

275th Borough of Nazareth Celebration

Everyone Is Invited...

September 12, 2015 the 275th Anniversary Parade and Birthday Party, the parade kicks off at 2:00 pm. The Halloween Parade route will be followed. Nazareth Moravian will sponsor a float in the Parade, see the article below for some details. The birthday celebration will begin at 4:00 pm and take place on the grounds of the Whitefield House, where it all first began. Join us for a piece of ‘birthday cake’, music provided by the Nazareth Community Band, and the Nazareth Community Chorus. The “Special 275th Anniversary Martin Guitar” raffle will take place at 5:00 pm. If you haven’t purchased a raffle ticket for the “Martin Guitar” you will have an opportunity to do that after the parade on the Whitefield House grounds.

Nazareth Moravian Church Parade Float

We have a truck to pull the flatbed trailer. We have a flatbed trailer. We have some plans as to what will be on the flatbed. Now what we need is your help. We are looking for volunteers to help prepare the float for the parade.

Worship in September - Worship Hours: 8:15 am in the Chapel; 10:45 am in the Sanctuary

September 6

Psalm 146 is the Call to Worship this morning. The message is entitled “Words.” Read Mark 7:24-37 before attending worship this morning. During the 10:45 am Service we will install the Sunday School teachers and staff.

September 13 – Holy Communion will be offered.

Join us at the Table of Our Lord to receive the elements of Holy Communion.

Psalm 116:1-9 is the Call to Worship this morning. “It’s Confession Time!” is the title of the message. Read Mark 8:27-38 before attending Holy Communion this morning. Come prepared to make a confession to the Lord. During the 10:45 am Service we will award Bibles to our Third Grade children.

September 20 – Joyful Noise Offering / Fellowship After Worship (Elders will be in charge)

Psalm 54 is the Call to Worship this morning. The message is entitled “It’s Time to Serve!” Read Mark 9:30-37 before attending worship this morning.

September 27 – Moravian Music Sunday

This year we will celebrate Moravian Music Sunday during the All Choirs Lovefeast.

Psalm 19:7-14 is our Call to Worship this morning. The message today is entitled “Getting in the Way.” Read Mark 9:38-50 before attending worship this morning.

“What is the All Choir’s Lovefeast”

“Among the surprisingly modern ideas developed by the Moravian Church in the middle of the 18th century was the Choir System. The word ‘choir’ comes from a Greek word meaning ‘Group.’

The Moravians divided into ‘choirs’ of ‘groups.’ The groups were formed by sex, age, and condition. In its fullest developments there were groups of widows, widowers, married people, single men, single women, older boys, older girls, little boys and little girls. Some Choirs had houses, known as the Brothers House, the Sisters House, the Widows House, where members of the group lived and carried on the usual activities of life.

Each group would gather for Bible Study, times of Prayer and times of enjoyment. Of special note were the Choir Festivals or Covenant Days held annually, usually on a date of historic interest.

Over the years the Choir system was laid aside and today it is practiced only in graveyards, God’s Acre, where individuals are still buried with their choir.”

Paraphrased from the “Customs and Practices of the Moravian Church” by Adelaide L. Fries, revised edition 2003.

The Pastor's Corner

WOW!!! I cannot believe it is September already! I pray that all of you had a wonderful summer and that you found time to take a vacation and time to relax. Now that summer is over and school has begun, we are back into the Fall/Winter/Spring routine here at Church. (Not that it slows down during summer!)

Worship hours return to 8:15 am in the Chapel and 10:45 in the Sanctuary.

Sunday School hour begins at 9:30 am. You are encouraged to bring your children to Sunday school. We have ample room in each class room for all of our school aged children. Yes, we have some new Sunday school teachers this year, but many of those who taught last year have returned. AND – Adults, we have a class for you as well.

Choir practices are beginning in September as well. Ellen Saylor, Director of Music will be in contact with all the choir participants to remind them when practices begin. If you haven't participated in a choir – Voice / Bells / Brass / Orchestra – you are invited to come join us. We need all types of voices and we need all ages – Cherubs / Joysingers (teens) / Adults.

Bible Study will begin once again. I will be in contact with those who have attended in the past, but will also announce the date and time on Sunday mornings beginning in September.

Fellowship After Worship will begin again on the third Sunday of each month. The Board of Elders will provide FAW on September 20th.

Confirmation Classes begin with a gathering of the confirmands and their families along with the mentors and their families. The 2015/2016 Confirmation class members are Nicholas Adams, Dylan Fitzgerald, James Kresge, Grace Mingora, Lily Mingora, Gabrielle Pearson, Julianne Thomas, and Bryanna Schienholz. Congregation, please keep these eight young confirmands in your prayers as together we grow in Christ.

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 in October and end in November. Each household will be hearing more about this program in October. 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 the 2015 Stewardship Program.

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 September we feature our fair share for "Moravian Identity":

This is what our 12% of the \$42,997.43 supports:

Provincial Elders' Conference, Synod-directed Planning for Identity, Purpose, Organization, Interprovincial Board of Communications, Moravian Archives, Moravian Music Foundation, Director of Stewardship, Moravian Theological Seminary, Synod Planning.

AUGUST ATTENDANCE:

<u>8/2</u>	<u>8/9</u>	<u>8/16</u>	<u>8/23</u>
76	81	72	75

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF AUGUST 23

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Yr. to date</u>
Budget Requirement	\$24,782.90	\$198,264.96
Amount received	<u>17,342.20</u>	<u>172,859.34</u>
Balance	- 7,440.70	- 25,405.62

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



Wedding Announcements
Congratulations to Jonathan Ochs and Nina Gandolfo who were united in marriage on August 7th. The ceremony took place at the Marriot in center city Philadelphia. Jonathan and Nina are currently living in Bushkill Township.



Just Born
The Price family is proud to announce the birth of the newest member of the family. John Bradley Price was born to parents Timothy and Katie Price on August 10, 2015. John, a.k.a. Jack, weighed in at 9 lbs. 14 oz. and is 21" tall. John has a 5yr. old brother, Lucas and a 10 yr. old step-brother, Connor. Jack is the newest grandchild of Dana Price as well as a nephew of Brad Price, Abbie Price Mueller, and Laurie Price Powell.

The Nazareth Moravian congregation is seeking an administrative assistant to manage the church office. We are looking for a pleasant, organized, motivated person to greet those who come to the office, prepare bulletins, newsletters, create printed material, schedule use of the facility, maintain data and coordinate mailings. Strong computer skills required with Microsoft Word, Publisher, and Excel. Office hours 8:30am to 3:30pm, Monday through Friday. This is a salaried position. Vacation time included; no benefits. Knowledge of church dynamics and administration helpful. Email resume to nazmorpastor@rcn.com or mail it to Nazareth Moravian Church, Attn. Pastor, PO Box 315, Nazareth, PA 18064-0315, or drop it off in the church office. The deadline for applying is September 15, 2015.

Reaching In – Reaching Out

The Joyful Noise Offering collected in September will be given to the Lily Walk for Cancer Research. The third Sunday of each month our children receive the Joyful Noise Offering.

Summer Lunch Program ~ We have seen an increase in children and youth arriving each weekday to receive a bagged lunch. The program ended Friday August 28th. Watch for the final report to appear in the October "Chimes."

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.

Hi-Way Clean Up – is scheduled for Saturday October 3rd. We meet in the parking lot of the Nazareth Diner at 8:00 am. The clean-up usually takes about one and one-half hours. Please contact Jan Ochs or Pastor Gehris if you can help. The more volunteers we have, the less time we spend cleaning up!

September greetings from the Sunday School Coordinator:

"All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children." ~Isaiah 54:13

Sunday School had another successful day of fundraising at Martin On Main on August 1st. We made just over \$775.00. Thank you to all who helped set up, make the sandwiches, sold the drinks and baked goods, handled the money or helped to tear things back down in the intense heat of a beautiful August day. We have faith we will see you all next year, same place, same time and probably same menu!

On **September 6th (9:30 a.m.)** Sunday School is in Fellowship Hall; beverages and goodies will be available.

FUTURE DATES TO NOTE:

There will NOT be a Building Blocks of Faith program in September. The first one will be October 18.

Parents: mark your calendars for November 15, as the **FIFTH through TWELFTH GRADES will be hosting Fellowship After Worship!** See sign-up sheet on bulletin board!!

The Christmas Program will be on December 20 during worship. Each class will have parts and once again we would like our youth to bless us with their musical talents. If you are interested in participating in the program again, please see Sister Patty to sign up.

Candle Wrapping -

It may be hot now but Christmas is just around the corner - okay maybe not just around the corner, but down the street and around the corner. It's time to mark your calendars for candle wrapping. The Diener Corps invites all member of the congregation to a light lunch on November 1st right after 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 skill level.

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.



FALL RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 3 TO 7 P.M.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

SET-UP—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, AND CONTINUING DAILY UNTIL COMPLETION

Our Fall Rummage Sale is only a few weeks away. We hope you have marked your calendars and are planning to participate in this major fund raising event. Our church budget depends upon a successful sale.

The stage of Fellowship Hall as of August 30 is available for donations. Items needed are: clean fall and winter clothing, toys, jewelry, good adult and children's books--but no textbooks or sets of encyclopedias, household items and antiques and collectibles. On the **Do not donate list are:** heavy pieces of exercise equipment, TV's, computers and electronics, child's car seats and large, bulky pieces of furniture. Before you donate any furniture, please check with Darrell Crook at 610-759-6704. The deadline for donations is Monday, September 21.

Another way to help is to contribute to our Bake Sale. Please bring your goodies to the kitchen area before the start of the sale and label your baked goods. Most of all we need your donation of time to help set-up, price, assist as cashier or helper the days of the sale and clean-up afterwards. Men of the congregation--you are particularly needed for set-up and the ever important clean-up and packing after the sale.

Our kitchen crew has planned a varied menu for both days. Some mouth-watering items on the menu are: beef and chicken pies, mac and cheese, shepherd's pie, soups, pulled pork plus much more! Bring your friends and family for dinner on Friday evening or Saturday for Breakfast sandwiches or a light lunch. Take-out is available.

By working together we can make this sale another tremendous success.

NOVEMBER 15 IS AVAILABLE FOR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP. If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for 10:45 worship on November 15, please contact Holly Bachman or the church office.



The Soup and Bread group is gearing up for the 2015/2016 season!
Mark your calendars for *Soup and Bread to Go's* return on October 18, 2015.
Watch the Chimes and bulletins for soup flavors.

Soup is always available in the freezer! Get your favorites before they are gone!!

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 3 - Hi-way clean up, 8:00 am
- October 15 - A group from Home Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC will arrive for a tour of our Church.
- October 17 - Soup To Go prep in Kitchen
Nazareth Halloween Parade
- October 18 - Soup Sales after each Worship Service
- October 31 - Loaves and Fishes Lunch, 10:30 prep, set-up; Noon – lunch is served; 1:00 pm clean up
- October 31 - Hey! ! It's time to FALL BACK!!! Change your clocks tonight!!!**

OTHER NEWS:

Pastor Russell Williams has accepted the call to serve the Union Cross Moravian Church in Winston-Salem. He will conclude his ministry at Moravia Church on October 4th and begin November 1st at Union Cross. Pastor Russ was the student pastor here at Nazareth Moravian. Congratulations Pastor Russ!!

Elvis is coming to Emmaus Moravian Church ~

Since the real deal isn't available, well known Elvis impersonator, Jeff Krick will be entertaining us with Gospel songs on Sunday, September 27th at 6:00 p.m.

\$12.00 includes gospel show with light refreshments to follow. All proceeds will benefit EMC Sound System Fund.

Seating is limited. Contact secretary@emmausmoravian.org or call the church office at 610-965-6067 to order your tickets.

Help needed! Come to the annual "MOD envelope stuffing party" on September 28, 2015. Mark your calendar for Monday, September 28 to help with the annual appeal envelope stuffing for Moravian Open Door, to be held at West Side Moravian Church from 8 am until mid-afternoon. Come when you can, stay as long as you can. Lots of fellowship, coffee and sugar cake, of course.



- Sept. 3 – Judith Audenried
Margaret Schoeneberger
Traci Stocker
- 4 – Luc Bankowski
Walter Borck
- 5 – Rachel Bealer
Bryanna Schienholz
Kaitlyn Yerger
- 6 – George Bartholomew
Gabrielle Pearson
- 8 – Michael Kahler
Lily Mingora
Grace Mingora
Brian Sigafoos
- 9 – Jerome Wilson
- 10 – Tias Duane
- 11 – William Moss III
Jocelyn Schienholz
- 13 – Scott Mucha
- 14 – Shirley Bennicoff
Elise Wettlaufer
- 16 – Susan Longley
- 18 – Tyler Reagle
- 19 – James Horton
Barbara Schwab
- 20 – Sherry Gehris
Rebecca Horan
- 21 – Darrell Crook
Bonnie Foote
- 22 – Christopher Crook
- 24 – Charles Peischl
- 26 – Molly Borck
- 27 – Arlene Neumeyer
- 28 – Jacob Anthony
Grace Horton
- 29 – Brayden Saylor
- 30 – Nancy Ann Coutant



SEPTEMBER ELEVATOR OPERATORS

- Sept. 6 – Scot Mucha
13 – Mike Kahler
20 – William Kahler
27 – Holly Bachman

SEPTEMBER USHERS

- Tracey Knauss-Warnke, Captain
- Karen Forte
- Jenifer Long
- Shelby Palmer
- Elise Long
- Hannah Long
- Jane Serfass
- Lee Bauer
- Wendy Bauer
- Joan Condomitti
- Susan Mahorsky (8:15)



SEPTEMBER GREETERS

- Sept. 6 –Virginia Kleintop; Marianne &
Richard Utzat
- 13 – Daun Hentschel;
James & Tiffany Kresge
- 20 – Barb Schwab; James & Tiffany Kresge
- 27 – Joan Condomitti; Joan Schramm



SEPTEMBER NURSERY CARE

- Sept. 6 – Lois and Larisa Calvo
13 – Lois and Larisa Calvo
20 – Lois and Larisa Calvo
27 – Lois and Larisa Calvo

SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE READERS

- Sept. 6 – Rachel Bealer
13 – Gwen Peischl
20 – Stephanie Boozer
27 – Suzanne Curtis



COMMUNION SERVICE – September 13th

Elders, Ed Werkheiser – serving and
Ben Sofka assisting

CARD PERSON FOR SEPTEMBER – Jenifer Long

COUNTING OFFERING IN SEPTEMBER

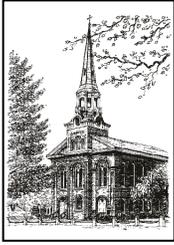
- Sept. 8 – Cindy Hunt
14 – Joan Condomitti
21 – Catherine Ward
28 – Barbara Dietterich



- Sept. 3 – Bill & Amanda Duane
Charles & Lois Mallon
- 4 – Ricky & Heidi Groner
- 5 – Kelly Silfies & Edgar Perez Garcia
- 6 – Kirsten & Alexander Horton
- 13 – William & Janet Hunt
- 17 – Scott & Rebekah Mucha
- 18 – Jonathan & Rosemary Borck
Susan & Brian Sigafoos
- 22 – Amy & Robert C. Kleintop
- 23 – Rebecca & Samuel Lemmon
- 27 – Emily & William Quinn
- 29 – Jessica & Brian Trauger
- 30 – Jason & Jaimy Thomas

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.**

"The Chimes"



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An invitation to worship in September for...



"The Chimes" Nazareth Moravian Congregation September 2015

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

Rev. Jeffrey D. Gehris, Pastor
Barbara Wieller, Administrative Assistant
Gabriel Toth, 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