 11 Jason Gabriel  
**t** Nathan Lineback  
**t** 13 Ann Gupton  
 Anne Kyle  
**h** 15 Mason Wooten  
**d** 16 Eddie Wooten  
**a** 17 Carole Rosenbaum  
**y** 21 Sam Whitt  
 22 Laura Cobb  
 23 Dianne Cobb  
 24 Connie Sapp  
**s** 28 Daniel LaVenture



Happy Anniversary



27 Bob/Ann Gabriel

Regalado Family  
 May 1  
 Concert

**MAY 8—NO SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES**

## *HAPPENING IN APRIL 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—Bible Study  
 6:30 PM—Children's Choir practice  
 6:30 PM—ESL Classes  
 7:05 PM—Youth Activities

7:15 PM—Adult Choir practice

### **Every Thursday**

6:30PM—Pastor's Class

### **Every Sunday** *(unless otherwise noted)*

9 AM—Band practice  
 9:45 AM—Sunday School  
 11 AM—Worship Service  
 3PM—New Ringer Basics  
 4 PM—Harmony Ringers  
 5 PM—God's Gang  
 5 PM—Bethabara Ringers

# May 2005

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

1 5:30pm— Picnic & Concert	2 7pm— Circle 2	3 11am— Circle 1	4 2pm— <i>New Pastor's class</i>	5 6:30pm— <i>New Pastor's class</i>	6	7
8 Breakfast 	9	10	11	12	13	14
				Pastor May out of town		
15	16	17	18 NO PASTOR'S CLASS	19	20	21 <i>MF Golf</i>
Pastor May out of town <i>Provincial Conference</i>						
22 <i>Communion</i>  <i>Bethabara Rd CLOSED 1pm-6pm</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<b>28th—LAUREL RIDGE HOMECOMING</b>			
			<b><u>BOARD MEETINGS</u></b> <i>May 8th &amp; 9th</i> <i>7 p.m.</i>			

## MEN'S CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

*Mark your calendars and plan to support your Bethabara Team!*

May 3 6pm vs. New Hope

May 10 7pm vs. Bethany

May 17 8pm vs. Old Town

May 24 6pm vs. St. Andrews

May 31 6pm vs. Stanleyville

Jun 7 7pm vs. Germanton

Jun 14 10pm vs. Walnut Cove

Jun 28 7pm vs. Pfafftown



## BETHABARA NEWS

MR. TOMMIE CHOPLIN now resides at Britthaven of Kernersville, 728 Piney Grove Road, Kernersville, NC 27284.

MRS. MARIE CHOPLIN will reside at Kerner Ridge Assisted Living the first of May; currently she is residing with her daughter, Jeannette. Kerner Ridge is located at 250 Hopkins Road, Kernersville, NC 27284.

Continue to lift the Choplin's and those who love them, in prayer.



Congratulations to RICK SAPP! He will graduate from Western International University with a Master of Science degree on June 18, 2005

# FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP CONCERT SERIES

A new feature of our First Sunday Fellowship Suppers is the addition of a MINI-CONCERT.

This month we welcome back, **THE REGALADO FAMILY.**

**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.

June 5                      Cindy Johnson—Christian songwriter & singer

July 3                        Chuck Harmon—Dulcimer

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

“We still have some chicken pies available for sale. The cost is \$8 each. The price includes a 9 inch chicken pie and a cup of gravy. Please make your checks payable to *Women's Fellowship.*”



# LAUREL RIDGE NEWS

*“They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither...” - Psalm 1:3*

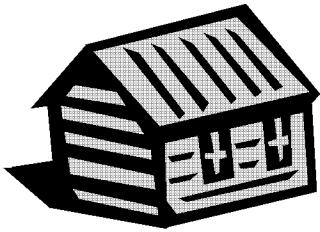
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A blessed Eastertide to you and your dear ones!

Please share with your congregants the value of a camping experience at Laurel Ridge. Some of your younger and newer members of our congregations may not be so aware of the opportunities for campers at Laurel Ridge.

We have found it very helpful to announce such “glad tidings” about the camping program from the pulpit, to place Laurel Ridge brochures in accessible places within your church and especially to invite members to share with one another by “word of mouth.”

We are encouraged by the willingness of volunteers who feel called to these children. We have added gifted leadership, (also volunteers!), for special interest groups at Junior Camps.



Yours in the name of our Risen Lord,  
*Rev. Lisa Mullen*  
Director of Children and Family Life

*P.S. If anyone would like to speak with us about the programs or about any concerns they may have for their children, please encourage them to call me at (336) 722-8126 or call Laurel Ridge at 1-888-831-5922.*

## SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Pre Junior Camps \$90 <i>Completed</i>		Junior Camps \$250 <i>Completed grades 3-5</i>	
Pre Junior 1	June 3-5	Junior 1	June 12-18
Pre Junior 2	August 7-9	Junior 2	June 19-25
		Junior 3	August 7-13

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE –

## JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER

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Wednesday is a night for reaching out to, and getting to know, the people in our community. Young singles, Seniors, and people of other culture groups who live in our community, are all part of the people Jesus has given us to call NEIGHBORS.

As your pastor, I and my family have gotten to know you at Bethabara, and we really love you. The Wednesday Night programming has been a great help in learning your faces and names, and a little bit about you. If you haven't been able to come on Wednesday night, I hope you can do so soon.

### ***SO HERE'S THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE:***

Our current programming session ends on JUNE 1.

There will be a one week break: NO programming on JUNE 8.

Starting on June 15 we will resume our all programming EXCEPT Spanish Classes. There will be NO SPANISH CLASSES during this session. ESL classes WILL be taught! This session will END JULY 27 (omitting the night of July 20, for VBS).

After a short break in August, the FALL SESSION will resume SEPTEMBER 7 and WILL INCLUDE SPANISH, as well as Bible Study, Music for children and adults, supper and children's activities.

I extend an open invitation to each of you to join us in this ministry. (We could really use your participation and your leadership.)

Yours in His Service,

*Tripp May*, Pastor

# Mother's Day

The second Sunday in May has been set aside in honor of motherhood. Many churches have special services in which they honor Mothers of the congregation. They usually present the oldest Mom, youngest Mom, and Mom with the most children a corsage.

There is a custom of wearing a carnation on Mother's Day. A colored carnation means that the person's Mother is living. A white carnation indicates that a person's mom is dead.

The first suggestion for a day set aside to honor Mothers was made by Julia Ward Howe. Julia was born in 1819 in New York to a prominent family. She was an American writer, lecturer, and reformer. She was known as one of the most famous women of her time. She wrote "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", which was inspired when she visited military camps in Washington, D.C., during the Civil War in 1861. It became the major war song of the Union forces.

Three years after Frank Hering of Indiana launched his campaign for observance of Mother's Day in 1904, Anna Jarvis began a campaign to a nationwide observance of Mother's Day. She chose the second Sunday in May. She also began the custom of wearing the carnation.

Jarvis' own Mother was honored on the first service at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, on May 10, 1908. Later, at the general assembly in 1912, a delegate from Andrews Church introduced a resolution recognizing Jarvis as the founder of Mother's Day, and suggested that Mother's Day be observed on the second Sunday in May.

President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution in Congress on May 9, 1914, recommending that the federal government observe Mother's day. The next year, the president was authorized to proclaim an annual holiday.



# WALK WITH GOD



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