



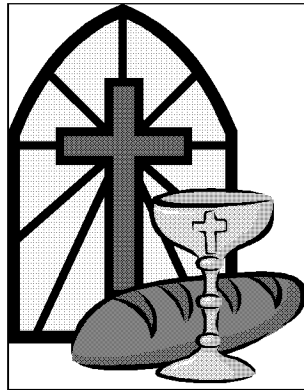
Bethabara Bells

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Pastor Tripp May will begin 2006 classes on Sunday, Feb. 5th. The classes will meet weekly until Palm Sunday (April 9), when confirmands will be presented to the church for communicant membership. The Pastor plans to meet the class each Sunday (Feb 5 – April 2)



immediately after morning worship (in the “social room”). The class will meet until about 2pm (depending on the size of the class.) Bring a bag lunch to class (so we can start and end on time). Please call the church office and tell us if you plan to be in the class.

FIRST SUNDAY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Minor Variation

February 5, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us Sunday February 5 at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and a concert. Bring your favorite potluck dish and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship at Bethabara Moravian Church. The concert is free, a love offering will be received. “Minor Variation” is a Christian women’s acapella group from Wake Forest University.

IMPORTANT BETHABARA STUFF

✝ Ushers for the month of FEBRUARY—*Robby Boyles, Marlon Johnson, Jake Blackburn, Jack Long.*

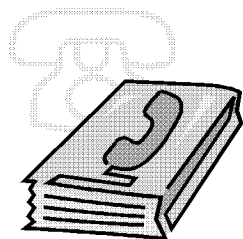
✝ Nursery Volunteers for the month of FEBRUARY—
5) Edna Blevins, 12) Suzie LaVenture, 19) JoBeth Boyles, 26) Betsy Johnson

✝ Plan your summer vacations now! The Church Retreat to Laurel Ridge is June 9—11!!

✝ Confirmation classes begin Sunday February 5!

✝ Laurel Ridge Summer Camp dates are posted on the bulletin board. Be sure to check it out!!

✝ Let's keep those doors LOCKED! Please be sure to check, double check, triple check and ensure all doors are closed tightly and locked when you leave the building....take a moment and check doors you didn't even use. Let's keep it safe!



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

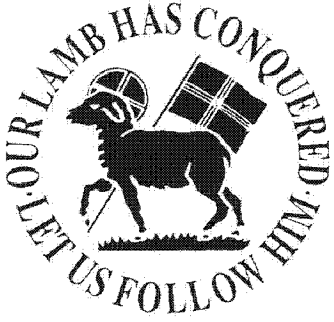
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PROVINCIAL NEWS



☑ PEC approved a recommendation from the Human Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) that at least two adults (21 or older) be present at all times when working with children or youth under the age of 18. The effective date is January 1, 2006, and congregations are to comply as soon as possible. HRAC has received some further questions from those affected and HRAC will continue to address questions and work on implantation late.

☑ Mark your calendars for **Saturday March 4** from 9am to 3pm at Friedland Moravian Church to attend the provincial Christian Education Training event. The theme for this years even is "And God Created Each of Us...Nurturing Faith from Birth through Adulthood". *Brochure on bulletin board*

NOTES OF THANKS

☞ THE UNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS put together a total of 14 Christmas stockings and delivered them to our homebound members in December. Each person who received a stocking seemed to appreciate the thought and the visit. Many stockings were delivered while we were caroling on Sunday, December 18, so we were doubly blessed with warm appreciation from all.

☞ DAVID & NORMA SEGRAVES extend a warm thank

you to everyone for cards, visits, and especcally the wonderful Carolers during the Holiday season!

☞ A note from JC & DOT BRUCE is posted on the bulletin board. Please take the time to stop and read it.



St. Philips Moravian Church's Women's Fellowship and Sister Jennie Mitchell cordially invite the women's Fellowship and members of Moravian Churches to join them and partake in their First High Tea on Sunday, February 12 at 3pm. The cost of this fundraising event is \$15 (adults) and \$10 (children). Contact Sister Mitchell (775-2039) for info.



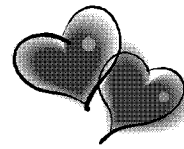
⁴ **B** 3 Pastor Tripp May
i 4 Cameron Orrell
r 6 Teresa Reynolds
t 11 Kaitlin Lineback
h 13 Flora Sapp
d 14 Jenna Gabriel
a Rachel Pike
y Alissa Sapp
s 15 Toni Jones
16 Eva Morgan
17 Dawn Burton

21 Rachel Hampton
25 Lovina Thompson
26 Jeff White
27 Margaret Gabriel
Carlos Z. Reynolds



Happy Anniversary

OOPS! Billy & Carol Rae Grant celebrate their anniversary on **December 31** NOT January 31 as was reported in last month's issue of the *Bethabara Bells*.



1 David/Norma Segraves
9 Rick/Becky Sapp

HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY AT BETHABARA

Every Tuesday

7 PM College Age Fellowship

Every Wednesday

5:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner

6:30 PM Prayer & Bible Study

ESL/Spanish Classes

Children's Choir

7:05PM Youth Activities

7:15PM Adult Choir

Every Thursday

2 PM Pastor's Class

Every Sunday *(unless otherwise noted)*

9:00 AM Band practice

9:45 AM Sunday School

11 AM Worship Service

3PM Handbell Basics

4PM Harmony Ringers

5PM Bethabara Ringers

5PM God's Gang

February 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NO handbell practice SUNDAY the 5th!! Fellowship Hall reserved until-4pm SUNDAY February 12!!			1 <i>See list for Wednesday activities</i> ←	2 12n-AA 2pm-Pastor's Class	3 8pm-AA 1 p.m.-Candle prep set-up	4 9 a.m.- Make Candles!
5 <i>Confirmation classes begin</i> Dinner & Concert 5:30	6 12n-AA	7 Circle 1 meets 11am Circle 2 meets 7pm	8 <i>See list for Wednesday activities</i> ←	9 12n-AA 2pm-Pastor's Class	10 8pm-AA	11
12 <i>Area Youth Event 5-7pm</i> <i>Bethabara</i> 7 p.m. Board	13 12n-AA 7 p.m. Board	14	15 <i>See list for Wednesday activities</i> ←	16 12n-AA 2pm-Pastor's Class	17 8pm-AA <i>Deadline for Newsletter!!</i> Pastor May Vacation	18 6pm-Craft/ Scrapbook Night
19	20 12n-AA Pastor May Vacation	21	22 <i>See list for Wednesday activities</i> ←	23 12n-AA 2pm-Pastor's Class	24 8pm-AA	25 <i>Men's Fellowship Breakfast</i>
26	27 12n-AA	28	MONDAY'S—Rachel's day off TUESDAY'S—Pastor Tripp's day off			

CONVERSATIONS *Board of Christian Education*

Keeping Faith's Promises to Our Daughters: Conversations on Justice for Women

Moravians, and friends of the Moravian Church, are invited to a conversation that may affect the lives of their daughters and granddaughters—all the future generations of women of our church and community. We gather at Fairview Moravian Church on March 10-11, 2006. The goal is for Moravian Christians to focus on the well-being of women, and sustaining that well-being as a significant value of the faith journey of all Christians.

The 2002 Unity Synod painfully reminded us that discrimination and oppression of women remains a major concern. The well-being of women is undermined by economic policies, inaccurate perceptions of scripture, and an unequal access to education and health care. Consequently, Unity Synod directed *“that all Provinces develop and implement policies, including a focus on family life and values, which provide an environment for the well-being and equal moral and spiritual development of all persons.”* The Church & Society Commission of the Southern Province took this directive seriously and, after intensive study, has designed a conference to inform and engage *all* members of the church, *male and female*. The focus? *Justice for women*. Professional experts in theology, health, economics, and personal development will give us information and suggest resources and solutions. It is our hope that those resources and solutions will enable us to develop principles “for the well-being and equal moral and spiritual development of all persons,” the Unity synod mandate.

The Conference begins Friday afternoon (March 10) with workshops open to all Conference participants. Synod delegates, church leaders and clergy are particularly asked to attend the full conference, including Friday afternoon’s workshops, to become more aware of how our culture fosters policies and behaviors that subtly or openly hinder women.

Friday evening The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood, *John Amos Comenius Scholar* at Wake Forest University’s Divinity School, will speak on the historical Moravian witness for justice for women. Rev. Atwood’s talk will be followed by a worship service, celebrating our common baptism in Christ Jesus, with the Rt. Rev Dr. Kay Ward preaching.

Saturday (March 11) opens with two teaching sessions, the first by The Rev. Dr. Amy Gohdes-Luhman, Pastor at Main Street Moravian Church and Visiting Assistant Professor at St. Olaf College, and the second by Dr. Audrey West, Associate Professor of New Testament, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. They will help us put in scriptural context what the promises of faith are for supporting the equal status of women in the Christian Church.

Two panels of presenters and small group discussions will help us identify resources and practical actions individuals and congregations can do to help alleviate the unequal treatment and obstacles women face. The Conference concludes with a worship service, *Covenanting for Faithful Change*.

This event is design for everyone – laity, clergy, young, old, women, and men. The relevance of

this topic has an impact on all of us, for we all have the task of keeping the promises of faith to the present and future women of the church. Registration fee is \$15, \$25 for married couples who register together. This covers Saturday lunch and materials. Child care is available if you pre-register.

To register, or for more information, contact the Board of Christian Education 336-722-8126, www.moravianboardofce.org or email MoravianConf@aol.com

NEWSLETTER NOTES

Richard W. Starbuck

Fulp might soon get a new neighbor, a landfill for construction and demolition materials, as proposed to straddle the Forsyth-Stokes county line. The City-County Planning Board has approved it for Forsyth. Other meetings are planned. Fulp carefully takes no “official” stance on the project.

Union Cross’s Elders have agreed to open wide the church door to let in a dog. Of course it is no ordinary dog, but an assistive dog, trained to help its master who will be attending worship services. So, kids (and adults), this dog is not a pet but hard at work. Meanwhile, Union Cross’s youth now have their own place where they can hang out on weekends. Donated items and donated time have transformed the old fire station into a fun and comfortable place to be.

So building codes make it too expensive to turn **Kernersville’s** Stafford house next door from “residential” to “general assembly” use? No sweat. Actually, a lot of sweat by more than 60! volunteers. That plus hard work and plenty of fellowship have transformed the Stafford house into a newly remodeled home perfect for a family made homeless by hurricane Katrina. So don’t tell this church it can’t do something or it’s too expensive. Meanwhile, Kernersville’s worship campus continues to grow. The latest project is an elevator addition. Renovations will also be made to the Historic Chapel to accommodate the new tracker organ that will be installed in late May.

A few Christmas items from one church (**King** via Susan Petree): Young and old turned out and trimmed 900 candles in one evening. More than 30 children took part in the Christmas Nativity plus one live donkey on stage. The Christmas concert December 18 drew 467 people, and we hear tell it was “marvelous.” Eighty-seven poinsettias decorated the sanctuary during Christmas in honor or memory of families and friends. Christmas Eve lovefeasts followed tradition with three little girls as “Morning Star” soloists and “Thou Child Divine” sung.

Christ Church Elders discussed feedback on use of decaffeinated coffee at the October 24 anniversary lovefeast, then affirmed continued use of decaffeinated coffee for the Christmas Eve

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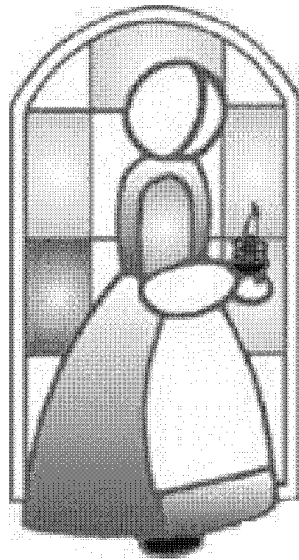
lovefeasts. At last look, Christ Church still stands.

“Evensong.” That’s the catchy title of the new worship experience inaugurated January 15 at **Trinity**. Held each Sunday at 5 p.m., Evensong seeks to reach out to young and old alike by incorporating ancient worship traditions with more recent innovations. The emphasis is on experimental worship through liturgy, music, and the arts. Check it out. See what’s new and, yes, very old as we worship our Savior. Just maybe Evensong will be an incubator for worship in other Moravian churches. After all, a lighted Christmas candle began in one church in 1741.

How time flies. . . . **Fairview** has formed a committee to see what needs and improvements 40-year-old heating-air conditioning and lighting systems might have.

Now here is our kind of report: “This committee recently met and reports that everything is all right.”

DIENERS



CONTACT:

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Head Female Diener

By **FEBRUARY 12:**

DIENERS

Male & Female

REQUIREMENTS

- *Females* must be 14 years of age or older
- *Males* must be 16 years of age or older
- Serve at Lovefeast

BENEFITS

- Fellowship
- Seeing the joy on the face of others
- The yummy aroma of coffee & fresh Lovefeast buns

INSPIRATION

Craig LaVenture

Has there ever been a person in your life that has been a major influence on the positive things that you have done? Who is your current source of inspiration?

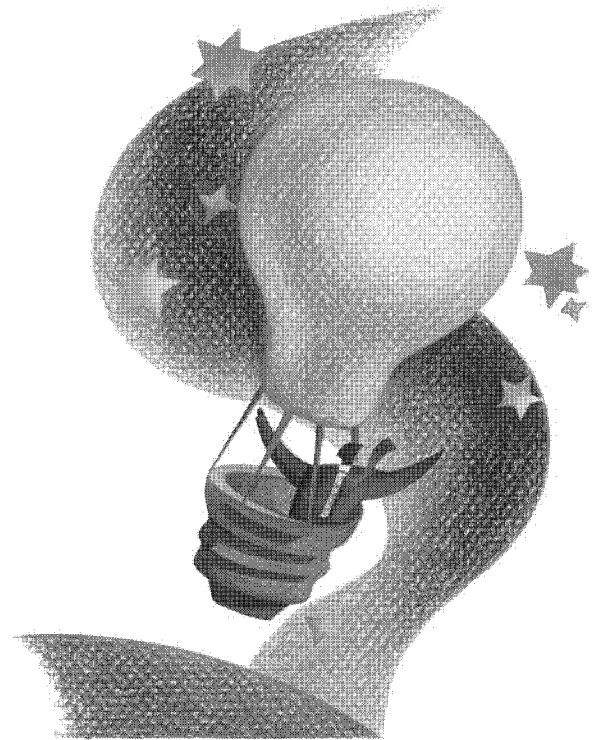
The dictionary describes these two words as follows:

INFLUENCE- *the power of a person to have an effect upon others.*

INSPIRATION- *a stimulus to creativity in thought and/or action.*

The Wednesday night youth program will be exploring these questions with Jr. High and high school kids from 7:30 to 8pm each Wednesday through April 5, 2006. We have an opportunity to show these kids what makes the adults of this congregation the people that they are. Please consider making a commitment to talk with these kids (just 1/2 an hour) about a person that has

been a positive influence in your life. They want to know more about you and who inspires you. It's easy!! Talk to Craig LaVenture or Dean Lambeth and get on one of the Wednesday night line ups today! Please pray for this program and for all who walk through this House of passage. God loves you!



Love Your Enemies

Luke 6:27-36 (NIV)

One of the important things Jesus told the people was that they should love others, just as God loved them. Not only should they love their friends, but they should also love their enemies.

Unscramble the words and fill in the blanks to see what Jesus said about this in Luke 6:27, then unscramble the letters in the circles to find the word that fits both blanks below.

"Be _____ just as your Father (God) is _____. (vs36)

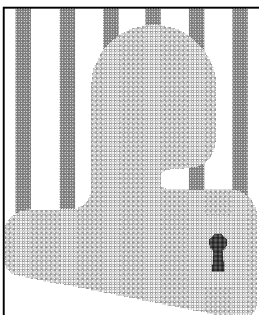
OLVE EMINEES
 " _____ your _____ ,
 DOGO
 do _____ to those who hate you,
 LBSSE RUESC
 _____ those who _____
 RPAY OFR
 you, _____ those
 who mistreat you.
 Luke 6:27

The Evangelism and Discipleship Committee of Home Moravian Church has invited the Bethabara Mission & Evangelism Commission to meet with them at Home Church.



The Evangelism and Discipleship Committee at Home Church has heard about our outreach to the Latino and surrounding communities and would like to learn more about our ministry.

The groups will meet February 6, 2006 at 5:30 p.m., please lift them in your prayers.



A collection box for **PRISON MINISTRIES** will be back in the vestibule by February 5. **BILL COBB** will “head up” this collection and requests a couple of volunteers to assist when it comes time to sort and deliver items. Please see **BILL COBB** to volunteer for this Mission.

The pick-up and delivery of **FOOD BANK** collected items will be taken care of by **DEAN LAMBETH**. We ask for your continued support of this and all Outreach Ministries at Bethabara!





You Are Invited!

*The Congregation of Bethabara Moravian Church
is cordially invited to attend the 80th Birthday Celebration of*

Mrs. Rachel Dalton Pike

Sunday, February 12, 2006

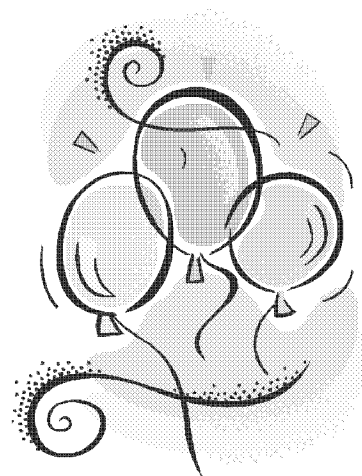
2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Light refreshments served

Bethabara Moravian Church

Fellowship Hall

**No gifts please*



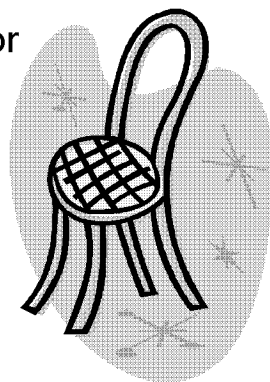
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SOMEONE TO FILL THIS EMPTY CHAIR!

The Women's Fellowship is looking for someONE or someFOLKS to be their WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP KITCHEN CHAIRPERSON.

Responsibilities would include:

- ✓ Keeping the kitchen stocked (plates, utensils, napkins, etc.) and orderly
- ✓ Order supplies (pick them up or have them delivered)
- ✓ Feel free to contact **CONNIE SAPP (924-5884)** with any questions!





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*So faith, hope, love abide, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13*

February

