



BIRTHDAYS

- May 1 - Kevin Mingora
Robert Morgenstern
- 2 - Amber Kahler
Randy Neumeyer
- 3 - Allen Haidle
Brooke Young
- 4 - Michael Frey
- 5 - Karen A. Forte
Lillian Hercik
- 6 - Joel Toth
Anneliese Warnke
Alice Yeakel
- 7 - Suzanne Curtis
Dorothy Hege
- 8 - Ronald Mahorsky
- 9 - Dona Folweiler
Trudy Young
- 10 - Bradley Price
Timothy Price
- 11 - Isabelle Kauffman
Christa Knecht
- 12 - Zachary Trach
- 14 - Mindy Heimbach
Kyle Noraas
- 15 - Jessica Eck
Barbara Knecht
Benjamin Roth
- 16 - Karin Albert
Todd Eck
- 18 - Matthew Green
Scott Swedar
- 19 - Martha Haidle
Cindy Longley
Heidi West
Tyler West
- 20 - Mary Ruth Smith
- 21 - Robert Young
- 23 - Karen Huth
- 24 - Shannon Neumeyer
- 25 - Robin Anthony
Harold Heckman
Kristina Toth
Emily Tsurumaki
- 26 - Dennis Bealer
George Moffitt
James Walter
- 27 - Oletha Wilson
- 28 - Andrew Doule
- 29 - David Schwab
Kelly Serfas
Jason Thomas
- 30 - TJ Eck Jr.
Shelia Lieberman
Brian Walter
- 31 - Lori Eck
Gwyneth Peischl
Christy Scarborough
Daniel Stocker
Russell Thomas



- May 9 - Lea & Guy Laurin
- 10 - Jill & Gregg Kauffman
Kathy & David Roth
- 14 - Sherry & Brian Hawk
- 15 - Barbara & John Knecht
- 16 - Vicki & Andrew Doule
- 20 - Lauren & Brian Scollo
Jamie & Christopher Tomac
- 23 - Lorraine & James Perillo
Barbara & Richard Utzat
- 24 - Ellen & Paul Saylor, III
- 25 - Kathleen & David Schulte
Trisha & Dean Benner
- 27 - Karen & Roger Huth
- 28 - Joanne & John Dusinski
- 29 - Jeanne & David Serfas
- 31 - Janice & George Bartholomew
Cynthia & Terry Hunt
Ann & Lester Pettis
Jane & Ronald Serfass

MAY ELEVATOR OPERATORS

- May 4 - Brian Trauger
- 11 - Wayne Longley
- 18 - Scott Swedar
- 25 - Terry Hunt



MAY USHERS

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Thomas Bross, Captain | Bradley Price |
| Debbie Bross | Timothy Price |
| Emily Bross | Allen Haidle |
| Matthew Bross | Kaitlyn Yerger |
| James Knecht | J. Frederick Bergstresser |
| Tom Noraas | Dianne Noraas |
| Howard Schoeneberger (8:15) | |

MAY GREETERS

- May 4 -
- 11 - Joan Schramm
- 18 - The Kahler Family
- 25 -



ELDERS' SERVING COMMUNION ON MAY 18th -

- Serving - Edward Werkheiser
- Assisting - John Stocker & Natalee Hercik



MAY NURSERY CARE

- May 4 - Carrie Cilbrith
- 11 - Mother's Day
- 18 - Susan Mucha
- 25 - Lois Calvo



COUNTING OFFERING FOR MAY

- May 5 - Susan Mahorsky
- 12 - Catherine Ward
- 19 - Barbara Dietterich
- 27 - Joan Condomitti



LAY READERS FOR MAY -

- May 4 - Suzanne Curtis
- May 11 - Edward Anthony
- May 18 - Stephanie Boozer
- May 25 -



MAY MUSIC SCHEDULE

May 2 - Orchestra rehearsal in Fellowship Hall, 7:30 PM

- 4 - Bell Choir in 10:45 worship
- 9 - Orchestra rehearsal in Balcony, 7:30 PM
- 11 - Orchestra, Cherubs, & Joysingers in 10:45 worship
- 18 - Orchestra in Sunday School
Brass Choir in Communion
- 25 -



Music Schedule

May Fellowship After Worship will be held May 18th sponsored by the Bell Choir & Orchestra

When to Contact 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 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.

Feel free to call the office to discuss issues that are important to you.

Pastor's Message

I read a story some time ago that I was reminded of during Easter. The story is about an answer to prayer. Let me share it with you.



Message

Shirley enjoyed working in her garden, particularly in the gladioli bed which she prized above all her gardens. It was Monday morning and Shirley was on her way to the local retirement community where her mother lived. Before leaving the house she gathered up a plastic bag and a wad of wet paper towels because she wanted to cut a few gladioli for her mother. Purple and lush were the flowers; they would make a beautiful bouquet for her mother's room.

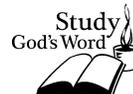
Shirley arrived at the home and starting walking down the hall to her mother's room when suddenly she stopped, turned around and headed the opposite way. She arrived at the nursing station. Shirley adds as she tells the story, I have no idea why I changed direction, nor do I have any idea why I asked the nurse the question I asked. I asked for directions to Mrs. Farmer's room. Shirley only knew Mrs. Farmer from church. She was an elderly woman who always sat in the pew in front of Shirley each Sunday morning for years. Mrs. Farmer always wore bright colored clothing and a big brightly colored hat on her snowy white hair. Shirley hadn't seen Mrs. Farmer for years in church and didn't remember the last time she saw her in the retirement community, but there she was, lying in bed looking out the window. She had lost a lot of weight and her bony arms lay outstretched on the white coverlet. Mrs. Farmer opened her eyes and turned to Shirley, not in the least surprised. "Oh, thank you for remembering my birthday," she exclaimed. Then gazing at the gladioli bouquet, she added, "That's all I asked for."

Shirley placed the flowers in a vase on her bedside table, talked a short while, then left her room.

As Shirley walked down the hall toward her mother's room, she had mixed feelings; feelings of gratitude and awe.

God often stops us in our tracks and directs us in a different way. Sometimes our change in plans is because of a prayer we might have lifted up to God and sometimes it is in answer to someone else's prayer. What is important is that we listen for God's voice, whether it is as loud as thunder or as faint as the breeze; and when we hear God speak, it is important that we act. Shirley could have ignored the change in direction that day. Mrs. Farmer's prayer may have gone unanswered. I wonder, how often do we ignore God's change in our direction? How often do we choose to do what we want, rather than doing what God wants? How often have we neglected to hear the answer to a prayer we lifted up, or become an answer to the prayer of someone else?

If we are the hands and feet of Christ in creation, than we ought to at least listen and respond to God's call and do that which God calls us to do.



Bible Study

A new study began on April 30th at 7 pm in the Tower Room. We are looking at numerous books from the Old Testament Apocrypha. It is not too late to join us.

A Stewardship Moment

"Blessed Be The TITHE That Binds Our ...

Heads and Hands
Ears and Eyes
Acts and Attitude
Resources and Responsibilities
Talents and Thoughtfulness
Stewardship and Sharing

In CHRISTIAN LOVE

Worship in May

May 4th - Our Call to Worship will be Psalm 116:1-19 and we will pray the Liturgy of Reconciliation. The message this morning is entitled "Love Deeply from the Heart." Read 1 Peter 1:17-23 before attending worship this morning.

May 11th - Happy Mother's Day - Join us as we enjoy the celebration of Christian Family by observing a Christian Family Lovefeast at both services. Our Call to Worship will be a special "Mother's Day Litany" from the New Moravian Songbook "Sing to the Lord A New Song." The message this morning is entitled "Too Blessed to Complain." Read Psalm 23 prior to attending the Lovefeast this morning.

May 18th - Holy Communion / Reception of New Members - Our Call to Worship will be Psalm 31:1-16 and we will pray the Liturgy of Discipleship during the 8:15 am service and the Liturgy for Reception of New Members during the 10:45 am Service. The message today is entitled "Loving Stones." Read 1 Peter 2:2-10 before attending worship this morning.



Worship Schedule

**SUMMER HOURS BEGIN TODAY –
9:30 AM WORSHIP**

May 25th - Memorial Day Weekend – Summer Hours begin today – 9:30 worship - Our Call to Worship will be Psalm 66:8-20. We will pray the Liturgy of Celebration. The message today is entitled “Who Are You?” Read 1 Peter 3:13-22 before attending worship today.



**OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE –
WHITEFIELD HOUSE LAWN – JUNE 1st, 9:30 AM**

Reaching In – Reaching Out

We were able to fill and deliver 60 Easter Bags for the Easton’s Children’s Home. Thanks to the Nazareth Moravian congregation for providing 60 gift cards to Wal-Mart for each of the children and to the other churches in our area who provided goodies for the Easter Bags.

The Joyful Noise Offering collected during May and June will be given to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund. Pastor Gehris uses this fund to help both members of our congregation and of our community who are in need.



Loaves N Fishes Lunch will be served on Saturday May 31st here at Nazareth Moravian. If you would like to help set-up, prepare food, serve and clean-up, you can contact Rodney Ward or Pastor Gehris.

Work Day at Church



The gardens around the church complex have been refreshed. New mulch has been added and the beds are ready to receive the summer plantings. A number of volunteers arrived to prune out some of the larger bushes as well. Thanks to those who gathered early Saturday morning on April 5th to work around the church.

Envelope Giving



What is a ‘giving unit?’ A giving unit represents one pack of envelopes. Example, Sherry and Pastor Jeff have a packet of envelopes and we represent one giving unit. Each married couple who receives a packet of envelopes is also considered one giving unit. If there are confirmed children in your family, each of those children has also received a packet of envelopes and each packet is considered a ‘giving unit.’

There are six “Missions and Benevolences” envelopes in each packet. If each giving unit would give \$148.00 towards “Missions and Benevolences” per year, we would be able to pay our “fair share” in full. This translates to approximately \$25.00 per envelope.

A program that is near and dear to my heart is that of Camp Hope! A portion of our “Fair Share” given to the District through our benevolences is given to Camp Hope. Camp Hope continues to be a vital ministry of the Eastern District. It is a place where our children and youth can express themselves in many different ways. It is also a place where many youth have heard and answered the call of God and have become ordained clergy in the Moravian Church.

Future Events

June 1st - Worship Out-Doors, Whitefield House Lawn at 9:30 AM

June 7th - Whitefield House Craft Show – The Outreach Committee will be selling Moravian sugarcakes during the craft show.



June 8th Pentecost – Holy Communion – Confirmation Day. Join us at 9:30 AM as seven of our youth confirm their faith in Jesus Christ. A special Fellowship After Worship will take place in the Church Parlor.



June 15th - Father’s Day

June 19th – 23rd Moravian Church Northern Provincial Synod in Bethlehem, PA

June 29th - We will celebrate our 267th Anniversary as a Moravian congregation with a Lovefeast.

July 7th – 11th - Vacation Bible School – once again Nazareth Moravian and Schoeneck Moravian will sponsor VBS at Schoeneck Moravian.

2014 Graduates



A letter will be mailed shortly to our high school graduates who we have information on in our church files. We somehow always miss someone and we particularly miss those who are graduating from college or graduate school. If you have not received a letter from the church asking for information about graduation, please contact the church office so we can get your information. We will be publishing the names of our graduates in the June “Chimes.”

Memorial Day Observance - Monday May 26th

The annual Nazareth Memorial Day Observance will begin at 10:00 am at Center Square. Once again Pastor Gehris has been asked to deliver the Invocation and benediction once the parade reaches Memorial Park on Center Street. Let’s keep the Nazareth Memorial Day tradition alive by celebrating this special day in the life of our nation.



Let us take time to pause this Memorial Day and remember all those who have so willingly served in the past and those that are serving presently in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Summer Lunch Program

The Summer Lunch Program will begin on Monday June 16th and will continue Monday through Friday until Friday August 22nd. Once again this ten week period will allow volunteers from churches, service organizations and Moravian Hall Square to prepare bagged lunches for our children, youth and seniors living in our community. The Nazareth Moravian kitchen will be used to prepare the bagged lunches from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm. The lunches will be served on Center Street, rain permitting, next to the baseball field.



If you would like to volunteer to help prepare lunches during the week of June 16th through 20th please contact the Church Office. Nazareth Moravian will be volunteering that week.

The Nazareth Cemetery

The Rules and Regulations of the Nazareth Moravian Cemetery state that all items placed on a grave site, i.e. flowers, 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, do that prior to the two week period after any holiday designated in this article.



A Thank You from the Bright Stars -

Many thanks to all who helped us in our projects of making mints, candy eggs and Sunday School breakfast.

Remember all articles for the June Chimes are due to the Church Office by **May 15th**.



Congratulations to Mollie Elizabeth Toth and Jeremy Michael Metzgar who were united in marriage in the Sanctuary on April 12, 2014. The bride's parents are Kristina and Joseph Toth, Jr.



A Thank You -

Dear Pastor Jeff, Church Members, family and friends,
 Ted and I send our heartfelt thank you for the support, all your prayers and loving concerns with the beautiful cards. God has walked with us each and every day. We are healing, improving by his grace.
 To each one of you, Happy Spring.
 In His Name,
 Shirley and Ted Bennicoff

REMEMBER... On the first Sunday of every month, we collect canned food and cereal at the entrances to the church.



Food donations can be left on the floor at either the north or the south doors. The food will be gathered and taken to the food bank. 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. The collection dates for the remainder of the year 2014 will be May 4, June 8, July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 14, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7.

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 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!

Camp Hope -
2014 Summer Camps at Camp Hope
Program information and registration forms are available in the Church Office.



New for 2014 – Camp Sampler Weekend – May 17-18
Conferences: Pre-Primary (grades 1-2) June 22-25
 Primary (grades 3-4) June 29 – July 5
 Middler (grades 5-6) July 6-12
 Jr. High (grades 7-8) July 13-19
 Sr/Post High (grades 9-age 21) July 27- Aug. 2
Specialty Camps: Fishing (grades 6-10) June 29-July 5
 Swimming (grades 3-6) July 20-26
 Musical Theater (grades 3-8) July 20-26
(*All camps denote grades completed)
Family and Adult: NEMDR Weekend – May 16-17
 Memorial Day Family Camp – May 23-26
 Memorial Day Picnic – May 26
 Quilt Camp (Women's Retreat) October 1-4
 Camp Hope Alumni Retreat – October 24-26
 More info at www.camphope.org or call 908 459-4435.

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is always held on the first Thursday during the month of May. This year May 1st has been designated as the National Day of Prayer. Set aside some time on May 1st to pray specifically for our Federal, State, County and Local Leaders. Pray for all Federal, State, County and Local Agencies and their employees. Remember also all the Service Men and Women serving our country both here at home and abroad. This annual event is observed in communities throughout our country in different ways but the emphasis is and continues to be on prayer. Take some extra time on May 1st to pray for the United States.



	April Attendance			
	4/6	4/13	4/20	4/27
	117	162	222	

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF APRIL 21, 2014

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Yr. To Date</u>
Budget Requirement	\$24,347.32	\$97,391.18
Amt. Received	21,694.37	91,333.89
Balance	-\$2,652.95	-\$6,057.29

The Joyful Noise for March was \$145.91 and for April, \$166.30. These amounts will be sent to the Nazareth Area Food Bank.



Lenten Offering

This year's offering received during the Lenten Services are being given to Hope Conference and Renewal Center (Camp Hope) toward an up-coming project of making the Camp fully handicapped-accessible. The services for Nazareth Moravian and Schoeneck Moravian were held in the Sanctuary at Nazareth Moravian this year. The offerings collected were \$2,785.00.

Sunday School News

It is hard to believe that this year is almost over, but here we are with just a few weeks left of this year. Sunday School has kept very busy through this Lenten season. The Sunday School families began saving money on March 9th and just completed this project on April 20th. The money that has been saved will be used for Heifer International. Our goal is to purchase flocks of chicks and ducklings to help feed hungry families around the world. Look for the results of that project in next month's newsletter.

The Sunday School also had a busy day on April 19th beginning with pancakes and sausage in Fellowship hall, a visit to Moravian Hall Square, then the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Moravian Cemetery with the Easter Bunny. Thank you to ALL the Brothers and Sisters who helped with these events for the children, and a special thanks to the Christian Life Committee and Bright Stars, Brother Dave Schulte, Sister Natalya Schienholz and Sister Ginny Brodt of Moravian Hall Square.

In addition, there are a few final events to take note of for May. First on Saturday, May 10th there will be a Resource Fair at East Hills Moravian Church from 8:30 a.m to 3:30 p.m. (no lunch will be served). This event is open to Pastors, Sunday School teachers, CEC members, Stewardship Committee members and Youth/Young Adult Leaders.

Second, Sunday, May 11th is Mother's Day and some of the Sunday School children will be distributing flowers to the women of the congregation.

Finally, Sunday, May 18th is Promotion and Recognition Sunday and our last official day of Sunday School this year. We will be having a covered dish breakfast beginning promptly at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall followed by presentations. There will be a sign-up sheet for the breakfast in the Chapel.

Thank you to everyone for a great Sunday School year! Patty Morgenstern, Sunday School Coordinator.

Unitas Chorale Concert

The Moravian Music Foundation is pleased to present the Unitas Chorale in concert, 4:00 pm, Sunday, May 4th, at Nazareth Moravian Church (Center Square, Nazareth). This year's concert is entitled *WONDROUS CHILD DIVINE* and features Moravian music, old and new, for the Advent and Christmas season. For further information, please call 610-866-3340.



The Outreach Committee will be selling 10" hanging flower baskets for \$15.00 each on Saturday, May 10th from 8am to 12:00 noon.

\$1.00 of the proceeds for each basket sold will go to Safe Harbor in Easton, PA. Purchase a beautiful basket for your home or someone special!

A huge **THANK YOU** congregation for your wonderful support of the new "Soup & Bread to Go" fundraiser! As of March 30, the profit was \$2101.31! You bought soup, made soup, chopped vegetables, baked bread, washed dishes, toted soup to church, collected money, publicized sales and it all came together beautifully! Soup will continue to be available in the freezer, stop by during the week or after worship on Sunday if you'd like a quick lunch or dinner. Please complete an evaluation form for the fundraiser and give us your feedback. Mark your calendars for the next sale date of October 19, 2014. Thank you!



COME JOIN US

3rd ANNUAL YOUTH GROUP HAM DINNER

Dinner includes ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, roll w/butter, homemade dessert and beverages.

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2014 from 5-7:00 PM
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

\$10.00 – ADULTS, \$8.00 – CHILDREN 6-10

FREE – CHILDREN AGE 5 AND UNDER

Tickets can be purchased in the church office.
Proceeds benefit the Nazareth Moravian Youth Group program events.



Sunday School Promotion & Recognition Sunday

... our last day of Sunday School this

year

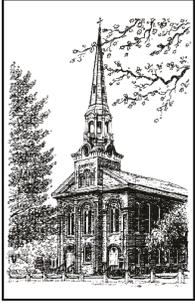
May 18th at 930 AM in the Fellowship Hall

There will be a covered dish breakfast starting at 9:30 AM followed by presentations. A sign-up sheet is in the rear of the Chapel for breakfast items.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Trinity Episcopal Church of Bethlehem will be celebrating a festival service on Saturday, May 10th at 5 PM on the Anglican Feast Day for Count Nicholas Zinzendorf, created by the church's Evangelism Committee in order to open our doors to Episcopalians, Moravians, and especially to all who have not felt the welcoming comfort of the sanctuary for too many days. Service music will be provided by the Moravian Brass ensemble, plus several Trinity musicians and invited guests. Music will come from popular sources of the past 50 years, plus familiar hymns and gospel songs.

Cash that was collected during Holy Week for the Unity Offering for the ministry in the interior of Suriname totaled \$420.00.



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Christian Family Lovefeast - May 11th



“The Chimes” Nazareth Moravian Congregation May 2014

Our Mission: “To minister, as living witnesses, the saving grace of Jesus Christ”
The Nazareth Moravian congregation’s Watchword for 2014...

“Christ says, “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.” John 10:14

- Rev. Jeffrey D. Gehris, Pastor
- Barbara Wieller, Administrative Assistant
- Jeanne L. Serfas, Director of Music
- Lois Calvo, Nursery Supervisor
- Patty Morgenstern, Sunday School Coordinator



- Our Sunday Schedule -
- 8:15 am Worship in the Chapel
 - 9:30 am Sunday School Classes for All
 - 10:45 am Worship in the Sanctuary