



BETHABARA BELLS

Bethabara Moravian Church Newsletter

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Where: Fairview Moravian

When: July 20-23

Time: Dinner 5:45

Bible School 6:15

Theme: *God's Big Backyard*

Bring your children and
grandchildren

Volunteers still needed

Contact Kristy Sapp

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TRIPP MAY, Pastor
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. . . From the Pastor's Desk-

As you can see, from our newsletter, Bethabara Church is at work in many ways serving the Lord.

The ministry that is being accomplished in this place is truly phenomenal. Who, outside our congregation, would believe that so much is done by a church of 130+ members?

On the facing page, you see Dawn Douglas' article on Parish Nursing. What a fantastic program, especially since we have seven or eight persons on our roll who have been trained as nurses. What an opportunity to serve Christ and others. And this is a brand new program.


This month a group of adults and youth are headed to Ocean Springs, Mississippi to repair homes damaged in hurricane Katrina. Yes, there is still un-repaired damage there.

With our new administrative assistant, Carol Pfaff, the office is humming at full speed. (Be sure to stop in to say "Hello" if you haven't met her.). This is multiplying our ministry.

We are doing something "new and different" this year with Vacation Bible School. By planning a joint VBS with Fairview Moravian Church, we hope to be able to expand this program (such as an Adult class, led by Rev. Riddick Weber).

Thanks toof you for being such a blessing, in ministry.

Tripp May, Pastor



Anniversaries

July 4	JC & Dot Bruce
July 12	Dean & Erika Lambeth

July Birthdays



July 8	Charlie Colyer
July 10	Jim Ellis
July 18	Bobby Kyle
July 19	Will Sapp
July 21	JoBeth Boyles
July 26	Leona Chatham
July 26	Kristy Sapp
July 27	Cheryl Everhart
July 27	Segundo Regalado
July 29	Erika Lambeth

Newsletter submissions should arrive in the church office by the 18th of each month.

**USHERS
FOR
JULY 2008**

Robby Boyles
Jake Blackburn
Moir Hunter
Britt Orrell

Nursery Attendants

July 6	Jeannie May Fern Hunter
July 13	Anne Kyle Kristy Sapp
July 20	JoBeth Boyles Elva Lara Garcia
July 27	Terry Orrell Shannon Lineback

GREETERS

July 6	Jimmie Ring & Rachel Pike
July 13	Dick & Eva Morgan
July 20	Edna Blevins & Jeannie May
July 27	Jim & Paulette Kuzmanovich

Health Counselor

Mission Coordinator

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS
CORNER**

We successfully completed our weeklong parish nurse certification class. 15 RN's from Forsyth County, North Wilkesboro and Bethlehem, PA formed a network of services that will be used by all. The group included Moravians, Presbyterians, AME Zion, Methodists, Baptists and Episcopalians. On June 1st, Dawn spoke to the Bethabara congregation about her class experiences and is now working on a five year plan for our congregation's health and wellness mission.

A Health and Wellness Committee will be established. They will be conducting surveys to assess our needs.

Consider your experiences for the survey and be ready to CHARGE AHEAD!

Submitted by: Dawn Douglas, RN

Health Educator

Referral Source

THANK YOU

Dear Bethabara Church Friends, thank you so much for sending the beautiful plant when my sister Joyce Kiser died. Also, I really appreciate the cards, telephone calls, visits, and prayers during my last hospital visit. Your thoughtfulness helped make my sister's death and my hospital stay a bit easier to handle.
Thanks again. Jim Ring

Another Thank You Received:

Thank you for your support of the Gideon Ministry. Your donation of \$383 will provide 280 copies of God's Word for the lost. I am praying for you and I ask you to pray for the lost and the Gideon Ministry.

Agape,
Dick Corn

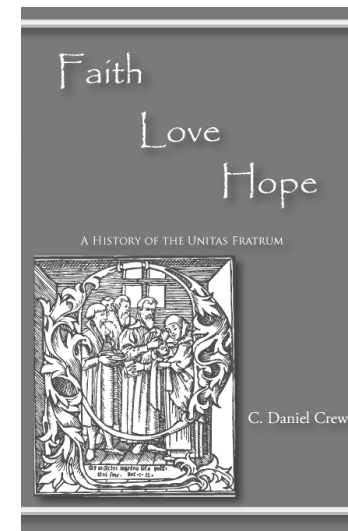
New history tells of early Moravian Church

Last year the Moravian Church celebrated its 550th anniversary. But what is the story of the early church?

Now a new book tells all.

Faith, Love, Hope is subtitled *A History of the Unitas Fratrum* — the story of the early Moravian Church. And it is written by Archivist C. Daniel Crews, so you know it will be a good read — direct and to the point with a dash of wit.

This major publication from Moravian Archives is 440 pages in hard-cover with three maps, a generous 63 pictures, and a retail price of \$29.95 plus tax.



Comenius, 1464 'Statutes' debut on Archives web

John Amos Comenius and the oldest known “Statutes” of the early Moravian Church have joined the growing list of e-books on the Moravian Archives web site, www.MoravianArchives.org.

Comenius wrote *Unum Necessarium* — *The One Thing Necessary* or *The One Thing Needful* — late in life as a testament of his experience and belief as Europe's renowned educator and bishop of the Unitas Fratrum. It is in *Unum Necessarium* that Comenius used the Moravian motto, “In essentials unity. . . .” The Rev. Vernon H. Nelson, retired Archivist of the Northern Province, did this first English translation of *Unum Necessarium*, which is now on the Internet 340 years after its first Latin publication. *Unity Statutes of 1464* is the Moravian Church's earliest surviving statement of faith and practice. Though the Unity had not yet established a ministry, already it expressed its life in Christ through faith, love, hope, and stressing a Christian life as the fruits of faith.

Welcome to our new Administrative Assistant

On Sun. June 22nd, I introduced our new Administrative Assistant, Carol Pfaff, to the congregation. Carol began work the first day of June. She is a Moravian and she and her family are members of Olivet Moravian Church. She has worked as an administrative assistant most of her professional career. She is proficient with the computer, and is very organized. Her husband, Charlie, is a professional photographer. They have two children, Sarah, who is an interior design major at Forsyth Technical College, and Ben, who is a rising senior at North Forsyth High School. Please join me in welcoming her to the staff.

Tripp May, pastor

It is a great blessing and honor to serve you here at Bethabara. I have learned so much already. Thank you for your patience as I take on new challenges. I am very happy and excited to be a part of your wonderful church. Please stop by the office to say hello.

Carol Pfaff

CIVIL WAR BAND TO PERFORM IN WINSTON-SALEM Band Plays Early American Music on Period (1860s) Instruments

The 8TH Regiment Band of Rome, Georgia will present a FREE concert at Fairview Moravian Church Fellowship Hall on **Monday, July 7th at 7:30 PM**. The church is located at 6550 Silas Creek Parkway.

A Free Will offering will be taken and refreshments will be served. If you'd like more information about this concert, please call Margaret Brady or Bart Collins at 336-725-0651 or e-mail Margaret at mbrady@mensp.org.

Celebrating 30 years of ministry at Sunnyside! 1978-2008

Sunday, August 24, 2008
5-7 pm at Sunnyside
in the Roma Combs Labyrinth Garden

There will be music, fun activities, refreshments, special recognitions and many grateful remembrances of the past 30 years. Please join us for this special event.

PLEASE NOTE

Pastor May will be away at Laurel Ridge serving as Dean for Junior Camp during the week of July 6-12 and in Mississippi on the mission trip July 20-28. If you have any pastoral concerns or an emergency during these times, please contact Pastor May by cell phone. If he doesn't answer, please leave a voice message.

e-Books

Unum Necessarium, John Amos Comenius's testament of his life's experience and faith, and *Unity Statutes of 1464* have joined the growing list of e-books at www.MoravianArchives.org. Check them out. There's a world of knowledge and wisdom there.

Newsletter Notes

From around the Southern Province

It's a centennial year for **First, Greensboro**, the Southern Province's first big-city endeavor beyond Salem and Winston. We Moravians love to look up the Daily Texts for memorable occasions, but Greensboro's organization date, October 5, 1908, falls a tad short of inspirational: Micah 5:9 and Rom. 10:1. But the Salem (**Home Church**) Diary offers all the inspiration we could want. Our beloved Bishop Edward Rondthaler wrote: "Mon., Oct. 5 [1908]. Went to Greensboro and along with the brethren Holton and Wenhold organized the Greensboro Moravian Church with 37 communicant members. It was a very happy occasion. Three adults were baptized and three were confirmed, and at the close of the other services, the Holy Communion was celebrated, with 36 participating." Happy anniversary year, First, Greensboro!

So **Clemmons** is going to have a sign on the main drag in town. Will it top **Friedberg**'s? It will be an LED programmable sign, "6 line monochrome, 19mm amber display, 5 in. char., 22 char. length" — all set between two brick pillars, topped by the name Friedberg Moravian Church beneath the Moravian seal in a brick arch. The big advantage is the sign can be changed instantly, remotely, so those driving by can read what's going on at Friedberg that evening.

One minister's observation: "The 'bottom line' for church growth is that God uses people to bring people to Him." Amen. And that means our Moravian Church's greatest outreach is our-

church where stuff is more important than why we are there, a church where you can sit back and someone will open your head and pour everything you need into it. If you want to be fed, if you want to get anything out of any relationship, you have to put something into it. Don't say someone else will do it or I'll wait until things get better, then I'll get back to church. Things won't change for the better until you and everyone else show up and refuse to let the devil in or run him out.

Take your feelings off your sleeve, don't let stuff and things get in the way of your duty to your church, but most of all to your God. Pray, read your Bible or uplifting books. If you have a problem, talk to someone. Choose today to be a part of the solution, not the problem - "Think on these things."

Connie Sapp

**The League Play-offs
for our Men's Softball Team
are scheduled to begin either
July 8th or 15th.**

**The date and time will be announced
as soon as we know it.**

**(All games will be played at
Beck's Baptist Church Softball Field.)**

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT . . . IN THE LORD

We've lost several members of our congregation in the last couple years. Some passed away, others choose to leave the church for whatever reason. I personally choose to stay and do as much of God's work as I can before He comes. Yes, I know you don't get to Heaven by your works, but I really don't want to stand before God one day and when he asks me to tell how my life went on earth. I'd say, well Lord I went to church, but I choose not to be involved because I had so many other things to do or I went for a while, but decided to let others have most of the responsibility because I knew I wouldn't get here by my works or I didn't like the preacher. He taught your word, but he stepped on my toes sometimes. I didn't like some of the programs, (they brought different people into my church), not enough people helped and I felt like I had to do too much, I wasn't being fed, I worked when I was younger, but then got old. So that is why I choose to stop going to church or get involved. Do you think he is going to say, "Well done good and faithful servant?"

I think there is an undercurrent trying to tear this church (our church) apart. We all know that is the devil. That is how he works. If we or any church give in to all the stuff he throws at us, then he wins. I choose to stand up to him, to fight for my church, my beliefs, my God. I choose to be a part of the solution, not a part of the problem. What do you choose to be a part of? A church where if things don't go your way, you bail out, a

selves. We are indeed Christ's best ambassadors as we speak with friends, neighbors, and strangers.

Not to raise a scandal, but John D. Rights at **Konnoak Hills** is cutting up pantyhose and getting a good sermon (not to mention well-staked tomatoes) out them. Yes, he concludes, we can grow without the church, but to grow well we should be like tomato plants, firmly staked to Christ's church.

Clemmons' organ is back in operation after being struck by lightning. That's the hazard of being the highest elevation eastward in Forsyth County from the Yadkin River.

Another way to grow a church: reach the kids. **New Philadelphia** is doing that with its Boy Scout troop. And to keep that program strong and growing, the church plans to recruit for its Cub Scout program. Boys as young as 6 can join.

This spring, **Christ Church** has been helping out with the Saturday tutoring program at Latham Elementary School. Even small efforts like this can make a tremendous difference in young children's lives. Keep up the good work, Christ Church!

— Richard W. Starbuck
Moravian Archives

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