

## The Nazareth Moravian Congregation Watch Word for 2016

“Jesus might free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.”

Hebrews 2:15



### **Worship in April**

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – The Call to Worship this morning is Psalm 150 and we will pray The Church Litany. The message is entitled “Thomas: A Man of Faith.” Read John 20:19-31 before attending worship.

April 10<sup>th</sup> – The Call to Worship this morning is Psalm 30 and we will pray the General Liturgy 6 – Discipleship. The message is entitled “Our Call to Discipleship.” Read John 21:1-19 before attending worship.

April 17<sup>th</sup> – The Table of Our Lord is set and we have been invited to partake of the elements of Holy Communion. Our Call to Worship will be Psalm 23 and we will pray the General Liturgy 2 – Reconciliation. The message today is entitled “We Hear His Voice.” Read John 10:22-30 before attending worship this morning.

Remember to bring your Joyful Noise Offering today. Join us after worship for Fellowship in the Church Parlor.

April 24<sup>th</sup> – The Call to Worship this morning is Psalm 148 and we will pray the Liturgy for Christian Unity. During the Liturgy we will sing a New Hymn “In Our Churches, In Our Churches.” The message is entitled “The Glory of Love.” Read John 13:31-35 before attending this morning.



### ***Bible Study***



### **Bible Study**

Our study of the Book of Revelation will continue throughout the month of April. We have had some great discussion about what we have read and I suspect we will have many more discussions about what is to come. We are half way through the Book of Revelation and hope to finish in May – early June. It is very difficult to join a Bible Study mid-stream, therefore, you might want to consider waiting until our next Bible Study to join our group. Our next Bible Study will begin in September of 2016.

### **Stewardship**

*AN object dropped into a lake creates a rippling of water that reaches to the outermost shores.”*

*AND ... GOD has created a wonderful Ripple Effect!*

*AN offering given to God creates a Rippling of LOVE that reaches throughout this world toward God’s Limitless Boundaries!*

“Service the Lord with gladness. Come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is our God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people. “Psalm 100:2-3 NKJV

*Thank You for sharing in God’s Wonderful Ripple Effect!*

### **2015 Provincial and District Quotas:**

The congregation met on February 28<sup>th</sup> to receive the 2015 reports from the various boards, committees, and group that are part of the Nazareth Moravian congregation. The congregational meeting began with an acknowledgement of our seniors who were 75 years of age and above. Brother Chris Crook conducted the meeting and invited any member to speak about any of the reports received. Pastor Gehris delivered “The State of the Church” and introduced the new ‘narrative budget.’

One question that arose from the presentation of the narrative budget was about the Provincial and District Common Ministries which each congregation in the Province and District is asked to give their fair share. Because we have been able to pay in full the Provincial and District Common Ministries amount in 2014 and 2015 we have received 20% forgiveness of the passed amounts we owe to the Province and District.

The balance we owed the Province from previous years ,,,		\$40,185.64
The amount of forgiveness we received in 2014 was ...	\$8,037.13	
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The Total remaining to be forgiven is ...		\$24,111.38
The balance we owed the District from previous years ...		\$ 5,627.90
The amount of forgiveness we received in 2014 was ...	\$1,125.58	
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The Total remaining to be forgiven is ...		\$ 3,376.74

The next three years are crucial to us since it will take three more years of paying our Provincial and District Common Ministries fair share assigned to us in full; in order to reduce what we owe the Province and District to a ZERO balance.

### **This year the Provincial and District Quotas:**

2016 Common Ministries of the Moravian Church Northern Province are divided into seven portions. We will be reporting one portion each month beginning this month.

15% of the Common Ministries funds we send into the Province in the form of our ‘fair share’ is used for: Ministry & Vocation”:

This 15% supports – The Provincial Elders’ Conference, Moravian Theological Seminary, Ministerial Education for Approved Candidates, Moravian College & Theological Seminary representation, Ordination Review Committee, Moving and Immigration Expenses for Clergy, Bishops, Deacon Supervision Task Force, Task Force for Clergy Serving Part-Time.

2016 Common Ministries of the Moravian Church Easter District is divided into two sections. I will report a portion of the first section this month ...

CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT – Utilizing the services of district professional staff and the consultation of the district commissions, these monies fund ministry assessment, appreciative inquiry sessions, and ministry plan development of churches in need of congregational revitalization and redevelopment. The A.I.D. Program and other district initiatives directed toward congregational health and revitalization were reaffirmed as a priority by the 2012 Eastern District Synod.

### **The Pastor’s Corner**

The ground in my garden is calling and I am ready to begin another planting season. I always feel a great satisfaction when the pea seeds, the spinach seeds, the leaf lettuce seeds, the carrot seeds and the red beet seeds are planted. I also look forward to placing the tomato and green pepper plants into the ground some time later. Then the waiting game begins. Watering, weeding, checking the garden and watching for the first signs of the plants to pop their little heads through the ground. I am ready and I most enjoy gardening.

I’m ready! Are you? The world is God’s garden and God is calling us to plant the seeds of the gospel message into the lives of others around us. The seeds of the “Good News of Jesus Christ” are to be planted not only in the hearts of those who already believe and profess Christ as their Savior but also into the hearts of those who are searching for the Risen Lord. Why do I say “into the hearts of those who already believe and profess

Christ as their Savior?" Many have professed and believe in Christ, but many do nothing about that profession and belief. They say the words but they fail to participate in the life of the Church, the Body of Christ. It is easy for us to profess and believe; but to profess and believe and then act on that profession and belief is more difficult. Acting upon our profession and our belief calls us to do something; such as attending Sunday school, or attending Worship, or becoming active in the events of the church, or events in the life of our community.

Why do I say "into the hearts of those who are searching?" Brothers and Sisters we are called to share the Good News with those who have or have not heard the Good News, inviting those who are un-churched; those who are searching to become part of the Body of Christ – the Church. Yes, we are called to plant the seeds of Jesus Christ and then to step back and let the Holy Spirit take over. It is the Holy Spirit that enters the hearts of non-believers, of those who are searching, and brings them to know Jesus personally.

I'm ready! Are you?

### Outreach

"Joyful Noise Offering" received during the months of March and April will be given to the Nazareth Area Food Bank. The Food Bank continues to serve between two and three hundred families each month. Remember to bring in any non-perishable food item on the first Sunday of the month. Items are also accepted anytime during the month as well.

Joyful Noise Offering collected during January and February was donated to "Meals on Wheels" of Northampton County. The amount collected and donated was \$223.62. "Meals on Wheels" prepares 525,000 meals per year and each meal is subsidize for \$1.18. 90% of the meals for the seniors and disabled adults are low income. Thank You congregation. "*Together we can make a difference so no senior goes hungry.*"

Easter Bags for the Easton Children's Home were prepared on March 13<sup>th</sup> and delivered to the Children's Home. This year we prepared 65 bags which were filled with donations received for the various churches in the Nazareth Area. We thank our congregation for providing Walmart gift cards for each bag. One can imagine the smile on the face of a child when they receive an Easter bag on Easter morning.



Hi-Way Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>. We will assemble on the parking lot of the Nazareth Diner at 8:00 am and begin our one mile Hi-Way Clean up. Keeping "America Beautiful" by participating in this event twice a year is what we have agreed to do, however, sometimes that agreement is not met. For instance, last Fall only two people arrived for clean-up and clean-up did not take place. If four people arrive, it will take those four people longer than if eight people arrive. And if eight people arrive, it will take those eight people longer than if twelve people arrive. You get the idea, the more people that arrive for clean-up the quicker the task is completed. Join us on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am and make the burden of those who arrive less.

Loaves and Fishes – normally our congregation would prepare and serve a lunch on the fifth Saturday of the Month; however, this month (April) that will not be possible since we will be busy with our Spring Rummage Sale. Not to worry – a bagged lunch will be provided by St. John's UCC. Thank you St. John's!



**Hey! It's Family Night!** Once again we will be offering a night of Wii Bowling and make your own pizza to enjoy on Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm. Salad and fixings will be available. Bring along your favorite pizza topping to share with others. Pizza dough will be available for each person. Each year those who attend have a great time and we have had some pretty fierce rivalries arise during the Wii Bowling tournament.

**Nazareth Moravian Cemetery**

The Rules and Regulations of the Nazareth Moravian Cemetery state that all items placed on a grave site, i.e. flowers, flower arrangements, etc., must be removed two weeks after a holiday. Holidays are designated as Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Cemetery Committee reserves the right to remove items from the gravesites on the cemetery after the two week period. Items removed are thrown into the garbage. If you wish to retrieve and save items placed on a gravesite, please do that prior to the two week period after any holiday designated in this article.

Gravesites are available for members of Nazareth Moravian Church. Contact the Church Office if you are interested in purchasing a gravesite at the Nazareth Moravian Cemetery.



**FLOWER SPONSORSHIP DATES NEEDED TO BE FILLED**

The following 2016 dates are available for flower sponsorship. April 3 [1 bouquet], April 17 [1 bouquet], April 24 [2 bouquets], May 15 [1 bouquet], May 29 [1 bouquet]. Please contact Holly Pharo Bachman to sponsor flowers at [bachmanholly@gmail.com](mailto:bachmanholly@gmail.com) or 610.258.0248. Thank you!



**SPRING RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 3 TO 7 P.M.**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 9 A.M. TO 1 P. M.**

Have you marked your calendars as a reminder that our Spring Rummage Sale, a major fund raiser for our church, will be here soon? We need your donations and your helping hands. Set-up will begin Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> after church and continue all week until completion.

The stage of Fellowship Hall is now available for drop-offs. We are in need of clean spring and summer clothing, household and decorative items, toys, holiday items, children's and adult books [**no sets of encyclopedias or college textbooks, please**], antiques and collectibles, jewelry, gardening items and tools. Small pieces of furniture are welcome, but check with Darrell Crook at 610-759-6704 for approval of larger items. **We cannot accept computers and monitors, TV's, heavy exercise equipment and other electronics unless approved ahead. The deadline for donations is Monday, April 25.**

Most of all, in order to make this sale another huge success, we need volunteers who are willing to give a few [or many] hours of their time to set-up, price or work as check-out clerks and helpers on the days of the sale. So when you get that phone call, please say "Yes, I'd be happy to help!" Men of the congregation—your assistance is especially needed for set-up and clean-up after the sale closes at 1 p.m., April 30.

Another way to help is to contribute some home baked goodies to our ever popular bake sale. [Please -no store bought baked goods and label your donations].

Our kitchen crew has planned a varied, mouth-watering menu, so bring your friends and family and enjoy dinner on Friday. Take-out will be available. Saturday morning breakfast sandwiches will be on the menu as well as a light lunch at noon.

Hope to see everyone! Come and join the fun of finding a treasure and treat yourself to some delicious food. Help make this sale a tremendous success.



**Pictorial Directory**

Have you signed-up for your FREE 8 x 10 photo? That's correct – every family, whether a single person or a family of five, six, etc. – receives a free copy of an 8 x 10 photo and the portrait taken is included in the NEW Pictorial Directory. You will also receive a FREE copy of the Pictorial Directory when published.

Sign-up times and dates are still available for Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm through 9:00 pm; Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm through 9:00 pm; and Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am through 5:00 pm.

The pictorial directory is a great way for us to get to know each other and it is a wonderful Evangelism tool. Each perspective member of our congregation will receive a copy of the new directory which will allow them to get to know each one of us a bit better.

Sign-up on Sunday when you attend worship or call the Church Office – 610-759-3163 – to sign-up; but do it TODAY!

The first ever cordless phone was created by God. He named it "prayer"..... It never loses its signal and you never have to recharge it.



Chicken Barley Soup ~ from the kitchen of Linda Crook

The amounts of ingredients are approximate.

- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1 cup celery, diced
- 1 cup carrots, sliced or diced
- 1 or 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 cups cooked chicken
- 1 cup barley
- 1 Qt chicken stock
- 1 cup chopped mushrooms
- 1 can of cream of chicken soup
- 3 T chicken soup base
- 1 cup of peas
- Salt, pepper & water

Sauté the onions, celery & carrots until soft. Put in garlic and sauté for another minute. Add all of the other ingredients but the salt, pepper and water. Simmer. Check occasionally as the barley expands. You may have to add additional water. Add hot water so the cooking does not stop. Taste to see if you need to add the salt, pepper or additional soup base. Add peas just before serving, the heat of the soup will cook them.

Recipes can be added to your church cook book!

**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.

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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

***Due to the warm weather forecasts, we will not be making soup for March 20. However, please visit the freezer for soup and quiche. More soup will be made and put into the freezer, as needed, from March until October. Thank you for your continued support! Please feel free to offer comments, requests, and suggestions to the Soup and Bread makers.***



Greetings from the Sunday School Coordinator

*“God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.”  
~2 Samuel 22:33*

Sunday School has had its annual Lenten Project and all the money collected will be going to *MERCY SHIPS* . Look for final details about that project in next month’s newsletter. Thank you everyone.



To all the children and parents who went along to Moravian Hall Square on March 26 to visit the residents, deliver Easter cards and sing. The children are always happy to do this and the residents seem to enjoy the children as well. Also thank you to the Bright Stars for hosting the breakfast and the Fellowship Committee for their help with the egg hunt.



Once again children will be needed to help out with MOTHER’S DAY May 8. I will be recruiting children needed for this task over the next several weeks. If you would like your child to help please let me know.



May 22 is RECOGNITION & PROMOTION SUNDAY, the last day of Sunday School and we will again be enjoying a McDonald’s breakfast again. Details about the upcoming breakfast will be sent to you.

*Future dates to note:*

June 19 – FATHER’S DAY – need children to help.

July 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 to 12:00 – VBS –

August 6 – 9<sup>th</sup> Annual MARTIN ON MAIN – Volunteers will be needed!

August 28<sup>th</sup> RALLY DAY! – Held at Camp Hope





For April:

- 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Hi-way Clean Up 8:00am
- 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Pictorial Directory Photos
- 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Holy Communion
- 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Family Night \*pizza and Wii bowling\*
- 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Rummage sale set up through the week
- 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> ~ RUMMAGE SALE

**MARCH ATTENDANCE:**

<u>3/6</u>	<u>3/13</u>	<u>3/20</u>
98	65	152

**TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF March 21, 2016**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Yr. to date</u>
Budget Requirement	24,006.88	72,021.62
Amount received	17,389.60	68,094.33
Balance	- 6,617.28	- 3,927.29

Total Mid-Week Lent offering for Loaves & Fishes came to: \$989.60



# MUSIC

## News





10<sup>th</sup> Cherub ~ 10:45 Service ~ S.S. Orchestra

17<sup>th</sup> Communion ~ Brass Choir

24<sup>th</sup> Joysingers

8<sup>th</sup> Orchestra Rehearsal (Balcony)

29<sup>th</sup> Orchestra Rehearsal (Balcony)

A big orange and green thank you to all who helped to make the Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner a success. We served about 58 with take outs the night of the dinner and made a profit of \$358.82 which will be put good use by the by the Christian Education Committee. The leftovers were enjoyed at the Wednesday night Lenten meal.  
Sister Linda Crook, herself

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MISSION MOB  
June 23, 2016 8am – Midnight**

Youth and Young Adults Ages 16 to 30, put your faith into action during the 2016 Eastern District Synod. Join with the 2016 Eastern District Synod Delegates for a day of hands on mission, serving the poor, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned in the Lehigh Valley. Since we are starting early in the morning on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, housing for the MISSION MOB will be provided by Advent Moravian Church in Bethlehem, PA. MISSION MOB participants are welcome to arrive at Advent Moravian any time after 9pm Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will spend Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> serving others and sharing in small groups, in worship, and in fellowship before heading back to Advent Moravian church for a little Midnight Madness. All MISSION MOB participants are invited to return Home no later than Friday morning, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Meals and transportation while in Bethlehem will be provided.

For more information about or to sign up for the MISSION MOB text your name, age, and home congregation to Cynthia Rader Geyer @ 484-554-0102 or send an email to [Cynthia@mcnp.org](mailto:Cynthia@mcnp.org)



# SHAVING CREAM EARTH

God created this wonderful world and told us to care for it. Remember that by making a unique painting.



## What you need:

- A cookie sheet
- White shaving cream
- A wooden craft stick
- Paint (blue and green)
- A straw
- A paper plate

## What you do:

1. On the cookie sheet, spray shaving cream in a circle (the same size as the bottom of the paper plate). Smooth it out with the craft stick.
2. Squirt the blue and green paint on top of the shaving cream in loopy, squiggly patterns. Swirl the paint around with the straw.
3. Place the bottom of the paper plate on top of the paint. Press it down gently so the whole plate bottom is covered in paint.
4. Lift up the plate and gently remove excess shaving cream with the stick.
5. After the painting dries, hang it on your wall.

Elsewhere in the Kingdom:

**Schoeneck Moravian Church**, located just north of Nazareth on Broad St. Extension will hold their annual Spring Rummage and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 9. The doors open at 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the church's programs.

The rummage sale features hundreds of bargains in children's and adult clothing, housewares, toys, books, and furniture. In addition, the sale offers a tempting array of food items to purchase, including fresh baked goods, breakfast sandwiches, homemade soup, and hot dogs.

## King's Daughters Circle 117<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH CONVENTION

April 16, 2016

Church of the Manger  
1401 Greenview Drive  
Bethlehem, Pa. 18018

Registration 8:30 – 9:30 am \$2.00 per member

Coffee Hour Pick up Programs

Convention starts promptly at 9:30 am

Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm.

Cost of lunch is \$10.00.

All reservations must be in by April 8, 2016

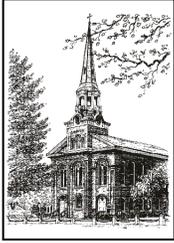
Dear Nazareth Congregation,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Nazareth Area Food Bank, I'd like to thank you for your recent donation of \$116.00 collected on "Souper Bowl Sunday." In addition, we appreciate the ongoing donations of non-perishable food items collected during the winter months. Every item donated is a blessing to our clients, who struggle daily to feed their families.

Our all-volunteer Food Bank relies entirely on the generosity of congregations like Nazareth Moravian to assist us in feeding the hundreds of hungry families in our community. The need for our services remains great, and we appreciate your continued support. Please convey our gratitude to your congregation. We consider the gifts from Nazareth Moravian among the Food Bank's many blessing and we couldn't do it without you!

Sincerely,  
Kay Stracko

# "The Chimes"



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*An invitation to worship in April*



## "The Chimes" Nazareth Moravian Congregation April 2016

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

Rev. Jeffrey D. Gehris, Pastor  
MaryBeth West, Administrative Assistant  
Evelyn Michaels, Organist  
Lois Calvo, Nursery Supervisor  
Patty Morgenstern, Sunday School Coordinator



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

