

# Bethabara Bells

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## *from the Pastor's Desk . . .*

As you read this newsletter, you and your family have hopefully enjoyed a meaningful Christmas, filled with opportunities for worship, celebration and relaxation. The new year is at our door, filled with possibilities for honoring and serving our Lord Jesus Christ.

We begin this year with a new Treasurer team. Diane Cobb has been elected by the Church Board as our Treasurer. She will be assisted by Gayle Reid, who will manage special funds. (Kristy Sapp will continue as Financial Secretary). (Anne Kyle will step away from the job of treasurer to pursue new ways of serving Christ at Bethabara). Gayle will be a volunteer and Diane has asked to serve for \$1.00 per year (instead of the \$2100 salary listed in the 2007 Budget). Accordingly the Board has revised the 2007 budget down \$2099.00.

In November we welcomed Ashley Dollyhite as Administrative Assistant. In December Nellie Gonzaga became our new Child-care Attendant. We are now fully staffed. So we begin the new

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year, ready to serve and believing that God intends to accomplish His will through Bethabara Church.

Many of you have turned in your “Time & Talent” Surveys. Thanks. We would appreciate receiving several more so we can gain a realistic understanding of how God is speaking to you about service in 2007. God speaking through you as individuals helps shape how God chooses to work through Bethabara Church.

The board and staff are excited about recent plans received from our Architect for expanding and renovating our church kitchen. When the Church approved the Master Plan concept at our 2005 Church Council, the board and its Finance and Properties Committee had lengthy discussion on how to prioritize the Master Plan. First the Heating and Cooling system of the sanctuary had to be replaced. This was completed in the summer of 2006. Next the board voted to do kitchen renovations as a second phase (believing that this was “doable” for us now). Properties Chair Phillip Sapp has been directed to create a “select” kitchen committee to meet with the architect and a kitchen planner to work out details and probable costs. They will report their recommendations to the Board (hopefully before summer).

Continue to pray for Bethabara. Prayer is vital to our mission and ministry. When our Lord comes we want to be found doing His will and His work.

*Rev. Tripp May*

## **Upcoming Events at Bethabara**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS**— begins January 28th (until March 25th) for all children who will be 12 years old by Dec. 31, 2007. Classes held following morning worship service.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** - February 21, 2007. Band Prelude at 7 pm; Service at 7:30 pm.

**CHURCH RETREAT AT LAUREL RIDGE**— June 8-10, 2007.

We have 12 rooms reserved for our retreat. The last day to register is **March 1, 2007**. (call our office for rate info).

**HOLY WEEK**— Palm Sunday is April 1. Easter is April 8.

**YOUTH SUNDAY** - April 29, 2007.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - July 15—19, 2007; 6-8:30pm.

The theme is “1440 B. C., Build a Holy Place.”

**YOUTH MISSION CAMP** - July 22 27, 2007 at Laurel Ridge.

**YOUTH RETREAT AT LAUREL RIDGE** - August 24 - 26, 2007.



March 2007 marks the 550th anniversary of the founding of the Moravian Church. In honor of this, the Inter-provincial Board (IBOC) has set forth a challenge to the North American Provinces to have the *Moravian Daily Texts* in every home for 2007. If you haven't already ordered a copy of *Daily Text* for yourself or others, it's not too late. You can call, e-mail, or come the office during office hours to order yours.

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The *Daily Texts* for 2007 are now available, and we commend the 550th anniversary goal of a copy of the *Texts* in every home. With the *Texts* comes the Directory and Statistics, which we like to pore over to see how we are doing in membership and attendance. We would like to especially congratulate congregations that have shown gains in all three categories, confirmed communicants, total membership, and average attendance: **Prince of Peace, Peace, Holly Springs, New Beginnings, Mizpah, Bethabara, Providence, Union Cross**. May your achievements spread throughout the Province and inspire us all in Christ's service.

-Richard W. Starbuck  
Assistant Archivist  
Moravian Church, Southern Province

## Nursery Report

I would like to thank each of you for helping care for the children in the nursery this past year. It has truly been a joy to watch the babies “grow up” and learn new skills. I have made out a schedule for 2007. If you do not want to be included on the list, please let me know. I just selected dates at random and I know you may not be able on some Sundays. Please try to exchange with someone if you cannot help in the nursery on the scheduled day. You may also call me at 922-3465. Thanks again.

Pat Mobley



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# As We Start the New Year

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We are still needing a couple more Adult Commitment sheets for the new year. Please try to get those into the office by the end of this month. Thank You!

# **Leadership Focus 2007**



## **Tools for Christ's Ministry in the Local Church**

**Saturday, February 17, 2007**

**at**

**New Philadelphia  
Moravian Church  
9:00 am – 3:30 pm**

Registration fee is \$10/per person and includes lunch and three workshops. Please send checks to Moravian Church, Southern Province.

Becky Honeycutt  
459 South Church Street  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

There is a flyer on the bulletin board outside of the office. If you are interested and want more information let Ashley Dollyhite know Before February 9, 2007.

## **Sunday School Asked to Help with Unity Prayer Watch**

We are a congregation in the world-wide Moravian Unity. We, as Moravians, are a part of continual prayer, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Once a year we (at Bethabara) are asked to dedicate 6 hours to specific prayer. This will be **prayer in our sanctuary, in one hour segments**. Your pastor will be present to convene these sessions. There will be prayer guides to give you specific suggestions for prayer. Bethabara's time to participate in the Unity Prayer Watch is Sunday, January 7, from 12:00 noon-6:00pm.

You can come at any of these hours, but I am asking the following Sunday School Classes to make sure that at least one or two persons from their classes are present at the times listed below:

Junior High	12noon – 1pm
High School/College	1pm - 2pm
Latino	2pm - 3pm
Fellowship	3pm - 4pm
Seminar	4pm - 5pm
Unity	5pm - 6pm

Join me!

*Pastor Tripp May*



## Women's Fellowship Officers 2007

<b><u>President</u></b>	Paulette Kuzmanovich
<b>Co-Vice President</b>	Eva Morgan
<b>Co-Vice President</b>	Peggy Colyer
<b>Co-Secretary</b>	Cheryl Everhart
	Anne Kyle
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jeannie May
<b><u>Circle 1 Leader</u></b>	Jo Beth Boyles
<b>Assistant Leader</b>	Eva Morgan
<b>Secretary</b>	Frances Greiner
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lovina Thompson
<b>Bible Study</b>	Clara Pou
<b>Mission Study</b>	Dawn Douglas & Eva Morgan
<b>Sunshine Chair</b>	Fern hunter
<b>Fellowship Chair</b>	Eva Morgan
<b><u>Circle II Leader</u></b>	Edna Blevins

**Women's fellowship Chairs:**

**Fellowship Co-Chairs**

Jo Beth Boyles

Connie Sapp

**Spiritual Life**

Clara Pou

**Kitchen Chair**

Shannon Lineback

**Sunshine Leaders**

Rachel Pike

Libby Lee

**Fellowship Flowers**

Terry Orrell

**Church Flowers**

Anne Roberts

**Cook book Account**

Pat Mobley

Edna Blevins

**Parsonage Chairs**

Eva Morgan

Fern Hunter

**Nursery Chair**

Pat Mobley

Kristy Sapp

**Bazaar Co-Chairs**

Anne Kyle

Cheryl Everhart

Beth Whitehouse

**Missions Leaders**

Hilda Regalado

Suzie LaVenture

**Chicken Pie Chair**

Connie Sapp

\*\*There might be more names added to this list later on.

We are still trying to get all of the information together.\*\*

**Southern Province**  
**2007**  
**Days of Prayer**

Wednesday  
**February 21**

**HOME MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
The Rev. Dr. Maria Theresa  
Palmer  
10:00 am Coffee Hour  
10:45 Music  
11:00 Worship

Sunday  
**February 25**

**CHRIST MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
The Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp  
4:00 Lovefeast

Wednesday  
**February 28**

**TRINITY MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
The Rev. Sandra Thigpen,  
11:00 Worship  
12:00 Complimentary Lunch

Wednesday  
**March 7**

**ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
The Rev. Jonathan Boling  
9:45 Coffee Hour  
10:45 Meditation/Music  
11:00 Worship

Wednesday  
**March 14**

**CALVARY MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
The Rev. Judy Knopf

**March 14**  
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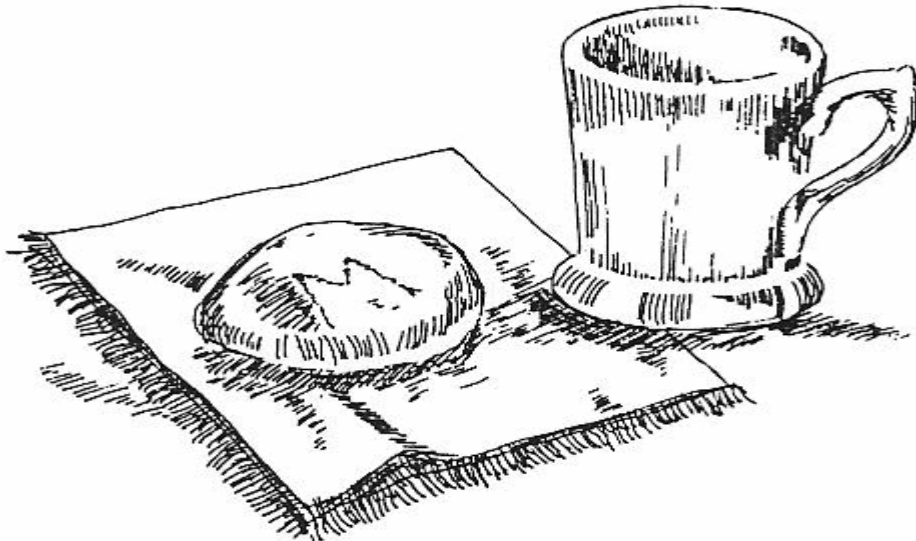
9:45 Coffee Hour  
10:45 Meditation/Music  
11:00 Worship

Wednesday  
**March 21**

FAIRVIEW MORAVIAN CHURCH  
The Rt. Rev. Wayne Burkette  
10:45 Music  
11:00 Worship with Communion  
12:00 Complimentary Luncheon

Wednesday  
**March 28**

KONNOAK HILLS MORAVIAN CH.  
The Rev. James Newsome  
11:00 Lovefeast





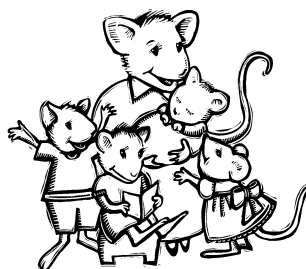
The Children and Family Life Commission of the Board of Christian Education is producing an e-newsletter to help families throughout the Southern Province of the Moravian Church raise spiritually-healthy, resilient children in today's busy world by providing helpful resources, parenting tips and information about upcoming events. To receive this letter, please e-mail Rev. Lisa Mullen at [lmullen@mbsp.org](mailto:lmullen@mbsp.org) by January 26, 2007. If you have any questions you can call her at 336-722-8126.

Please be aware that the commission will never share, sell, or rent personal information with anyone without your advance permission or unless ordered by a court of law. Each e-mail sent will contain an easy, automated way for you to receiving e-newsletters, or to change your expressed interests. There are sign-up sheets in the church vestibule and in the office.



## January Flowers

7-  
14-  
21-  
28-



Nursery Attendants

7- Jo Beth Boyles  
14- Carole Rosenbaum  
21- Anne Kyle  
28- Fern Hunter

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

2-Jewell F. Calloway  
2-Dalton & Cheryl Everhart  
5-Amy Roberts  
6-Daphine Sams  
  
13- Robby Boyles  
15- Brad Roberts  
15-Richard & Betty Fox  
18- Dorothy Bruce  
18- Mitchell Grant  
19- Barbara Geisler  
19- Mike & Edith  
Kuldelka

20- Angie Overby  
21- Marian Yokley  
22-Alan Burton  
22- Clara Pou  
22- Jennie Littrell  
23- Mary C. Boles  
23- David Gupton Jr.  
23- Dean Lambeth  
23- Craig LaVenture  
25- Margaret Cloddfeiler  
29- Harrison Clark  
30- Hannah Marie  
Lambeth  
31- Edith Kuldelka  
31- Mike Kuldelka  
31- Joey Line back



## Bring in your Books

We are just wanting to remind everyone that there are books here that you can check out, or even bring in old books from your home to contribute to the collection. This is a great way to encourage others to read, and even better way to share stories with your friends and families. There is also children's books and magazines.



# GREETERS SCHEDULE

7- Dalton & Cheryl Everhart

14- Jimmie Ring & Rachel Pike

21- Frances Greiner & Clara Pou

28- Moir & Fern Hunter

# USHERS THIS MONTH

7- Robby Boyles

14- Alan Burton

21- Marlon Johnson

28- Jack Long



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