

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

Announcing Annual Church Council

Annual Church Council will be held on Sunday December 6th after worship. Join us for lunch and the annual meeting.

Worship in November –

November 1st – All Saints Day – Food Bank Sunday

Our Call to Worship this morning is Psalm 24 and we will pray the Liturgy for All Saints at which time we will remember all the saints who have joined the heavenly choir since last All Saints Day. The message this morning is entitled “Fearless Service” and it is the second message in our Stewardship Program. Read Luke 4:16-21 before attending worship this morning.

November 8th – Pastor Jeff will be away at the Youth Retreat

This morning we will continue our Stewardship Program by hearing about “Fearless Sowing.” Daun Hentschel, Gwen Ritter and John Stocker will lead us in worship this morning. The Call to Worship will be Psalm 146 and we will pray the Liturgy of Adoration.

November 15th – Holy Communion in Celebration of the Chief Eldership of Jesus Christ.

Our Call to Worship this morning will be Psalm 16 and we will pray the Liturgy of Stewardship. “Fearless Giving” is the title of the message. Read Luke 21:1-4 before attending worship this morning.

November 22nd – Christ the King Sunday – Pledge Sunday

Our Call to Worship is Psalm 93 and we will pray the Liturgy of Thanksgiving. The message is entitled “The Work of Christ.” Read Revelations 1:4b-8 before attending worship this morning. If you haven’t mailed in or dropped off your pledge card at the church office, bring it with you this morning and place it in the offering plate.

November 29th – Holy Communion – First Sunday in Advent

We will light the first of our advent wreath candles this morning and will pray the Liturgy in Advent. The message today is entitled “A different view of Advent.” Read Luke 21:25-36 before attending worship. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has invited us to the Table as we celebrate the first Sunday in Advent. This will be the last Sunday Communion will be offered this year.

The Community Thanksgiving Lovefeast and Concert

This year our Community Thanksgiving Lovefeast and Concert on Sunday November 22nd at 3:00 pm will be presented by the Nazareth Community Band. We look forward to welcoming the many blessed musicians that participate in the Community Band. Once again we will also enjoy a Lovefeast as we celebrate Thanksgiving here in Nazareth. Join us at 3:00 pm on Sunday November 22nd for a wonderful concert filled with great music. Not only will we enjoy the Nazareth Community Band but will also be able to blend our own voices together as the Lovefeast is served.

Stewardship

The Nazareth Moravian Stewardship Committee selected a four week program which began on October 25th and will conclude on November 22nd with Pledge Sunday. The Stewardship Program is entitled “Fearless Generosity.” Each giving unit received a mailing during October about the program. Each giving unit will be receiving a second letter in the midst of the program which will include a ‘pledge card’ for 2016. You can turn your 2016 pledge card in any time prior to November 22nd or place it in the offering plate on November 22nd Pledge Sunday.

During Church Council on December 6th we will report the number of pledges received and the total amount pledged towards the 2016 annual budget.

Communing Children’s Workshop

The ‘Communing Children’s Workshop’ will take place on Saturday November 14th starting at 10:00 am. Children in 3rd grade and above are invited to attend this 2 hour workshop along with their parent(s). Those attending and completing the workshop will receive their first communion on Sunday November 15th. Parents, please contact the church office if your child/children will be attending this workshop along with you.

The Pastor's Corner

Thanksgiving is upon us and "it is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord." As we reflect on Thanksgiving during the month of November, let us remember the wondrous goodness that God has for humanity. Yet, the month of November should not be the only time reserved for bringing thanks to God. Bringing thanks to God is a daily task throughout the year. Let us always bring thanks to God ... for our daily life; for our daily bread; for our daily forgiveness; for our daily blessings. Let us always bring thanks to God ... for his Son Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our sinfulness, who laid in the grave for three days, who rose again on the third day and ascended to heaven to sit with the Father. Let us always bring thanks to God ... for sending upon us the Holy Spirit and for granting us eternal life.

Thanksgiving Day is also a time when we gather around tables for a simple meal – some will have bread and water; some will have a great feast; and some will remain hungry for they have nothing left in their cupboards. The month of November reminds us also; "Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee in prison and visit thee? And the King will answer, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Matthew 25:37-40.

Our Federal Government may have established a 'day of thanksgiving' but we must remember that God established every day and we need to be thankful each day for what God has done!

Camp at Hope Center

The youth and adult advisors will be attending a Youth Retreat weekend at Camp Hope Friday November 6th through Sunday November 8th. Each year for the past two years, the youth of our congregation have enjoyed a weekend retreat at Camp Hope. Please be in prayer for all the youth and adults who will be spending time at Camp.

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:

Each month beginning in March through October we have reported how the portions of the Nazareth Moravian Church's Provincial and District Quotas for 2015 were spent. The total budget figure assigned to us by the Province and District is \$42,997.43 for 2015. Each Communicant member's (age 18 and above) portion is \$110.25 per individual and \$220.50 per couple. Every giving envelope packet has six special envelopes for "Benevolence-Missions". Donations received in these envelopes are sent directly to the Province and District.

Each year around this time, the Trustees begin to plan how to make full payment of our Provincial and District Quotas. Once again, let me remind the members of Nazareth Moravian that "if we pay our Provincial and District Quotas in full for 2015 we will receive forgiveness of 1/5th of what we owe the Province and District from previous years." This is a 'forgiveness' program that the Provincial Elder's Conference set up a number of years ago and we were able to take advantage of this gracious offering of the Province last year for the first time.

If you HAVE NOT placed an offering in one of the Special "Benevolence-Missions" envelopes consider doing that during November and December.

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 them and share some items of history with them. 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 of 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.



Infant Baptisms

Jacob Turner Yuhas, born May 26, 2015, was received into the community of faith on October 25, 2015. He is the son of Jason and Alysha Yuhas and is the little brother to Gage Yuhas and Great Grandson of Becky Butz.



Thank you for the lovely and delicious Fellowship After Worship gathering for my retirement. Your kind words and good wishes offered were appreciated.

I am prayerfully thankful to have had the opportunity to serve as the Administrative Assistant at Nazareth Moravian Church for the past eight years. It has been an honor and a privilege. I will miss the day to day interaction with the other staff members and the visits with the members of the congregation who would stop by the church from time to time. I am truly grateful to all the volunteers who so graciously gave of their time to help in the church office in one capacity or another. You've been an inspiration to me and I hope to follow your lead.

I've made new friends and broadened my horizons...this past year was my first experience with helping to mass produce fastnachts! I hear there is always an opening for mint makers as well!

I am thankful for having Pastor Jeff and Sherry in my life the last 4+ years and enjoyed my time with Pastor Denny in my earlier years at Nazareth Moravian.

Pastor Jeff, it's been a blessing and a joy working for and with you. Sorry I didn't keep my end of "the deal" but I feel you'll be in good hands.

*With fond memories,
Barbara Wieller*

Bible Study

Bible Study began on Thursday September 24th at 7:00 pm in the Tower Room. We will continue to meet every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm until November 19th when our Study of the Book of James will be complete. You are invited to join us for Bible Study.

Reaching In – Reaching Out

The Joyful Noise Offering collected in November 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 third Sunday of each month our children receive the Joyful Noise Offering.

The annual Coat give-away will take place on Tuesday November 10th. The Nazareth Area Food Bank is handing out Coat Coupons to the guests of the Food Bank. Each Coat Coupon will be redeemed for a winter coat for a child, teen, or adult. Set-up for the coat give-away will take place on Friday, November 6th in our Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help, you can contact Jan Ochs or the Church Office. The coat give-away on Tuesday November 10th will take place from 8:30 – 10:30 am and 5:00 – 7:30 pm. If you can volunteer for any of those hours, please contact Jan Ochs or the Church Office.

We will also be giving away winter hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and winter boots. If anyone has any 'lightly worn' winter items they wish to donate, call the Church Office. Arrangements can be made for drop off at the church.



Join us November 15, 2015 after both services for *Soup and Bread to Go!* Come and purchase lunch to go after worship. Soup flavors for Nov 15 will be Cream of Broccoli, Autumn Squash,

Vegetable Pasta

Mini Quiche Flavors will be Bacon & Cheddar, Ham & Swiss, Three Cheese, and Turkey Sausage w/ Red Pepper & Gruyere. Check Sunday bulletins for additions to the menu!

Also available will be Homemade Bread & Dinner Rolls. All proceeds directly benefit the budget deficit. Come, get lunch and mark your calendars for *Soup and Bread to Go's* return on December 13, 2015.

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.

November Greetings from the Sunday School Coordinator

"Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a child will by no means enter it." ~Mark 10:15

Every year in August, Sunday School holds a fundraising event during the *Martin On Main* festival. The *Bright Star Circle* has always been very helpful and generous and was especially generous this year. I would like to thank the *Bright Star Circle*, especially Elaine Siegfried, the Circle's President. Their continued support of our Sunday School and their generosity is appreciated more than you know, thank you.

On November 15th, the 5th through 12th grades will host *Fellowship After Worship*. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the CEC office, please sign up to help.

Also parents, please take note that the *Building Blocks Program* has been extended to be an hour long. The next BBF program will be on November 22. Please come directly to Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. on those Sundays.

We are already working on our Christmas Program, which will be performed on December 20, at 10:45 a.m. Please don't forget to sign up! The two dates for rehearsal will be Saturday, December 5th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Saturday, December 19th also from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. I know those dates will not be convenient for everyone, but the practices are very, very important so please try your best to make it.

*Also, please note on your calendars that on December 27, 2015, there will be NO Sunday School!

Finally, mark your calendars for January 22, 2016 for our *Birthday Celebration and Games Night*. The snow date will be January 29. Further details will follow.



Candle Wrapping -

The Diener Corps invites all members of the congregation to a light lunch on November 1st right after the 10:45 morning worship. After lunch we will wrap all of the candles we need for Christmas Eve services. It is an afternoon of fellowship and service. No prior experience is required and there is a job for every skill level.

November 28th the church will be decorated for Christmas. Breakfast is served at 8:30am and decorating starts at 9:00am. The Dieners are in charge and anyone is welcome to help. There are jobs for all ages and abilities.

The "Giving Tree" will be set up sometime mid-November in the Chapel. 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 November and early December.

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 **PUTZ** is being constructed Sunday, November 29th at 1 PM. If you are able to help, contact Bea Leh to assist.

THANK YOU to the many members and friends of the congregation who helped make our Fall Rummage Sale a tremendous success. Our net profit was \$5,440.90. Our gratitude to those who contributed many hours of hard work setting-up, sorting, pricing, baking, preparing food to be served and cleaning and packing the unsold merchandise. Thanks also for your donations of clothing, household items, books, jewelry and other items too numerous to list. Start saving wonderful things for our Spring Sale tentatively scheduled for April 29 and 30, 2016.

The **2016 Offering envelopes** will be available for pick up in the Tower Room in the back of the Chapel mid-November.

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.

Up-Coming Events

- December 3 7:00 pm Nazareth Tree Lighting, Center Square
Stop by for a free cup of hot chocolate and make a donation to the Nazareth Area Food Bank
- December 5 Children’s Christmas Program play practice, 9:00 am
- December 6 Noon – Lunch followed by our Annual Church Council.
- December 12 Christmas in Nazareth
- December 19 Children’s Christmas Program play practice, 9:00 am
- December 20 Children’s Christmas Program, 10:45 am in the Sanctuary
- December 24 Christmas Eve Love Feast and Candle Light Services, 5:00 and 8:00 pm
- December 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
Church Office is closed.
- December 31 NEW YEAR’S EVE
Church Office closed January 1st.

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE:

<u>10/4</u>	<u>10/11</u>	<u>10/18</u>	<u>10/25</u>
97	100	96	135

TREASURER’S REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 25

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Yr. to date</u>
Budget Requirement	\$24,782.90	\$247,830.76
Amount received	<u>18,464.15</u>	<u>219,889.59</u>
Balance	- 6,318.75	- 27,941.17



November Music Schedule

- November 1** Orchestra/Joy singers in worship (Special Music at MHS/Pastor)
- 15 Communion – Brass Choir – Music Committee Meeting after worship
- 22 BBOF Sunday School
Thanksgiving Love Feast/3:00 special music
- 29 First Advent/Communion – Brass Choir/Bells
Friday the 13th 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.**

Happy Birthday!



- Nov. 1 - Alison Undercoffler
- 2 – Eileen Adams
- 2 – Glenn Boerstler
- 4 – Marsha Dietterich
- 7 – Jean Frack
- 7 – Peyton Laurin
- 10 – Kristen Bodenstern
- 10 – Kirsten Horton
- 11 – Amy Kleintop
- 12 – Michael Giamoni
- 12 – Hannah Long
- 13 – Dominick Tunison
- 14 – Barbara Dietterich
- 14 – Mason Werkheiser
- 15 – Nora Fantozzi
- 15 – Jill Hoch
- 15 – Bethany Schulte
- 15 – Ava Tomac
- 16 – Ian Crook
- 16 – Stephen Lemmon
- 16 – Rachael Schienholz
- 17 – Joanne Campbell
- 17 – Robert Young, Jr
- 18 – Lisa Schramm
- 18 – Benjamin Sofka
- 19 – Rebecca Butz
- 19 – Keith Heimbach
- 22 – Cameron Alvino
- 22 – Devin Dietterich
- 22 – Lauren Wettlaufer
- 23 – Daun Hentschel
- 23 – Shirley Kindt
- 24 – Roxannah Palma
- 28 - David Serfas
- 29 – Christopher Borck

NOVEMBER ELEVATOR OPERATORS

- Nov. 1 – Robert Reagle
- 8 – Ed Anthony
- 15 – Jay Curtis
- 22 – Scot Mucha (Morning)
- 22 – Mike Kahler (Afternoon)
- 29 – William Kahler

NOVEMBER USHERS

- Terry Hunt, Captain
- Cindy Hunt
- Scot Mucha
- David Schulte
- Vicki Doulé
- Donna Reagle
- Melissa Rawlings
- Randy Neumeyer (8:15)

NOVEMBER GREETERS

- Nov. 1 - Jennifer Werkheiser; Karen McDaniel
- 8 - Jan Ochs; Bill & Sandy Gold
- 15 – The Curtis Family; Pieter & Sherry Goes
- 22 – John Kleintop; Tom & Debbie Bross
- 29 – Barbara Schwab; Tom & Debbie Bross

NOVEMBER NURSERY CARE

- Nov. 1 – Lois Calvo
- 8 – Larisa Calvo
- 15 – Lois Calvo
- 22 – Susan Mucha
- 29 – Larisa Calvo

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE READERS

- Nov. 1 - Tracey Knauss - Warnke
- 8 – Cheryl Borck
- 15 – Deb Alvino
- 22 – Edward Anthony



COMMUNION SERVICE – November 15th

Elders, Barbara Schwab – serving and Fred Bergstresser and Barbara Dietterich assisting

COUNTING OFFERING IN NOVEMBER

- Nov. 2 – Joan Condomitti
- 9 – Catherine Ward
- 16 – Barbara Dietterich
- 23 – Susan Mahorsky + others (Thanksgiving)
- 30 – Susan Mahorsky

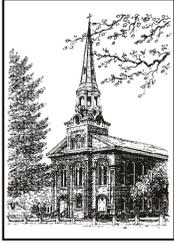
NOVEMBER CARD PERSON

Sandy Swedar



- Nov. 7 – James & Joanne Campbell
- 9 – William & Denise Kindt
- 13 - Keith & Mindy Heimbach
- 14 – Scott & Jean Frack
- 14 – Brian & Bonnie Walter
- 15 – Joseph & Kristina Toth
- 18 – Gary & Kathy Yerger
- 21 – Robert & Erin Kemmerer
- 22 – Timothy & Lauren Wettlaufer
- 29 – Andrew & Beatrice Leh
- 29 – Thomas & Alison Undercoffler

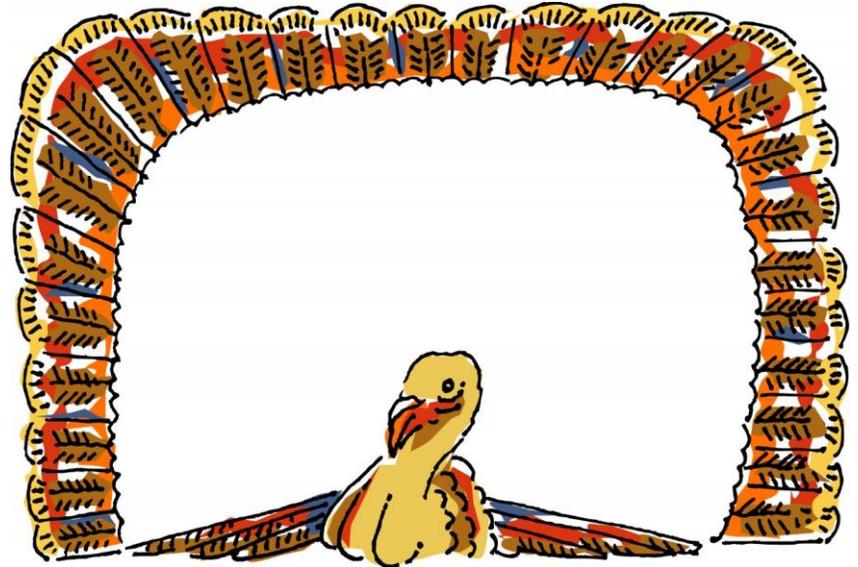
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"The Chimes" Nazareth Moravian Congregation November 2015

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

Rev. Jeffrey D. Gehris, Pastor
MaryBeth West, Administrative Assistant
Evelyn Michaels, Interim Organist



Our Fall Sunday Schedule
8:15 am Worship in Chapel
9:30 am Sunday School

Lois Calvo, Nursery Supervisor

10:45 am Worship in Sanctuary

Patty Morgenstern, Sunday School Coordinator