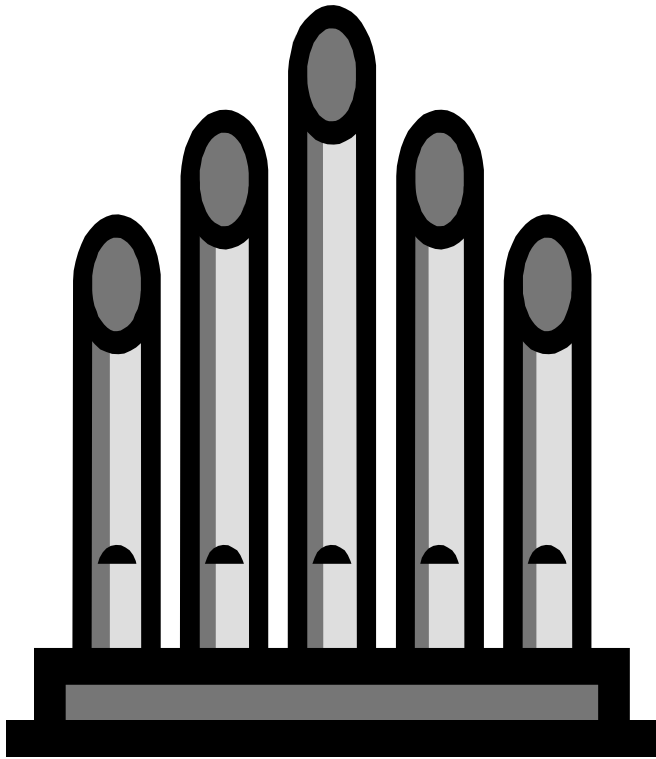


Bethabara Bells

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Organ Fund Update: We're getting close!

First of all, "Thank You!" to all who have given generously to the organ fund. I have been truly amazed and warmed to hear



some of your stories relating your feelings about the organ and the music program. This experience is one of the most remarkable and rewarding facets of chairing the organ committee.

Because of the many large and small gifts given to the restoration project, the organ fund balance is very close to "go ahead" stage! We need approximately \$3000 to meet the church council's stated wish

that we have all money in hand before contracting to begin work on each phase of the organ repair. We were fortunate to employ the services of Cornell Zimmer Organ Builders of Charlotte to complete the first, less expensive, phase of repairs last fall.

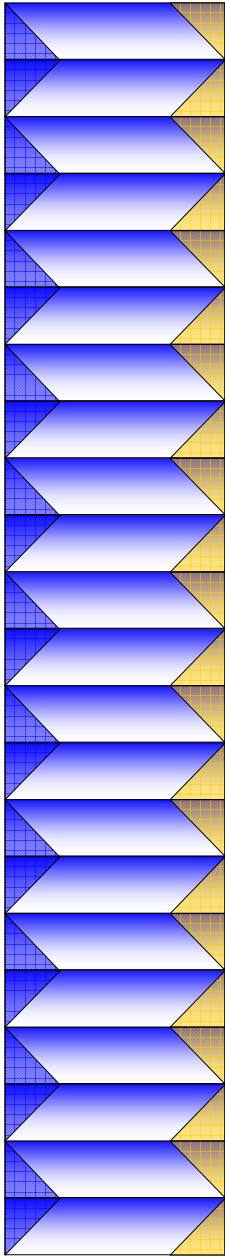
Thankfully, we are very close to our next goal! If you have been waiting for the right moment to give to the organ fund, NOW is the time.

And even though the balance needed to begin work on phase II of the organ repair/restoration project is only \$3000 more, please be aware that the organ fund needs to remain in place and continue to grow. Sunday morning of February 18 brought an unexpected failure in the organ wind supply just as the service began. Fortunately, repair will not require a large expenditure, but if it had it would have been necessary to do without the organ until repair funding could be obtained. By maintaining a perpetual organ fund, the church will avoid extended waiting periods for organ repairs; this is a normal mode of operation for churches with pipe organs, and a practice I highly recommend.



4th—Moir & Fern Hunter
11th—Jimmie Ring &
Rachel Pike
18th—Dick & Eva Morgan
25th—Libby Lee &
Marion Yokley

One last thought as you considering giving to the organ fund – expansion. The Bethabara organ, as it stands now, was designed and voiced for a much smaller chapel and serves as barely sufficient in its present location. After considering various options to improve this situation, the optimal solution suggested would be to add more ranks of pipes to the current organ. Cornell Zimmer has offered what seems to be a very workable solution of adding unenclosed pipework that would sit on open “shelf” above the shutters of the existing pipe chamber. This arrangement would provide the organ significant improvement in supporting congregational singing, and would do so without deafening the choir, as the sound would emanate from above, instead of behind, the choir.



The additional pipework will be costly, of course, but the major enhancement and variety of sound will be well worth the cost. Churches often approach fundraising for organ expansions by offering donors the opportunity to “sponsor” a rank of pipes (63 pipes), an octave of pipes (12 pipes), or individual pipes. This approach affords donors opportunities to honor or memorialize family, friends, or other individuals in a lasting way. Many of you may remember that the last two octaves of handbells were given in this manner, with each sponsored bell bearing a gold donor label inside its handle. Organ pipe donorship is most often noted on a plaque placed in the narthex or attached to the organ console.

If you are interested in learning more about the organ and opportunities for giving to the organ fund, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Tom Manning, director of music and organist
Chair, Organ Committee

USHERS

THIS
MONTH

Jake Blackburn

Jim Kuzmanovich

Dean Lambeth

Britt Orrell

Guidance for Daily Life

Moravian Archives

2007



Nursery Attendants

4—Elva Lara

Garcia

11—Jo Beth

Boyles

18—Carole

Rosenbaum

25—Pat Mobley



5 Alondra Ramirez

6 Dalton Everhart

9 Kate McBride

11 Suzie LaVenture

22 Joel Sapp

25 Michele Cano Lara

29 Gayle Reid

31 Jack Long

The faithful souls who founded the Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum) were determined to live a godly life, guided by Scripture and admonition of one another. They valued faith for salvation, but were very aware that “Faith without works is dead.”

They were also practical people, and realized that the church has a responsibility to provide guidance for its members in principles and standards of conduct. That is, if we are to live a godly life, the church needs to provide us with some idea of how to do that.

Drawing up a list of rules that everyone must follow is easy, but the genius of the early Moravian Church in this regard was to realize that people in different walks of life have to face different situations and decisions, and therefore need a little extra help along the way.

To provide that help, the old Unitas Fratrum devised a series of manuals for its members, geared to various groups with particular needs. There was a manual for married people, another for singles, another for journeyman apprentices, another for]

...Remember the RELAY FOR LIFE will be May 18th and 19th. This year's location will be the Children's Home...

We will share more information with you later...

MEMOIRS...

of our members are a part of Bethabara's permanent records, stored at the Moravian Archives, Southern Province. Copies may be obtained from them.

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members of the nobility. It was not that different standards applied to the various groups.

“Be fair” is a principle that everyone should follow. However, a merchant needed guidance on how to be fair in business, while a teacher needed advice on how to treat pupils. Young people entering adolescence, then as now, had particular challenges to face.

This system of particularized instruction was practical, but also witnessed to the Unity's belief that individuals matter, and that the church should give personal pastoral care to each of its members, young or old, rich or poor.

This seems obvious today, but it was something of an innovation in the 15th and 16th centuries. We will also see this same concern manifested in the “Choir system” of Zinzendorf's day, and in various ways later in our history. It is all part of our church's striving to obey Christ's command: “Feed my

Happy Anniversary

5	Brad & Amy Roberts
19	Bill & Carole Rosenbaum
20	Robert & Lovina Thompson
31	David & Daphine Sams

Church Retreat June 8- 10, 2007

at Laurel Ridge.

LAST day for registration: March 6th, 2007.

After this date we are responsible for our reservations (12 rooms with semi-private baths).

(The church currently has invested a \$500 deposit. On March 9th we will automatically owe a minimum of an additional \$400, [total \$900] even if we later cancel our retreat).

Rates: (with semiprivate baths) per person per day (rooms with private baths are slightly more)

Single occupancy	\$75.00
Double/Triple	\$50.00
Children ages 5-20 in room with parent	\$25.00
Children- under 5	no charge

(There is a per/meal charge for those not staying overnight)

TO HOLD YOUR RESERVATION, PLEASE SUBMIT (to the church office) **YOUR CHECK FOR \$100 PER ROOM PAYABLE TO “Bethabara Moravian Church”** NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH, 2007. THIS CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED BUT MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER CHURCH MEMBER WHO LATER CHOOSES TO GO AND WILL REIMBURSE YOU.

The balance (based on your exact reservations) is expected in the church office by May 29th.

The program will be similar to last year. It will begin with supper on Friday evening and end with lunch on Sunday. There will be elements for all ages. Our hope is to run a separate children’s track. There will be time allotted for “outings.” We will have a final worship service on Sunday.

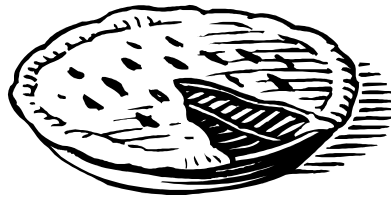
If you would like to assist with program leadership, see Tripp May.

Bethabara's Operational Financial Report for January

	Annual	01/01-01/31
	Total	Portion
Total Budget for 2007	192,824	16,069
Less Provincial Share	34,163	2,847
Bethabara's Operational Budget	158,661	13,222
Undesignated Income Received		13,081
Operating Expenses (bills received & paid)		13,563
Net Cash Flow for January		(482)
Balance from 12/31/2006		1,326
Net Cash Available for Operating Expenses		845
Provincial Share		2,847
Donations Designated for this in January		500
Net Shortfall		2,347

Note: Some income received was specified as quarterly. Some expenses are for the year, or quarterly. Net impact of these issues is estimated, at most, at 2000.

Unaudited. Exact amounts may change slightly.



CHICKEN PIE MAKING

There will be a chicken pie making on Friday March 9th and Saturday March 10th. On Friday we will be cleaning the chicken, boiling our eggs, getting the dough ready and setting up for Saturday. Saturday is the day we will cook the chicken, roll the dough, make the gravy, put the pies together, and freeze them. This making will be going to Rural Hall Elementary School. During this year we will be doing several fund raisers. We as a church need to pull together and support whatever we can.

Looking forward to seeing you there,
Connie Sapp

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP QUARTERLY MEETING

We will be meeting on Sunday March 11, right after church, instead of the usual mid-afternoon time. Please bring your own lunch or snack. At our last planning meeting we voted to try meeting right after church to see how that worked, especially for those who drive some distance.

Middle/Senior
High
Moravian
**RALLY-
FEAST**
Sunday,
March 11,
2007
(3:pm - 5pm)

**New
Philadelphia
Moravian
Church**

*Featuring
Christian
Songwriter*

**MATT
WEISER**

BETHABARA IS "WALKING FOR THE CURE", in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure of Breast Cancer. This is a mild walk through Old Salem, or, you can join the race from Old Salem to downtown and back. Mark the date in you calendars for Saturday May 5th. Women, men, and children are encouraged to participate in this very worthy cause where 75% of the money raised stays in our area. Team Bethabara wants you. There is a fee of \$20/adult and \$15/child under 12. Each registrant will get a t-shirt. We must register by April 3rd. If you can't walk with us that day, you may want to sponsor someone else to walk in your place. Many other churches walk and make special banners or signs with their church names on them.

YOUTH FUND RAISING IN 2006

The Youth started collecting funds for 2007 Youth Mission Camp after they returned from the 2006 Mission Camp. They challenged to raise \$7,000.00: \$3,500.00 for the camp and \$3,500.00 for the Required Pledge. They raised \$591.53 towards the 2006 Required Pledge and \$591.50 towards the Mission Camp. There were additional donations towards both of these campaigns, but these amounts represent the amount that the youth raised by having suppers, breakfasts, etc. The Youth continue to raise funds towards the July 2007 Mission Camp.



LEADERSHIP FOCUS

A REPORT ON "GEMEINSCAFT"

BY DICK & EVA MORGAN



The workshop at New Philadelphia Moravian Church was a wonderful experience for Dick and Me. The program was well organized and had excellent leaders. We felt the spirit of the Lord leading us through out the day.

We want to share with you some of the information we Received. We hope to implement we received. We hope to implement some of the programs at Bethabara.

Our first work shop was the Gemeinshaft led by The Rev Judy M. Knopf. Gemeishaft is a journey in Spiritual growth, through Christian community. Gemeinshaft promotes community, fellowship, partnership communion, mutual participation.

Gemeinshaft's purpose is to provide a structure that encourages; accountability, daily discipline, community, new habits, commitment and confidentiality. Gemeinshaft offers Prayer, Reflection, Fellowship, Silence, Listening to God, Listening to each other and Scripture of reflection. We will bring you more about this program and try to get one started at Bethabara. This would give us the opportunity to grow more in our spiritual lives.

Dick & Eva .

Salemtowne

Salemtowne, our Moravian Retirement Community, invites you to a special worship service in commemoration of the 550th Anniversary of the founding of the Moravian Church. This service will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2007 in the Smith Saal at Salemtowne, beginning with band music at 3:30pm. The Rev. Linda Browne will be in charge of the program with the Rev. Christian Weber as guest speaker. Music will be presented by the Lower Brass Ensemble and the Salemtowne Choir with Lucille Harris at the piano and the Rev. James Salzwedel at the organ. Come celebrate with us.



A Special
THANK YOU

Our thanks to Craig LaVenture for loaning us a dual cassette recorder to replace the church's broken one. This will allow us to continue to share the worship service with our shut-ins.



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