

The Nazareth Moravian congregation Watch Word for 2015 will be drawn during worship on January 4th Epiphany. Holy Communion will be offered at both services.



Worship in January

January 4 – Epiphany – Holy Communion

We will be selecting the Watch Word for Nazareth Moravian today. We will also give each person in attendance today the opportunity to choose their own personal Watch Word.

Join us as we celebrate the arrival of the Kings who carry with them gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Holy Communion will be offered at both services. We will be installing the members of the Joint Board during the 10:45 am Service. The message this morning is entitled “to gather all things up in Christ.” Read John 1:1-18 before attending worship this morning.

January 11

The message today is entitled “The Day of Beginnings.” Read Mark 1:4-11 before attending worship.

January 18 – King’s Daughters’ Sunday

The pastor will bring the message entitled “Lift every voice and sing” during the 8:15 am service. The women of our congregation will lead us in worship during the 10:45 am Service. A joyful noise offering will be collected at both services. There will be a Fellowship After Worship in the Parlor after the 10:45 am service.

January Fellowship After Worship will be January 18th, sponsored by the Bright Stars King’s Daughters

January 25

The message this morning is entitled “Immediately.” Read Mark 1:14-20 before attending worship.

TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONS: The 2014 annual reports are due in the church office by January 30, 2015. If possible, please send your report via email; otherwise, please hand in typed reports. If you have any questions, call Barbara in the church office.

Church Committees

The members of the Joint Board are choosing which committee they would like to sit on during 2015. The following committees are open and we are inviting members of the congregation to join in by serving for one year on one or more of the following committees:

Stewardship, Investment, Music, Cemetery, Fellowship, Outreach, Property, or Christian Education.

Please call the Office or speak to Pastor Jeff for information about any of these committees. Some committees meet monthly, others meet quarterly and some meet twice a year.

Bible Study

Our Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, January 7th at 7:00 pm. We will be meeting in the Tower Room. This will be a five week study. We will meet on January 7th, 14th, 21st and February 4th and 11th. We will be studying a small group guide written by Lee Brase and Henry Helsabeck. The title of the guide is “Praying from God’s Heart.” There is a sign-up sheet lying on the table in the rear of the Chapel area. Sign up today!

Inquirer’s Classes

Pastor Gehris is offering Inquirer’s Classes on Sunday January 25th, February 1st and February 8th at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Zinzendorf Room.

Inquirer’s Classes are for those people who are interested in knowing more about the Moravian Church in general and Nazareth Moravian in particular; and for those who are interested in joining Nazareth Moravian. The Nursery will be open each night we meet. It is required that you attend all three sessions before joining. We will be welcoming new members on Sunday, February 15th during the 10:45 am service.

From the Pastor's desk

Barbara Dietterich has been our "Chimes" editor for many years. She has announced her retirement as our editor as of December 2014. We are thankful for the many years of service she has given to our congregation and for her continued presence as she continues to serve in many other ways within Nazareth Moravian. We have been blessed by her expertise and wisdom and will miss her as our editor.

We are looking for another person who would be interested in serving as the editor of "The Chimes." Articles for the "Chimes" will continue to be collected by our Administrative Assistant. You can email articles to nazmoroffice@rcn.com and the "Chimes" will continue to be published monthly.

Sherry and I thank you for a wonderful Advent and Christmas celebration. Once again our hearts overflow with love because of the love you have shared with us. The many cards we received and all the well wishes spoken have touched us and we are truly blessed by your presence and your love.

Sherry and I wish you a wonderful New Year. May the New Year bring happiness and joy and may the gifts of the Spirit overflow as we serve together In His Name.

I stumbled upon two tidbits that I would like to share with you.

"Two elderly friends were chatting. One said, "You know, people our age are already living in the hereafter." "What do you mean?" her friend replied. "Well, I find myself walking into any part of the house and immediately asking myself, 'What did I come here after?'"

In a sense we really are living in the 'hereafter.' God's kingdom is both here and hereafter. Jesus spoke about the Kingdom "in your midst" and the Kingdom "yet to come." The gift of eternal life abides in us now, but it also is something yet to come. The Kingdom is a way of life as well as a life to come. "O God, help us to remember that your kingdom is both here and hereafter."

"A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One child replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Unfortunately, the child's observation is often true! Although our eyes may be open during worship, many of us are asleep mentally and spiritually. We need to be awakened to God's transforming power. Only when we are truly awake, experiencing and reaffirming our love for God and one another, are we empowered for the challenge of daily living. "Open my eyes, that I may see, all of the love Thou hast for me. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine."

Join us January 18, 2015 for Soup and Bread to Go!



Come and purchase lunch to go after worship. Soup flavors for Jan 18 will be **Italian Beef Vegetable, Lentil, Manhattan Clam Chowder, Ham Pot Pie and Turkey Pot Pie.** All proceeds will directly benefit the budget deficit.

Come, get lunch, and mark your calendars for future Soup and Bread to Go dates~ February 22, 2015 and March 22, 2015. Contact Holly Pharo Bachman with comments, questions and to volunteer. You can find the phone number in the Church Phone Directory or call the church office.

SOUP SALE OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY ON JANUARY 24TH 8 AM - 12 NOON AT NAZARETH MORAVIAN CHURCH – 4 S. MAIN STREET – NAZARETH, PA. CALL 610-759-3163 FOR DETAILS.

January Greetings from the Sunday School Coordinator...

"Ruler of new beginnings, gates and doors, the first hour of the day, the first day of the month, and the first month of the year, the Roman god Janus gave January its name. He was pictured as two-headed (both heads bearded) and situated so that one head looked forward into the New Year while the other took a retrospective view. Janus also presided over the temple of peace, where the doors were opened only during wartime. It was a place of safety, where new beginnings and new resolutions could be forged, just as the New Year is a time for new objectives and renewed commitments to long-term goals."
~ How January Got Its Name

Recently I asked the congregation for much needed supplies for Sunday School. Many of you sent in those requested items or donated cash. Thank you to all who responded to our call for supplies.

The Twelve Days of Christmas is over and from my perspective was pretty fabulous. Everyone gets a well-deserved two thumbs up! Our musicians did a fantastic job, as did our readers/singers and of course the youngest children were wonderful as the characters from Luke 2:1-20. A special thank you to the adult cast, music personnel, teachers, and helpers who stepped up and worked with the children to help make the program extra special. There was absolutely no way I could have accomplished it without each and every one of you. ☺

For those who are interested, Brother Bill Duane recorded the program. If you would like a copy, please leave your name with Patty Morgenstern (Sunday School Office) or Barbara Wieller (Church Office). You will be able to pick up those copies at the church office when they are available. Thank you.

Mark your calendars for a new event...

On **Saturday, January 24th, at 5 p.m.** we will be having a **Congregational Covered Dish Birthday Celebration**. This event is open to **ALL** congregational members who have a birthday during the coming year. Our entertainment will be a Cake Decorating Contest and Talent Show.

Cake Decorating Contest: There will be twelve iced, blank cakes ready for decorations. Teams will be made up of people with birthdays in the same months. Each "month" can decorate their cake however they like. Colored gels, sprinkles, and extra icing will be provided. You are allowed to bring any other kind of "edible" decorations your team might like to use.

Talent Show: Open to anyone of any age who is willing to perform for the rest of us.

Sign-up sheets for both covered dishes for dinner and entries for the Talent Show will be in the Chapel. *The **Snow Date** for this event is **Sunday, January 25**, following worship*



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 New Year 2015 are: *Jan.4, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr.5, May 3, June 7, July 5, Aug. 2, Sept.6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec.6.*

The "Joyful Noise Offering" collected in January and February is being given to Meals on Wheels of Northampton County. Meals on Wheels have expanded their services in the community and now offer:

- Home-delivered hot, cold, and frozen meals for homebound seniors and individuals with disabilities including those that are recuperating from hospital stays.
- Chef's Pack program is a choice of 17 frozen entrees and 2 soups which can be ordered by our clients, people recuperating from hospital stays, and older active adults who just want to eat healthier.
- Group Dining Services – catered congregate meals for adult day centers, senior centers, child care centers and other Meals on Wheels programs.
- Ani-Meals – distribution of donated pet food for our home-delivered meal client's cats, dogs, birds and fish.
- Grocery Shopping – shopping for and delivering groceries to homebound seniors and individuals with disabilities that are unable to shop for themselves.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from the services of Meals on Wheels, please share this information with them. Meals on Wheels accommodates many diets including diabetic, renal, and soft foods. Our meals are low-fat, low-salt, and heart-healthy. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Monica McCandless, Director of Client Services or JoAnn Bergeron Nenow, Executive Director at 610-691-1030.

Loaves and Fishes lunch will be served on Saturday January 31st starting at Noon. We will need some help to prepare the meal. We begin preparing at 10:30 am. We need some help setting up Fellowship Hall; that begins at 11:00 am. The doors open at 11:30 am, depending on the weather and we serve lunch at noon. We need help serving and then for clean-up at 1:00 pm. Contact Jan Ochs, Rodney Ward or Pastor Jeff if you can help.



The Bright Star Circle is still collecting labels, which can be any labels, from Campbell's soups, including Chunky, Healthy Request, Campbell's Select Soups. **No Progresso** labels 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!



BEST WISHES to Alison M. Stofanak and Thomas J. Undercoffler who were united in marriage in the Sanctuary on November 29, 2014. The bride's parents are Kris and Michael Stofanak.

Two baptisms:

Julianna Mae Barrall, daughter of Jeffrey and Melissa Barrall was received into the community of faith at the 10:45 worship service on December 14, 2014. Julianna was carried by Linda Crook. Sponsors were Jason Holland and Christina Reyes.



Infant Baptisms

Jonah Benjamin Szutar, son of Benjamin and Amanda Szutar was received into the community of faith at the 10:45 worship service on December 28, 2014. Jonah was carried by Holly Pharo-Bachman. Sponsors were Emilyann and Andrew Pahira and Rev. Rebecca and Vincent Sisley. Rev. Rebecca Sisley assisted Pastor with the baptism of her nephew, Jonah.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| Jan. 2 - John Dusinski | 20 – Ashlee Bauer |
| 4 - Taylore Roth | 21 – Joshua Raub |
| Shirley Smith | Michael Stofanak |
| 5 - Richard Daniel Utzat | 22 – Ann Pettis |
| 6 - Evan Sigafoos | Jeanne Serfas |
| 7 - Natalee Hercik | 23 – Steven Southam, Jr. |
| 9 - J. Frederick Bergstresser | 25 – J. Gordon Bergstresser |
| 10 - Dominique Kindt | 26 – Lindsey Barndt |
| Claire Sigafoos | Ronald Huth |
| 13 - Gage Merkel | Jacob Knecht |
| 15 - Lori Bankowski | 27 – Louise Matyas |
| Mollie Metzgar | 28 – Julian Fantozzi |
| Melissa Rawlings | Liam Fantozzi |
| Deborah Rizzotto | Althea Hutter |
| Vanessa Sabatine | Elizabeth Luczkawiak |
| 17 - Jessica Glanz | Catherine Ward |
| 18 - Elizabeth Neunzig | David S. Wickmann |
| 19 - Richard Bankowski II | 30 – Matthew Tomac |
| Shirley Frey | |
| Jennifer Richardson | |



- January 5 – Kimberly & Frank Jandrositz
 14 – Kara & James Neunzig
 30 – Dona & Wayne Folweiler

January Elevator Operators

January 4th – Terry Hunt
11th – Robert Reagle
18th – Ed Anthony
25th – Jay Curtis

Nursery Care

January 4th - Amber Kahler/Lois Calvo
11th – Lois Calvo
18th – Susan Mucha
25th – Sherry Gehris

Counting Offering for January

January 5th – Cindy Hunt
12th – Joan Condomitti
19th – Catherine Ward
26th – Barbara Dietterich

Elders' Communion for January 4th

Serving – Robert Reagle
Assisting – Gwen Ritter
Daun Stewart



JANUARY USHERS

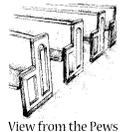
Susan Mucha, Captain
Lauren Scollo
Suzanne Curtis
Karen McDaniel
Debra Bealer
Rachel Bealer
Christy Scarborough
Cindy Cascarino
Holly Bennett
Gwen Ritter (8:15)

January Music Schedule

Jan. 4 – 10:45 Brass Choir in Communion
9 – 7:30 pm Orchestra Rehearsal
in Fellowship Hall
11 – 10:45 Bell Choir and Senior Choir
23 – 7:30 pm Orchestra Rehearsal
in Fellowship Hall

December Attendance

12/7	12/14	12/21	12/28
146	153	169	135



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER as of Dec. 28

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Yr. To Date</u>
Budget Requirement	24,347.32	292,169.74
Amt. Received	<u>32,129.01</u>	<u>277,202.36</u>
Balance	+ 7,781.69	- 14,967.38

Joyful Noise Offering: Total of \$198.87 was collected in November and December 2014 for Moravian Open Door.

A Stewardship Moment

“TO COMPUTE YOUR OFFERING TO GOD PLEASE ...

Check your PROGRAM

Has God given you time, talent, and ability to do useful work and service?

Check your LANGUAGE

Has God spoken to you in the language of love?

Check your MENU

Has God provided for your needs?

Check your MEMORY

Has God ever forgotten you, even when you've forgotten God?

Check your STORAGE

Has God given you stores of blessings from which you can draw?

Then ENTER into your offering with Thanksgiving and Praise.

THANK YOU to everyone who gives tirelessly of their time to help out in the church office during the year with various duties such as assisting with mailings, and filling in while I'm on vacation as well as other miscellaneous jobs that might come up from time to time. A special thank you to Miss Elaine who is by my side every Friday folding the Sunday bulletins (and proofreading☺). Also to Barb Dietterich for graciously publishing the monthly Chimes for the past ten years and maintaining our website as well. Your help has been invaluable to me.

Barbara Wieller

FUTURE EVENTS

- February 1 Soup-er Bowl of Caring – bring along an extra \$1.00 and place it in the soup pot today. Funds collected are given to the Nazareth Area Food Bank.
- February 13 Ham Dinner, 5 to 7 pm. A fund raiser for our youth programs.
- February 16 & 17 Fastnacht sales (don't forget to order your fastnachts in January).
- February 18 Ash Wednesday, 6:00 pm dinner at Schoeneck Moravian; 7:00 pm Worship at Schoeneck Moravian
- February 21 Soup making
- February 22 Soup Sales
- February 22 Annual Church Council in Fellowship Hall

When to call the Church Office -

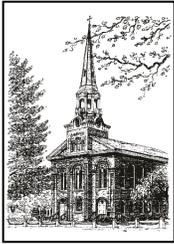
- ✚ A member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and the proper people notified.
- ✚ Your group plans to have a meeting, so that it can be cleared on the church calendar.
- ✚ Either your home or business phone number, address or email address has been changed.
- ✚ A 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 following dates are available for flower sponsorship in 2015. January 25, February 8, April 26, May 31~ 1 bouquet, July 12, Nov 15, Nov 29. Volunteers are also needed to deliver flowers. Please see Holly Bachman to sponsor flowers or to volunteer. Holly's number can be found in the church phone directory or call the church office for her number.



"The Chimes"



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An invitation to worship in January for...



"The Chimes" Nazareth Moravian Congregation January 2015

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

Nazareth Moravian congregation's Watchword for 2014 ...

"Christ says, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." John 10:15

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