



Worship in January –

January 3 ~ Epiphany and Holy Communion

As we gather today to celebrate a New Year, let us be mindful of what Christ has asked us to do. Today we will pray the Liturgy of Epiphany and during the 10:45 am Service we will install the Trustees and Elders for 2016. The message today is entitled “Written in the Stars.” Read Ephesians 1:3-14 before attending worship this morning.

January 10 ~

“The Waters of Baptism” is the title of the message this morning. Before attending worship today read Luke 3:15-17 and 21-22. Also, reflect on any baptism or baptisms you might recall. We will pray the Liturgy of Creation this morning. Join us during the Season of Epiphany as together we celebrate in His Name.

January 17 ~ King’s Daughters Sunday and Joyful Noise Offering

The Liturgy of Christian Homes will be prayed this morning during the 8:15 am service. The message at 8:15 is entitled “A Wedding Miracle.” Read John 2:1-11 before attending worship.

The Ladies of the King’s Daughters and Sons will be leading us in worship at 10:45 am. Join us as we hear their timely message. All are invited into the Parlor after worship for a time of Fellowship.

January 24 ~

“The Corporate Body” is the title of the message this morning. Christ has called us into the Body of Christ. We are one with Christ and one with each other. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a before attending worship this morning. Today we will pray the Liturgy of Grace, a Grace that the Body of Christ has received from the Risen Lord.

January 31~

The Liturgy of Celebration will be prayed this morning. As we celebrate with one another and listen to the Scripture Speak to us, may we be mindful of what God is saying to us. The message is entitled “The Scripture Speaks”. Read Luke 4:21-30 before worshipping today.

Stewardship

“God is writing a Story ... and Guess who’s in it? YOU ARE !!!

And GOD allows YOU to choose your part ! Choose what YOU will say ! Choose what YOU will do ! ...

Choose how YOU will live ! ... Choose what YOUR relationship will be to God and to others ! ...

When YOU choose to work with GOD, the AUTHOR OF ALL, and choose to be the person GOD wants YOU to be, YOUR part is a HAPPY SHARING ! ... (And a very HAPPILY EVERAFTER !)

The Pastor’s Corner

Each morning after I turn on my computer in the Pastor’s Office, I open my e-mail. One of the first e-mails I read is that of the Daily Text. Often the Bible texts printed and many, many times the prayer for the day speaks to me. Sometimes what I read sparks a thought in my mind. The other day after reading the Daily Text, I turned to one of the poems I have always cherished. The Poem was written by Helen Inwood. It is titled “Answers”. Let me share that poem with you.

“Answers to prayers come in various ways

Sometimes in minutes, sometimes in days
And some take years to fully unfold
The harvest of love and blessings they hold.

Answers to prayers come in various forms,
Sometimes in sunlight, sometimes through storms,
Some blossom early and some blossom late
But each one will flower – have faith and wait.”

Entering a new year always brings change in our lives and like the poem “Answers” sometimes those changes come early and sometimes they come later in the year. And like in the poem, changes in our lives come in various forms, some are welcomed and some are resisted. Yet, in the midst of our prayers and in the midst of change, we find one constant – that constant is Jesus Christ. Come meet the ‘constant’ in our lives at church each Sunday morning. We not only find family members and friends in worship but we find Christ as well.

This year the Provincial and District Quotas:

2016 Funding of Our Common Ministries – Northern Province

Nazareth Moravian Church common ministries commitment \$ 31,553.03

2016 Funding of Our Common Ministries – Eastern District

Nazareth Moravian Church common ministries – District Administration \$ 5,874.50
District Service Ministries \$ 7,485.25
District Benevolences \$ 473.75
\$ 39,512.03

2016 Funding of Our Common Ministries total

The Red striped envelopes in your 2016 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 each communicant member over the age of 18. (Married couples need to give \$239.50 for the year 2016.

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.



Baby News!

We would like to welcome Parker Travis Romansky, born on December 4, 2015, 8lbs. 11 oz. 20 inches long. Parker's parents are Breann Stout and Travis Romansky.



Dear Nazareth Moravian Church,

Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen thanks you for the \$233.35 donation. It was nice that you considered us during your Thanksgiving Concert. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen

Dear Pastor Gehris,

I write today to express our thanks for letting us use your facility for this year's Annual Christmas Peace Pilgrimage. About 130 of us were blessed by your support and fabulous weather. Many of us see the particularly significant symbolism of the Holy Family journeying from Nazareth to Bethlehem to find no room at the inn and the hundreds of thousands of refugees seeking shelter and peace in a new place. It was especially timely to witness for peace.

Please share our thanks with your community. We hope you will again support us next year on December 10, 2016.

In Peace,

Rick Dow
For the Pilgrimage Planning Committee

Dear Congregation,

Thank you to all who have welcomed, helped, guided, advised and supported my entering of the new Administrative Assistant position in the latter part of 2015. It has been a joy and a blessing to start this new chapter and especially to make new friends. I look forward to a successful year ahead.

Cheerfully in Christ,
MaryBeth West

Reaching In – Reaching Out

The Joyful Noise Offering collected in January will be given to Meals on Wheels of the Lehigh Valley. The Joyful Noise Offering will be taken on the 3rd Sunday ~ January 17th.

Loaves and Fishes lunch will be served on Saturday January 30th in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to volunteer to help the following is offered: Kitchen help, arrive at 10:00 am; Set-up help, arrive at 11:00 am; Servers arrive at 11:30 am; Clean-up crew arrive at 1:00 pm.

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.



Come, get lunch and mark your calendars for *Soup and Bread to Go's* return on January 17, 2016. All proceeds directly benefit the budget deficit. Keep an eye on the Sunday bulletins for more information.

Remember, soup is always available in the freezer!

Contact Holly Pharo Bachman with comments, questions and to volunteer at bachmanholly@gmail.com or 610.258.0248. Thank you!

Fasnacht 2016



We are preparing for Fasnacht 2016!!! This will be our 17th year for this project.

Our daily work schedule this year is as follows:

Fri, February 5th - 2:00 p.m. to ??? - Setup & cooking potatoes

Sat, February 6th - 8:30 a.m. to ??? - make batches of dough

11:00 a.m. to ??? - roll out doughnuts & cleanup

Mon, February 8th - 7:00 a.m. to ??? - start cooking doughnuts

9:00 a.m. to ??? - roll out the rest of the doughnuts, bag doughnuts for pickup &

Cleanup 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. pickup

Last year we did the entire process on Sunday and it worked very well. It must seem confusing that we keep changing our times, but this year we will go back to our original plan because Sunday, February 7th is Super Bowl Sunday. We are afraid we will not have enough volunteers to complete our task in one day. Please contact Jan Ochs at 484-505-8145 (cell) if you can help in any capacity. Please get your orders in as soon as possible. We are only accepting orders for 200 dozen doughnuts. The price is \$7.00 per dozen.

January Greetings from the Sunday School Coordinator

"Blessed by the Lord, who daily bears us up." ~Psalm 68:19

Well another Christmas play is behind us and I thought it was outstanding! I hope those of you who attended thoroughly enjoyed our unique presentation of the Christmas story brought to you from H.A.L.O. radio at 777 a.m. on the dial, as much as we enjoyed bringing it to you. I hope that each of you watching and participating in our program left joyful and maybe filled with some happy memories. It was great fun!

Some special thanks need to be called out: Bob Morgenstern, who played the host with the most Sky Bird but was barely visible throughout the program. Christian Morgenstern, who embraced his role as our laughable and lovable angelic stage manager. Bill Duane, who shined using his God given talents as our sound and recording guru. Terry Hunt, who even scared me with his rendition of King Herod. Barb Dietterich, who was our lovely and gracious, *Name that Tune* game show hostess. Ellen Saylor, the children and a few parents who played our music and bells so beautifully. Sarah Thomas and her help with the Joy Singers. Even Pastor Gehris, who was recruited by his wife to help with our youngest children. Let's not forget our teachers, who selflessly minister to our children on a weekly basis, have the courage to get into costumes, and who are probably serving in multiple leadership capacities at any given time. I couldn't do this without each of you, thank you. ☺ And finally and especially to all the Sunday School children who joyfully embraced their parts and shared their talents and with their parents and all of you. Everyone did all did a fantastic job...thank you all!

Don't forget Brother Bill Duane recorded the program. If you would like a copy, please sign up on the sheet on CEC office bulletin board in Anna Nitschmann (Nursery) classroom or leave your name with MaryBeth West in the church office. You will be able to pick those copies up when they are available. Thank you.

In other news:

Friday, January 22: Birthday Celebration and Games Night at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone in the congregation who will have a birthday in the coming year is invited to attend this birthday celebration. This will not be a covered dish this year, however, our dessert will be cupcakes and we will be playing games so be prepared to have fun!

Cake Decorating: There will be individual cupcakes this year. We will still have groups break into birthday teams based on the 12 months. Colored gels, coloring, sprinkles and extra buttercream will be available. If you choose to bring additional decoration, please they must be "edible," such as: candy, cookies, pretzels, etc.

Please sign up in the Chapel so we know how many cupcakes and supplies to have available. Snow date for this event will be Friday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m. See you there!



Children's Christmas Program ~ H.A.L.O. On The Air!

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.



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!



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.

College Hill Moravian Church is seeking a part-time secretary to oversee the church office. Looking for a friendly, reliable, and organized person to prepare weekly church bulletins and other printed and electronic communications, maintain information, greet the public, and coordinate facility use. Strong interpersonal and computer skills and experience with Microsoft Office a must. Familiarity with congregational life and dynamics a plus. This is a salaried position 9am-1pm M-F, vacation and holidays included, no other benefits. Direct resume to church@collegehillmoravian.org or College Hill Moravian Church, Attn: Personnel Committee, 72 W. Laurel St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

Did you know?

Board of World Mission is looking for individuals who are interested in traveling internationally to Peru, Cuba and Nicaragua in February and March? No firm dates have been set, but they could use a few more people to join the teams, who will likely be working on construction type projects. Any skill level is welcome to apply! Please contact the Justin Rabbach at justin@moravianmission.org for more information.

Congregation Pictures



Boulton Historic Site and Jacobsburg Historical Society



Nazareth Moravian Star



Up-Coming Events

Happy New Year!

- January 3 Epiphany ~ Holy Communion
- January 17 Fellowship After Worship
- January 17 Bread and Soup to Go
- January 22 Family Night 6:30 pm Birthday Party/Game Night (Snow date is January 29th)
- January 23 Community Soup Sales 8:00 to noon. (Snow date is January 30th)
- January 30 Loaves and Fishes lunch (need volunteers to work)

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE:

<u>12/6</u>	<u>12/13</u>	<u>12/20</u>
117	119	155

TREASURER’S REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 21

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Yr. to date</u>
Budget Requirement	24,782.90	279,396.56
Amount received	<u>21672.60</u>	<u>270578.94</u>
Balance	- 3110.30	- 26817.60

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.**



- Jan. 2 ~ John Dusinski
- 4 ~ Taylore Roth
- 4 ~ Shirley Smith
- 5 ~ Richard Utzat
- 6 ~ Evan Sigafoos
- 7~ Natalee Hercik
- 9 ~ J. Frederick Bergstresser
- 10 ~ Claire Sigafoos
- 13 ~ Gage Yuhas
- 15 ~ Lori Bankowski
- 15 ~ Mollie Metzgar
- 15 ~ Melissa Rawlings
- 15 ~ Deborah Rizzotto
- 15 ~ Vanessa Sabatine
- 17 ~ Jessica Glanz
- 19 ~ Richard Bankowski II
- 19 ~ Shirley Frey
- 19 ~ Jennifer Richardson
- 21 ~ Joshua Raub
- 21 ~ Michael Stofanak
- 22 ~ Ann Pettis
- 22 ~ Jeanne Serfas
- 23 ~ Steven Southam, Jr.
- 25 ~ J. Gordon Bergstresser
- 26 ~ Lindsey Barndt
- 26 ~ Ronald Huth
- 26 ~ Jacob Knecht
- 27 ~ Louise Matyos
- 28 ~ Julian Fantozzi
- 28 ~ Liam Fantozzi
- 28 ~ Althea Hutter
- 28 ~ Jamie Keeney
- 28 ~ Elizabeth Luczkowiak
- 28 ~ Catherine Ward
- 29 ~ Nancy Cunningham
- 30 ~ Matthew Tomac

JANUARY FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP

King's Daughters

JANUARY CARD PERSON ~ Becky Butz

COUNTING OFFERING IN JANUARY

- Jan. 3 ~ Catherine Ward
- 10 ~ Barbara Dietterich
- 17 ~ Susan Mahorsky
- 24 ~ Guinevere Ritter
- 31 ~ Becky Butz



- Jan. 5 ~ Frank and Kimberly Jandrositz
- 30 ~ Wayne and Dona Folweiler

JANUARY ELEVATOR OPERATORS

- Jan. 3 ~ Terry Hunt
- 10 ~ Robert Reagle
- 17 ~ Ed Anthony
- 24 ~ Jay Curtis
- 31 ~ Scot Mucha

JANUARY USHERS

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

JANUARY GREETERS

- Jan. 3 ~ John Kleintop, the William Kahler Family
- 10 ~ the Edward Anthony Family, Robert & Erin Kemmerer
- 17 ~ Glenn & Virginia Boerstler, Pieter & Sherry Goes & Pax
- 24 ~ Joan Condomitti, Sandy Gold
- 31 ~ Dawn Stout, the Matthew Palma Family

JANUARY NURSERY CARE

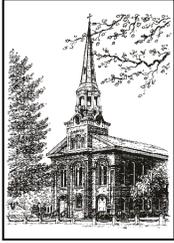
- Jan. 3 ~ Lois Calvo
- 10 ~ Larissa Calvo
- 17 ~ Lois Calvo
- 24 ~ Larissa Calvo
- 31 ~ Lois Calvo

JANUARY SCRIPTURE READERS

- Jan. 3 ~ Both ~ Pastor Jeff
- 10 ~ 8:15 ~ James Kresge
- 10:45 ~ Nicholas Adams
- 17 ~ 10:45 ~ Bryanna Schienholz
- 24 ~ 8:15 ~ Dylan Fitzgerold
- 10:45 ~ Julianne Thomas
- 31 ~ 8:15 ~ Gabrielle Pearson
- 10:45 ~ Grace Mingola
- Feb. 7 ~ 10:45 ~ Lily Mingola



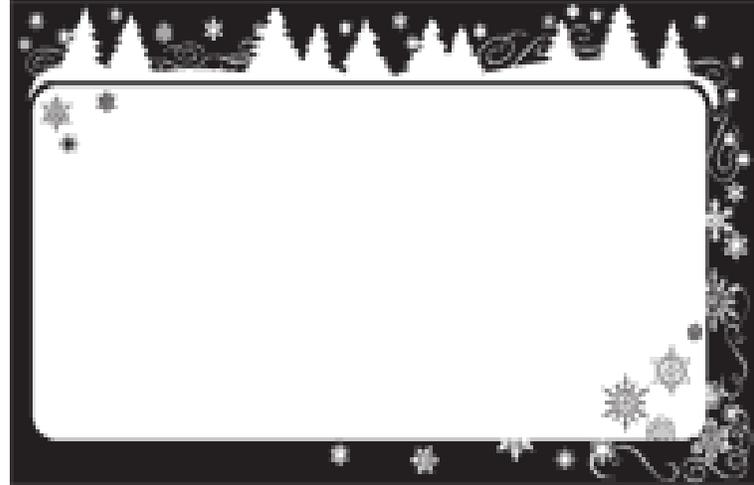
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An invitation to worship in January for



"The Chimes" Nazareth Moravian Congregation January 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