

# BETHABARA BELLS

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## **2008 Intersynodal Conference**

I was fortunate to be chosen as a lay delegate from Bethabara to attend the 2008 Intersynodal Conference on April 10-12 at New Philadelphia Moravian Church in Winston-Salem. Every Moravian church and fellowship in the Southern Province was represented by their pastors and lay leaders – so we were among 350-400 people total. The other delegates from Bethabara were: Rev. Tripp May, Bill Rosenbaum, Paulette Kuzmanovich, Phillip Sapp, JoBeth Boyles, Robert Boyles and Luis Regalado.

### **Theme**

The theme for the conference was Moravian's in Mission, and the speaker for Friday and Saturday was Luther Snow who led us in identifying our church's assets. Sometimes we tend to think of Bethabara as a small church, but when we were listing our assets we found out that we are very large in our outreach and resources. We actually do more than many of the larger congregations. Because of our interaction with the other churches, we identified areas where we could "team up" to provide more opportunities for missions and outreach.

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## 2008 Intersynodal Conference—continued....

### Music and Worship

The music and singing in the sanctuary was awesome with over 300 voices singing praises to God. Thursday evening began with an inspiring sermon by Right Rev. Dr. Wayne Burkette and communion served by many Moravian pastors. It was truly one of the most spiritual experiences ever. Friday evening we enjoyed the Moravian band on the front lawn followed by slide shows of mission trips and singing with the youth. Bethabara's own Creative Movement Team captured our hearts with "I The Lord of Sea and Sky." Also, Robert Boyles played the guitar as Luis Regalado and many other youth sang. We were well represented by our talented young people!

Then Friday morning and Saturday morning we began the conference with another moving worship service and ended on Saturday afternoon in the sanctuary with communion of a different kind...we all received an unidentified seed to take home and plant to see what will grow. Bishop Iobst then gave the benediction in Miskito, accompanied by those who speak the language, and we all departed with fresh ideas and uplifted spirits.

Thank you, Bethabara, so much for allowing me to be a part of this special conference,

Cheryl P. Everhart

### Anniversaries



May 27 Bob & Ann Gabriel

### Birthdays

4	Luis Regalado
7	Sarah Holland
11	Jason Gabriel
11	Nathan Lineback
13	Ann Gupton
13	Anne Kyle
16	Erendira N. Gonzaga
17	Carole Rosenbaum
22	Laura Cobb
23	Dianne Cobb
24	Connie Sapp
28	Daniel LaVenture
29	Mario Ramirez

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

**USHERS  
FOR  
MAY 2008**

Joel Sapp  
Joey Lineback  
Joel C. Lineback  
Britt Orrell

**Nursery Attendants**

May 4	Pat Mobley/Jeannie May
May 11	JoBeth Boyles/Edna Blevins
May 18	Carole Rosenbaum/Terry Orrell
May 25	Elva Lara Garcia/Anne Kyle

**GREETERS**

May 4	Dick & Eva Morgan
May 11	Edna Blevins/ Jeannie May
May 18	Bobby & Anne Kyle
May 25	Moir & Fern Hunter

***Change in Senior Friends Outing  
due to  
Great Opportunity to Reach Our Community  
at the  
Celtic Festival  
(May 10th)***

We recently announced a scheduled trip for the Senior Friends and the youth (and anyone else who might be interested) to go to the Alpaca Farm in Fancy Gap, VA on Saturday, May 10. However, that is also the day of the **Celtic Festival in Bethabara Park**, and our church will be selling **barbeque sandwiches** and the **Women's Fellowship will be selling Chicken Pies and Baked Goods**. Therefore, the **trip will be re-scheduled** at a later date so we can all be available to help raise money for our church.

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Please add that date to your calendars, and **please consider baking some cakes, pies, cookies or brownies for us to sell** on May 10. We could use your help in many ways - setting up tables and chairs on the lawn in front of the church for the BBQ - helping sell the food - helping sell the chicken pies and baked goods - helping put out signs - helping take down tables after the event. Please see Phillip Sapp or Connie Sapp to volunteer for this important event!

# **186<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

## **St. Philips Moravian Church**

### **Lovefeast**

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m.

The Rev. Reuben Vessup, Speaker

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## **CELEBRATION WEEKEND**

### **Renewal Services**

Thursday & Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Messages by Bro. Vessup

### **Holy Communion**

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Message by Mrs. Ivy Vessup



**Mission Society, S.P.  
Presents a  
MISSION  
CELEBRATION  
Advent Moravian  
Church**

**May 3, 2008**

**Band Prelude/Mission Display Fair -**

**5:00 pm**

**Dinner - 5:30 pm**

**Music: Brass Group with Ted Kimball**

**Guest Missionaries:**

***Phil Raiford, Mexico and the Antioch Pro-  
ject in Nicaragua -***

***Glenna Tasedan, Labrador -***

***Donna Tesh, MS***

**Send \$9.00 reservation by April 23 to Mission  
Office, 500 South Church Street, Winston-Salem, NC  
27101 - 336-773-1732**



**Donations of Christian Paperback Books for  
Youth 6 - 16 in Labrador Received at Door  
Call 336-773-1732 to Reserve Display Table**

**Summer 2008 Lay Seminary Course**

**“The Essentials and the Gospels:  
Excavating Gospel Stories for the  
Essentials of our Day”**

Moravians talk about what is essential. Our culture sends its own messages about that too. In our Summer '08 session of Lay Seminary we will dig into several gospel stories to explore together what is essential for believers of the first century and what is essential for us today. Bring your Bible for a weekend set aside for a deeper understanding of the Gospel and the core elements of our lives as Moravians.

**Our Presenters:**

**The Rev. Frank Crouch, PhD.  
Dean of Moravian Theological Seminary**

**Dr. Audrey West is Associate Professor of New Testament  
at Lutheran**

**Cost: \$135 per person/double occupancy  
(includes meals and materials)**

**Registration forms may be obtained  
at your church office,  
by contacting Lynn Smith at Laurel Ridge  
at 888-831-5922 ([www.laurelridge.org](http://www.laurelridge.org)) or on the  
Board of Christian Education web site:  
[www.moravianboardofce.org](http://www.moravianboardofce.org)**

# Newsletter Notes

From around the Southern Province

**Raleigh**'s band has taken Moravian music where it has rarely — if ever — gone before with a program on April 13 at the North Carolina Museum of History in downtown Raleigh. Making its public debut during the program was the Raleigh Moravian Trombone Choir. Along with hymns and chorales, there was a performance of the march written by Moravian composer Edward Leinbach for the inauguration of Gov. Zebulon Vance in 1862.

Thanks to members pitching in, **Union Cross** has had an early retirement of its \$45,000 debt, and the church is now completely debt-free. That has “removed a significant barrier,” the Trustees note, to a new family life center “or to any other capital improvement.” And by the way, the old fire station has been renovated at little or no cost to the church. This is one can-do church (and one very happy Board of Trustees).

**Pine Chapel** has gotten an estimate for the new roof it needs: \$30,000. The Trustees note that Pine Chapel members “have a history of coming through whenever the church has had a need.” And a good roof is definitely up there in the need category. Meanwhile, Pine Chapel has been blessed with the gift from a friend of 100 copies of the *Moravian Book of Worship*, which the congregation will enjoy for many years to come.

**Christ the King** continues to study facilities needs. A consultant is gathering data and at a Church Council in June will re-

port on future space requirements, a financial analysis, and recommended building size and construction.

**Clemmons** plans to draw attention to itself as no longer the “best kept secret” in town by placing a lighted message sign on main-drag U.S. 158. After all, the church has too much to offer the citizens of Clemmons to be kept a secret. Amen.

Still in the “we’re here!” department: **Advent** members walked the streets to deliver door hangers inviting neighbors to an Easter Garden Party (for kids) and Easter services.

Early reports on the Intersynodal Conference held April 10-12 at **New Philadelphia** say it was very inspirational and uplifting. Two themes stood out in papers on programs to stress: mission and music. And you say the hit of the conference was the **Archives** slide show? Naw, that can’t be. We’re just stuffy old history. Heh, heh, heh.

One more word on Easter: though it came very early this year, March 23, the weather was near perfect — chilly but not nearly so cold as last year when Easter was much later. Consequently, attendance was very good, about 8,000 for the Sunrise Service at **Salem**, which was twice as much as last year’s freeze-fest. A few of us may have been unable to attend, but we could tune in to it on the radio. We want to thank WSJS for this long-standing public service, unbroken since 1930. Bands: You sounded beautiful over the radio!

— Richard W. Starbuck  
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