

THE NAZARETH MORAVIAN CONGREGATION WATCH WORD FOR 2018

“Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.” Psalm 66:20



Worship in August

August 5 – Celebrate the August 13th Re-awakening of the Moravian Church with a Love Feast

Pastor Gehris will share the story of the first Love Feast held on August 13, 1727 with the children. We will have special music presented by the Thomas family in honor of the baptism of Audrey Rose Sofka, the daughter of Sarah and Ben Sofka, granddaughter of Linda and Russell Thomas. The message is entitled “Zinzendorf” and will be shared during the eating of the Love Feast.

August 12– The Celebration of the August 13, 1727 Holy Communion

We will pray the Liturgy of Pentecost and Renewal as we remember the experience of August 13th. The message this morning is entitled “Food that endures.” Read John 6:35 and 41-51 before attending worship.

August 19 – Joyful Noise Offering will be accepted this morning.

The Call to worship this morning will be Psalm 34:9-14. The message is entitled “Abiding in Jesus.” Read John 6:51-58 before attending worship today.

August 26 – We will read responsively Psalm 34:15-22 as our Call to Worship. The message is entitled “Who really wants to live forever?” Read John 6:56-69 before attending worship this morning.

September 2 – Labor Day Weekend – We will worship at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary.

September 9th “Rally Day”

9:00 am Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:00 am Song Fest in Fellowship Hall and MORE

10:30 am Worship in Fellowship Hall

Bible Study

We will begin our Fall Bible Study on September 5th at 7:00 pm in the Zinzendorf Room. We will study the Old Testament Book of Ruth. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the rear of the Chapel. If you would like to attend, please begin reading the Book of Ruth now, and read it as often as you can throughout this summer; then come prepared to discuss what you have read.

Stewardship

YOU are a Gifted Person!

GOD has given you a world of gifts: This Earth, Your Country, Your Community, Your Church

GOD has given YOU special gifts which are uniquely yours: Your Life, Your Personality, Your Talents, Your Abilities,
Your Resources

THANK YOU for using GOD’s world of gifts to YOU in ways that become YOUR SPECIAL GIFTS TO GOD AND
TO OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!

Outreach

Joyful Noise Offering

The Joyful Noise Offering in August will be given to Loaves and Fishes. Loaves and Fishes serves a Free Lunch to those who are in need on the First and Second Saturday of the month at Christ UCC in Bath, PA and on the third and fourth Saturday of the month at St. John's UCC in Nazareth; and on the fifth Saturday of the month, here at Nazareth Moravian.

Looking Back

Nazareth Days was held on July 21st – on the Square and at the Nazareth Park. We had a good turn out and the children enjoyed the Jump Around once again, but the most popular game was the "Fish Toss." Thank you to all of our youth who helped the children enjoy the games and those who helped prepare and serve hot dogs and beverages to those who attended. It was a good day and fun was had by all who attended.

From the Pastor's Desk

It doesn't seem possible, but August is upon us. Letters have been sent to our youth who are eligible to attend the upcoming Confirmation Classes. The parent/s of each youth have also received a letter. August becomes a time when I begin to send out letters to the adults in our congregation who have been selected as a Mentor for each of our confirmands. Adults, please pray over the letter you might receive and consider serving as a Mentor. Confirmation class will begin on September 16th at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, where the youth and their families as well as the mentors and their families will gather for a covered dish dinner. During that time together, I will introduce the Confirmation Program to those present.

September also begins a new year of Sunday school and once again we will begin on Sunday September 9th in Fellowship Hall. A covered dish breakfast will be enjoyed at 9:00 am, followed by singing and some other news about Sunday school. Then we will continue to remain in Fellowship Hall for Worship which begins at 10:30 am. We will be using our new "Sing to the Lord a New Song" song books for the entire service in Fellowship Hall.

JULY SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:

<u>7/1</u>	<u>7/8</u>	<u>7/15</u>	<u>7/22</u>	<u>7/29</u>
44	75	124	55	31

Joyful Noise Offering for July collected \$88.34! We donated to Loaves & Fishes.



For August:

- 4th ~ Martin on Main
- 5th ~ Food Bank Sunday & Lovefeast
- 12th ~ Holy Communion
- 19th ~ Joyful Noise Offering

**Special offering envelope in August is for
Benevolences**

**Joyful Noise Offering Donated To:
Loaves & Fishes**

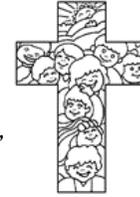


August:

12 ~ Brass Choir for Communion



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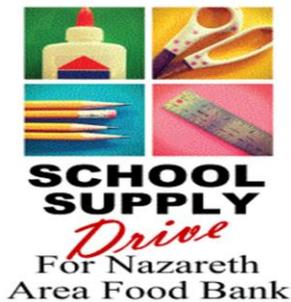


Fred Rogers once said: *“Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero to me.”*

What can YOU do to help a child?

For 71 years, the Moravian hospital in Ahuas, Honduras, has been easing suffering, saving lives and winning souls. Having seen malnutrition, sickness and even death at the Ahuas Clinic’s Well Baby Program, the staff felt the need to do something for these children. In February of 2016, they started an Infant Feeding Program for malnourished children under the age of five. The need is great but limited resources keep them from achieving the goal of similar feeding stations in every village. It costs approximately \$30 to feed one child for one month. There are currently 100 children in this program. We are most grateful for our Volunteers, your Prayers and your Financial Support.

For more information about the Clinica Evangelica Morava, please contact **Rick Nelson** at rthornel2003@yahoo.com, or the Board of World Mission office at 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. 610.868.1732



We will be collecting school supplies now to August 14th. Please be on the lookout for those back to school deals and help us get students in need ready for a successful school year. Thank you in advance for donations of pencils, pens, markers, crayons, highlighters, glue sticks, pencil cases, **3-ring binders**, spiral notebooks, loose leaf paper, blunt tipped scissors, index cards and plastic folders.



♪ **MARTIN ON MAIN**
AUGUST 4th 1 – 7 p.m.

We desperately need volunteers. This is a huge fundraiser for Sunday School. The sign-up sheet showing the volunteer times, which start at 10 a.m., along with the overall duties is posted in the Chapel. Please, sign up to help. We really need you. Thank You.



Greetings from the
Sunday School Coordinator,



Welcome August and the dog days of **SUMMER**. It is hot, but no matter what you and your family choose to do in the heat of this season, remember to include God in those plans.



VBS 2018 is a wrap! There was much fun to be had and lots of Bible to learn. This year's theme was Backstage with The Bible as the *Go Fish Guys* led the children through five days of Bible themes. Day 1 was *Superstar - God Made You in His Image*, Day 2 was *Ten Commandments - Are You Good Enough*, Day 3 was *The Cross - What Jesus Did for You*, Day 4 was *Saved - By Grace Through Faith*, and finally Day 5 was *Go Fish - Share the Good News*. There was lots of dancing and moving to interactive songs and laughing at fun skits. There were approximately 54 children in attendance throughout the week from different churches and the surrounding community. Thank you to Pam Stampf who again did a great job as VBS Director and Sarah Hriniak who is always energetic in her role as MC during the opening and closing programs. A special thank you to all the members of Nazareth Moravian congregation who may have given donations and/or volunteered their time and talents to help make VBS week a great success.



Mark your calendar for **Rally Day 2018**. It is scheduled for Sunday, **September 9th at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**. We will begin by sharing a covered dish breakfast. A short Sunday School program will begin at 10 a.m., followed by worship at 10:30 a.m. We will be installing Sunday School workers and giving out Bibles to our third graders during worship time. Make sure to look for the sign-up sheet that will be posted for the covered dish breakfast.



Starting September 16, we kick off all our Sunday School classes and the rotation schedule begins with Unit 1: Dig into The Bible. As always, we need leaders for the classes. Remember for the rotation groups you are only teaching for 3 weeks at a time. I will be in touch...

"And when you see a south wind blowing, you say, 'It will be a hot day,' and it turns out that way." ~Luke 12:55



Craft/ Vendor Show Hosted by the Busy Bees

October 13, 2018
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
in the Fellowship Hall



10x10 spaces are \$25 to be given to the church. Send check payable to Schoeneck Moravian Church by September 1.

Tables will be provided, if needed. Forms are available on the table outside of the church office, or call Carol Messinger at 610-554-9700. Space is limited, so reserve your spot as soon as possible. Food will be available for purchase.

Please donate usable eyeglasses to the "Lions Recycle For Sight" program held by the Nazareth Lions Club! There is a box in the main office for dropping off your donations. See Darrell Crook should you have any questions.



Will resume in September.



- 02 ~ Charles Coutant
- 02 ~ Robert C. Kleintop
- 03 ~ Jeffrey Schienholz
- 04 ~ William Duane
- 04 ~ Elija Horan
- 04 ~ Tiffany Kresge
- 05 ~ Amanda Duane
- 07 ~ John Rizzotto IV
- 07 ~ Kris Stofanak
- 08 ~ Delaney Bennett
- 08 ~ John Metzger Jr.
- 08 ~ Jonathan Ochs
- 10 ~ Cindy Barndt
- 10 ~ Christian Morgenstern
- 10 ~ Nova Schwab
- 11 ~ Susan Sigafos
- 12 ~ Emma Rawlings-Smith
- 15 ~ Deborah Alvino
- 15 ~ Ronald Serfass
- 17 ~ Sarah Palma
- 17 ~ Joan Schramm
- 18 ~ Patrick Cunningham
- 18 ~ Albert Smith
- 19 ~ Holly Bennett
- 19 ~ Adam Bergstresser
- 19 ~ Robert Kemmerer
- 20 ~ James Kresge
- 20 ~ Susan Mucha
- 22 ~ Thomas Bross
- 23 ~ Lauren Scollo
- 24 ~ Margaret Yeakel
- 25 ~ Grace Bankowski
- 26 ~ Andrew Toth
- 27 ~ Miranda Keeney
- 29 ~ Roger Huth
- 30 ~ Jeffrey Serfas
- 31 ~ Brian Trauger



- 03 ~ Kevin & Betty Konczyk
- 06 ~ William & Barbara Kahler
- 07 ~ Glenn & Virginia Boerstler
- 07 ~ Jonathan & Nina Ochs
- 11 ~ Jason & Alysha Yugas
- 12 ~ Jeffrey & Sherry Gehris
- 14 ~ George & Barbara Moffitt
- 19 ~ Paul & Jeanine Wickmann
- 20 ~ Jeffrey & Amy Serfas
- 23 ~ David & Tanya Furry
- 24 ~ Edward & Robin Anthony
- 25 ~ Michael & Kris Stofanak
- 26 ~ James & Bobbi Wagner



Everyone who is on Facebook, please join the Nazareth Moravian Facebook! This is a great way to stay connected as well as to keep up with what is going on with the church and community. Follow the Facebook which has a picture of our Moravian seal as the main picture. Just search for Nazareth Moravian Church.

**Fire Pit Fellowship at Schoeneck
August 4th at 7 PM**

Fire, singing, message, and refreshments.

This month's snack will feature homemade ice cream and a cupcake walk, so everyone can enjoy cake with their ice cream!
Dairy free ice cream will be available.

Come have a great time in fellowship. Invite your friends.
Bring your own chair or blankets and a flashlight!

AUGUST



SCHEDULE

COMMUNION SERVER/ASSISTANTS

August 12th

Server ~ Tracy Knauss-Warnke

Assistants ~ Catherine Ward & Barbara Schwab

GREETERS:

5th ~ Schulte Family Lois & Larissa Calvo
12th ~ Duane Family Gwen Ritter
19th ~ Catherine Ward Bill Kahler
6th ~ Glenn & Virginia Boerstler Joan Condomitti

USHERS:

Sandy Swedar, Captain
Bonnie Walter
Brian Walter
Catherine Ward
Robin Anthony
Cheryl Borck
Wendy Frey
Daun Hentschel
Skip Hentschel

CARD PERSON:

Susan Mucha

SCRIPTURE READERS:

5 ~ Christian Morgenstern
12 ~ Robin Anthony
19 ~ Linda Thomas
26 ~ Ed Anthony
29 ~ Deb Alvino

FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP:

There is no FAW in August.

ELEVATOR:

5 ~ Terry Hunt
12 ~ Bob Reagle
29 ~ Ed Anthony
26 ~ Jay Curtis

COUNTING ROSTER:

6 ~ Susan Mahorsky
12 ~ Catherine Ward
20 ~ Becky Butz
27 ~ Cindy Hunt



Synod Synopsis

From June 21 through the 25, Pastor Jeff Gehris, Darrell Crook, and I represented Nazareth Moravian Church at the 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province (MCNP), which was held on the campus of Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA.

Thirteen Committees met each day to discuss reports that had been presented to them for further action or to write their own reports to be taken to the floor during the plenary sessions. Pastor Jeff was a member of the Stewardship Committee, Brother Darrell was on the Church and Society Committee, and I was a part of the Spiritual Formation Committee.

Over the next several months, I would like to present information to my church family on the resolutions that were passed at this year's Provincial Synod. For some of these items, our congregation will be receiving more detailed information, and we will be asked to meet and discuss items that will come before the next Provincial Synod, which will occur in 2022.

Immigration

The Committee on Church and Society addressed the issue of immigration, resolving that the Moravian Church Northern Province calls for the **humane** treatment of any person coming across our borders, legally or illegally, citing Jesus' "boundless love for all children, and their families, particularly those who, like Jesus, experience homelessness, vulnerability, and unjust treatment by the powers of government, secular and religious."

Violence

The 2018 Synod of the MCNP rejects violence as a problem-solving method as well as the idea that the only way to reduce violence is with more violence. The Provincial Elders Conference (PEC) is asked to provide congregations with appropriate tools on non-violence and restorative justice, and congregations are encouraged to become familiar with these practices, using them to develop non-violent problem-solving skills.

The PEC is directed, and congregations are encouraged, to call on civil authorities to

- Take immediate effective action to reduce violence and the opportunities for violence among the populace;
- Provide for and fund adequate mental health facilities where those who are judged to be a danger to themselves and/or others may receive prompt care.

Please prayerfully consider these topics during the month of August. If you are called to take action regarding these resolutions, or if you would like to discuss them further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In Christ's Love,
Suzanne Curtis
jaysuziq@gmail.com

Help Update the Church Directory



The Church Office will be updating our church directory for 2018. If you have any changes you would like listed, please call or email the main office. 610-759-3163 or nazmoroffice@rcn.com. We are looking for any new home and/or email addresses as well as phone numbers. If you have gotten rid of your home phone and are only using cell phones, please let us know and your prior home phone number will be removed. Should you not want your email address published, please let us know. The new directories will be printed mid-August and will be available for pick up in the main office or on the back table in the Chapel. If you have any changes through the year, please let the main office know as soon as possible. Thank you for your help!



SPONSOR A Camper!

Each year we have many children and youth attending Camp Hope during the summer. They arrive at Camp Hope excited about the week and renewing friendships developed over the years; some even want to remain at Camp Hope after their week comes to an end. But, they return home, happy that they went to camp and waiting for next summer to arrive. Of course, they swapped email addresses and will stay in touch via Facebook etc... until next year.

The Nazareth Moravian Congregation supports each of our campers by offering a \$150.00 scholarship for each week-long camper and \$75.00 for each pre-primary camper. This scholarship has become part of our General Budget with a \$3,000.00-line item. All children and youth who are members of Nazareth Moravian are eligible for this scholarship.

Would you be willing to sponsor a camper? Checks can be made out to Nazareth Moravian Church. Please note on the check, "Campership" or include a note with your gift. Thank you!

DAILY TEXTS 2019 ORDER FORM

Name: _____
 Order: _____
 Amount Due: _____

All orders must be made by August 6, 2018 to receive the discount price

Make checks payable to Nazareth Moravian Church

Paperback Daily Texts 2019	Regular Price \$10.50	Discount \$9.00
Hardcover Daily Texts 2019	Regular Price \$15.00	Discount \$12.75
Large Print Daily Texts 2019	Regular Price \$13.00	Discount \$11.00
The Daily Texts Journal 2019	Regular Price \$16.00	Discount \$14.00
Spanish Daily Texts 2019	Regular Price \$10.50	Discount \$9.00
German Daily Texts 2019	Regular Price \$10.50	Discount \$9.00
Large Print German 2019	Regular Price \$11.00	Discount \$9.00
Directory and Statistics 2019	Regular Price \$8.50	Discount \$7.25
Directory and Statistic 2019	Regular Price \$5.00	Discount \$4.00
Journal Edition 2019	Regular Price \$16.00	Discount \$14.00

Thank you to all who helped with the Shoo Fly pies

As the old saying goes, many hands make light work and we had many hands help with baking & selling shoo fly pies.

Even before our baking Wednesday night baking marathon Linda Thomas made all 250 pie crusts. may not have the super hero uniform or the magic bracelets, but she is our very own Wonder Woman.

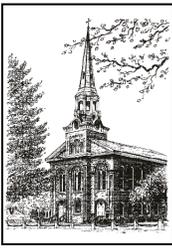
Our crumb crew on Thursday night was Roger & Karen Huth, Jen Werkheiser, Bob Brooks, Austin Brooks, Darrell Crook, Kelly Luczkowiak and our newest member of the kitchen crew, Eliazbeth Luczkowiak. Lissy was our supply runner, helped separate pie shells and even tried her hand at distributing crumbs on the pies.

Late Thursday night when all of the pies were cool, and the crumb crew had left to rest, Pastor Jeff and Sherry bagged pies, so they would be ready for early morning Friday sales.

On Saturday we had our most experienced crew hard at work in the kitchen, Susan Mahorsky on pouring & crumbs with Gwen Ritter at her usual spot behind the mixer. Joe Korn made his debut manning the ovens and did a wonderful job. And Ian Crook helped with baking, making signs, running pies to the sellers, bagging pies and anything else that management asked them to do. Darrell Crook on set up, money runner and the dreaded clean up.

Our Super-duper sales persons were Becky Butz, our adopted sister from Schoeneck, Sandy Love, Bea Leh and Dawn Hess.

Well done all and thank you, Linda crook



“The Chimes”

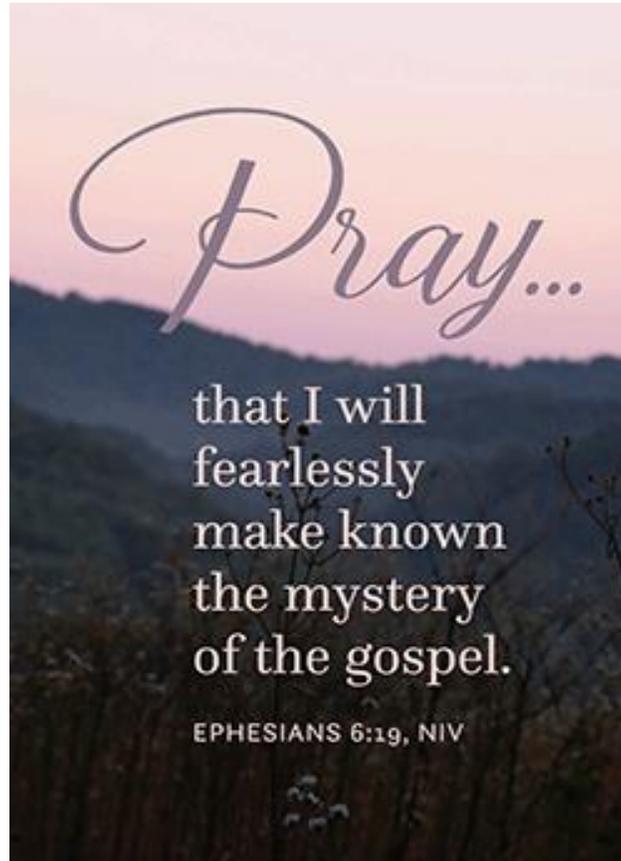
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An invitation to worship in August



“The Chimes” Nazareth Moravian Congregation August 2018

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
Ellen Saylor, Music Director
Patty Morgenstern, Sunday School Coordinator



Our Summer Sunday Schedule
9:30 am Worship