



Bethabara Bells

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From the Pastor . . .

Prayer is important! It is important for us as individuals. It is healthy for a congregation. In a world-wide denomination such as ours, it is a vital aspect of our unity.

As we pray together, we remain focused, together, worshiping and serving God. There is great diversity in the Moravian Church. But we are one in Christ Jesus! That is the only unity worth having!

Unity Prayer Watch is a very distinctive part of our prayer life as Moravians, world-wide. Day in, day out, 365 days a year, Moravians are praying. On any given day of the year, somewhere around the globe, there is a Moravian congregation that has committed persons to pray. Moravians have been doing this for quite a long time.

In the Southern Province (Moravian Church in America) our “turn” comes in January of each year. At Bethabara we are asked to lift prayer high from midnight to 6 am on January 15th, a Tuesday.

I will be posting a schedule in the vestibule, dividing the watch into six hourly segments. It is my hope that some of you will join me at the church to pray during those times. Please indicate if you intend to pray at home.

So I invite you to pray.! Let us be known as a praying church!

Tripp May
Pastor

Sunnyside Ministry
of
The Moravian Church
Email Info-Letter -
December 2007

We have been blessed! Thank you to the many churches and individuals who have shared their food with us during this holiday season. Our food pantry is finally getting back to its normal stock. We can still use more but thanks for the outpouring of love and help. We have had several volunteers to get sick or "retire" from service lately and could use some extra help. Please take notice of the positions and times that we need volunteers and consider filling that need. Serving at Sunnyside is an answer to the call of Christ upon all His followers to help the needy and less fortunate. It is also an opportunity to build stronger character, meet new people, and really make a difference in others' lives. Please consider being a part of our mission here at Sunnyside.

Food-Pantry Needs: We accept all non-perishable food items.
Right now we need...

- * Toilet Paper (Desperate Need!)
- * Peanut Butter
- * Jelly
- * Bars of Soap

Clothes-Closet Needs: We stock one of the best clothes closets
in the county.
Now we can use...

- * Sheets and Blankets
- * Winter Coats
- * Women's Plus Size Clothing

Volunteer Needs: We are in great need of new volunteers at many different times. Please contact us if you or anyone you know is interested! Currently we still need...

- * 2 Interviewers to assess client needs (Monday from 9-11)

a.m. and Wednesday from 1-3 p.m.)

* 4 Clothing Closet workers to help clients find clothing for themselves and their families. (Monday 1-3 p.m., Tuesdays 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. and Wednesday 1-3 p.m.)

* 2 Food Pantry workers to fill food orders (Monday 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday 1-3 p.m.)

Clinic Needs: We also open a free health clinic twice per month. Please let us know if there are any physicians you know who might be willing to help us at these clinics.

* 1 Intake volunteers to help sign in patients (1st and 3rd Thursday of the month 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.)

Other Needs: We can't make it without you. Please join our donor base by sending your contributions to...

Sunnyside Ministry of the Moravian Church
319 Haled Street
Winston-Salem, NC 22127
336-724-1029

Thanks for your help!

Sunnyside Ministry is an emergency assistance agency of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province. We are located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. To be removed from this list, please reply to this message. To be added to it, click <<mailto:jjclark@triad.rr.com>> here. If you want to know more about this agency or about the needs we've listed below, please contact Jennifer Clark (<<mailto:jjclark@triad.rr.com>> jjclark@triad.rr.com) at 336-724-7558.

Please read this letter. It shares details of our upcoming Intersynodal Conference.

December 4, 2007

Dear Pastor,

The Southern Province will hold an Intersynodal Conference beginning Thursday April 10 with afternoon registration/reception and ending Saturday April 12 at noon, at New Philadelphia Moravian Church. We ask you to mark the dates and encourage full participation of your congregation through its representatives.

This year marks the 550th anniversary of the Moravian church. In 2006 our Synod adopted a “Mission Challenge 550” resolution, focusing us on outreach as a fundamental expression of our 550th anniversary. At our upcoming Conference, your congregational representatives will work together to identify gifts (assets) within your congregation. Participants will also make connections between other congregations in order to

- Share and celebrate successful outreach efforts
- Develop synergy for joint projects
- Identify unrecognized gifts

Open ourselves to the opportunities around us at home and abroad

Luther Snow will be facilitating our discussions using an interactive process. Luther is the author of [The Power of Asset Mapping: How Your Congregation Can Act on Its Gifts.](#) Luther has 30 years’ experience in both rural communities and inner-city neighborhoods, including a focus on empowering congregations. The Intersynodal Committee is planning worship services and an informal/celebratory program for Friday evening. We believe this Conference will be encouraging and energizing, using both head and heart. Any congregational participants who have already participated in asset-mapping will benefit from Luther’s experience

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and by learning from and sharing with Moravians from other congregations.

We encourage every congregation to send 7 laypeople in addition to pastor(s) in active service under call and full-time DCEs/full-time pastoral assistants. Why this many? We believe it is important to have a 'critical mass' from every congregation, enough people to return home and make a difference.

This Intersynodal Conference is a time of education, fellowship, worship, and exchange. It is not a legislative event like a Synod, and no legislation or official business will be enacted.

Begin now to think and talk about congregational representatives. As you and your board select participants, we ask the following:

- ✦ Strive to have at least 1/3 be youth/young adults
 - ✦ Look for people involved in leadership and mission; ask yourself: "who will come back and make a difference in my congregation?"
 - ✦ Consider representation from both elders & trustees
- Consider 2006 Synod delegates

Registration forms will be mailed to each congregation in January and be due in mid-February. There will be a registration fee of \$10 per person.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference next April and are excited about the plans and possibilities for our time together.

Sincerely,
Intersynodal Conference Planning Committee

Betsy Bombick, Chair
Steve Craver
Judy Knopf
Dave Marcus
Joey Transou

Mallie Graham
Gary Kniskern
Bob Sawyer
Tom Shelton

Monday, December 17, 2007

Dear Bethabara Moravian,

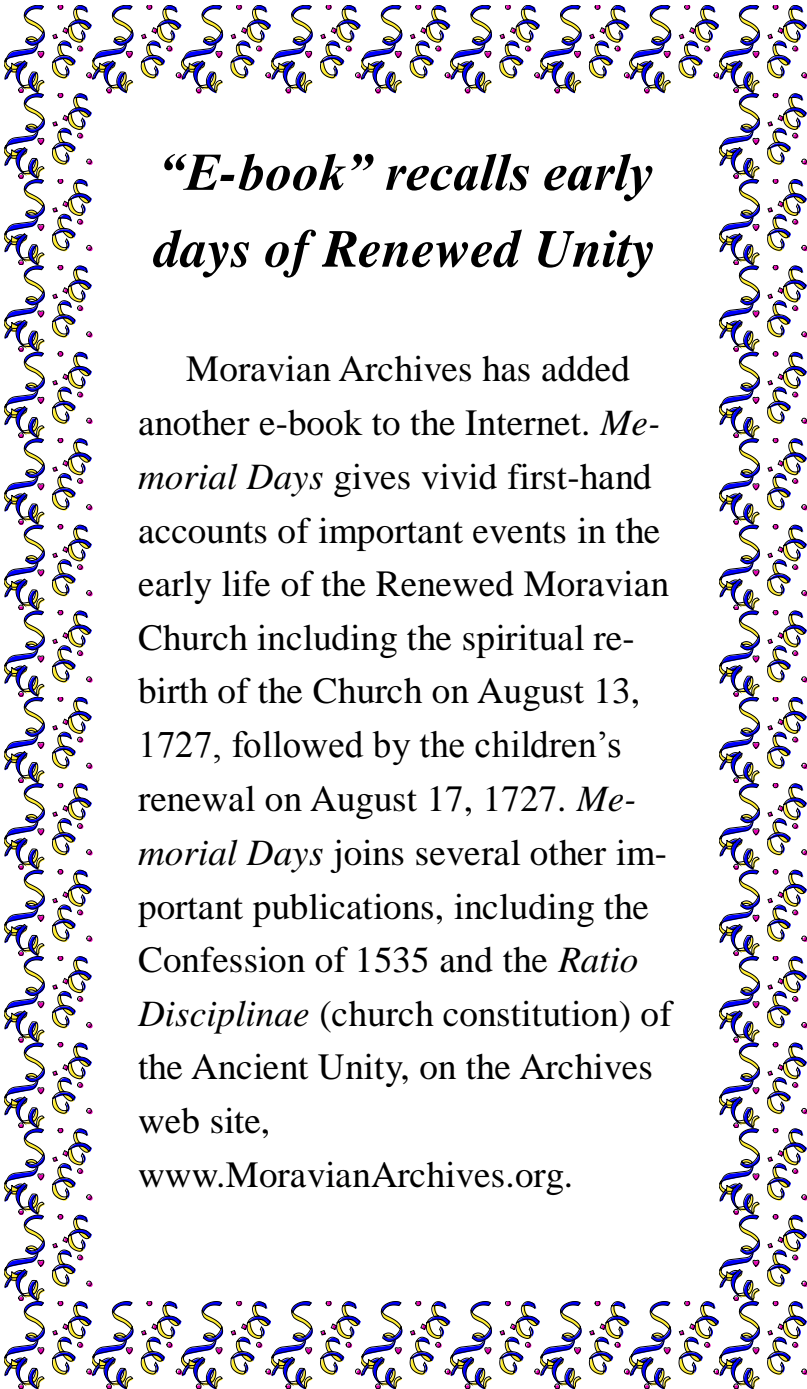
I regret to inform you that I will not be returning to work there. Unfortunately our childcare situation has fallen through for Lauren and putting two in day care is unaffordable for us at this time. I greatly enjoyed working there for the past year, and appreciate all that you have done for me. I will be dropping the keys off this week.

Sincerely,
Ashley Dollyhite

Volunteers Needed

Would you like to start out the New Year with a very rewarding volunteer job? Your help is needed to assist Pastor Tripp in the church office. Gena Howard and I have been helping during the holidays, however, Ashley won't be returning to work after maternity leave. Until the Personnel Committee can hire another Administrative Assistant, we need to add to our volunteer list as soon as possible. Please consider being available to answer phones, be a cheerful greeter to visitors, make copies, help with the bulletins and newsletters, and any other opportunities that present themselves. It has been very rewarding and energizing for me to be able to serve the Lord in this capacity. I'm sure it will be for you too! No experience necessary – just a warm heart and a willingness to help your church a few hours each week. There is a sign up sheet outside Pastor Tripp's office. The hours are 9am to 1 pm.

Thank you for giving this prayerful consideration,
Cheryl P. Everhart



“E-book” recalls early days of Renewed Unity

Moravian Archives has added another e-book to the Internet. *Memorial Days* gives vivid first-hand accounts of important events in the early life of the Renewed Moravian Church including the spiritual rebirth of the Church on August 13, 1727, followed by the children’s renewal on August 17, 1727. *Memorial Days* joins several other important publications, including the Confession of 1535 and the *Ratio Disciplinae* (church constitution) of the Ancient Unity, on the Archives web site, www.MoravianArchives.org.

Southern Province 2008 Days of Prayer

Wednesday
February 6

HOME MORAVIAN CHURCH
The Rt. Rev. Samuel J. Gray, Speaker
10:00 am Coffee Hour; 10:45 am Music
11:00 am Worship
Nursery Provided

Sunday
February 10

CHRIST MORAVIAN CHURCH
The Rev. Craig Troutman, Speaker
4:00 pm *Lovefeast*
Nursery Provided

Wednesday
February 13

TRINITY MORAVIAN CHURCH
The Rev. Carol Foltz, Speaker
11:00 am Worship
12:00 Noon *Complimentary Luncheon*
Nursery Provided

Wednesday
February 20

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH
Mr. Bob Hunter, Speaker
9:45 am Coffee Hour
10:45 am Meditation /Music
11:00 am Worship
Nursery Provided

Wednesday
February 27

CALVARY MORAVIAN CHURCH
The Rev. Matthew Allen, Speaker
9:45 am Coffee Hour
10:45 am Meditation/Music
11:00 am Worship
Nursery Provided

Wednesday
March 5

FAIRVIEW MORAVIAN CHURCH
The Rev. James Newsome, Speaker
10:45 am Music
11:00 am Worship with Communion
12:00 Noon *Complimentary Luncheon*
Nursery Provided

Wednesday
March 12

**KONNOAK HILLS MORAVIAN
CHURCH**
The Rev. Richard Spaugh, Speaker
11:00 am Lovefeast
Nursery Provided

Calling All Women – Members and Visitors Alike

The Women's Fellowship would like to request the honor of your presence on Sunday, January 13, 2008 at 2:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at Bethabara for our very first "Winter Tea" along with our planning meeting for 2008. Please come for a fun-filled afternoon of tea, food and fellowship as we plan the activities and business for the New Year. Each attendee is asked to bring their own tea cup and saucer along with a light snack or finger sandwiches. If you would like to dress up, please feel free to wear your finery. We look forward to seeing you then!

If you have any questions, please contact Paulette Kuzmanovich at 759-0788 or Cheryl Everhart at 655-4159.

Some Books That May Interest You, from Our Church Library

With Courage for the Future: The Story of the Moravian Church, Southern Province by Crews & Starbuck. A recent gift to our library from the Moravian Archives, Southern Province.

The Greatest Generation by Tom Brokaw.

How Firm a Foundation: The Gift of Jewish Wisdom for Christians and Jews by Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein



Nursery Attendants

January 6
Jo Beth Boyles

January 13
Carole Rosenbaum

January 20
Anne Kyle

January 29
Fern Hunter



**USHERS
FOR
JANUARY 2008**

Robby Boyles
Jake Blackburn
Jack Long
Moir Hunter

Greeters

December 6 Jimmie Ring/
Rachel Pike
December 13 Frances Greiner/
Clara Pou
December 20 Paulette Kuzmanovich/
Marion Yokley
December 27 Dalton & Cheryl Everhart



January Birthdays



2 Jewell Calloway



5 Amy Roberts



6 Daphne Sams



9 Angel Ramirez



13 Robby Boyles



15 Brad Roberts



18 Dot Bruce



18 Mitch Grant



21 Marion Yokely



22 Alan Burton



22 Clara Pou



23 David Gupton, Jr



23 Dean Lambeth



23 Craig LaVenture



29 Harry Clark



30 Hannah Lambeth



31 Edith Kudelka



31 Joey Lineback



Anniversaries

2 Dalton & Cheryl Everhart

15 Richard & Betty Fox



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