

BETHABARA BELLS

Bethabara Moravian Church Newsletter



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11th Annual Celtic Festival & Highland Games

May 14, 2011

10:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Pipe & Drum Bands Scottish Clans
Tartan-Clad Athletes
Celtic Music & Dancing
Highland Games for Adults & Kids



Bethabara Church will be Selling:

Fresh Barbeque, Chicken Pies & Baked Goods.

**Also the Crystals of the Gemeinhaus and Winston-Salem
will be on sale for \$30 each.**



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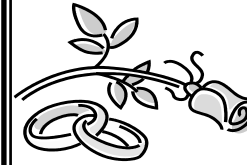
Women's Circle
Tuesday, May 3rd
10:00 a.m.
Come and bring a friend.

Board Meeting
Sunday, May 15th
After morning Worship

Bethabara's Joint Fellowship
Saturday, May 7th
9:30 a.m.

We will make our plans for the Celtic Festival coming up on Saturday, May 14th. We'll also take some time to do some cleaning-up here at the church. We need everyone to help. We hope to see you then!

Special Mother's Day
Program with the
Puppets
Sunday, May 8th



May Anniversaries

16 Martin & Juana Gomez
27 Bob & Ann Gabriel

May Birthdays

4 Luis Regalado
11 Jason Gabriel
13 Angel Gomez
13 Anne Kyle
14 Hillary Ramirez
16 Erendira Gonzaga
17 Carole Rosenbaum
22 Laura Cobb
23 Dianne Cobb
24 Connie Sapp
29 Mario Ramirez
31 Karla Gomez



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

**USHERS
FOR
MAY**

Mario Ramirez
Robert Boyles
Juan Cruz
Joey Martin



Graduate Recognition Sunday

May 22nd

This is a very special day for our graduates. Please let the church office know of the graduates from High School or College that we need to recognize on that Sunday morning.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES
RESUMING**

May 18 thru August 3

EVERYONE WELCOME!

5:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer
5:45 p.m.	Dinner and Devotions
6:30 p.m.	Bible Study, ESL and Spanish Classes, Youth Choir and Activities
7:15 p.m.	Adult Choir

Join us for these special nights of fellowship every Wednesday night.

(Nursery provided)

May Nursery Attendants

- 1 Elia Garcia / Jo Beth Boyles
- 8 Elia Garcia / Megan Taylor
- 15 Elia Garcia / Kristy Sapp
- 22 Elia Garcia / Jeannie May
- 29 Elia Garcia / Edna Blevins



MAY GREETERS

- 1 Cheryl Everhart
- 8 Anne Kyle
- 15 Jim & Paulette Kuzmanovich
- 22 Frances Greiner
- 29 Gena Howard



Opportunities.....Opportunities.....Opportunities

Our church is a hard working church. There is always things that need to be done.....planting and weeding the flower beds, straightening the books on the library shelves, putting up bulletin boards or even teaching a Sunday School class. We all have talents and the church is a good place to put those talents to good use. If you would like to help with these or any other projects, just let the Pastor know.

“Opening the Doors”

During the month of May, I would like to share with you a wonderful training opportunity for our church. It is titled 'Opening the Doors.' Last year I participated in a workshop led by Rev. Fred Lehr (Director of Church Planting for the Moravian Church, Northern Province).

It was so helpful that I have been looking for an opportunity to share it with you. I know our church (and our Province) is very interested in how to build healthy congregations. So here is how you can “plug in.” You are invited (did you need an invitation?) to come to Sunday School during the month of May. Each Sunday, beginning with the Sunday School Opening, I will be sharing about “Opening Doors,” an effective program for outreach for the church. It needs one important ingredient— you!! We will be experiencing this program together, May 1st, 15th, 22nd and 29th. (May 8th is a special Mother's Day Program).

There are 4 segments in the presentation: *Laying the Foundation*, being *Centered in the Gospel*, *The Un-churched and the Under-churched*, & *Crowd Religion and Spiritual Maturity*.

Your participation as a congregation in this workshop is important as we seek to strengthen the outreach ministry of our church.

I hope to see all of you during the month of May in Sunday School Opening at 9.45 a.m.

Appalachian Trail Mission Hike

Robert's hiking adventure will soon be coming to an end. We've enjoyed keeping track of the progress of his (and Roman's) trip. This has been no easy task. Robert, along with his family and friends, have raised over \$1000 for the Laurel Ridge Kitchen Renovation Fund. This has been an important project for Robert with results that are so important for Laurel Ridge.

Grants for High School Students

The Ader Young People's Education Fund was created in 1969 from the estate of Mrs. Burta Saunders Ader. The income from the Fund is to be used for “the education of young people” and is administered by the Provincial Elders' Conference. Grants may be made to Moravian students of high school age and above who are active in the Moravian Church, with **preference given to students who have a interest in pursuing current or future service within the Moravian Church and who have financial need.**

Applications for grants should be made by letter to the PEC including a brief biographical summary of the applicant, description of current church involvement, description of the purpose of the grant request, a statement describing the extent of the applicant's financial need, and complete contact information for the applicant.

The amount of an individual grant in any given year is determined by the number of qualified applicants and the available income from the Fund.

Applications should be sent to the office of the PEC, 459 S. Church Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101. **Applications will not** be received via email. The **deadline** for applications is **May 15.**

The Provincial Elders' Conference

Mark Your Calendars.....

“Joint” Vacation Bible School

July 25—28

Fairview Moravian Church

Kick-Off Picnic - July 24th at Bethabara Shelter

Moravian Women’s Conference

They have now opened registration to attend the 11th Moravian Women’s Conference for **one day attendance** for our Sisters in the Southern Province of the Moravian Church.

- The Registration Deadline for one day attendance is Mother’s Day, May 8, 2011
- You are required to select the day you would like to attend. Your options are Friday or Saturday.
- All meals will be provided on the day which you selected.
- To Register, please open our website moravianwomensconference.org and select “Registration”, next select “Click Here for one day registration form” then complete the form on line being sure to fill in all required field.

You are not fully registered until you have paid the \$200 registration fee in full.

Checks should be mailed to: Moravian Women’s Conference
P. O. Box 1093
Lewisville, NC 27023

We are excited to be able to offer you this option to attend the conference. Join us as we celebrate our sisterhood in Christ, you’ll be glad you did!

Sharing a Special Note from a Visiting Speaker

Dear Pastor Tripp,

“It was a blessed day when you appeared at the mission house to collect me to attend Sunday School at Bethabara. I am still thinking about the wonderful history you shared about the early Moravians and the inspiring work of the current Moravians at Bethabara. It was a joy to worship with you and members of your congregation. I know for sure that I’ll be holding you and your congregation up as a “standard” for mission work. May the Peace of God be with you and your congregation, always.”

In the Service of Christ,
Carol Armstrong, Brooklyn, NY

Upcoming Leadership Training



There will be a training session, for the board members of all 5 churches in our RCC on **SATURDAY, May 28th, 2011, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm.** Rick Sides, Interim Director of the Provincial Board of Cooperative Ministries, will lead it. The board members of all five churches in the Pilot Mountain Regional Conference of Churches (including the board of Bethabara Church) will receive training in how to build and maintain healthy congregations.

The workshop will be held at Oak Grove Moravian Church. Lunch will be served (a donation of \$5 person is asked) by Oak Grove.

We are thankful that the Board of Cooperative Ministries is providing this workshop to strengthen our congregations.

The Church of the Pilot Mountain Conference of churches are, Bethabara, Fulp, Providence, Oak Grove and Willow Hill. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter for more information on “R.C.C.’s.”

Regional Conferences of Churches

A key feature of our new Provincial structure is the Regional Conference of Churches. These conferences were organized in the summer of 2010 and have been meeting regularly since then.

Each conference is a cluster of 4 to 6 congregations, represented by two lay persons and one pastor from each congregation, and in some cases, representatives from Moravian fellowships.

Representatives meet together at least quarterly and may choose to communicate through conference calls or other electronic media to foster and maintain strong relationships. Each Regional Conference elects one representative to the Board of Cooperative Ministries.

On the back of this insert is a list of the 13 Regional Conferences of Churches and the congregations and fellowships in each group. You may want to include these groups in your prayers.

The main purposes of the Regional Conferences are:

- To give form and witness to the eight characteristics of congregational health: our relationship with Christ, mission, growth, leadership, worship, cooperation, stewardship and ministry.
- To communicate with and request support from the Board of Cooperative Ministries in attaining Synod's goals and the Provincial Elders' Conference priorities within the congregations represented by the Regional Conferences.
- To develop relationships, mutual efforts, sharing "best practices", and meaningful participation between congregations.
- To help each congregation celebrate its abilities for ministry.
- To share mutual mission activity enabling congregations to do more together than separately.

In recent months activities of the Regional Conferences of Churches have included pot-luck dinners, joint planning retreats, leadership training, cooperation in a mutual mission project, visiting each others churches, and worshipping together.

(This insert is one in a series prepared by the Provincial Elders' Conference about the new structure and strategic direction of the Southern Province.)

Dan Springs Conference

First Church (Greensboro)
Good Shepherd
Leaksville
Mayodan
Moravia

Florida Springs Conference

King of Kings
New Hope (Florida)
Palm Beach
Prince of Peace
Rolling Hills
Margate Fellowship
New Covenant Fellowship
Suriname Fellowship
Tampa Fellowship
Rayaka Ingnika Fellowship

Mount Ararat Conference

Crooked Oak
Grace
King
Mt. Bethel

New Life Conference

First Church (Georgia)
New Hope (N. Carolina)
New Philadelphia
Mountain Laurel Fellowship
Come and Worship

North Branch Conference

Bethania
Olivet
Rural Hall
Mizpah

Peter's Brook Conference

Ardmore
Bethesda
Calvary
Christ
Fries Memorial
Morning Star Fellowship

Pilot Mountain Conference

Bethabara
Fulp
Oak Grove
Providence
Willow Hill

Salem Creek Conference

Home
Messiah
St. Phillips
Trinity

Salisbury Road Conference

Friedberg
Little Church on the Lane
New Beginnings
Peace
Palmetto Fellowship

South Branch Conference

Advent
Hope
Hopewell
Konnoak Hills
Community Fellowship

South Wachovia Conference

Enterprise
Friedland
Immanuel-New Eden
Pine Chapel
Union Cross

Sunrise Conference

Christ the King
Covenant
Kernersville
Raleigh

Yadkin View Conference

Clemmons
Fairview
Macedonia
Unity