

Early Hymnals

The Unitas Fratrum (Moravian Church) of the 15th to early 17th centuries prepared formal confessions of faith when outsiders' questions required them, but like our later Renewed Unity, they generally preferred to express their theology in hymns and singing.

Several of the Brethren's hymns appeared in a private publication of 1501, and our first official church hymnal came out in 1505. By 1618, when the Thirty Years War destroyed most of its organized life, the Unity had produced 18 new or extensively revised hymnals. That's one about every 10 years. Most of these hymnals were in Czech, but there were German and Polish ones also. And this in an era when they were under persecution most of the time, and when every letter and note had to be set by hand!

These hymnals had many texts from Moravian hymn writers (most of whom were pastors), but they also incorporated a great number of texts from other traditions ancient and modern. Their tunes include a great variety of styles from medieval chants to what feel like renaissance dance tunes.

The hymns do not have one rigid structural pattern, but a favorite was a series of verses that simply tell in meter and rhyme a biblical story, mostly the life of Jesus. Then several stanzas reflect on the theological significance of the story, often with a section on what these truths should mean in the active life of the believer (i.e., what we should do about it). The hymn concludes with a stanza or two praising God and looking to the eternal life of heaven.

The later 18th-century Unity used several of these hymns in its own hymnals, but often left out the "telling the story" verses, probably figuring that "everybody knows that." In our time, when many people's biblical literacy has not had the advantage of being taught bible stories in Sunday school, maybe we ought to consider doing more of that ourselves.

Languages and styles certainly vary, but the Moravian Church then as now sang the Gospel story so that all might hear and respond to God's living Word.

Moravian Archives, 2007

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 30, 2007

Bethabara Moravian Church believes because of the love of Jesus Christ revealed in us, that Jesus is "the way, and the truth, and the life and no one comes to the Father but by (him)." John 14:6

Bethabara Moravian Church leads people to an active relationship with Jesus Christ by providing a path of worship, prayer, and knowledge of God's Word through our Moravian heritage and Christian fellowship.



Remembering the past, envisioning the future.

Watchword for the Week

There is great gain in godliness with contentment

1 Timothy 6:6

Pero gran ganancia es la piedad acompañada de contentamiento

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BAND PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH IN GIVING

Receiving of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem " I'll Walk With God"

The Doxology

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*JINGLE OFFERING

SERMON "Trust Not in Princes" Rev. Tripp May

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**The Jingle Offering this morning will benefit the
Veteran's Hospital in Salisbury, NC*

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Moir Hunter from
Fern on his birthday.*

WE LIFT IN PRAYER

Bernice Anderson- *congestive
heart failure, Rachel Pikes sister*

Polly Applefield

Nell Barnard-*Rachel Pike's sister-*

Edna Blevins- *Chemotherapy*

Dot Bruce- *aneurysm*

J. C. Bruce-

Ryan Chipman (& wife Jamie)-

*In China- sharing Bibles as
short-term missionaries*

Mason Cobb-

Emily Cline *great niece to*

Rosenbaum's-

Denita Duncan

Tom Dunn- *Friend of David &*

Daphine Sams- stomach cancer

Luella Everhart- *Dalton's*

mom- Kidney concerns

Kim Ellis - *very serious*

Infection in her legs

Ivonne Grady-*ovarian cancer-*

friend of Alan Burton

Jennifer Gragg

Don & Carol Griffin

Shannon Hall-

friend of Daphine Sams.

Stephanie Hedrick - *great*

niece to Rosenbaum's-

Sarah Holland

Mary Lou Hutchins - *Rachel
Pike's sister- dementia*

Paulette Kuzmanovich -

*Therapy continues, considerable
pain with her arm*

Judy Leahy~ *Ovarian Cancer*

Jack Long- *scans and tests*

Susan Merry- *friend of*

Gina Howard & Lenny

McLaughlin- cancer surgery

Charlie Pfaff- *Liver cancer*

Mary Pickett- *Tripp's sister*

Maxine Pyrtle-

Sister of Jake Blackburn

Gay Nell Reich

Daphine Sams

David Sams ~

Alissa Sapp- *back injury*

Becky Sapp - *stomach ulcers*

Lovina Thompson

Dusty Welborn-*back concerns*

John Welch

Beth Whitehouse- *in Asheville*

Sheree Williams- *Brain tumor-*

Granddaughter of Kate McBride

Rick Woods- *Family friend of*

Dawn Douglas -Cardiac issues

Today at Bethabara:		
9 a.m. ➤ Band practice		12 noon ➤ Creative Movement
9:45 a.m. ➤ Sunday school		practice right after church
11 a.m. ➤ Worship service		
12 Noon ➤ Middle & High School Youth meet for lunch in fellowship hall and then go to the fair		
<i>Happening this week: Remember, check the bulletin board</i>		
Oct 2 Tues	10:00 am	Circle 1
	7:00 pm	Circle 2
Sept 26 Wed	5:45 pm	Wednesday Night Dinner
	6:30 pm	Bible Study and Prayer Children's Activities Children's Choir ESL & Spanish Classes
	7:15 pm	Adult Choir
Sept 27 Thurs	2:00 pm	Bible Study and Prayer
Oct 7 - Sun	3:30 pm – 6 pm	Middle & Senior High Youth Rally at Fairview Moravian Church
	7:00pm	Board Spiritual Meeting



OUR MEMBERS IN CARE FACILITIES: CARDS & VISITS APPRECIATED

Sara Cooke *Friends Home Greensboro*
 Leona Chatham *Vienna Village #F57*
 Tommie Choplin *Britthaven/K-ville*
 Sarah Holland *Forest Heights*

Edith Kudelka *Independence Village*
 Ann Roberts *-Vienna Village #25 B*

~ SCRIPTURE LESSON ~
 Psalm 146:5-7

5 Happy is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
 whose hope is in the Lord his God,
 6 who made heaven and earth,
 the sea, and all that is in them;
 who keeps faith for ever;
 7 who executes justice for the oppressed;
 who gives food to the hungry.

5 Bienaventurado aquel cuyo ayudador es el Dios de Jacob,
 Cuya esperanza está en Jehová su Dios,
 6 El cual hizo los cielos y la tierra,
 El mar, y todo lo que en ellos hay;
 Que guarda verdad para siempre,
 7 Que hace justicia a los agraviados,
 Que da pan a los hambrientos.

Today's Greeters.....Moir & Fern Hunter
 Today's Nursery Helper.....Pat Mobley
 Greeters Oct. 7, 2007.....Dick & Eva Morgan
 Nursery Oct. 7, 2007.....Fern Hunter

Youth Event

Middle? Senior High Moravian
FALL YOUTH RALLY
OCTOBER 7, 2007

Fairview Moravian Church
6550 Silas Creek Parkway

Cost : \$5

Starring: Rev. Russell May

Pastor at Hopewell Moravian Church

Theme: Moravians Through Time: A Faith
that Endures Special Concert by “The
Acoustic Blend”

*** Fellowship, worship, pizza, fun,
discussion, music, see old and new
friends***



CHICKEN PIE MAKING

There will be chicken pie making here at the church on **October**
19th and 20th, and on
October 26th and 27th.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Call the office or Connie Sapp if you can help.

*We are so glad you came to worship with us today.
We pray our service was memorable and meaningful for you in every way.*

*Nos alegramos tanto de que Ud. haya decidido adorar a Dios con nosotros hoy.
Rezamos que nuestro servicio sea memorable y significativa para Ud. en cada*

In Essentials, Unity; In Non-essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love.



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Sunday School
Attendance for
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Attendance
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SENIOR FRIENDS RALLY **Advent Moravian Church**

Tuesday, October 9, 2007—12:00 pm
Sam Gray, Speaker
Loose Canons—Music
Price \$8.00 a person

* There will be more information in the
October newsletter*