



# Bethabara Bells

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Dec. 2nd</b>	<b>Hanging of the Greens &amp; Candle Trimming</b>	- 5:30pm
<b>Dec. 5th</b>	<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b>	6:30 pm (Christmas Movie)
<b>Dec. 9th</b>	<b>Brookridge Lovefeast</b>	- 6:00pm
<b>Dec. 12th</b>	<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b>	6:30 pm (Christmas Movie)
<b>Dec. 16th</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Prog.</b>	11:00am
<b>Dec. 19th</b>	<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b>	6:30 pm
<b>Dec. 23rd</b>	<b>Christmas Caroling</b>	- 1:00pm
<b>Dec. 24th</b>	<b>Candle-light Lovefeasts</b>	
	<b>Band Prelude</b>	3:00 pm
	<b>Lovefeast</b>	3:30 pm
	<b>Band Prelude</b>	6:00 pm
	<b>Lovefeast</b>	6:30 pm
<b>Dec. 25th</b>	<b>Christmas Day Service</b>	11:00 am
<b>Dec. 30th</b>	<b>Installation of New Board</b>	11:00 am

## *Thank You*

A great big THANK YOU to everyone at Bethabara who helped in our largest fundraiser of the year - The Fall Festival and Marketplace! It is always a group effort that comes together successfully with a lot of hard work and dedication by all our members. As you probably know by now, the church raised over \$6,700 on Saturday, November 17. We were blessed with good weather, great baked goods, over 400 chicken pies to sell, delicious meals for breakfast, lunch and the BBQ dinner provided by the Men's Fellowship, a beautiful Country Store and many Christmas items provided by the Lineback families, fabulous silent auction items (Moir Hunter's coffee table sold for \$550!), and crafts and gently used items provided by many members of our congregation. There are too many names to recognize, but we want to THANK ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS for working tirelessly all day Friday and Saturday, and for the many blessings provided by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Christian Love and Gratitude,  
*The Pike Family*  
(Fall Festival Chairpersons)

<b>New Flower Prices</b> (for the sanctuary) (effective Dec 1, 2007)	
Vases	\$15.00
Baskets	\$25.00
Bud Vases	\$7.50

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## **Moravian Watchnight Service at Trinity Moravian**

The Moravian Watchnight service, a Lovefeast service held at 11 pm on New Year's Eve, will be held this year at Trinity Moravian Church, 220 E. Sprague Street in Winston-Salem, this year. It is the first time in history that the service has not been held at Home Moravian Church. The Salem Congregation Elders, seeking to create stronger connections and participation by Winston-Salem area Moravian Churches, has decided to rotate the service between different congregations rather than always holding the service at Home Church. Members of Fries Memorial Moravian Church will participate with Trinity in hosting the service, and service music will be provided by the joint choirs of Fries and Trinity as well as the Salem Brass Choir. The Rev. Dr. Neil Routh, pastor of Christ Moravian Church, will preach.

Other area congregations are invited to participate in the service, which is open to all who seek to greet the New Year with a spiritually-centered celebration. Choir members who would like to sing with the joint choir are welcome. The service will begin at 11:00 pm on Monday, December 31.

### **Thank You, Anne Roberts!**

For several years, Anne Roberts has served faithfully and well as Bethabara's Flower Chair. Beginning in January, Anne has asked to be relieved of these duties. Her dedicated work is greatly appreciated. She and I both hope the Lord will speak to someone about being our next Flower Chair. Please let me know if God is calling you to this important work.

Tripp May, Pastor

# Newsletter Notes

From around the Southern Province



Wasn't that a wonderful, uplifting service in Wait Chapel on November 4, concluding our year of celebrating the 550th anniversary of the Moravian Church. Most appropriately it was the annual mission lovefeast, and if nothing else, we are a mission Church. The messages were inspiring, and the music was very upbeat and contemporary. (One 14-year-old knew it by heart.) Downstairs of Wait Chapel looked comfortably full, and we hear there was even an overflow into the balcony. The band at the prelude might not have been 550 strong, but it was still HUGE and sounded great — just like the Easter Band in Salem.

**Friedland** has discovered a problem facing many of our congregations: We have a lot of buildings that were constructed when it was cheaper to pay the fuel bills than insulate the building. (Grandparents, tell your grandchildren about “gas wars” and gasoline at 19 cents a gallon. They'll think you're daft.) So “insulation” and “R-value” will be on many a trustee's mind. There is an alternative, Br. Craig Atwood pointed out to his Sunday school class: In Europe it is fashionable to wear a coat to church. That's because Europe's churches are not heated. Come to think of it, neither are they air conditioned. Okay, who made the mistake of getting rid of all those funeral-home fans now that we need them?

Several churches report that through September they have an operating surplus. Want to really surprise the treasurer? Give a whole lot more toward year's end, and keep the ball rolling in 2008.

Why does the **Mizpah** church sign say Tabernacle Methodist Church? It's the simple Christian spirit of helping a church that has lost its place of worship to fire.

With the Daily Texts for 2008 now available, we get our annual look at the statistics in the accompanying Directory. This year the statistics for year-end 2006 were also published in the November issue of *The Moravian*. Several of our Southern Province churches must have had housecleaning of the rolls: **Little Church on the Lane, Fulp, Friedberg**. And we pray for the Lord's abundance to shower upon one of our new churches, **Holly Springs**. Losses of total memberships at those four amounted to 589, and for the Province as a whole 854. How do we get our Moravian Church to grow? Really it is up to us. We are Christ's best evangelists. Let's ask a friend or neighbor to come worship where we do. And another. And another. And soon our efforts will surely bear fruit.

In presenting the annual statistics we like to recognize churches that have across the board increases in confirmed communicants, total membership, and average attendance: **New Hope** in Florida, **Peace, Clemmons, New Beginnings, Good Shepherd, Christ, Messiah, and Willow Hill**. Congratulations, and may your example spread throughout the Province in our service to the Lord.

— Richard W. Starbuck  
Moravian Archives



*Nursery Attendants*

**December 2nd ~**

Teresa Reynolds

**December 9th ~**

Edna Blevins

**December 16th ~**

Fern Hunter

**December 23rd ~**

Pat Mobley

**December 30th ~**

Edna Blevins



**Anniversaries**

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Craig/  
Suzie  
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Billy/  
Carol  
Grant

**GREETERS**

**DECEMBER 2007**

**DECEMBER 2ND ~**

*BOBBY & ANNE KYLE*

**DECEMBER 9TH ~**

*JIM & PAULETTE KUZMANOVICH*

**DECEMBER 16TH ~**

*MOIR & FERN HUNTER*

**DECEMBER 23RD ~**

*DICK & EVA MORGAN*

**DECEMBER 30TH ~**

*TERRY ORRELL*



**USHERS  
FOR  
DECEMBER 2007  
GENA HOWARD  
ALAN BURTON  
MOIR HUNTER  
JIM KUZMANOVICH**



- 2 Emory Thomas
- 8 Amanda Gupton
- 11 Mason Cobb
- 17 Hank Lambeth
- 19 Sybil Vanston
- 20 Paulette  
Kuzmanovich
- 27 Sara Cooke
- 28 Bill Rosenbaum
- 29 Bill Lackey



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