



Bethabara Bells

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Intersynodal Conference Moravian Church, Southern Province

April 10-12, 2008

New Philadelphia Moravian Church

The Southern Province will hold its Intersynodal Conference beginning Thursday April 10 and ending Saturday April 12 at noon, at New Philadelphia Moravian Church.

Bethabara's seven Lay Representatives are: Phillip Sapp, JoBeth Boyles; Paulette Kuzmanovich; Cheryl Everhart; Luis Regalado; Robert Boyles; Bill Rosenbaum. In addition, Pastor Tripp May will be participating.

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; and open ourselves to the opportunities around us at home and abroad.

PARISH NURSES NEEDED!

Bethabara will be hosting a **PARISH NURSE CERTIFICATION COURSE** which will give our retired registered nurses the opportunity to coordinate and/or advise on their congregants' health concerns. In order to be certified, the R.N. must have a current license, malpractice insurance, and must attend ALL classes (32 hours). **This course is ANA approved** for 32 hours of continuing education (required for license renewal in N.C. this year). Nurses will be certified into the International Parish Nurses' Association as well, and will have their Resource Center available on line to tap into with all the information needed.

Grants have been applied for, keeping the cost to a minimum. The class is open to any church that would like to have their nurses involved within their own congregation. We would like to see one or two RNs from each church in the Southern Province, but realize that you may only have one that will be able to participate. So far, there have been interest expressed by nurses from several other denominations, and we are happy to know that our entire area may be served by nurses who would like to have use of their own mission of service to their churches.

The instructor is Ms. Patricia Kellum, R.N., M.S.N. Mrs. Kellum received her teaching certification through DUKE UNIVERSITY & will run our certification through them as well. 32 HOURS of ANA credit will be given to any nurse who completes the entire course. All course materials are furnished by Mrs. Kellum. She is currently coordinating Carteret General Hospital's Health Ministries programs in Morehead City, NC.

Schedule of Classes:

MAY 19-23, 2008, 9AM-4PM

(Graduation on Friday, 5/23/08- AM only)

If you or your church would like to assist with this in any way, please contact Dawn Douglas, RN at (336)682-0680 or Pastor Tripp May at Bethabara Moravian Church (336) 924-8789. **REGISTER BY MARCH 15, 2008**

Parish nursing is traditionally divided into six elements: 1) Integrator of Faith, 2) Personal Health Counselor, 3) Education, 4) A referral agent, 5) Advocacy, 6) Coordinator of Volunteers

Some of the topics covered are: *Theology of Health, Healing & Wholeness, *History & Philosophy of Parish Nursing, *Ethics in Parish Nursing, *Self Care for Parish Nursing, Getting Started, *Assessment: Individual, Congregational, Family, Function of the Parish Nurse, *Functioning within a Ministerial Team, *Legal Considerations for Parish Nurses, *Grief & Loss.

Each church will be deciding how it will handle the use of their nurses. Some churches only have occasional “health fairs” to check for high blood pressure, classes for diabetics, coordinating for participation in local health events-like the MS walk or the Breast cancer fundraiser held yearly.....Some churches include their Parish Nurse coordinator on their Boards, some allot a salary, most consider it a voluntary outreach program of their church nurses.

We hope you will carefully consider sending someone for certification. God certainly will use them wisely!

CALL TO REGISTER BY MARCH 15

Winston-Salem Pops Singers

On April 26 at 3:00 p.m. the Winston-Salem Pops Singers will present their 2nd annual spring concert at Bethabara Church. They will be singing and dancing to those wonderful songs from the 30s, 40s, 50s, Pops and Broadway. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations gratefully accepted.

Please put the following in the March Bells:

I would like to thank the Bethabara Church Band and Daniel Regalado for filling in for me while I was away. I understand that they did a wonderful job and I greatly appreciate their willingness to do this for me.

Janet Stewart

Join Us for Lunch!

The Women's Fellowship is preparing a delicious lunch for you on Sunday, March 2, immediately following morning worship.

Soup, Salad & Dessert

The suggested donation is \$5.00 per person. Proceeds go to support Women's Fellowship projects.

Everyone is welcome so invite a friend!

Older Adult Retreat

The Senior Friends Advisory Council has scheduled their annual retreat for older adults April 28-30, 2008, at Higgins Lodge, Laurel Ridge. Program leaders will be The Rev. Dr. Daniel Crews, Provincial Archivist, and Dr. Nola Knouse, Director, Moravian Music Foundation. Registration materials will be mailed to Senior Friends presidents of the churches. Retreat Cost: \$100 for the Bishop's Wing and \$120 for the Salem Wing at Higgins Lodge.

Items to Calendar

Instead of Youth Mission Camp this summer, our church will be going to Gulfport Mississippi to help with the rebuilding from hurricane Katrina (2005). We will depart on Sunday morning, July 20th and return on Monday evening, July 28th. We will drive there and back. We will stay at the Moravian Disaster Response house there while we work repairing damaged homes in the area. There will only be slots for 12 persons to go, several of whom need to be adults this time.

Laurel Ridge Senior High Camp will be July 13 - 19. Junior High Camps will be June 22-28 and July 20-26.

Vacation Bible School will be July 13-17, 6-8:30pm.

Also the dates of June 6-8 have been carved out as a time to gather at Laurel Ridge for a church "retreat."

Newsletter Notes

From around the Southern Province

A theme for the Southern Province during 2008 is mission. For example, “Congregations Moving in Mission” is the title of the Southern Province’s Intersynodal Conference to be held April 10-12 at **New Philadelphia**. In fact, though, the host church shows us that for Moravians, mission is a theme not just for one year but throughout our life as followers of Christ. For 2007 New Philadelphia’s Missions Committee disbursed \$42,838 to 30 mission causes.

In 2001 **Trinity** borrowed \$833,687 for renovating its church building. In barely six years the debt has been slashed to less than \$20,000. Congratulations on making a molehill out of a mountain!

Clemmons has been quietly accumulating for a new building. Current status: almost \$1.6 million. Among the goals **Olivet** has set for 2008 is “continue family life center feasibility study.” **Union Cross** is exploring financial possibilities for a family life center. And **Christ the King** is considering building a larger worship room and more classrooms. We look forward to exciting news from all four churches in the near future.

Rural Hall had a little bit of outreach in January — to Northern Province churches. Rural Hall was host to 26 members of the Northeast Moravian Disaster Response Team, housing and feeding them as they paused on their way to Gulf Coast mission work. They were housed and fed again a week later on their way back to 11 Moravian churches in the Pennsylvania-New Jersey area.

The floor in **Raleigh**'s sanctuary is brick, which often raises the question: "Why?" Quite simply: for the acoustics. You don't want a carpet, for example, absorbing your organ music. You can imagine that maintenance of the brick floor is a church trustee's delight — no polishing, no replacing, nothing. But one thing must be remembered: never ever vacuum it. The bricks are held in place by the sand between them.

Leaksville's band added an instrument for its Christmas Eve services — a violin. Question: Will it stick around for Easter Sunrise Service? We won't have long to wait this year to find out.

Moravian Book & Gift Shop has a branch store. It's in the Moser House at Bethania. Check 'em out. And don't forget to visit the original store on Main Street across from Salem Square in Old Salem.

"Did you know we have a new Moravian church?" said the caller. A local TV station listed it in church closings because of snow. The name? "Bear View Moravian Church."

— Richard W. Starbuck

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The 2007 Provincial Share balance of \$18,657.79
was paid in full on January 28, 2008

Women's Fellowship quarterly meeting will be on Sunday afternoon, March **30th**, at 2:30 p.m.

The Guy Fulp Charitable Trust posted a gain in principle in the
2007 church year.

Join us to make Palm Crosses: Saturday, March 15, at 9:30am.

"First Place" Bible Study & Weight Loss Class: begins March 9, 3:30pm.

Laurel Ridge

2008 Summer Camp Schedules & Fees

PRE-JUNIOR CAMPS For children completing grades 1 and 2.

Camp Fee - \$125.00

Pre-Junior 1: July 6-8

(Pre-Junior 1 runs concurrently with Junior 2, Sunday thru Tuesday.)

Pre-Junior 2: August 8-10

Pre-Junior Camps offer our youngest campers a 2-night taste of summer camp. Our deans and volunteer counselors are careful to create a warm, loving, secure and fun community to welcome our pre-junior campers in their new, or second-time, camping adventure!

JUNIOR CAMPS For children who have completed grades 3-5

Camp Fee - \$325.00

Junior 1: June 15-21

Junior 2: July 6-12

Junior 3: August 10-16

Junior Campers get a chance to share in arts and crafts, swimming, canoeing, hiking, camp-fires, small-groups, wood-working, fishing and archery. Campers can choose a daily interest group ranging from drama, playing a folk instrument, tin-smithing, Moravian crafts, sports, wood-burning, Ukrainian eggs, orienteering, batik and beading or archery. These early friendships and mountain-top experiences last a lifetime.

JUNIOR HIGH CAMPS For youth who have completed grades 6-8

Camp Fee - \$325.00

Junior High 1, June 22-28

Junior High 2, June 20-26

Junior High camps offer interactive, participatory opportunities for campers to explore their developing Christian faith. The daily program and small group experiences focus on the basics of a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. This is done through Bible study and different activities. The effect of such a relationship on home, school, church

and the world is explored. Junior High camp is a unique opportunity for junior high age youth to experience "community" away from most of today's media driven entertainment and communication devices. There are few other opportunities today available for youth to do so. In community, free from distractions, campers have the chance to experience God's grace and love in uncluttered ways.

SENIOR HIGH CAMP For youth who have completed grades 9-12
Camp Fee - \$325.00

July 13-19 Senior High camp is experiential in nature. Campers explore their relationship with God through Jesus Christ in worship, Bible study, prayer, spiritual practices, mountain surroundings and personal interactions. The program is offered by a Moravian minister, usually from another province, which gives campers a unique opportunity to forge a relationship with a Moravian from another part of the country. A major component of Senior High camp is experiencing the beauty and stillness of this mountain top community away from the distractions of today's fast paced, technologically driven culture. Such distractions are purposely kept to the minimum. There are few other such opportunities for senior highs today to be in relationship with one another in such an environment. It is life changing for many youth.

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, the church will again provide one scholarship for each camper active in the ministries/programs at Bethabara. This scholarship will be equal to 1/2 the camp fee and will be paid directly to the camp. [The expense of extra weeks at camp will be responsibility of the camper's family.]

The remaining half will be the responsibility of the family of the camper.

There are a limited number of economic hardship scholarships (Warren Scholarships) that are available from Laurel Ridge (but application must be made soon). If you are interested, please see Hilda Regalado, Missions & Evangelism Director, for forms and details on applying.

Newsletter sub-
missions should
arrive in the
church office by
the 18th of each
month.

**USHERS
FOR
MARCH 2008**

Jimmie Ring
Bobby Kyle
Gena Howard
Len McLaughlin

Nursery Attendants

March 2	Elva Lara Garcia
March 9	Jo Beth Boyles
March 16	Carole Rosenbaum
March 23	Pat Mobley
March 30	Shannon Lineback

GREETERS

March 2	Jim & Paulette Kuzmanovich
March 9	Terry Orrell/Marion Yokley
March 16	Frances Greiner/Clara Pou
March 23	Dalton & Cheryl Everhart
March 30	Bobby & Anne Kyle

Anniversaries



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

Birthdays

March 5	Alondra Ramirez
March 6	Dalton Everhart
March 8	Len McLaughlin
March 9	Kate McBride
March 11	Suzie LaVenture
March 15	Angelica Baca
March 22	Joel Sapp
March 25	Michele Cano Lara
March 29	Gayle Reid



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