

October Greeters

4 Cheryl Everhart
11 Daphne Sams
18 Libby Davis
25 Anne Kyle

October Anniversaries



6 Chuck & Michele Harmon
19 Edna & John Blevins

October Birthdays

4 Sandy Blackburn
5 Robert Boyles
6 Gena Howard
8 Andy Harmon
11 Chuck Harmon
12 Phillip Sapp
26 Mary Thomas
26 Edna Blevins



Bethabara Bells

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Following the Lamb with Our Whole Lives

When my mother was about eighty and living on a fixed income, I asked what she thought about the stewardship emphasis that usually came each October. She replied, "I don't much care for that. I've already decided what I'm going to give." Her giving was not an annual calculation; it was part of a life already offered to God. Her deeper conviction became clear when I later asked about the Holy Spirit. She answered, "Without the Holy Spirit, you don't have anything."

Beginning September 27, our five-week series, *Christ Calls. We Follow. We Gather. We Serve. We Abide.*, will explore stewardship through the indwelling Holy Spirit. Jesus calls us not merely to believe in Him, but to become His disciples. Through His Spirit, Christ awakens us, gathers us at His table, teaches us His way, gifts us for service, and sustains us in love and mission. The journey will conclude with Commitment Sunday, when we will prayerfully offer our whole lives anew – including our worship, prayer, service, gifts, and financial support for the coming year.

Because many in our church family are presently scattered, I extend a hearty welcome to every member and friend – nearby or away. Join us in person whenever possible, and remain with us in prayer wherever you are. Our hope is renewed fellowship with Jesus and one another.

Our Lamb has conquered; through His indwelling Spirit, let us follow Him with our whole lives.

Pastor Tony

Family Fellowship Potluck Lunch

Sunday, October 4

(after Worship)



There will be a Fellowship Meal on Sunday, October 4, after worship. Everyone is invited. Please bring your favorite dish. We hope everyone will attend.

Food Pantry Update – September 2026

September 19, 2026 was a record for the Bethabara Moravian Food Pantry. We served 82 cars, which equated to 292 individuals within our 2-hour period. The need is great and will increase throughout the colder months.

Please consider donating non-perishable food items or giving monetary donations to this much-needed ministry.

Phillip Sapp
Bethabara Moravian Church Food Pantry

Food Pantry NEEDS

Our Food Pantry continues to feed around 70 Families each month. Please consider donating non-perishable items **EACH WEEK!** This will greatly help with the expenses for this much-needed outreach! Think about this . . . If each of us brings a few cans of food, it's really nothing to most of us. But, it will be a meal to those in need. A Donation Box is in the vestibule for your convenience.

Thank you!

Clothes Closet NEEDS gently used MEN's Clothing.
Please consider donating to Bethabara's Clothing
Ministry to help others.

Clothes Closet Report for September 2026

This was an unusually busy day for the Clothes Closet. We had people lining up outside well before our opening time of 10am. After that, it was very steady for shoppers even up until our normal closing time of 12 noon. The limit of shoppers that we can actually process through for shopping and checking out is 36 people and that is what we had today. We couldn't close at noon though because we wanted to serve everyone who had registered prior to noon. So we actually ended up being open until 1pm.

The total number of clothing and homegoods distributed today was 676.

This month we were also able to contribute clothing to The Dream Center that amounted to over 200 items. And they reciprocated with bringing us much-needed children's shoes and baby clothes. We still have a relationship with Thomas Jefferson Middle School in assisting them with their start-up clothing ministry for students and their parents. It's very rewarding to see how many people our church assists, and the number of shoppers is increasing every month.

Thank you for your continued support in donations and in serving the Lord in many ways behind the scenes. Our team is dedicated and blessed to be a part of this ministry.

Blessings from Your Clothes Closet Team

NEXT Food Pantry & Clothing Closet:

Saturday, October 17, 2026

10 am—12 Noon

(If you would like to serve others, please come and join us.)