

The Nazareth Moravian Congregation Watch Word for 2015

“Blessed be the name of God from age to age, for wisdom and power are his.” Daniel 2:20

275th Borough of Nazareth Celebration

A committee was established to help the Borough of Nazareth to celebrate the 275th Anniversary – 1740 – 2015. The committee has been meeting and the celebration has begun. One of the first items the committee decided upon was fund raising. A fund raising campaign began last year with the committee soliciting businesses, churches, and individuals and the response has been wonderful.

The Nazareth congregation received a letter asking for a donation toward the Celebration. The members of the Joint Board talked about a donation and made a decision to become a “Barony” donor of \$1,740.00. 1740 is a significant number for us here at Nazareth Moravian. The Joint Board also authorized a campaign to replace the \$1,740.00 by asking each of our member families to make a donation of .10 cents for each year of the boroughs existence; in other words, a donation of \$27.50 from each family unit.

A letter will be mailed to each family during April requesting a donation. The letter will also include the dates and times for each 275th Celebration event. Please join us in celebrating this milestone of 275 years.

Worship in April:

Holy Week - we will gather in the Chapel at 7:00 pm to being the Holy Week Readings

April 1 – Wednesday

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

April 2 - we will gather in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm to observe Holy Communion

Good Friday

April 3 - Communion will be served in the Chapel beginning at 11:00 am

The Service of Crucifixion will begin at 2:15 pm in the Sanctuary

The Great Sabbath Lovefeast

April 4 – we will gather at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary for a Love Feast

Easter Morning

April 5 – We will pray the Easter Morning Liturgy at 6:15 am in the Sanctuary and then proceed to the Nazareth Moravian Cemetery for the closing of the Sunrise Service.

- Breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 am
- Easter Morning Worship will be at 8:15 and 10:45 am
- Sunday school at 9:30 am

April 12 - The Call to Worship this morning will be Psalm 133 and the message is entitled “Do not doubt, but believe!” Read John 20:19-31 before entering worship this morning.

April 19 - The Call to Worship this morning is Psalm 4 and the message is entitled “Looking for Security.” Read Luke 24:36-48 before entering worship this morning. A “Joyful Noise Offering” will be taken today during both services. The Joyful Noise Offering this month will be donated to the Nazareth Area Food Bank. Join us after the 10:45 am Worship for Fellowship After Worship in the Church Parlor.

April 26 - The Call to Worship is Psalm 23 and the message is entitled “Hired Hand or Owner?” Read John 10:11-18 before entering worship this morning.

Youth Delegates

The Northern Province is accepting applications for youth delegates, youth entering the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades in the fall of 2015, and 2015 high school graduates, to attend “Rise Up” the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America National Youth gathering, July 15-19, 2015 in Detroit, Michigan. The ELCA Youth Gathering is a ministry of the church wide organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to, with and for high school-aged youth. The Gathering, as it is known, is a triennial event that takes place over five days – Wednesday to Sunday – and includes opportunities for worship, service, fellowship, study and holy play. The Northern Province via the 2014 Northern Provincial Synod, will cover the costs of selected youth delegates. For more information go to <http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering> or contact Rev. Cynthia Rader Geyer, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, ED at Cynthia@mcnp.org or 484-554-0102.

Nazareth Moravian Conversations

Pastor Gehris and the members of the Joint Board invite all members of the Nazareth Moravian congregation to one of three scheduled events being called "Nazareth Moravian Conversations." The three designated dates and times are;

- Tuesday April 7th at 2:00 pm (dessert and beverages available);
- Sunday April 12th at Noon (a light lunch will be served); and
- Friday April 17th at 6:30 pm (desserts and beverages available).

Members of the Joint Board have purposely chosen a weekday afternoon, a weekday evening and a Sunday after Church to allow for a broader participation at the events. You need only attend one of the three scheduled events. Members of the Joint Board will be present at each event. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Chapel area. Please let us know which time you will be attending.

These three events will offer an opportunity for us to discuss the ministry and future of our Nazareth Moravian congregation, as well as enjoy some good fellowship with one another. There are four questions being posed, please think about those questions and come prepared to discuss them. Of course you can bring along any questions you might have or items you might wish to discuss. The four questions are:

- What do you feel are the strengths of our congregation?
 - Write down three things you believe are the strengths of the Nazareth Moravian congregation and bring them with you, be prepared to share them with those present.
- What are some concerns that need to be addressed?
- Do you have any ideas for service that we should consider as a congregation?
- What dreams do you have for the future of our church?

Details of the three events will be recorded, collated and shared with the members of the Joint Board and the congregation.

I have an 'itch.'

Have you ever been 'itching' to do something? During the month of March, every time I passed the area where Sherry and I plant our vegetable garden, my 'itch' became more prominent. I don't know about you but I can't wait until I can get into the garden. Digging up the soil, adding some soil enhancement, purchasing seeds and getting ready to plant, I can't wait!

I have always felt relaxed as I prepared the soil, planted the seed, tended the garden and harvested the bounty from the garden. However, "preparing the soil" doesn't only pertain to a garden or our lawns; it also pertains to our lives. How have you been "preparing for what comes?" Preparing is an everyday part of our lives. We prepare for the day by eating breakfast, by gathering the items we need to take with us to school or to our place of employment, by making sure everything is in place for when we return home. Yet, how many of us prepare for eternity? Oh, we know the church will be there for us, when we need it. We know the pastor will visit when we are hospitalized or when tragedy has taken a loved one home. We know all these things, but have we prepared for eternity?

Preparing for eternity is important. God made covenants with humanity and in return God has asked humanity to be prepared for what is to come. Preparing means reading Scripture, studying Scripture, gathering for worship when worship is offered, being an active part of the Body of Christ. Preparing means being taught and yes, even teaching. How have you been preparing for eternity? It's not too late to start but don't wait too long!

This year the Provincial and District Quotas:

Our fair-share of the Provincial and District Quotas is \$42,997.43. Each Communicant member's portion of the Provincial and District Quotas is \$110.25 per individual and \$220.50 per couple. Every Communicant member has an envelope packet and within that packet are six special envelopes for "Benevolences-Missions". Donation from these envelopes are sent directly to the Province and District.

Copies of the 2015 Common Ministries Expenses Moravian Church Northern Province are available in the Church Office.

Each Month a short Blurb about our Provincial and District Quotas will appear in "The Chimes"

The month of April we feature:

The 2015 Provincial Common Ministries – "Care and Nurture of Leaders"

This is what our 21% supports:

Provincial Elders' Conference, Leadership Conferences and Summits, Director of Stewardship, Moravian Theological Seminary, Insurance for Approved Ministerial Candidates, Clergy Leadership Development (includes spiritual direction and coaching); Clergy Emergency Assistance, Bishops, Web page for youth and young adults.

Eastern District Conference

"Our Lamb has conquered – Therefore." The Eastern District Conference will be held on "The Hill" in Bethlehem, PA on July 23-26, 2015. "What does it mean to live as resurrection people? What is Christ's call in your life? What is Christ's call for your congregation?" The District Conference will explore these questions and more through "Keynote Address, Worship and Workshops, Fun and Fellowship." If you have any questions contact Marie Coutts: mcouts@sbcglobal.net or phone 330.401.1212.

Soup and Bread to Go! Mark your calendars "Soup and Bread to Go!" will return in the Fall.

Dates available for flower sponsorship in 2015 are: April 19, April 26, May 17 (1) bouquet, May 31 (1) bouquet, July 12, and Nov 15. Volunteers are also needed to deliver flowers. Please see Holly Bachman to sponsor flowers or to volunteer.

Inquirer's Classes

Pastor Gehris will begin Inquirer's Classes on Sunday April 19th at 7 pm in the Zinzendorf Room. Inquirer's Classes are for those interested in joining Nazareth Moravian as a member and for those who are interested in learning more about the Moravian Church and Nazareth Moravian in particular. Please inform Pastor Gehris if you would like to join us on April 19th. The other two Sunday's are April 26th and May 3rd. Those wishing to join will be received into membership on Mother's Day, May 10th during the 10:45 am Service of Worship.



On Sunday, March 15th we received Jaime Marie Keeney by re-affirmation of faith and on Sunday, March 22nd we received through baptism Miranda Lee Keeney and her brother, Jaxon Thomas Keeney as non-communicant members.

NAZARETH MORAVIAN SPRING RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 3 TO 7 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

SET-UP TO BEGIN SUNDAY, APRIL 26

As the weather warms and flowers and trees are beginning to burst into bloom, it's also time to make plans for our Spring Rummage Sale. The success of this major fund raiser for our church depends upon your participation.

The stage is available for drop-offs Monday after Easter--April 6. Here are some suggestions: spring and summer clothing that is **clean** and in good condition, children's toys, games and books, gardening supplies and tools, household, decorative and holiday items, and antiques and collectibles. We are in particular need of jewelry--so ladies, check those old jewelry chests. Small pieces of furniture will be accepted, but check with Darrell Crook first at 610-759-6704. These are items **we do not want**--computers, TV's, heavy pieces of exercise equipment, textbooks and sets of encyclopedias.

Another way to help is to contribute to our very popular Bake Sale. Please bring your donations to the kitchen area before the start of the sale and please label all your baked goods.

Most of all, we need volunteers to give a few hours of your time to help set-up, price, assist the day of the sale and clean-up. Men of the congregation--step up to the plate and give a few hours of your time particularly for set-up and clean-up (which will take place after the sale closes at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 2).

Our kitchen crew has prepared a varied, mouth-watering menu for this sale. So, bring your friends and family and stay for dinner on Friday--we also offer take-out. Saturday morning breakfast items will be available as well as a light lunch at noon. **Let's make this sale another tremendous success! Come and join the fun and fellowship.**



Stewardship "To Plan Your Work and Work Your Plan leads to the completion of a joy." But,
To Find God's Plan for your work and to work God's Plan for your live leads to ...

"Adventure – Growth – New Opportunities – Empowerment – Gifts of Grace – Fulfillment.

God's Plan for you brings a lifetime of joyous giving and abundant living.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God." Romans 12:2 NRSV



Reaching In – Reaching Out

The first Sunday of every month is Food Bank Sunday. Donations can be placed inside either the north or the south entrance doors. Join us as together we "fight hunger" in our area. Cash donations are welcome. Please mark the special offering envelopes with the words "Food Bank" and place in the offering plates so that the gift may be directed to the proper location. Non-perishable items can also be brought in throughout the month. The collection dates for the remainder of 2015 are: *May 3, June 7, July 5, Aug. 2, Sept.6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec.6.*

The “Joyful Noise Offering” collected in March and April is being given to the Nazareth Area Food Bank.

The Nazareth Area Food Bank serves approximately 300 families each month. We are thankful for all the Food and Funds that the Food Bank receives, and for the many volunteers who give of their time to service others in our community.

Easter Baskets – Easton Children’s Home

Our Outreach Committee filled and delivered 60 Easter Baskets to the Easton Children’s Home. A great big thank you to the members of Nazareth Moravian for providing \$5.00 Wal-Mart gift cards for inclusion in the Easter baskets. Also, we thank the many Nazareth Area Churches who provided items for the Baskets.

Hi-Way Clean Up

The Outreach Committee members extend an invitation to our members to meet in the Parking Lot of the Nazareth Diner on Saturday, April 18th at 8:00 am to begin the process of picking up trash along Route 248. Orange vests, garbage bags and gloves are provided. Join us. Many hands make light work!

Church Grounds Clean-Up Day

The Property Committee has set Saturday, April 25th as Work Day here at the Church. Work is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. There will be coffee and goodies in the kitchen area for your enjoyment. A sign up sheet will be placed in the back of the Chapel for volunteer workers.

Wii Bowling

By popular demand our Annual Wii Bowling event will take place on Saturday, April 25th beginning with a make-ur-own pizza supper. Mark your calendars for 5:30 pm Saturday, April 25th. Get your Wii bowling arm in shape and come prepared to take part in a bowling tournament. Both young and not so young are welcome to bowl with us.

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

The weather wasn’t the best; at least it wasn’t snow. The volunteers who arrived to prepare, set-up, serve and clean-up were great. A number of comments were received from our guests about the young boys and girls who served and how they enjoyed seeing the youth work. But, the turn-out was disappointing! We had lots, and I mean lots of food left over! The crew in the kitchen made take outs and also made corned beef and cabbage soup to sell. Sunday we did sell some take out dinners and some soup.

Thanks to all those who shopped and purchased corned beef briskets for us, for those who helped in the Kitchen and those who helped set-up, serve and clean-up.



The Bright Star Circle is still collecting labels, which can be any labels, from Campbell’s please. We are also collecting labels from Prego Sauces, V8, V8 Splash and Pepperidge Farm products. **Please bring in the whole label. We need the complete label with the UPC code.**

These labels will be sent to Navajo Indian students who collect them and receive a remuneration for the labels. This helps them with their schooling. Remember, any Campbell, Prego or Pepperidge Farm label will help. Bring them to the church and deposit them in the box located on the shelf outside the church office. We would like to thank you all for supporting us in the collection of Campbell’s labels. Keep up the good work!

Bright Star Circle News

The Bright Star Circle at Nazareth Moravian will be hosting the State and County King’s Daughters Convention on April 18, 2015 here at Nazareth Moravian. The guest speaker is Beth Rudy, a distinguished speaker and Precept Ministries Leader. The theme of the convention is “Priceless Pearls.”

Bible Study – we will begin once again on Wednesday April 8th at 7 pm in the Tower Room. We will begin with Session Three – Focusing on God through Strategic Praying – read John 17. Session Four will be held on April 15th and Session Five on April 22nd.

There will be no Bible Study during May due to the Pastor’s schedule. Look for us to begin once again in the Fall of 2015.

GREETINGS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR:

There are several activities for Sunday School to make note of:

April 4th: (Great Sabbath)

9 a.m. Sunday School Easter Breakfast

9:30 – approx. 10 a.m. Decorating Cards for MHS (Moravian Hall Square)

10:15 a.m. Arrive at MHS to visit, deliver cards, and sing - ***Please note** that we go to MHS rain or shine!

11:30 a.m. Egg Hunt at Cemetery

April 5th: Easter Sunday

*** Lenten Banks are due back either April 4th or 5th. You can give them to any teacher or Sister Patty.**

April 19th: Building Blocks of Faith in Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m.

This is our last one for this Sunday School Year and I have been working hard to make them fun so please try and attend!

Future Dates to note:

May 10th: Mother's Day – Children will be helping with flowers again.

May 17th: Recognition Sunday and the last day of Sunday School. We will be having McDonald's breakfast, look for information about that following Easter.

June 7th: 11 a.m. Curriculum Meeting with Marie Coutts

THE CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE invites you to a fun evening of baseball at the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs. Join us for **Nazareth Moravian Church Night** on Friday, June 19th at 7:05pm at the PPL Picnic Patio.

Price: \$27.00/person (ages 3 and up – kids 2 & under are free). Price includes game ticket and two hour buffet. Reserved tables are close to left field. Buffet features ballpark style meal and soft drinks. There are Friday night fireworks.

We have room for 50 in our group. Payment is required to reserve your tickets. Please contact Vicki Doulé to reserve your tickets at 610-746-2520 or 610-554-3018 or vidoule@me.com

The Moravian Music Foundation will present a concert of *Gems from the Archives of Bethlehem and Herrnhut*, by the Unitas Chorale, on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 4:00pm at the Palmer Moravian Church, Easton, PA. The concert is admission free; donations are appreciated, and an offering will be collected. The Moravian Music Foundation is pleased that, in addition to the leadership provided by Gwyneth Michel (director) and Donna Ambler (accompanist), **Peter Kubath (Director of Music, the Moravian Church in Herrnhut) will join in guest conducting the April concert.**

CONTACT: Moravian Music Foundation, 41 West Locust Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018

Telephone: (610) 866-3340 **Email:** gwyn@moravianmusic.org

When to call the Church Office –

- ✚ A member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and the proper people notified.
- ✚ Your group plans to have a meeting, so that it can be cleared on the church calendar.
- ✚ Either your home or business phone number, address or email address has been changed.
- ✚ A new baby arrived in your family.
- ✚ You are planning to move.
- ✚ There has been a death in the family.
- ✚ A member of your family leaves home for college or service.
- ✚ You feel the church can help you in any way.
- ✚ When a family or friend is to be placed on the list for prayers of intercession and also when they can be taken off the list.

Please feel free to call the office to discuss issues that are important to you.

APRIL SCHEDULES:

Elevator Operators:

- April 2 – Ed Anthony (Maundy Thurs.)
- 4 – Jay Curtis (Great Sabbath)
- 5 – Scot Mucha (Easter)
- 12 – Mike Kahler
- 19 – William Kaher
- 26 – Holly Bachman

Communion:

- April 2 (Maundy Thursday) – John Stocker serving;
Ed Werkheiser and Barbara Schwab assisting

Fellowship After Worship:

- April 19 – Christian Education Committee

Card Person:

- Sherry Gehris

Assisting in Church Office:

- Tuesday, April 7 – Becky Butz + 3
- Monday, April 13 – Cindy Hunt
- Monday, April 20 – Joan Condomitti
- Monday, April 27 – Catherine Ward

Music:

- April 5 – Orchestra in 10:45 Worship
- April 17 – Orchestra Rehearsal
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Lay Readers:

- April 5 – Rebecca Stocker
- 12 – John Stocker
- 19 – Stephanie Boozer
- 26 – Linda Thomas

Nursery:

- April 5 – Lois Calvo
- 12 – Larisa Calvo
- 19 – Susan Mucha
- 26 – Sherry Gehris



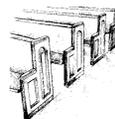
Ushers:

- Scott Swedar, Captain
- Edward Anthony
- Jacob Anthony
- Joshua Thomas
- John Kleintop
- John Knecht
- Michael Frey
- Robert Kleintop Sr.
- Rodney Ward
- Robert C./Amy Kleintop (8:15)



Greeters:

- April 2 – The Anthony family; Becky Butz
- 3 – Virginia Kleintop
- 4 – Bill & Sandy Gold; Tom & Debbie Bross
- 5 – Rodney & Catherine Ward;
Jim & Lorraine Perillo
- 12 – The Trauger family;
Robert & Erin Kemmerer
- 19 – Rodney & Catherine Ward;
Jim & Lorraine Perillo
- 26 – The Bealer family



March Attendance

| 3/1 | 3/8 | 3/15 | 3/22 | 3/29 |
|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| 110 | 116 | 118 | 122 | |

Treasurer's report as of March 23rd

| | <u>Income</u> | <u>Yr. To Date</u> |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Budget Requirement | \$24,782.90 | \$74,349.58 |
| Amt. Received | <u>20,166.45</u> | <u>64,480.90</u> |
| Balance | - 7,616.45 | - 9,868.68 |



- April 6 – Darrell and Linda Crook
9 – John and Robyn Raub
12 – Jeremy and Mollie Metzgar
15 – Robert and Mary Ruth Smith
18 – Robert and Jennifer Richardson
20 – Patrick and Cynthia Cascarino
25 – John and Traci Stocker
28 – Jerome and Oletha Wilson
30 – Leonard and Vanessa Sabatine

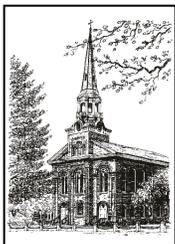


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| April 2 – Janet Hunt | April 17 – Elizabeth Anthony |
| 3 – Savina Palma | Heidi Groner |
| 4 – Benjamin Walter | Frank Jandrositz |
| 6 – Paul Wickmann | Rebecca Stocker |
| 7 – Wayne Folweiler | 20 – Gregg Kauffman |
| Robyn Raub | Paul Saylor III |
| Elizabeth Walter | 21 – Sydney Tomac |
| 8 – Doris Kennedy | 22 – Allison Trach |
| 9 – Sarah Thomas | Marianne Utzat |
| 10 – Anne Kresge | 25 – Terry Hunt |
| Janet Ochs | Lois Mallon |
| 11 – Alexander Drozdowski | 27 – Mark Wickmann |
| 12 – Ruth Schlough | 28 – Dana Price |
| 13 – Jim Pearson | Jack Wickmann |
| 16 – Sara Reagle | 29 – Kevin Konczyk |
| David Roth | |

DO YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR THE CHIMES? We welcome your input for the Chimes Newsletters.

If you have a note of thanks or an article you want in the next newsletter, please send it to the church office by the 15th of the month.

“The Chimes”



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An invitation to worship in April for...



“The Chimes” Nazareth Moravian Congregation April 2015

Our Mission: “To minister, as living witnesses, the saving grace of Jesus Christ”

Rev. Jeffrey D. Gehris, Pastor
Barbara Wieller, Administrative Assistant
Ellen Saylor, Director of Music
Gabriel Toth, Organist
Lois Calvo, Nursery Supervisor
Patty Morgenstern, Sunday School Coordinator



Our Sunday Schedule
8:15 am Worship in Chapel
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship in Sanctuary