



Bethabara Bells

Bethabara Moravian Church Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Dec. 5 | Women's Fellowship
Christmas Party | 2:00 pm |
| Dec. 6 | Christmas Concert
(Bethabara Church & Winston-Salem Pops Choirs) | 6:30 pm |
| Dec. 13 | Brookridge Retirement Community
Band Prelude
Lovefeast | 5:30 pm
6:00 pm |
| Dec. 20 | Children's Christmas
Program | 11:00 am |
| Dec. 23 | Youth Caroling & Meal | 5:30 pm |
| Dec. 24 | Candle-Light Lovefeast
Band Prelude
Lovefeast | 5:30 pm
6:00 pm |
| Dec. 25 | Christmas Day Carol Service | 11:00 am |



2010 Sanctuary Flowers

The sign-up sheet for Sanctuary Flowers for 2010 is in the Vestibule. We are going to be handling our Sanctuary Flowers differently in 2010 in order to meet the budget. When you sign up to place flowers in the sanctuary, instead of paying \$30 for two vases, the cost will be **\$25** for a **basket** of flowers. We will be placing beautiful silk flower arrangements in our vases instead of weekly fresh flowers. **Also new for 2010** - in the past you did not need to sign up each year if you wanted the same dates year after year, we have cleaned the slate and need for you to pick the dates you would like to place your basket in the sanctuary. All dates are now open and available with the exception of a few that have already been filled. Linda Shouse, Admin. Assist., will now be the Flower Chair and if anyone has questions they may direct them to her attention.



SYSTEMS INSTALLED

In the coming weeks, a security system will be installed in the parsonage and the system in the church will be significantly up-graded. All persons who with keys to the church will advised of new procedures of entering and closing the building. Stay tuned.....



A SPECIAL PRESENTATION

On December 6th, the Winston-Salem Pops Singers and the Bethabara Moravian Church Choir will join together to present a concert of holiday music. The concert will start at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, with a reception following the concert. The music presented will be both sacred and secular and includes composers such as Irving Berlin, Jay Althouse, Mel Torme', and Alfred Burt. Please come and start your holiday season with joyous music.

2009 CROP WALK RESULTS

These are the updated figures on the Moravian participation in the 2009 CROP Walk:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Congregations	20	17
Walkers	269	191
Amount raised	\$17,577.63	\$11,612.00

A "Thank You" to all who were involved.



Moravian Mountain Christmas at Laurel Ridge Saturday, December 12th

Moravian Mountain Christmas has become a tradition for many families and friends of Laurel Ridge; we invite you to see why! Join us for a day of crafts, music and festivities at Higgins

Lodge. Admission is free; lunch is \$6.00 and dinner is \$8.00. Overnight accommodations are available. For more information call **1-888-831-5922**



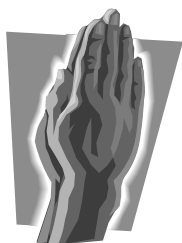
Children's Christmas Program

**Sunday, December 20
11:00 a.m. Service**

Update On Our Members

New Address: **Sandy Blackburn**
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New Bern, NC 28562
Phone: (252) 288-4902
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New Phone No.: **Dawn Douglas**
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Unity Prayer Watch at Bethabara

Please put on your calendar for
January 2010:

Bethabara Church Unity Prayer Watch
January 14, 2010
Midnight—6:00 a.m.

(Watch for the sign up sheet is in the vestibule.)

Newsletter Notes

From around the Southern Province

It's time again when we look at how we are doing by comparing last December 31 statistics with the previous year. And as usual, we like to emphasize the positive, because we are a great church even if we are small. So though the Southern Province again lost membership, nine churches saw gains in all three categories, confirmed communicants, total, and average worship attendance: **King of Kings, Leaksville, New Beginnings, Good Shepherd, Grace, Advent, Olivet, Trinity, and Willow Hill**. Congratulations, you set an example for us all to follow. And let's remember, the best evangelism is for us to invite a friend, neighbor, business acquaintance to come to church with us.

Have you considered church outreach in the form of a float in a Christmas parade? At least two churches have. **Fulp** will be in the Walnut Cove parade December 12. And **Leaksville** will be in two: the Leaksville parade November 27 and the Wentworth parade December 12. That's certainly one way to let our light shine forth.

Oak Grove is set to launch a \$717,000 capital campaign, its first building campaign in more than 50 years. Among the projects will be a new kitchen, renovated fellowship hall, new handicap accessible bathrooms, and a covered entrance.

Br. Chris Weber chimes in to remind us of two building projects currently under way, fellowship halls at **Hopewell** and **Enterprise**. Add to that the renovations at **Home** Church and the construction going on at **Clemmons** and planned at **Union Cross**, and we have one very busy building Moravian Church.

New Hope (Newton) has launched a campaign to replace its organ and to purchase other worship equipment. The goal: \$45,000.

Raleigh is staging a "mission trip" — to its own parsonage. The idea is to put all those construction skills learned on mission trips to Mississippi and Indiana to use in readying the church parsonage for renting out.

"Breaking news from [blank] Moravian Church: Archaeological evidence of June's BBQ found in the Kitchen Refrigerator on October 21." Phew! Suggested solution: "If you bring it to an event, please help us by taking your leftovers home." Promptly.

— Richard W. Starbuck
Moravian Archives

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

**Usher
Volunteers
Needed for
December**
(those who are not
serving Lovefeast)
See Robby Boyles

December Nursery Attendants

- 6 Jeannie May/Jo Beth Boyles
- 13 Kristy Sapp/Carole Rosenbaum
- 20 Connie Sapp/Pat Mobley
- 27 Fern Hunter/Edna Blevins



December Greeters

- 6 Jim & Paulette Kuzmanovich
- 13 Frances Greiner
- 20 Gena Howard
- 27 Dick & Eva Morgan



Anniversaries

Dec.	31	Craig & Suzie LaVenture
	31	Billy & Carol Grant

December Birthdays

2	Emory Thomas
11	Mason Cobb
12	Dusty Harrison (Missionary)
19	Sybil Vanston
20	Paulette Kuzmanovich
27	Sara Cooke
27	Juana Gomez
28	Bill Rosenbaum
29	Bill Lackey





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