

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

Lenten Dinners and Services – Theme: “Suppers with...”

We began the 2015 Lenten Season on Ash Wednesday February 18 as Pastor Terry Folk shared with us “Supper with Levi.” The second Wednesday in Lent Pastor Dave Wickmann shared “Supper with Simon the Pharisee.”

The following Lenten Wednesday services are:

- March 4 “Supper for 5,000”, Luke 9:10-17, Rev. Tracy Robinson
March 11 “Supper with Mary and Martha”, Luke 10:38-42, Pastor Jeff Gehris
March 18 “The Last Supper”, Luke 22:7-20, Rev. Rhonda Robinson

Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm each evening and Worship begins at 7:00 pm at Schoeneck Moravian
March 25 “Supper in Emmaus”, Luke 24:13-35, Pastor Otto Dreydoppel (at Nazareth Moravian)

NOTE: The March 25th Lenten dinner and Service will be held **at Nazareth Moravian Church.**

Worship in March

March 1 - Second Sunday in Lent – Food Bank Sunday

We continue our theme during this Lenten season “The Covenants of God.” Today we will look at the Covenant God made with Abraham and Sarah. Read Genesis 17:1-16 before attending worship this morning.

March 8 – Third Sunday in Lent

Today we will look at the Covenant God made with “Israel”. Read Exodus 20:1-17 before attending worship this morning.

March 15 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Today we will look at the Covenant God made with “Moses”. Read Numbers 21:4-9 before attending worship this morning. Fellowship After Worship will be enjoyed after the 10:45 am Service.

March 22 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Today we will look at the Covenant God made with “Jeremiah”. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34 before attending worship this morning.

March 29 – Palm Sunday

We will pray the Liturgy for Palm Sunday and Sing “The Hosanna.” The title of the message this morning is “The Name of Jesus.” Read Philippians 2:5-11 before attending worship this morning. Palms will be handed out at the close of both services.

Holy Week - we will gather in the Chapel at 7:00 pm to being the Holy Week Readings

March 29 – Palm Sunday

March 30 – Monday

March 31 – Tuesday

April 1 – Wednesday

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

April 2 - we will gather in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm to observe Holy Communion

Good Friday

April 3 - Communion will be served in the Chapel beginning at 11:00 am

The Service of Crucifixion will begin at 2:15 pm in the Sanctuary

The Great Sabbath Lovefeast

April 4 – we will gather at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary for a Love Feast

Easter Morning

April 5 – We will pray the Easter Morning Liturgy at 6:15 am in the Sanctuary and then proceed to the Nazareth Moravian Cemetery for the closing of the Sunrise Service.

- Breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 am
- Easter Morning Worship will be at 8:15 and 10:45 am
- Sunday school at 9:30 am

Welcome new Members!

Sunday February 15, 2015 we welcomed twelve new members into our Church family.

James and Tiffany Kresge Confirmed their faith and we received their three children, James, Anne and Alexander as non-communicant members.

John Metzgar, Jr. was received by re-affirmation of faith.

Matthew and Sarah Palma were received by re-affirmation of faith and their four children, Roxannah, Giada, Nahdia and Savina were received as non-communicant members.

Pastor Gehris will be leading the Communion Service at Moravian Hall Square, 2:30 pm on Sunday March 1st. Our organist, Gabe Toth will play for the service and our Hand Bell Choir will be providing special music during the service. Ellen Saylor, Director of Music is making all the arrangements for the service.

Trustees

Brothers and Sisters there is a lot going on here at Nazareth Moravian.

1. The Trustees applied for and will receive a grant from the Larger Life Foundation in the amount of \$5,000.00. This grant will be applied to the costs of brick pointing the remaining sections of the Church Building. The trustees have contracted with RS Rickert Masonry to complete this task at a cost of \$14,100.00. The balance of \$9,100.00 will be paid from the Capital Improvement Funds of the congregation. The work will be completed sometime this year.
2. The Trustees received a bid from Fritch Fuel Co. to make recommended changes/improvements to our Furnace. The PA State inspector has tagged eleven items which need to be changed or improved to our present furnace. These items need to be completed by April 30, 2015. Once completed we will receive our certificate from the State which allows us to use our furnace. The furnace will be shut down for three to four days. The cost will be \$12,615.00; with the possibility of that increasing if they run into any problems making the changes/improvements. The funds to pay for this will come from the Capital Improvement Funds of the congregation.
3. The "Suppression System" in the Kitchen needs to be replaced. The Property Committee is obtaining bids and will inform the trustees about the cost of this replacement.

Nazareth Moravian Conversations

Pastor Gehris and the members of the Joint Board invite all members of the Nazareth Moravian congregation to one of three scheduled events being called "Nazareth Moravian Conversations." The three designated dates and times are;

- Tuesday April 7th at 2:00 pm (dessert and beverages available);
- Sunday April 12th at Noon (a lite lunch will be served); and
- Friday April 17th at 6:30 pm (desserts and beverages available).

Members of the Joint Board have purposely chosen a weekday afternoon, a weekday evening and a Sunday after Church to allow for a broader participation at the events. You need only attend one of the three scheduled events. Members of the Joint Board will be present at each event. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Chapel area. Please let us know which time you will be attending.

These three events will offer an opportunity for us to discuss the ministry and future of our Nazareth Moravian congregation, as well as enjoy some good fellowship with one another. There are four questions being posed, please think about those questions and come prepared to discuss them. Of course you can bring along any questions you might have or items you might wish to discuss. The four questions are:

- What do you feel are the strengths of our congregation?
 - Write down three things you believe are the strengths of the Nazareth Moravian congregation and bring them with you, be prepared to share them with those present.
- What are some concerns that need to be addressed?
- Do you have any ideas for service that we should consider as a congregation?
- What dreams do you have for the future of our church?

Details of the three events will be recorded, collated and shared with the members of the Joint Board and the congregation.

This year the Provincial and District Quotas:

Our fair-share of the Provincial and District Quotas is \$42,997.43. Each Communicant member's portion of the

Provincial and District Quotas is \$110.25 per individual and \$220.50 per couple. Every Communicant member has an envelope packet and within that packet are six special envelopes for "Benevolences-Missions". Donation from these envelopes are sent directly to the Province and District.

Copies of the 2015 Common Ministries Expenses Moravian Church Northern Province are available in the Church Office.

Each Month a short Blurb about our Provincial and District Quotas will appear in "The Chimes"

The month of March we feature:

The 2015 Provincial Common Ministries – "Where does the money come from?"

Northern Province Moravian Congregations provide 77% of the total Provincial Budget. The remaining 23% is received from the Larger Life Foundation, Donor-restricted Funds, Board-restricted Funds, Fees for Services and Miscellaneous gifts.

A Banquet of Song

March 8, 2015 at 4:00 pm the Nazareth Community will gather at St. John's Lutheran Church, 200 S. Broad Street, Nazareth for the annual community benefit concert to support the Nazareth Area Food Bank. Choir members for churches throughout Nazareth will gather as a combined choir which will include both adults and children. A rehearsal for the children will be held on Saturday morning, March 7th from 10: am to Noon. A final rehearsal, including adult singers, will be held at 2:00 pm on the day of the concert. Contact Janice Butz by Friday February 27th regarding the participation of your children and/or adults.

Join us March 22, 2015 for Soup and Bread to Go!



Come and purchase lunch to go after worship. All proceeds will directly benefit the budget deficit. Contact Holly Pharo Bachman with comments, questions and to volunteer or call the church office at 610-759-3163. Mark your calendars "Soup and Bread to GO!" will return in the Fall.

**NAZARETH MORAVIAN SPRING RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE
FRIDAY, MAY 1, 3 TO 7 P.M.
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 9A.M. TO 1 P.M.
SET-UP TO BEGIN SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

Mark your calendars and plan to help make this sale another successful fund raiser. While winter is still with us, why not take this opportunity to clean out closets, kitchen cabinets and basements and assemble your donations for the Spring Sale. Here are some of the things we need--clean, gently used spring and summer clothing, children's toys and books, household and decorative items and antiques and collectibles. For this sale we are in particular need of jewelry--so ladies--check those old jewelry chests! Small pieces of furniture will be accepted, but check with Darrell Crook first at 610-759-6704. Here are some things **we do not want**--computers, TV's, heavy pieces of exercise equipment, textbooks and encyclopedias. The stage of Fellowship Hall will be available for drop-offs the Monday after Easter--April 6.



As always, what we need most is your help. Men of the congregation--Please try to give a few hours of your time for set-up on Sunday April 26 and again for clean-up after the sale--after 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. Everyone can help with this major fund raiser--men, women, teen-agers and children--we'll find a job for you! Come out and join in the fun!

Stewardship GOD is REAL! YOU are REAL! and ... When the REAL YOU serves the REAL GOD then ... REAL WORD is done REAL FELLOWSHIP is generated REAL LOVE is found REAL JOY is expressed REAL HAPPINESS is shared. THANK YOU for your REAL GIFTS to the REAL WORLD.



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 remainder of 2015 are: *Mar. 1, Apr.5, May 3, June 7, July 5, Aug. 2, Sept.6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec.6.* **Of special need at this time is: paper towels, paper napkins, paper plates.**

The “Joyful Noise Offering” collected in March and April is being given to the Nazareth Area Food Bank.

The Nazareth Area Food Bank serves approximately 300 families each month. We are thankful for all the Food and Funds that the Food Bank receives, and for the many volunteers who give of their time to service others in our community.

Soup-er Bowl of Caring was celebrated on Sunday February 1st and we received \$131.00 in the soup pots placed at the rear of the Chapel and the Sanctuary. Our Treasurer has sent a check in that amount to the Nazareth Area Food Bank. The Soup-er Bowl of Caring continues to grow in our country. More and more congregations each year participate in the Caring Outreach to their local communities. Thank you for being so supportive of our local Food Bank.

Cancer Support Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley

“Kid’s Support” is being sponsored by the Cancer Support Community. A Free Program Series for Children, Teens & Families begins Thursday March 19 and runs weekly through May 7, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (dinner will be provided.) What is it? “Kid Support” is an 8 week series that provides an opportunity for the whole family to learn skills to help them cope with cancer. Where? Cancer Support Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley, 944 Marcon Blvd., Suite 110, Allentown, PA. To register and/or learn more about “Kid Support” please call: Jen Sinclair at 610-861-7555 Extension 26; or visit online www.CancerSupportGLV.org

Easter Baskets – Easton Children’s Home

Once again the Nazareth Area Churches have been contacted asking for items to fill the Easter Baskets our Outreach Committee fills and delivers to the Easton Children’s Home. This year our goal is 60 baskets and the Nazareth Moravian congregation will provide \$5.00 gift cards from WalMart. If you would like to pick up one or more \$5.00 gift cards, or if you would like to donate an amount of money towards the purchase of those gift cards, you can bring the purchased cards or money donations to the Church Office.

Hi-Way Clean Up

Planning ahead, the Outreach Committee members will be meeting in the Parking Lot of the Nazareth Diner on Saturday April 18th at 8:00 am to begin the process of picking up trash along Route 248. Orange vests, garbage bags and gloves are provided. Join us. Many hands make lite work!

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Once again this year we will be hosting a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday March 14, 2015 from 5 to 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Adults \$10.00, Children ages 6-10: \$8.00. Free for children 5 and younger. Tickets are available in the Church Office or talk with Linda Crook. Folks, we will need some help on Saturday morning, peeling potatoes and getting the corned beef and cabbage ready for the oven. We will also need some help mid-afternoon to set up Fellowship Hall and to serve during the meal and to clean up after the meal. Please contact the Church Office if you can help or talk with Linda Crook.



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!

Bright Star Circle News

The Bright Star Circle at Nazareth Moravian will be hosting the State and County King's Daughters Convention on April 18, 2015 here at Nazareth Moravian. The guest speaker is Beth Rudy, a distinguished speaker and Precept Ministries Leader. The theme of the convention is "Priceless Pearls."

Mint Making

It's that time again! Get ready to order and enjoy the delicious Easter Moravian Mints that the Bright Star Circle, along with some other helpers, make and sell. Order forms will be available on Sunday in the Church Bulletin, or in the Church Office, or other places in the Church building.

Also making Easter Candy Eggs

Are your taste buds yearning for some chocolate eggs! Well, the time has come! Both the mints and Easter Candy Eggs can be ordered on the same order form which is available on the table in the back of the chapel, and in the back of the Sanctuary and in the church office.

Prayers and Sympathies

Brother Ralph P. Stocker was called home to be with his Lord and Savior on January 28, 2015. A Service of Celebration for his life was held in our Sanctuary on February 4, 2015. Burial took place on the Nazareth Moravian Cemetery. We continue to uphold his family in our prayers.

Brother Curt F. Snyder was called home to be with his Lord and Savior on February 10, 2015. A Service of Celebration for his life was held in our Sanctuary on February 17, 2015. Burial took place on the Nazareth Moravian Cemetery. We continue to uphold his family in our prayers.

Sister Janet Darby, mother of Lauren (Darby) Scollo, was called home to be with her Lord and Savior on February 8, 2015. We continue to uphold Lauren and the family in our prayers.

A Note of Thanks ~

"We would like to thank the members of the funeral luncheon committee for the wonderful meal following Ralph Stocker's celebration of life service on Wednesday, February 4th. Your hard work was greatly appreciated. Sincerely, John, Traci, Daniel, and Rebecca Stocker and Barbara and George Moffitt."

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.

Greetings from the Sunday School Coordinator

March finds us in the midst of our Lenten project for **MyCharity:Water**. **Every penny of the money we raise goes directly to a water project and for every \$30.00 we raise, we help one person have clean water.** The Lenten project was introduced at Family Night Birthday Celebrations, and the family banks were disbursed on February 15 to those who made it to Sunday School that morning. If you still do not have your bank please pick one up at the Sunday School Office. Fill the banks throughout Lent and return on April 4th or 5th. Remember, you can drop money in the water jug in the hall, or go online to <https://my.charitywater.org/nazareth-moravian-sunday-school> and donate there.

Several future dates to take note of:

March 15: The next Building Blocks of Faith program.

April 4: Easter Breakfast and events starting at 9 a.m.

Anniversaries

March. 9 – Courtney & Justin Thomas
13 – Nancy & Steve Cunningham
27 – Donna & Robert Reagle
28 – Wendy & Lee Bauer



Daun Stewart and Norbert (Skip) Hentschel were united in marriage on February 21st in the Sanctuary. Congratulations to the happy couple.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



March 1 – Robert Rizzotto
2 – James Campbell
3 – Betty Konczyk
4 – Dorothy Garr
5 – Debra Bealer
7 – Wendy Frey
8 – Gary Yerger
11 – Jeffrey Barrall
12 – Doris Kleintop
13 - Mary Jean Huth
14 – William Drozdowski
Tracey Knauss-Warnke
Erin Trauger
15 – John Knecht
16 – Karen McDaniel
Lorraine Perillo
Howard Schoeneberger
18 – Trisha Benner
Denise Kindt
19 – Matthew Bross

24 – Beatrice Leh
25 – Jennifer Hartshorne
Julianne Thomas
26 – J. Frederic Knecht
28 – Ian Riccelli
29 – Ryan Lemmon
30 – James Boozer
Dawn Green
31 – Nicholas Rizzotto
Elaine Siegfried

Elevator Operators

March 1 – Brian Trauger
8 – Wayne Longley
15 – Scott Swedar
22 – Terry Hunt
29 – Rob Reagle

Greeters

March 1 - The Bennett family, Jan Ochs
8 - Daun and Skip Hentschel,
Barb Schwab & granddaughters
15 - The Curtis family, John Kleintop
22 - The Bealer family
29 – Cindy and Wayne Longley,
Deb Alvino

Counting Offering for March

March 2 – Joan Condomitti
9 – Catherine Ward
16 – Barbara Dietterich
23 – Gwen Ritter
30 – Gwen Ritter

Card Person for March

Traci Stocker





March Ushers

Deb Alvino, Captain
 Jan Ochs
 Eileen Adams
 Lori Bankowski
 Lois Mallon
 Betty Konczyk
 Nora Fantozzi
 Margaret Schoeneberger

March Music Schedule

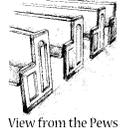
Orchestra Rehearsals: March 6, 20, 27
 Orchestra – March 29 in 10:45 Worship Service

March Fellowship After Worship

Outreach Committee

February Attendance

2/1	2/8	2/15	2/22
119	113	82	96



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Yr. To Date</u>
Budget Requirement	24,782.90	49,566.68
Amt. Received	<u>20,724.08</u> *	<u>41,640.70</u>
Balance	- 4,058.82	- 7,925.98

*The * indicates the profit of \$1908.50 from the fashnacht sale included in this figure
 Joyful Noise Offering in February: \$75.07*

Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's fashnacht making. We made 288 dozen with a profit of \$1,908.50. This was our 16th year of making fashnachts and I am amazed at the outpouring of help we continue to receive each year. We reorganized our schedule this year to eliminate a lot of startup and tear down time. I was initially concerned that we would not have enough help to complete our task in one day, but we started 7 o'clock Sunday morning and were finished by 6:30pm. We were tired but very happy to get everything done in just one day!!!

Nazareth Moravian Church is so very fortunate to have so many committed members willing to do whatever needs to be done and we really do have such a great time working together. This is why I love the people in this church. We are truly blessed to accomplish such a labor intensive job. Thank you again for a job well done.

God Bless, Jan Ochs

FUTURE EVENTS

- April 2 – Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
- April 3 – Good Friday Holy Communion, 11:00 am in the Chapel
 Crucifixion Service, 2:15 pm in the Sanctuary
- April 4 – Children's Easter Events – Breakfast 9:00 am
 Visiting and Singing for Guests at Moravian Hall Square 10:15 am
 Easter Egg Hunt 11:30 at the Cemetery
 Great Sabbath Love Feast, 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
- April 5 – Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service 6:15 am
 Breakfast 7:00 am in Fellowship Hall
 Worship 8:15 am in the Chapel
 Sunday School 9:30 am
 Worship 10:45 am in the Sanctuary
- The Church Office will be closed on Monday April 6th.
- April 18 – Hi Way Clean Up 8:00 am meet in the Parking Lot of the Nazareth Diner
 Kings Daughters Convention, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- April 25 – Family Night, Wii Bowling 5:30 pm
- April 26 – Set up for Rummage Sale begins today through Wednesday.
- May 1 – Rummage Sale, 3:00 to 7:00 pm
- May 2 – Rummage Sale, 8:00 am to Noon

2015 CAMP HOPE – HOPE CONFERENCE AND RENEWAL CENTER



A not-for-profit camp operated by the Eastern District of the Moravian Church

Financial aid available; see your church office or Hope Center

Conferences

New! Camp Sampler May 8 - 9

PRE-PRIMARY (grade 1-2) June 21 - 24
PRIMARY (grade 3-4) June 28 - July 4
MIDDLER (grade 5-6) July 5 - 11
JR HIGH (grade 7-8) July 12 - 18
SR/POST HIGH (grade 9-age 21) July 26 - Aug. 1

Specialty Camps

FISHING CAMP (grade 6-10) June 21 - 27
SWIMMING CAMP (grade 3-6) July 19 - 25
MUSICAL THEATER CAMP (grades 5-9) July 19 - 25

Family and Adult Retreats

Spring Work Weekend May 8 - 9
Memorial Day Family Camp May 22 - 25
Memorial Day Picnic May 25
Quilt Camp (Women's Retreat) September 23 - 26
Camp Hope Alumni Retreat November 13 - 15

For more information, see your church office
or contact Hope Conference Center at 908 459-4435 or
hopecenter@camphope.org www.camphope.org

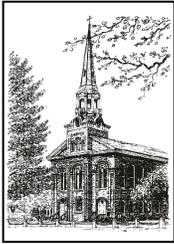
OTHER HAPPENINGS IN THE MORAVIAN COMMUNITY:

Calvary Moravian Church – 948 N 21st St. (21st & Livingston St.) – Allentown, PA invites you to a delicious Roast Beef Dinner consisting of Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, assorted desserts, coffee/tea to be held Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 4:30 – 7pm. Cost: \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children under 12.

Schoeneck Moravian Church, located just north of Nazareth on Broad St. Extension will hold their annual Spring Rummage and Bake Sale on Saturday, March 28th. 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.

“The Chimes”



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An invitation to worship in March for...



“The Chimes” Nazareth Moravian Congregation March 2015

Our Mission: “To minister, as living witnesses, the saving grace of Jesus Christ”
Nazareth Moravian congregation’s Watchword for 2015 ...

“Blessed be the name of God from age to age, for wisdom and power are his.” Daniel 2:20

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