



# Bethabara Bells

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## **From the Pastor . . .**

Yesterday evening I was watching CNN's coverage of the devastating fires in southern California. It made me think of how close to tragedy the news media can bring us, and how it can increase our sense of fear and dread.

When coverage is selectively bad, I reflected, we can forget the good things that happen in the world and the wonderful ways in which God continues to bless us each day. I found myself longing for a story on newborn infants in a hospital or children playing happily in a school yard. Maybe a special on how fresh water was being supplied to thirsty persons in a needy area of the world. Instead, the camera zoomed in on a Presbyterian Church being consumed by the flames.

This morning, around 7:45, I flipped on the news. The Today Show was interviewing a couple in front of their burned out home. As I listened, I could not believe what I heard the man and woman saying. "I am glad this happened to us and not to some of our neighbors. We can handle this."

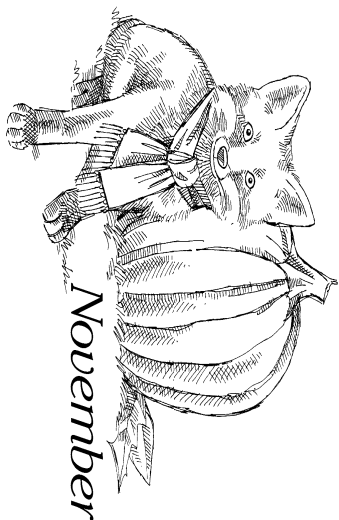
Wow! What would Jesus do? What would He say? Just that. Neither person mentioned faith or church affiliation but their hearts radiated "Jesus," "God's love," loud and clear.

Bethabara, we are called by Christ to be just such a witness, loving others more than we love ourselves..



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**ADOPT-A-VILLAGE**  
 Giving Hope to AIDS Orphans in Tanzania  
 Saturday November 3rd



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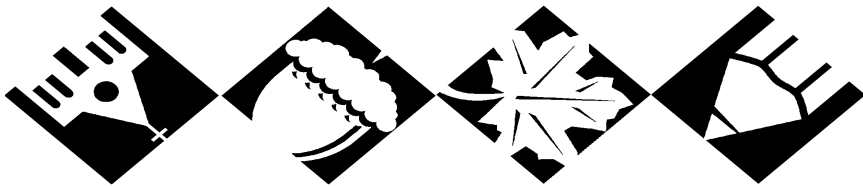
**PROVINCIAL MISSIONS LOVEFEAST**  
 (a Special 550<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration)  
 Sunday, November 4th



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**ANNUAL CHURCH BAZAAR**  
 Saturday, November 17th



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**Anniversaries**



November 30  
 Harry & Frances  
 Clark

Newsletter submissions should arrive in the church office by the 18th of each month. Any questions? Contact Ashley @ 924-8789



- 2 Carolyn Redding
- 5 Shelby Harmon
- 6 Rick Sapp
- 6 Paul Regalado
- 11 Sara Lee
- 19 Terry Orrell
- 19 Ashley Burton
- 22 Maria Jimenez
- 24 Britt Orrell
- 29 Louis Lee

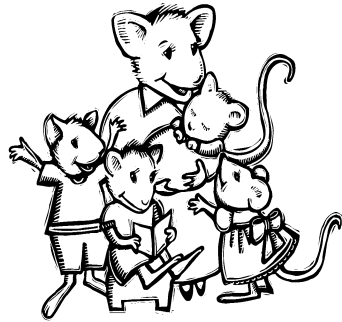


**Monthly Scrap Booking Night**  
**November 24th**  
 5:30-11:00pm  
 Contact: Michele Harmon



**Poinsettia Orders**

The poinsettia list should be in the vestibule on Sunday, Nov. 4. Those ordering will be asked to pay at the time of ordering.  
 Thanks.



Nursery Attendants

**November 4th ~**

Jo Beth Boyles

**November 11th ~**

Carole Rosenbaum

**November 18th ~**

Anne Kyle

**November 25th ~**

Pat Mobley



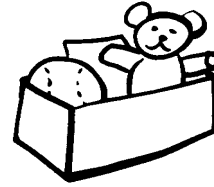
NOVEMBER

Robby Boyles

Jake Blackburn

Jack Long

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



(The Shoebox ministry of  
Samaritan's Purse)

It has been the joyful  
privilege of Bethabara  
Church to participate in  
Operation Christmas Child  
for many seasons.

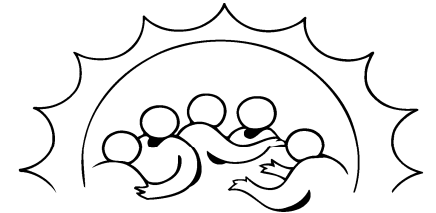
This year we will be  
focusing on our families at  
Bethabara as we prepare  
our shoeboxes.

Each family is encour-  
aged to select a time at  
home when you can plan

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## Family Fellowship & Concert

Sunday, November 18



## Fellowship



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**Circle 1 and Circle 2**  
**Circle 1** meets Tuesday Nov. 6th  
**@ 10:00 am**  
**Circle 2** meets Tues. Nov. 6th  
**@ 7:00 pm**

**GREETERS**  
**NOVEMBER 4TH**  
DALTON & CHERYL EVERHART  
**NOVEMBER 11TH**  
FRANCES GREINER & CLARA POU  
**NOVEMBER 18TH**  
BOBBY & ANNE KYLE  
**NOVEMBER 25TH**  
DICK & EVA MORGAN



greeters

## Community Thanksgiving Lovefeast Service

Each year the congregations at Beck's Baptist Church  
and at Bethabara Moravian Church look forward to cele-  
brating Thanksgiving with a lovefeast service. As is our

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## ADOPT A VILLAGE

### Mission 550 Adopt A Village Program

As part of the Moravian Church of America's celebration of 550 years of mission outreach and ministry, Bethabara Moravian Church will host a special worship program: Adopt a Village, Giving Hope to AIDS Orphans in Tanzania on Saturday, **November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 PM.** The Rev. Tripp May will conduct a worship service followed by a presentation by Dr. William Hoffman and his wife, Dr. Margaret Kraybill, members of Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem on their work in leading our church's response to HIV/AIDS in Africa and the Caribbean.

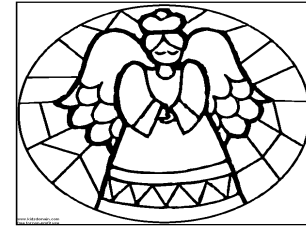
Under the leadership of the Hoffmans, a community based orphan program was established in Tanzania in the villages of the Sikonge district and city of Tabora to assist children under the age of 16, who have lost one or both parents to AIDS. Fifteen women, who love children are now administering the program and helping 1,500 children. These women canvass the neighborhoods and identify children requiring care. Provisions are distributed every four to six weeks including staples such as maize, rice and milk for infants, personal items (sleeping mats, sheets, soap and skin oil); school uniforms and supplies. Medical care is provided through agreements with local medical facilities. The AIDS epidemic has left as many orphans in Africa as there are children under the age of five in the United States.

Adopt a Village, an outreach ministry of the Board of World Missions and the Moravian Church of Western Tanzania is supported by the following Moravian

Churches in the Southern Province: Bethabara, Fairview, Friedberg, Fries, First (Greensboro), Good Sheppard (Kernersville), Kernersville, Raleigh, and Home.

Following the worship service and presentation, there will be an opportunity to meet the Hoffmans and learn more about Tanzania, where over half of the Moravians in the world reside. Light refreshments will be provided in the fellowship hall.

## A LOOK AHEAD AT DECEMBER EVENTS



**December 2nd** ~ Hanging of the Greens & Candle Trimming. There will also be the annual Children's Program on that day.

**December 9th** ~ Brook Ridge Lovefeast 6:00 PM

**December 16th** ~ Children's Christmas Program

**December 22nd** ~ First Day of Winter

**December 24th** ~ Christmas Eve Lovefeast

LOVEFEAST 3:00 Band Prelude

3:30 Lovefeast

LOVEFEAST 6:00 Band Prelude

6:30 Lovefeast

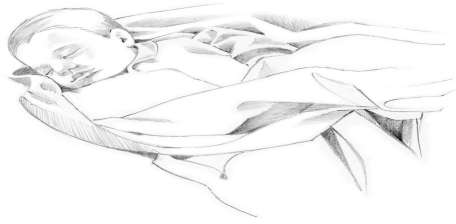
**December 25th** ~

11:00 service

"Merry Christmas"

**December 31st** ~ Happy New Year

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**Moravian 550th Anniversary**  
**Mission Celebration Lovefeast**

**November 4, 2007, 3:00 p.m.**

**Wait Chapel**

**Wake Forest University**

**Winston-Salem, NC**

**BAND PRELUDE** - 2:30 p.m. on the quad  
Hundreds of Provincial Band Members

**SPEAKER** - The Rt. Rev. Hopeton Clennon  
Downey, California

**MUSIC** - Friedberg Steel Drum Band, Nepalese  
Musicians, Central American Ensemble, New  
Philadelphia Handbells, Moravian Choirs, and In-  
strumentalists

**NEWS** from Antioch - Youth in Mission

**MORAVIAN DISASTER RESPONSE** - Children  
and youth will present their gifts to Nicaraguan  
brothers and sisters.

**PHOTOS/DISPLAYS** - Mission Teams

Dear Bethabara,

As you all know my husband, Daniel,  
and I, are expecting our second daughter  
on the 18th of November. I will be taking  
maternity leave until the first of the  
year, and plan on returning January  
2nd. As of planned my last day will be  
Friday, November 16th. I am hoping you  
all have a wonderful Holiday Season and  
I will keep your congregation in my  
thoughts and prayers. I look forward to  
having you all meet our new addition  
and thank you for allowing me this time  
to take for my baby, two year old  
daughter, Anne Marie, and my family.

Sincerely,  
Ashley Dollyhite



Operation Christmas Child  
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and assemble your shoebox(s). Perhaps you will make just one. Possibly each person in the family will be able to make a box themselves.

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a brochure that explains how to make your shoebox, with a label for marking the box as a girl's or a boys'. (Additional information sheets can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office.)

If you are a single person, we hope that you will call and invite one or more other single persons to your home to enjoy making your shoeboxes together. (This is a great opportunity to make a new friend in our church.)

We will place our shoeboxes at the front of the sanctuary on Sunday morning, November 11th as we enter the sanctuary to worship.

Be sure to pay close attention to the instructions on the brochure about items which are unsafe or unwise to include in your box.

Don't forget the \$7.00 which is needed for paying the costs of delivering you shoebox to its destination.

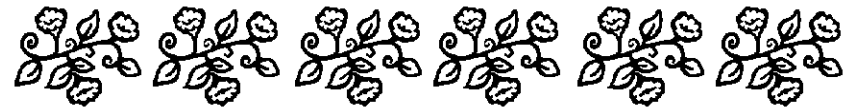
Your shoebox will certainly bring much joy to a young girl or boy somewhere in the world.

The Pastor

### Office Volunteers Needed

During the time that our Administrative Assistant will be on maternity leave (November 16th through January 1st, I need volunteers to answer the phones. Typing/computer skills are not required. A cheerful smile and a helpful attitude is what is required. The hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9am to 3 pm. If you can help just one day a week that would be great.

The Pastor



*We are proudly informing you that Angelica Baca will be graduating from the Forsyth Technical Community College GED program. Her formal graduation will be*

*Thursday, November 15th, 2007*

*at Wait Chapel on the Wake Forest*

*University Campus. After this she plans on continuing her education at Forsyth Technical Community College.*

***CONGRATULATIONS ANGELICA!!!!  
WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!!!!***

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**Time Change Reminder...**

**Set your clocks back on**

**Sunday, November 4th**



Thanksgiving Lovefeast  
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custom, the adult choirs at Beck's and at Bethabara will each sing an anthem they have prepared. They will then sing an anthem with the combined choirs. As an added treat, one of their hand-bell choirs will play for us.

We have extended an invitation to the new "Bridges Congregation and hope to invite others in our community to join us. This is an excellent opportunity for each of you to invite a friend, co-worker or family members to this beautiful and meaningful service. The Sermon this year will be delivered by the Rev. Karl Minor, Senior Pastor at Beck's.



## Senior Day Trip

Our Seniors will be taking a day trip to Seagrove on Friday, November 9th. If you have any questions you may contact Carolyn Redding at 499-1037

\*\*\* There will also be a Senior Friends Meeting on Wednesday, November 28th at 1:00 pm. The author Nancy Smith will be speaking. There will be light refreshments served. \*\*\*

***Sunday, November 11th, 2007***  
***Family Fellowship Dinner***

***5:30 pm***

***"Potluck"***

## FELLOWSHIP



## DINNER

***With musical guests...***



***"Silas Creek"***

***Music will start***

***At***

***6:00 pm***



*BETHABARA MORAVIAN AND THE  
MORAVIAN SOUTHERN PROVINCE  
WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR 254th  
BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY ON  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 2007.*

**SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, November 17, 2007**

Bethabara Moravian Church's Fall Festival --

## ***Bethabara's Marketplace***

Here are some of the features that we plan to have:

- Country Store
- Home Canned Goods (pickles, jams, beans, etc.)
- Silent Auction
- Tasting Table - with items from our cookbook
- Ethnic Foods
- Chicken Pies (of course!)
- Church Throws
- Cookbooks
- Baked Goods - needs lots!
- 2nd Hand, Gently Used items -- start saving now for items to be donated (no clothing, please)
- The Men's Fellowship will provide Breakfast, Lunch as well as the BBQ Dinner
- All donations are welcome (crafts, canned goods, "gently" used items, etc.)

We will also need volunteers in all areas -- to help set up on Friday evening including helping wrap the baked goods; to work the Marketplace on Saturday, and to clean up on Saturday afternoon after the event ends.

Please give prayerful consideration to helping with this fund-raising event for YOUR church. Please contact Cheryl Everhart at 336-655-4159 or Anne Kyle at 336-983-0855.



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER  
18TH**

**THE PROVINCIAL  
YOUTHGROUP WILL  
HAVE THEIR ANNUAL  
SQUAREDANCE AT  
NEW PHILADELPHIA**

**MORAVIAN**

**FROM**

**6:00 PM ~ 8:00 PM**

You may contact the church office for  
more information.