

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

Nazareth Moravian Church Parade Float

Thank you to Dennis Bealer for providing the trailer for our float; to Mark and Barbara Wieller for pulling the float in the parade; for John and Traci Stocker, Bob Reagle, Ben Sofka, Sherry Gehris and Pastor Gehris for working on the float and getting it ready for the parade; for the Brass Choir members who rode on the float and who provided music for those along the parade route; for Linda Crook who was dressed in traditional Moravian style and for Kevin Crook who rode on the float as well.

The rain stopped during the entire parade but began once again during the birthday party celebration on the lawn of the Whitefield House – “Where it all began!”

Worship in October –

October 4 – World Wide Holy Communion

Our Call to Worship this morning is Psalm 8. The message this morning is entitled “Let Them Come.” Read Mark 10:2-16 before coming to worship this morning. This morning we will celebrate the Unity and Renewal of the church worldwide.

October 11

Our Call to Worship this morning is Psalm 90:12-17. We will pray the Liturgy of Reconciliation and the message this morning is entitled “We lack one thing.” Read Mark 10:17-31 before attending church this morning.

October 18

Our Call to Worship this morning is Psalm 91:9-16. We will pray the Liturgy of Creation and the message is entitled “Inside Trading.” Read Mark 10:35-45 before attending worship this morning.

October 25 – Today we will begin a four week Stewardship Program entitled “Fearless Generosity.”

Our Call to Worship this morning is Psalm 126. We will pray the Liturgy of Creation during the 8:15 am Service and the Liturgy for Infant Baptism will be prayed during the 10:45 am Service. We will welcome into our Fellowship Jacob Turner Yuhas, the son of Alysha and Jason Yuhas, and brother of Gage Yuhas. The message this morning is entitled “Fearless Living.” Read Genesis 1:26-31 before attending worship this morning.

Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee has been busy this summer. Three members of the committee have met during the summer for a six hour workshop on the ‘Journey 2 Generosity’ program being offered by the Eastern District of the Moravian Church. There are five local Moravian churches participating in this program. We are working together, sharing ideas and planning a fall Stewardship Program. Each participating congregation has chosen from six options presented by ‘J2G’.

The Nazareth Moravian Stewardship Committee has selected a four week program which will begin on October 25th and conclude on November 22 with Pledge Sunday. The Stewardship Program is entitled “Fearless Generosity.” Each week, for four weeks we will be looking at a “Fearless” aspect of stewardship. Each household will be hearing more about this program through a series of letters and in the midst of the program each giving unit will receive a ‘pledge card’ for 2016.

The committee has worked hard on organizing this program and we pray that each member of Nazareth Moravian will make a serious effort to support our Stewardship Program. The on-going ministry of the Nazareth Moravian congregation depends on how ‘fearless’ each of us will be as we plan for the up-coming year, 2016.

Stewardship (part 2)

Two-thirds of 2015 has passed as of the end of August. The budget committee members met to prepare the proposed budget for 2016 and a question arose. “Where are we financially now?”

Here is an answer to that question:

Offering Envelope giving stands at 56.8% of the 2015 budget at the end of August. We are 10% behind for the 2015 year ending August (2/3rds of the year.) This translates to approximately \$22,000.00 below budget.

One might ask: "How can we continue running the church like this?"

The answer to that question lies in the Budget Category of: Provincial/District Assessments.

The "Benevolences-Missions" offering envelope (the 'Special Red bordered envelope') giving stands at 10% received of the budgeted amount as of August 2015. We are 56% behind the year which translates to approximately \$24,000.00 below budget.

Where will we find the giving required to meet the 2015 budget? The answer is YOU!

The Pastor's Corner

I feel truly blessed being able to serve among so many talented people and the months of September and October continually reflect those blessings. Sunday school has begun and the voices of the children are all around me once again. Bible Study is in full swing. Groups prepare and serve during Fellowship After Worship. Confirmation class begins. Rummage Sale set-up, the sale days, and the tear down. All our Choirs are back in full swing and I am thrilled each time one of our choirs provides leadership during our times of worship. I couldn't help but think about a story I read many years ago entitled "The Right Solo" as I reflected on my blessing. Let me share that story with you.

"A notice appeared in the church bulletin and in the church newsletter advertising that the church was looking to hire "one soprano" for the choir. A new member to the community saw the notice and she decided to apply. She lost no time in presenting herself to the Choir Director who set up an audition for her on the following Sunday. After a lot of prayer the young woman selected Geoffery O'Hara's piece, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked." She practiced all week, went to church that Sunday, and when she arrived at church she realized that she forgot her music on the seat of the bus that she rode to church. And then, to her added disappointment, the choir director whom she thought she would be singing for was not there. It seems the choir director had been called out of town, and the decision to her being hired was now up to someone else. As it turned out, the substitute organist and choir director was a friendly elderly gentleman who put her at ease immediately. She hesitated and then finally told him that she left her music on the seat of the bus. The organist asked "what were you planning to sing." She told him, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked." He immediately launched into the playing of the anthem and when it was time for her to sing, she began. When finished the organist said, "You sang that exactly as it should be sung" and welcome to the choir!

The young woman was overjoyed. Only when she was leaving did she think to ask the organist his name. With a mischievous grin, the organist – and noted composer – replied, "Geoffery O'Hara."

Blessings come in many different packages. My blessing comes from serving with you, people who are so talented and so willing to give of their time, talents and treasures. Where do your blessings come from?

Summer Camp at Hope Center

What a great summer we had at Camp Hope. The following enjoyed Pre-primary Conference; Ana Riccelli, Kevin Crook, and Nova Schwab. Middler Conference; Bethany Schulte and James Kresge. Jr. High Conference; Brendan Alvino, Aimee Bealer, Jocelyn Schienholz, and Megan Curtis. Sr./Post High Conference; Natalya Schienholz, Tyler Reagle, Rebecca Stocker, Larisa Calvo, and Alexis Frey. Fishing Camp; Ian Riccelli. Swim Camp; Ian Crook, Cameron Alvino, Brayden Saylor, Erin Trauger, Bryanna Schienholz, Jenna Thomas, and Julianne Thomas.

We also had many adults attend Camp this summer as Deans, Program Leaders, and Cabin Counselors. There were eight separate camps and over 250 campers, guided by 93 weekly volunteer staff members and twelve summer staff members, and two year-round staff this 2015 camping season.

This year the Provincial and District Quotas:

The Nazareth Moravian congregation's portion of the Provincial and District Quotas for 2015 is \$42,997.43. Each Communicant member's (aged 18 and above) portion is \$110.25 per individual and \$220.50 per couple. Every communicant member has an envelope packet with six special envelopes for "Benevolence-Missions". Donations received in these envelopes are sent directly to the Province and District.

Each month a short blurb about our Provincial and District Quotas appears in "The Chimes"

The month of October we feature our fair share for "Relationships with Others":

This is what our 8% of the \$42,997.43 supports:

Provincial Elders' Conference, National Council of Churches, World Council of Churches, Ecumenical Boards/Agencies and Dialogue Teams, Ecumenical Youth Gatherings, Interprovincial Ministries, Unity Board, Bishops, Director of Stewardship.

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' being 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, baked goods, 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.

The Bright Stars King's Daughters are collecting the 2016 dues. Please see one of the members for the details.



To my church family,
"Thank you" seems so inadequate in response to your prayers, condolences, generosity and support at this time when our family needs it most.

Pastor Jeff, who sat with my daughter and I while the doctors tried to save Rodney. Pastor Jeff and Sherry, Dave, Kathy and Bethany and Ron who visited him. Bea who called me at least once a week. Linda who baked Moravian sugar cake. The women who set-up and served the luncheon. All who donated to the church in Rodney's name. All the widows who went through this before me and gave me sage advice. All the church family who attended Rodney's memorial service.

Rodney and I always felt that God directed us to Nazareth Moravian Church and now in our time of greatest grief and need, I know it to be so.

Your sister in Christ,
Catherine Ward

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 October will be given to Angel 34 for Cancer Research. The third Sunday of each month our children receive the Joyful Noise Offering.

Hi-Way Clean-Up

Saturday October 3rd the Hi-way clean-up crew will arrive at 8 am on the Parking Lot of the Nazareth Diner. If you would like to help please contact Jan Ochs or Pastor Gehris.

Loaves and Fishes Lunch – the next lunch will take place on Saturday October 31st. If you would like to help prepare the meal, or set-up and clean-up, or serve; please contact Jan Ochs or Pastor Gehris. We are always looking for people to volunteer.

October greetings from the Sunday School Coordinator:

“Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” ~1 Timothy 4:12

*Parents, the entire Sunday School program is using new curriculum this year. Please have patience with our Sunday School ministers as God guides them in their understanding and they become more comfortable with the new material.

Rally Day on August 30th was great. We had approximately 80 people in attendance that enjoyed the morning services, fellowship, great food, the pool and the lake thanks to the beautiful, hot weather that God gave us on that day. Thank you to everyone who brought food to share. And especially Sherry Gehris who made sure all food and utilitarian items needed for the picnic lunch were organized and made their way from the church to camp and back to church. Great job, Sherry, thank you!

On **September 6th** about 58 attended the Sunday School program the Celebration of The Church Year. We learned about the church seasons, colors, Moravian symbols, did a few crafts and had an overall good time. Thanks to everyone for coming even though it was Labor Day weekend!

October 18th will be our first Building Blocks of Faith Program in Fellowship Hall. Parents, you are invited to attend.

November 15 the 5th – 12th grades will be hosting Fellowship After Worship. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the CEC office.

November 22 – The second Building Blocks of Faith Program in Fellowship Hall.

December 20th - Christmas Program: Children don't forget about the Christmas Program! We hope you will share your musical talents with us again. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the CEC office.

In regards to offering raised at VBS ~

A note from Shanti and Vani Pradhan (Kathmandu, Nepal):

Greetings from your Moravian brothers and sisters in Nepal. Thank you so much for your love and support. We acknowledge receipt of \$242 in the Nepali Moravian account. Please know that this amount will be a huge blessing for the ministry in Nepal especially after the major earthquake in April. Please continue to pray for Nepal as the country is trying to rebuild lives and homes. Thank you once again and may the Lord bless you richly.



Candle Wrapping -

It's time to mark your calendars for 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 Nazareth Woman's Club is once again collecting unused greeting cards, large 2016 picture calendars and gently used magazines for Gracedale. This is a recycling project, no one is supposed to buy anything. The Woman's club sends a Christmas card to each resident and picks a ward each year to send birthday cards. The rest of the cards are given to the residents so they can send out cards. The calendars are used as cognitive tools, both the pictures and the dates. The magazines are just for reading. Also, the Woman's Club is still collecting tabs from soda cans and food cans i.e. soup, sardines, etc. Tabs can be placed in buckets outside of the sanctuary.

A "Christmas Craft Festival" will be sponsored by the six churches of the Bethlehem Area Moravians on Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24, 2015 from 2 pm to 7 pm on Friday and 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday in the lower level of the Christian Education Building of Central Moravian Church. Homemade baked goods and a delicious luncheon menu will be available. The Festival will once again feature quality crafts by local artisans.

Proceeds will be shared equally with Esperanza for Bethlehem, the Moravian Church's tutoring and healthy foods programs for local children in need, and with the overnight Emergency Shelter, sponsored by a group of churches in Bethlehem.



Join us **October 18, 2015** after both services for **Soup and Bread to Go!** Come and purchase lunch to go after worship. Soup flavors will be: Stuffed Green Pepper, Sausage Potato Spinach, Turkey Meatball Spinach Tortellini.

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 November 15, 2015.

Remember, soup is always available in the freezer!

Contact Holly Pharo Bachman with comments, questions and to volunteer. Her phone number is in the Nazareth Moravian Church Directory and is available in the church office.

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

October 31 - Hey! It's time to FALL BACK!!! Change your clocks tonight!!!

- November 1 - All Saints Day – Candle Wrapping after 10:45 am Worship
- November 6 - Set-up for Winter Coat Give-away
- November 6 - 8 - Youth Retreat at Camp Hope
- November 10 - Winter Coat Give-away 8:30 – 10:30 am and 5:00 – 7:30 pm
- November 14 - Communing Children's Workshop, 10 am until Noon
- November 20 - Covered Dish Turkey and Trivia dinner, 6 pm in Fellowship Hall
- November 22 - Community Thanksgiving Love Feast Concert, 3:00 pm in our Sanctuary
- November 26 - Happy Thanksgiving! The Church Office will be closed November 26 & 27
- November 28 - Decorate the Church for Advent/Christmas Season
- November 29 - 1st Sunday in Advent

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE:

<u>9/6</u>	<u>9/13</u>	<u>9/20</u>	<u>9/27</u>
121	163	116	124

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 27

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Yr. to date</u>
Budget Requirement	\$24,782.90	\$223,047.86
Amount received	<u>19,680.35</u>	<u>193,263.12</u>
Balance	- 5,102.55	- 29,784.74



October Music Schedule

- October 4** Communion – Brass Choir
- 11
- 16 Orchestra Rehearsal (Balcony)
- 18 Sunday School - Building Blocks of Faith – Orchestra
- 25 Bells
- 30 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!



- Oct. 2 – Alexis Frey
Ana Riccelli
Barbara Wuest
3 – Grace Hercik
4 – Linda Faust
Tom Noraas
8 – Donna Kenlin
9 – Guy Laurin
10 – Jack Fitzgerald
11 – Elizabeth Boozer
Cynthia Cascarino
James Wagner
12 – Aimee Bealer
13 – Barbara Shook
14 – Dean Benner
Thomas Green
15 – Lois Calvo
Jay Curtis
Elise Long
17 – Donald McCabe
18 – Grace Doulé
Amy Serfas
19 – Amanda Szutar
20 – Ellen Saylor
David Schulte
21 – Richard Garr
23 – David Yerger
James Yerger
27 – Mary Garr
Virginia Kleintop
28 – Tanya Furry
29 – Dina Condomitti
William Kahler
Aaron Szutar
Judith Wagner
30 – Jason Betz
Alex Groner
31 – Benjamin Doulé
Joanne Sharrer
Joelle Toth

- 18 – Kevin & Catherine Mingora
20 – Michael & Wendy Frey
22 – Dennis & Debra Bealer
25 – Kelly & Christopher Luczkowiak
Randy & Arlene Neumeyer
31 – Harold & Patricia Heckman
Amanda & Benjamin Szutar

OCTOBER ELEVATOR OPERATORS

- Oct. 4 – Brian Trauger
11 – Wayne Longley
18 – Scott Swedar
25 – Terry Hunt

OCTOBER USHERS

- John Stocker, Captain
George Moffitt
William Kahler
Walter Borck
Robert Morgenstern
Rob Reagle
Bill Adams
Gwen Ritter (*8:15)

OCTOBER GREETERS

- Oct. 4 – Glenn & Virginia Boerstler
Robert & Erin Kemmerer
11 – The Trauger family;
Richard & Marianne Utzat
18 – Catherine Ward; Jim & Lorraine Perillo
26 – The Anthony family; Pieter & Sherry Goes



OCTOBER NURSERY CARE

- Oct. 4 – Larisa Calvo
11 – Lois Calvo
18 – Larisa Calvo
25 – Sherry Gehris

OCTOBER SCRIPTURE READERS

- Oct. 4 – Barbara Dietterich
11 – Darrell Crook
18 – Rebecca Stocker
25 – Traci Stocker



COMMUNION SERVICE – October 4th

Elders, Ben Sofka – serving and
Robert Reagle and Daun Hentschel assisting

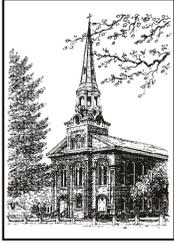
COUNTING OFFERING IN OCTOBER

- Oct. 5 – Susan Mahorsky
13 – Gwen Ritter
19 – Becky Butz
26 – Cindy Hunt



- Oct. 1 – Matthew & Sarah Palma
4 – Donald & Waltrout McCabe
6 – Charles & Nancy Ann Coutant
7 – John & Lenore Kleintop
9 – Bill & Eileen Adams
Jim & Hope Pearson
10 – Jeffrey & Melissa Barrall
Robert & Elaine Kleintop
11 – Christopher & Rebecca Crook
12 – Jared & Amanda Morgenstern
16 – Wayne & Karin Albert
17 – Todd & Lori Eck
Richard & Mary Garr
Allen & Martha Haidle
Donald and Jaime Keeney

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An invitation to worship in October for...



“The Chimes” Nazareth Moravian Congregation October 2015

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

Rev. Jeffrey D. Gehris, Pastor
Barbara Wieller, Administrative Assistant
Evelyn Michaels, Interim 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