

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

Annual Church Council will be held on Sunday December 6th after worship.

It is the responsibility of every Communicant Member to attend Church Council. During Church Council we will elect new board members, receive and discuss the proposed 2016 budget, and then the floor will be open for discussion.

Worship in December –

December 6 – Second Sunday in Advent

This morning we will light the first and second candles on the Advent Wreath as our Call to Worship. “Celebration of the Church Year” will be our special order of worship this morning. This celebration has been provided by the Christian Education Commission of the Moravian Church and has been enjoyed by many other congregations. This morning it will be our enjoyment to look at and walk through the Church Year. Join us for this special worship service at 8:15 am and/or 10:45 am.

December 13 – Third Sunday in Advent

This morning we will light the first, second and third candles on the Advent Wreath as our Call to Worship. The title of the message this morning is “What’s the Big Idea?” Read Luke 3:7-18 before attending worship this morning.

December 20 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

This morning we will light the first, second, third and fourth candles on the Advent Wreath as our Call to Worship. The 8:15 am service will pray the Liturgy in Advent. The message is entitled “Pausing for Grace.” Read Luke 1:39-45 before attending worship.

The 10:45 am Service will be led by the children and youth of our Sunday School as they present their Christmas Program. Join us for a wonder-filled message, some great Carol singing and after worship – Fellowship in the Church Parlor.

December 24 – Christmas Eve

Join us for the all inspiring, warmly moving, service of Lovefeast and Candlelight at 5:00 pm and again at 8:00 pm. Invite your family to attend with you. Invite your neighbors as well.

December 27 – First Sunday after Christmas

TAKE NOTE --- there will be ONLY ONE service today at 9:30 am.

We will celebrate Christmas with the Service of Lessons and Carols. Join us as we hear the Word read from the Bible and as we sing many of our favorite Christmas Carols.

Stewardship

It is simple Arithmetic ... Katie was six years old and decided to open a lemonade stand in her front yard. At 25 cents a glass she had no customers, so she dropped the price to 15 cents and gained a few. Seeing how well this worked, she dropped the price to 5 cents a glass and she quickly sold out to a whole crowd of neighborhood children.

But poor little Katie didn’t understand arithmetic! Her receipts were not enough to replace her supplies. And that was the end of the lemonade stand. Katie didn’t realize that even though she gained many customers, each one she gained made her financial loss greater because nobody paid the amount it truly cost.

It’s simple arithmetic! Income must equal the cost of service – whether it’s your local lemonade stand or your local church!

Offering Envelopes

The members of the Board of Trustees and our Treasurer remind all members that in order to include any gifts given to the Nazareth Moravian Church through your offering envelopes or by any other means they need to be dated and given to the church by December 31, 2015. Giving Statements, for tax purposes, will be prepared in January 2016 and mailed to each member of the congregation.

Pledges

November 22nd was Pledge Sunday. Did you turn in your pledge for 2016? You still have an opportunity to do that before the end of the year. Church Council will meet on Sunday December 6th. The proposed budget will be presented and we will ask each member (*it is the responsibility of every communicant member to be present at church council on December 6th*) to discuss and vote on approving the 2016 budget. During that discussion the number of pledges received and the amount of those pledges will be shared with those present at the meeting.

Nazareth Area School District

Senior residents (65 and up) meeting the requirements may be able to receive a Tax Rebate. To find out more you can get an application from the Office of Representative Joe Emrick, or Representative Marcia Hahn, your local real estate tax collector's office, or on the web site – www.nazarethasd.org

Information about the program is available in the Church Office; however, application forms are not available at the church.

The Pastor's Corner

Sherry and I thank you for another wonderful year! Both of us feel truly blessed to live in a wonderful parsonage and to serve a most gracious congregation. We have felt welcomed each and every day of the year and we have felt your prayers as you pray for both of us.

Our family wishes our church family a very wonder-filled Advent and Christmas season. May the "Reason for living" be found by each of us in Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May we be 'moved' by His Spirit and may we find 'peace.'

We look forward to serving among you in the coming year and may the New Year bring all of us joy and peace as we together serve Christ.

2016 Girl's Retreat at Camp Hope

The "Girl's Retreat" at Camp Hope will take place January 29th beginning at 6:30 pm through January 31st at 1:00 pm. Girls in 3rd through 8th grades are invited for a fun-filled weekend of learning, sharing, exploring and crafting. Cost for the weekend is \$70.00. Registration forms are available in the church office.

*Please take note – space is limited to 36 girls, so register soon.

This year the Provincial and District Quotas:

During Church Council on December 6, each member present will be given a copy of the Moravian Church Northern Province and the Eastern District of the Moravian Church 2016 Funding of Our Common Ministries. The funding figures will be part of the proposed budget presented during church council. Once again each month during 2016 a brief explanation of the Province and District Funding of Our Common Ministries will appear in the "Chimes."

REMEMBER – the Red striped envelopes in your envelop packets are for Benevolences-Missions. Any money received in those envelopes is sent directly to the Province and/or District towards our fair share of "Our Common Ministries." The amount required from each Communicant member to pay "Our Common Ministries" in full is ... \$119.75 for the year 2016. All communicant members over the age of 18 are asked to use the special Red striped envelopes, give your gift towards the Common Ministries of the Moravian Church. (Married couples need to give \$239.50 for the year 2016.

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.



Christmas in Nazareth

Once again this year our congregation will be participating in “Christmas in Nazareth” on Saturday December 12th from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. The putz will be open for viewing on the half-hour beginning at 11:30 am and ending at 5:30 pm. We will be part of the ‘walking tour’ which is conducted by the Moravian Historical Society, Whitefield House. After the viewing of the Putz, those attending will be invited to walk upstairs to the Sanctuary where Linda Crook will greet everyone and share some items of Moravian history. There will be sugar cake and a beverage available in the Parlor to end the tour.

Something NEW! The Moravian Historical Society has offered congregations in Nazareth the opportunity for a 6 foot table to be placed at the Whitefield House for the selling arts & crafts, etc. We have registered and received a 6 foot spot. What we need are volunteers to be present at the table to greet and sell items from our table. Sign up for a two hour shift. The sign-up sheet will be on the table at the rear of the Chapel. We are asking for two people per shift. Questions – ask Pastor Gehris.



To those it may concern,

I wanted to send an email to express my sincere gratitude towards being awarded one of the church's scholarships this year. Though, on a larger scale, I also want to thank the entire congregation for being an open, welcoming community throughout the past eighteen years of my life. All the time I spent giving my service to events in the church (working in the kitchen especially sticks out) and getting to know all the people I now refer to as friends certainly means a lot to me. Now, while I do not mean for this email to sound like a goodbye, while I am here at school, I will not be able to show my face nearly as often as I would like. But, in sending this email, I just wanted to say that all of the congregation is on my mind and that I am truly thankful to have been awarded the scholarship alongside Daniel this past Sunday.

Thanks, and I will see you all soon.

-Tyler Reagle

To the members of the Nazareth Moravian Church,

I wanted to express my heartfelt thanks. It is an honor to receive this scholarship, and I am very thankful for this opportunity. I want to thank everyone for always being there for me. It has been an amazing time growing up in the church community, and I have always felt at home within the congregation. I look forward to many more years of being a part of the church and seeing everyone.

Thank you all very much,

Daniel Stocker



Thank you to the Nazareth Moravian Congregation for your heartwarming gift. The personalized maple serving tray and stand makes a lovely addition as a centerpiece for our Dining Room table and serves as a constant reminder of my affection for the congregation of Nazareth Moravian. Thank you also for the many cards I received.

*Love,
Barbara*



Please Welcome: Cynthia Kenny, Dawn Stout, Breann Stout and Travis Romansky to our congregation.

Bible Study

The up-coming Bible study beginning on January 7, 2016 will be a study of the Book of Revelation.

In all the world there is just one place we will find a strange panorama of images side by side. Seldom read, often abused, most misunderstood – the last book of the Bible, the Book of Revelation.

Revelation is not to everyone's liking. Even in the earliest days of the Church there were those who said that it had no place in the Bible. An early church father complained that Revelation had as many riddles as it had words. Revelation also has many friends. Many artists have attempted to capture its visions on canvas, and many cathedrals in Europe are covered with sculptures inspired by its visions.

Today, there is a widespread and growing interest in the Book of Revelation, both based on fear and fascination, on the belief that the end of the world is very near and that Revelation can somehow tell us how it is going to happen.

Certainly the best way for us to prepare for the study of the Book of Revelation is to gather together with other members, to listen to and share with one another our own understanding of what the Words reveal to us. Those who wish to attend should read the entire Book of Revelation prior to January 7th. There will be a brief outline of the Book of Revelation lying on the table in the back of the Chapel area next to a sign-up sheet. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet and take a copy of the outline. There are no dates attached to the outline, each Thursday evening we meet we will begin where we left off the Thursday before. I envision this study to end sometime in late May or early June 2016.

Reaching In – Reaching Out

The Joyful Noise Offering collected in December will be given to Moravian Open Door. "Moravian Open Door" is an SRO (single room only) hi-rise where those living in New York City who are in need, find shelter. The Joyful Noise Offering will be taken on the 2nd Sunday – December 13th.

The annual Coat give-away took place on Tuesday November 10th and we were able to give coats to 134 people this year. That is the most we have ever given away. Thanks to the members of Nazareth Moravian who donated coats and various other winter items; those who work setting up Fellowship Hall and those who served as the guests of the Food Bank arrived. Thank you also to those who cleaned up after the give-away was over.

The "Giving Tree" is set up and ready. We will be given names of children from the Nazareth Area Food Bank. A Christmas tag, made by the children and youth who attend Children's Church, will be hung on the tree for each child. The tag will be numbered (no names) and have a list of 'wish gifts' on it. There will be a corresponding sheet of paper lying on the table in the rear of the Chapel, when you take a tag or tags from the tree, please write your name on that sheet of paper behind the number that is on the tag. **We need to know who has the numbered tags.** The numbered tag will need to be attached to the wrapped gift. Watch for more details as they unfold during early December.

Annual Tree Lighting

The Annual Tree Light on the Square will take place Thursday December 3rd. Once again Hot Chocolate will be available for those attending the tree lighting. The Outreach Committee will prepare and serve the Hot Chocolate on the pavements in front of the church. A free-will offering will be asked for those enjoying the hot drink. Gifts received will to given to the Nazareth Area Food Bank.

Come, get lunch and mark your calendars for *Soup and Bread to Go's* return on December 13, 2015. Also available will be Homemade Bread & Dinner Rolls as well as Ham & Swiss mini Quiche. All proceeds directly benefit the budget deficit. Mark your calendars for this event to take place again on January 17, 2016.

Remember, soup is always available in the freezer!

Contact Holly Pharo Bachman with comments, questions and to volunteer. See the church phone directory for Holly's phone number or call the church office.

December Greetings from the Sunday School Coordinator

Nazareth Moravian Sunday School
Is proud to announce the presentation of

"H.A.L.O...ON THE AIR"

On Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 10:45 a.m.

Scheduled practice times for the program:

Saturday, December 5 (9 a.m. – 11 a.m.)

and

Saturday, December 20 (9 a.m. – 11 a.m.)

(in the sanctuary)

**The Anna Nitschmann (Nursery) ONLY is excused from practice on Dec. 5,
but will be present with everyone else for practice on Dec. 19.**

IN OTHER NEWS:

Please make note on your calendars: **December 27** – there will be **NO** Sunday School. Classes will resume on Sunday January 3.

Everyone in the congregation who has a birthday during the coming year is invited to attend and celebrate with us on **January 22, 2016** for our **Birthday Celebration and Games Night** beginning at 6:30 p.m. This will not be a covered dish. Snow date for this event will be January 29.



The following 2016 dates are open for flower sponsorship. January 24th, 31st, April 3rd [1 bouquet] 17th, 24th, May 15th [1 bouquet], 29th & July 31st. The flower committee is also seeking a volunteer for the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month. Responsibilities include placing the bouquets into paper containers and delivering the bouquets if they are donated by the sponsor. Please contact Holly Pharo Bachman to sponsor flowers or volunteer at bachmanholly@gmail.com or 610.258.0248. Thank you!



POINSETTIAS for the Sanctuary: The Office will be accepting contributions to the Poinsettia Fund which enables the Flower Committee to decorate the Chancel for the Christmas season. Your monetary gift and dedication should be dropped off to the Church Office by December 2nd. All contributions will be acknowledged in a Poinsettia Dedication List in December. Please make your monetary contribution at the same time your dedication is given. Forms will be available on the table in the back of the Chapel as well as in the back of the Sanctuary and in the church office. Last year's dedication list will be attached to the form for your reference. . Poinsettias will be on display from December 13th through January 3rd 2016.

The 2016 Offering envelopes are available, please pick yours up in the Tower Room in the back of the Chapel.

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.

The Moravian Archives and The Moravian Historical Society are proud to announce the sale of “**The Original Moravian Stars**”.

The Moravian Star, a well-loved image in Moravian and non-Moravian communities, originated in Herrnhut, Germany in the mid-1800s. To this day, they are still being **made by hand in Germany** at the Moravian Star Factory. **For the first time in the United States**, the Moravian Archives and Moravian Historical Society have joined forces with the Moravian Star Factory in Germany to offer stars for sale!

Stars are available for purchase online at www.originalmoravianstars.us or at the Moravian Archives in Bethlehem and the Moravian Historical Society in Nazareth. Available in multiple colors, paper or plastic, these stars begin at \$27.95, and can be specially ordered. The proceeds from each purchase support the two organizations' missions.

The Moravian Historical SOCIETY: Now through December 31, enjoy the popular exhibition which shares the story behind the founding of Nazareth. Why did the Moravians come to Pennsylvania? What does George Whitefield have to do with Nazareth, Pennsylvania? Where was the first house?

Up-Coming Events

Happy New Year

- January 3 Epiphany – Holy Communion
- January 17 Bread and Soup to Go
- January 22 Family Night 6:30 pm Birthday Party/Games Night (Snow date January 29th)
- January 30 Loaves and Fishes lunch (need volunteers to work)

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE:

<u>11/1</u>	<u>11/8</u>	<u>11/15</u>	<u>11/22</u>
112	135	141	107

TREASURER’S REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 23

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Yr. to date</u>
Budget Requirement	24,782.90	272,613.66
Amount received	<u>20,737.56</u>	<u>241,803.14</u>
Balance	- 4,045.34	- 30810.52



December Music Schedule

- December** 6 Cherubs
13 Christmas Caroling 6:30
20 Sunday School Program at the 10:45 service with Joysingers
24 Christmas Eve 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.
Brass Choir and Orchestra
27 Bell Choir
*** Friday the 11th ~ Orchestra rehearsal (Balcony)
*** Tuesday the 22nd ~ Orchestra rehearsal (Balcony)

We welcome your input for the Chimes Newsletter.

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.**

New Exhibit: Polly Heckewelder and Her Doll

When Polly Heckewelder was born as daughter of a Moravian missionary couple serving in Ohio in 1781, Native American women made her a doll. Throughout her life Polly, who became a teacher at the Moravian girls' school in Lititz, Pennsylvania, cherished the doll.

Polly's doll became an inspiration for the members of the Ladies' Sewing Society in Bethlehem, who began manufacturing dolls in the years after the Civil War and continue to do so until this day!

The doll that was given to Polly Heckewelder by the Native American women is now more than 230 years old and is one of the most valuable objects at the Moravian Archives. This doll is currently on display at the Moravian Archives.

This exhibition is a parallel exhibit to the exhibit "All Dolled Up: Polly and Her Sisters" at the **Moravian Museum of Bethlehem**.

Free admission

November 17 through February 2016, in the gallery at the Moravian Archives 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Exhibit at Whitefield House Museum

The Ephrata Tract: Where Nazareth Began

Enjoy the story behind the founding of Nazareth. Why did the Moravians come to Pennsylvania? What does George Whitefield have to do with Nazareth? Where was the first house? Answer these questions and more while you explore four rooms of objects, documents, maps and more that share the story of "The Ephrata Tract: Where Nazareth Began"

through the end of 2015

at Whitefield House, 214 East Center Street in Nazareth, PA, 18064



- Dec.1 – Thomas Horan
- 1 – Sandra Swedar
- 1 – James Trach Jr.
- 2 - Kristin Douris
- 3 – Ralph Stocker
- 3 – Cody Trauger
- 4 – Trevor Lyons
- 4 – Susan Mahorsky
- 5 – Jennifer Werkheiser
- 6 – Linda Thomas
- 6 – Joshua Thomas
- 7 – Robert Kleintop
- 8 – Jonathan Borck
- 8 – Lynn Fitzgerald
- 8 – Haylee Saylor
- 9 – Guinevere Ritter
- 11 – G. William Adams
- 11 – Jeffrey Gehris
- 11 – Heather Giamoni
- 12 – Nicholas Adams
- 12 – John Lyons
- 14 – Elizabeth Knecht
- 14 – Brian Utzat
- 15 – Aiden Duane
- 15 – Bella Giamoni
- 16 – Paul Fitzgerald
- 17 – Samuel Bealer
- 17 – Stephen Cunningham
- 18 – Katie Noraas
- 18 – Hope Pearson
- 19 – Autumn Hartshorne
- 19 – Donna Reagle
- 20 – Kimberly Haidle
- 21 – Nicholas Bennett
- 23 – Dylan Fitzgerald
- 23 – Jeremy Metzgar
- 24 – Lucille Whitmer
- 25 – Paul Silfies
- 26 – Erin Kemmerer
- 26 - Bessie Schweitzer
- 27 – Isabella Barrall
- 27 – Selah Scarborough
- 28 – Elaine Kleintop
- 29 – Melissa Barall
- 29 – Joseph Korn, Jr.
- 29 – Carley Raub
- 30 – Doris Clauser
- 31 – Holly Bachman
- 31 – Lincoln Heimbach

DECEMBER FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP
Board of Trustees

DECEMBER CARD PERSON Becky Butz



- Dec. 2 ~ Devin & Marsha Dietterich
- 9 ~ Paul & Lynn Fitzgerald
- 14 ~ Thomas & Rebecca Horan
- 14 ~ Andrew & Kelly Toth
- 15 ~ Ross & Stephanie Boozer
- 16 ~ Michael & Heather Giamoni
- 19 ~ James & Tiffany Kresge
- 20 ~ Jeffrey & Rachael Schienholz
- 20 ~ Russell & Linda Thomas
- 23 ~ Ted & Shirley Bennicoff
- 23 ~ Charles & Gwyneth Peischl

DECEMBER ELEVATOR OPERATORS

- Dec. 6 ~ Holly Bachman
- 13 ~ Brian Trauger
- 20 ~ Wayne Longley
- 24 ~ Scott Swedar (5:00 p.m.)
- 24 ~ Terry Hunt (8:00 p.m.)
- 27 ~ Robert Reagle

DECEMBER USHERS

- Darrell Crook, Captain
- Gary Yerger
- Jay Curtis
- Ron Huth
- Bill Moss
- Andy Doule
- Ben Doule
- Ed Werkheiser (8:15)

DECEMBER GREETERS

- Dec. 6 ~ The Bennett Family, The Schienholz Family
- 13 ~ Daun and Skip Hentschel, Jill and Greg Hoch
- 20 ~ Deborah, Brendan & Cameron Alvino, The Kahler Family
- 24 ~ Dieners 5:00p.m. & 8:00p.m.
- 27 ~ Becky Butz (one service today)

DECEMBER NURSERY CARE

- Dec. 6 ~ Lois Calvo
- 13 ~ Sherry Gehris
- 20 ~ Larissa Calvo
- 27 ~ Susan Mucha

DECEMBER SCRIPTURE READERS

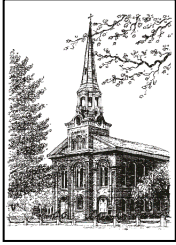
- Dec. 6 ~ Scott Swedar
- 13 ~ Deb Bealer
- 20 ~ Children's Program
- 27 ~ Ed Werkheiser



COUNTING OFFERING IN DECEMBER

- Dec. 7 ~ Becky Butz
- 14 ~ Cindy Hunt
- 21 ~ Joan Condomitti
- 28~ Becky Butz (Christmas)

“The Chimes”



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“The Chimes” Nazareth Moravian Congregation December 2015

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