

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2005

*Bethabara Moravian Church believes because of the love of Jesus Christ revealed in us, that Jesus is "the way, and the truth, and the life and no one comes to the Father but by (him)." John 14:6*

*Bethabara Moravian Church leads people to an active relationship with Jesus Christ by providing a path of worship, prayer, and knowledge of God's Word through our Moravian heritage and Christian fellowship.*



*Remembering the past, envisioning the future.*

**Watchword for the Week**

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom.

Isaiah 40:11

11 Como pastor apacentará su rebaño; en su brazo llevará los corderos, y en su seno los llevará; pastoreará suavemente a las recién paridas.



# LITURGY

In the midst of the long night, is there anyone who cares?

**We say the church cares.**

When all the relatives have died, is there anyone who cares?

**We say the church cares.**

When the fingers point and the tongues wag, is there anyone who cares?

**We say the church cares.**

In the struggle to find meaning and peace on the boundary of life and death, is there anyone who cares?

**We say the church cares.**

*(Men)* **In the name of Jesus Christ, the church must care**

*(Women)* **In the name of Jesus Christ, the church does care.**

*(All)* **In the name of Jesus Christ, the church will care.**

**HYMN 686**      **Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace**  
*(verse 1 only)*

**TIME OF SILENCE**

God of mercy,

**Grant healing and peace to your children suffering from AIDS.**

God of understanding,

**Open the minds and hearts of those of us who have not experienced the pain and devastation of AIDS.**

God of knowledge,

**Help us talk openly about the tragedy of AIDS. Help us learn and teach others about it so that ignorance and death shall not prevail.**

God of grace, be with those care givers who walk bravely and humbly with the sick.

**God of healing,**

Guide the work of doctors and researchers who search daily for a cure to AIDS.

**God of compassion,**

Teach us to walk in Jesus' path, caring for the sick, the poor, and the forgotten.

**God of forgiveness,**

Forgive us the judgments we have made, as a result of our own misunderstanding, against our brothers and sisters suffering from HIV and AIDS.

**God of life, Be with those not infected with HIV and keep them in the safety of your care, empowering them with the knowledge of the sanctity of the gift of life.**

God of wisdom,

**Make known to us our role in the struggle against AIDS, and equip us with strength and courage to follow your calling. Amen.**

*This service is adapted with permission from the Mennonite Central Committee resources in the Join Hands, Stop AIDS toolkit*

## WORLD AIDS DAY DECEMBER 1, 2005

### *Impact of HIV and AIDS*

HIV and AIDS have surpassed other disasters in terms of the impact on lives and societies throughout the world.

- approximately 46 million people are infected with HIV
- 95% of AIDS cases occur in the developing world
- 6-7,000 young people are infected with HIV daily
- young people under the age of 25 represent about 50% of all new HIV infections in the US
- an estimated  $\frac{1}{4}$  of people living with HIV and AIDS in the US are unaware that they are HIV+

Worldwide people with HIV are often marginalized as religious sinners, rejected by their families, fired from jobs. Societies suffer as they lose people from their working force and need to deal with growing numbers of orphans. We as a church can impact attitudes and behaviors and can have a significant role in decreasing the prevalence of this disease and offering compassion to those who must live with it.

In North America we also are exposed to HIV and AIDS and need to be aware of the risk and able to talk about prevention. At this time 11% of HIV transmission in North America is through heterosexual activity and 25% through injecting drug use. We carry misperceptions of the disease and harbor stigma against those who have it.

1. Where do you see HIV/ AIDS in your community? Is it obvious or hidden?
2. How would/ does your church support its members who live with HIV and AIDS?
3. Do you consider HIV/ AIDS as punishment from God?
4. What attitude might Jesus have toward those who live with HIV?
5. How might we model safe practices for prevention of HIV transmission in our communities?

*Be Smart*

**S** - safer practices: abstinence, being faithful, using condoms, not sharing needles

**A** - available medications to reduce the amount of the virus and to treat infections

**V** - voluntary testing and counseling; know your HIV status and risk

**E** - empowerment through education

*Board of World Mission Work with HIV and AIDS*

**Tanzania**

- Prevention of mother-to-child transmission program
- Orphan assistance program
- Treatment program in development

**Honduras**

- Prevention of mother-to-child transmission program with expansion to mobile outreach
- Community education program in development

**Education**

- Resources for education within congregations
- Workshops/ presentations available
- See the AIDS Ministry section of the website: [www.moravianmission.org](http://www.moravianmission.org)

*Donations can be made to the Board of World Mission, either for general AIDS Ministry or more specifically to our orphan assistance program in Tanzania (Dear Brothers and Sisters).*

# SCRIPTURE FOCAL PASSAGE

LUKE 1:46-55

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for ever."

Engrandece mi alma al Señor; Y mi espíritu se regocija en Dios mi Salvador. Porque ha mirado la bajeza de su sierva; Pues he aquí, desde ahora me dirán bienaventurada todas las generaciones. Porque me ha hecho grandes cosas el Poderoso; Santo es su nombre, Y su misericordia es de generación en generación A los que le temen. Hizo proezas con su brazo; Esparció a los soberbios en el pensamiento de sus corazones. Quitó de los tronos a los poderosos, Y exaltó a los humildes. A los hambrientos colmó de bienes, Y a los ricos envió vacíos. Socorrió a Israel su siervo, Acordándose de la misericordia De la cual habló a nuestros padres, Para con Abraham y su descendencia para siempre.

*The flowers placed in the Sanctuary today are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Wallace Pike, by the Pike Family; also by David & Norma Segraves in loving memory of David's brother, Joe, and in honor of Christ's' birthday,*

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Nursery TODAY	Fern Hunter
Nursery NEXT SUNDAY	Betsy Johnson
Greeters TODAY	Jim & Paulette Kuzmanovich
Greeters NEXT SUNDAY	Dalton & Cheryl Everhart

## BETHABARA YOUTH NEWS

✝ Christmas Caroling                      December 18

All ages, choir members, band members, no choir and non band members are invited to bring a bag lunch to eat after our worship service; we leave to carol to our shut-in/homebound members at 1:15 p.m.. We need everyone's voices to offer cheer to our members who are not able to come to any of our holiday services.

✝ Youth Movie Event                      December 18

Attention Bethabara Youth: On Sunday, December 18, we will go see "Chronicles of Narnia", a film based on the series by C.S. Lewis. The cost of the ticket is FREE, **but** we need to know how many to purchase by **Sunday, December 11 at noon!** If you are interested in going, let Kristy Sapp know by December 11.

# TODAY AT BETHABARA

9 a.m. Band practice  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday school  
 11 a.m. Worship service  
 3 p.m. Harmony Ringers

4 p.m. Bethabara Ringers  
 5:30 p.m. Family Fellowship  
 Hanging of the Greens  
*Bring your favorite dessert to share!*

## *Happening this week: Remember, check the bulletin board*

<b>Mon. 5</b>	12 noon	A.A. Social Room
	6:30 p.m.	Circle 2 Christmas Party <i>Pat Mobley's home</i>
<b>Tues. 6</b>	10 a.m.	Circle 1 Social Room
	7 p.m.	College Age Fellowship <i>Panera Bread</i>
<b>Wed. 7</b>	5:45 p.m.	Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Prayer & Bible Study <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Choir practice <i>until 7:10 p.m.</i>
	7:15 p.m.	Adult Choir practice
<b>Thurs. 8</b>	12 noon	A.A. Social Room
<b>Fri. 9</b>	8 p.m.	A.A. Social Room

# HANGING OF THE GREENS

Bring your favorite dessert and join us **TONIGHT** for Family Fellowship and the annual "Hanging of the Greens". We will enjoy a time of working together, family fellowship and yummy desserts. We hope to see you **TONIGHT** at 5:30 p.m.!

## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Sunday, December 11 Please place your order for Poinsettias by Sunday, December 11. A sign up sheet is in the vestibule. You may choose the flower color & if the flower is in memory of or in honor of someone. Cost is \$11 for each Poinsettia. Contact RACHEL WEAVIL or ANNE ROBERTS if you have any questions.

## **BETHABARA SENIOR FRIENDS**

Are you interested in participating in a Senior Friends group here at Bethabara? Consider joining us for fun and fellowship! Contact the church office by email ([office@Bethabara.org](mailto:office@Bethabara.org)) or phone (924-8789) or talk to Pastor May. We'll be waiting to hear from you!

## **DINNER THEATER**

Old Town Baptist Church is presenting a Dinner Theater  
December 8th-10th

There is a group from our church going on Friday, December 9th  
Please call Old Town Baptist Church for tickets 924-1552

## LIFT IN PRAYER

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| † Brandon Bailey ( <i>-serving in Iraq</i> )             | † Barbara Key   |
| † Mary Boles<br><i>Oak Dale Heights</i>                  | † Mike & Edith Kudelka<br><i>Independence Village Apt 303</i> |
| † J.C. Bruce   | † Jeff Lowrance<br><i>Margaret Gabriel's nephew</i>           |
| † Hilda Burton, <i>Alan Burton's mom</i>                 | † Ruby Mathis<br><i>Fern Hunter's sister</i>                  |
| † Sara Cooke   | † Eva Morgan  |
| † Leona Chatham<br><i>Vienna Village Room #F57</i>       | † Carolyn Redding   |
| † Marie Choplin<br><i>Kerner Ridge Assisted Living</i>   | † Gay Nell Reich<br><i>Homeplace of Burlington</i>            |
| † Tommie Choplin<br><i>Britthaven of Kernersville</i>    | † Anne Roberts  |
| † Margaret Gabriel                                       | † Flora Sapp  |
| † Jennifer Gragg   | † David & Norma Segraves                                      |
| † Carol Griffin  | † David West<br><i>grandson to Dot Bruce</i>                  |
| † Stephanie Hedrick<br><i>great-niece to Rosenbaum's</i> | † Terrell White ( <i>cancer</i> )                             |
| † Ernest Holland   |   |
| † Sarah Holland<br><i>Oak Dale Heights</i>               |   |



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*We are so glad you came to worship with us today.*

*We pray our service was memorable and meaningful for you in every way.*

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*Nos alegramos tanto de que Ud. haya decidido adorar a Dios con nosotros hoy.  
Rezamos que nuestro servicio sea memorable y significativa para Ud. en cada  
manera.*

*In Essentials, Unity; In Non-essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love.*