



FAIRVIEW MORAVIAN CHURCH

Family Newsletter

December 2019

The Beautiful Inefficiency of Christmas

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What would the church seasons of Advent and Christmas be like if God had chosen to convey the Good News by joining humanity in the 21st century instead of the first century? Would God have simply put out tweets, FaceBook posts, or Instagram posts that could instantly alert the entire world to the Divine message of redemption within Immanuel - "God With Us"?

I hope not. Online communication has amazing capabilities for trans-

mitting basic data efficiently. What online communication is horrible at doing is preserving the texture, nuance, and complexity of our deep emotional and spiritual "in person" human connections. Even as I write these words, I realize that you have no awareness of my body language or facial expression. And, contrary to face to face communication, I cannot possibly know what state of mind (or body) that you are in when receiving these words.

What social media does best is to create pseudo affinity by amplifying human extremes. Whether we be ecstatic about an event (or person) or horrified by it, the mass appeal and instant reward of online communication is the equivalent of putting those reactions on steroids. Such "loud noise", as it were, drowns out the careful, thoughtful, respectful human interaction required to convey a respect for the dignity of those with whom we engage. This can also happen in person of course,

but social media is actually designed in a way that unwittingly, or knowingly, results in alienation and mistrust.*

Perhaps as never before, the Divine incarnation in Jesus celebrated in Advent and Christmas is a critically needed, very human message for an over-digitized world. The coming of Christ to men and women who had dust and dirt on their feet, were prone to normal fatigue, and hopeful for salvation from life's unbearable elements, is extra Good News today. We have an urgent

Unity Prayer Watch

Friday, January 10th — 6:00 p.m. to Midnight

The Southern Province is participating in the worldwide Moravian Church Unity Prayer Watch in 2020. Fairview will take part in this prayerful tradition between 6:00p.m. and Midnight on Friday, January 10, 2020. A sign up sheet will be in the Parlor and in the Sunday School Classrooms on Sunday, December 8, 2019 through January 5, 2020, or until the times slots are full.

Women's Fellowship News...



The Board Members of the Women's Fellowship will prepare a Christmas Luncheon on December 4th at 12:00. Cost \$6.00, you do not have to be a Circle member to attend. Come join us.

Wreaths for the Church doors and bows for the lamp posts will be an added sight for the Church at this Christmas Season. They will be provided by our Fellowship group.

Hope you attended the Fair-

view Fall Fare, it was very much a success, even with the rain outside, and there were lots of items and good fellowship inside. There are still frozen chicken pies for sale. They make fine gifts at \$12.00 each. See a member or call the Church office at 336-768-5629.

Coming up:

Project for January -Cities With Dwellings- Items for the homeless: Hats, gloves, scarfs, socks underwear and snacks.

Circle 2 – Next in line for food for a bereaved family.

Circle 1 – Trellis (Hospice) Tuesday, December 10th.

Next Executive Board Meeting, Monday, January 6 at 10:30 AM, in the Conference Room.

The Executive Board wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Notes From Lewis



The season of Advent began this past Sunday, December 1st. Advent is a corporate spiritual journey that calls for expectant waiting and readiness for the coming of Christ. When the church travels this journey and treats it as a discipline of life and prayer, the joy of Christmas is immeasurably different. The word *advent* means "coming." During Advent, we celebrate the coming of Christ at Bethlehem, his coming into our hearts, and his Second Coming. For four weeks before Christmas, our worship calls

us into a time to wait for the coming of the Lord. We begin at what may seem a distance from the coming of Christ in Bethlehem and proceed closer each week to the birth.

One of my favorite authors is Ann Weems, who passed away in 2015. She was the wife of a Presbyterian minister and a writer, speaker, liturgist and worship leader, with a number of published works. One of my favorite poems of hers was published in her book, *Kneeling in Bethlehem*. I

would like to share it with you here in hopes that as we begin this spiritual journey of Advent that we will all truly find our kneeling places.

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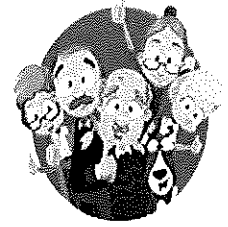


Illustration by Nancy Morgan

Senior Friends Fellowship

"Mountain Mystery Trip"

The October 2019 Adventure of Fairview Senior Friends

by Nancy Morgan

People love a mystery, right? Well, this month's Mountain Mystery Trip proved that point many times! To inspire Senior Friends to sign-up for this trip, I offered two clues about our destination in a church announcement: Clue 1. Trees. Clue 2. Lots of trees. And, at the height of "leaf-peeking" season in the N.C. mountains - where there are lots of trees and color - who could resist this opportunity?

Truth is, those two clues generated much interest and eighteen people signed-up! **The first mystery?** How to fit eighteen people into a church van with only fifteen seats. The solution was quick and unsolicited: A nice couple offered to drive their car for extra seating, if needed. But sadly, sickness reduced our group to fourteen.

The biggest mystery? Our destination. Many folks tried to pry the answer from me in advance, but my lips were sealed. They asked: "Shatley Springs? Mount Airy? Daniel Boone Inn?" All good guesses, but wrong. The destination would be revealed on the bus in a game. The twenty-question game was created to provide clues as well as distract from the route Lewis was driving. I asked questions. They silently wrote their answers. The person who answered all twenty questions correctly won a prize. Our winner was Pam Hopkinson! And, when "light dawned" in Penny Ratermann's mind, she raised her hand with uncontrollable excitement and correctly guessed our destination as Fancy Gap. What were the two defining questions and answers? Q. When a party goer dresses up in a frilly dress or black tuxedo, how could someone say they're dressed? A. Fancy and Q. When carving a pumpkin face, what do many carvers leave between the teeth? A. Gap.

The next mystery? What is there to do in Fancy Gap? First: We ate lunch at The Gap Deli at the Parkway. We arrived early enough to occupy one-half of the restaurant. The staff was congenial and accommodating. Entrees and sides were varied and delicious. Desserts were irresistible! I still remember that fluffy piece of Peanut Butter Pie that Lewis ordered and the hot Apple Dumpling with vanilla ice cream that Steve ordered. Penny and I were seated with them but didn't order dessert. But, since all we wanted was "just a little taste" of something sweet, we poked our straws into their desserts! The waitress offered forks, but we declined. The straws were much more fun.

Second: After lunch, we searched for fresh mountain produce. We drove a short distance, then stopped at a small stand on the roadside. When the farmer saw our bus, he was clearly overjoyed that we stopped to buy his goods. And, we did. Fresh apples, pumpkins, jelly, cabbage, etc. He was so grateful for our business that he gave us extra pumpkins!

The last mystery? Are we going to ride on the Blue Ridge Parkway? Of course! We entered the Parkway going north toward Mabry's Mill. Thick foliage on the sides of the narrow road often formed a tunnel and a colorful canopy over us. Trees had lace-like leaves in muted Fall colors. The scenery was beautiful and serene. The mill area was crowded, like on a weekend, not on a Thursday. But still, some of us stood in line to buy ice cream. After final roll-call, we left the Parkway and returned to the church. Our spirits had been lifted by a sunny, fog-less day. We'd been surrounded by the Autumn colors of God's handiwork. We'd engaged in lively chatter. We'd shared laughter with friends. And, of course, we'd enjoyed the aroma of fresh apples. Wish you could have been there!

Remembering Our Members In Prayer...

Members in Care Facilities...

Bermuda Village-Greystone Apt. 204
Betty Beeson
Heritage Woods-Opal Miller-Room 123
Salem Towne Healthcare-Barbara Giesler
-7119 & Eleanor Swaim-7201
South Fork-Al Butner & Lillie Mae
Joyce and Bob Joyce-B116
The Oaks-Edna Teague
Vienna Village- Betty Bennett-Room E-38, George Brannock-Room 22

Special Prayers Needed:

Jody Brendle; Roger Carmichael; Ann and Jeff Coppage; Connie Davis; Oneita Dease; John Harrold; Henry Hilker; Gay Nell Hutchens; Nancy Manuel; Wanda Martin; Dot Moore; Harry Sapp; Brooks Snyder; Gail Stambaugh; Nancy and Ken Tomberlin.

Shut In:

Tootie Barbour; Betty Bennett; Al Butner; Nelson Cannon; Barbara Giesler; Sam Hardister; Gayle Heck; Jolleen Johnson; Lillie Mae and Bob Joyce; Nancy Manual; Ann and David Marcus; Lucy Millikan; Doris Noell; Ruby Pulliam; E. Artis Weber.



Salem Band Holiday Concert Events

Tuesday, December 17, Salem Band Holiday Concert, New Philadelphia Moravian Church in Winston-Salem at 7:30 pm, free

Join Salem Band and guest vocal soloist Rev. Gus Chrysson (Assistant to the Rector at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, High Point) for our popular holiday concert, "O Holy Night." The program includes music by Morten Lauridsen, Gustav Holst, and Patrick Burns, as well as "Gesu Bambino," "Do You Hear What I Hear," and Mannheim Steamroller's "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Enjoy pre-concert music by Salem Saxophone Quartet. Participate in your community with Holiday sing-alongs and donations to our annual charity partner, Sunnyside Ministry. Plenty of free and close parking available. Eileen M. Young, Music Director.

Thursday, December 19, Salem Band Holiday Concert, Trinity Moravian Church in Winston-Salem at 7:30 pm, free

Join Salem Band and guest vocal soloist Rev. Gus Chrysson (Assistant to the Rector at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, High Point) for our popular holiday concert, "O Holy Night." The program includes music by Morten Lauridsen, Gustav Holst, and Patrick Burns, as well as "Gesu Bambino," "Do You Hear What I Hear," and Mannheim Steamroller's "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

The lovely Trinity Moravian Church will be decorated for Christmas! Enjoy pre-concert music by Salem Saxophone Quartet. Participate in your community with Holiday sing-alongs and donations to your Salem Band. Plenty of free and close parking available. Eileen M. Young, Music Director-Established in 1771, Salem Band is the oldest, continuous mixed wind ensemble in the nation.

Notes From Lewis (Continued)

IN SEARCH OF OUR KNEELING PLACES

In each heart lies a Bethlehem, an inn where we must ultimately answer whether there is room or not.

When we are Bethlehem-bound we experience our own advent in his. When we are Bethlehem-bound we can no longer look the other way conveniently not seeing stars, not hearing angel voices. We can no longer excuse ourselves by nosily tending our sheep or our kingdoms. This Advent let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that the Lord has made known to us.

In the midst of shopping sprees let's ponder in our hearts the Gift of Gifts. Through the tinsel let's look for the gold of the Christmas Star. In the excitement and confusion, in the merry chaos, let's listen for the brush of angels' wings. This Advent, let's go to Bethlehem and find our kneeling places.

Senior Friends Upcoming Schedule

Thursday, December 12th, 2:00PM

We will meet in the fellowship hall and enjoy a sing-a-long of your favorite Christmas carols and songs. We would love for everyone to bring some of their homemade Christmas goodies to share. Beverages will be provided.

Thursday, January 23rd, 11:30AM

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish meal and then play White Elephant Bingo. This would be a great time for you to get rid of some of those Christmas presents that you just don't have much use for! Bring these wrapped gifts and we will use them as our Bingo prizes. After all, one person's trash is another person's treasure! Make your plans to be here for a great time of fellowship together. This would also be a great time to invite someone new to join us for our Fairview Friends Fellowship!

Happy Birthday To You!!!

December Birthdays

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| 2. Amelia Hailey | 13. Oneita Dease, | 24. Teresa Krause |
| 3. Linda Overfelt, | Herb Bluhm | 26. Gay Nell Hutchens |
| Scott Venable | 14. Gregory Cohoon, | 28. Lindsay Tise |
| 6. Barry King | Marleigh Mae Slaughter | 29. Al Butner |
| 7. Jean Lunsford, | 15. Will Hubbard | 31. Kathy King, |
| Tammy Wright | 16. Rebecca Swanson | Kevin Krause |
| 8. Corky Flowers | 18. Colton Hubbard | January |
| 9. Frankie Stith | 20. Rev. Bob Peek, | 4. Nancy Davis |
| 12. Chip Butner | Joshua Hubbard | 5. Earlette Peek |



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

WOW!!! Fairview filled 105 shoeboxes.

Our committee would like to ex-

press our sincere appreciation to each and every one of you who contributed to the success of this outreach ministry. These shoeboxes filled with our gifts could be the only gifts these children in need will receive. Our contributions are the first step of a program

that will enable children to hear about the love of Jesus Christ. The ultimate success is when a child accepts Jesus into his or life.

Thank you again for your participation and generosity.
Outreach and Special Events Committee



Congregational Birthday Party Saturday, January 18th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. — Fellowship Hall

We will have delicious food and a homemade birthday cake for each month of the year! Be sure to put this date on your calendar and plan to

come have a fun-filled evening with other Fairview members! Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. *Sponsored by the Outreach & Special Events Committee*



October 2019 Financial Report

Church Annual Budget \$433,092.75

YTD Church Budgeted	\$433,092.75	YTD Church Actual Income	\$205,867.56
		YTD TFR Terry Family Endowment	\$47,278.09
		YTD TFR To or From Other Funds	*** \$0.00
		YTD Total Revenue	\$253,145.65
		YTD Church Actual Expense	\$335,714.54
		Over/(Shortage) Church Revenue vs. Expenses YTD	-\$82,568.89

MTD Church Budgeted	\$36,091.08	MTD Church Actual Income	\$11,686.75
		MTD TFR Terry Family Endowment	\$3,125.38
		MTD TFR to or from Other Funds	*** \$0.00
		MTD Total Revenue	\$14,812.13
		MTD Church Actual Expenses	-\$33,497.98
		Over/(Shortage) Church Revenue vs. Expenses MTD	-\$18,685.85

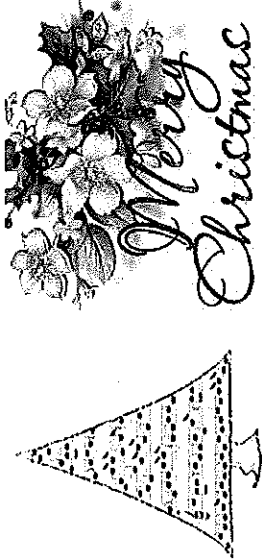
Church Disbursed October, 2019

Salaries, Allowances, Social Security	\$16,069.04
Outreach/Good Shepherd/Evangelism	\$334.96
Lovefeast/Communion Expense	\$240.00
Music & Worship	\$1,112.99
Christian Education & Youth	\$0.00
Office Expense	\$1,918.09
Insurance-Church & Bus	\$0.00
Utilities	\$4,379.90
Buildings, Equipment, Grounds, Maintenance	\$4,259.87
Other- Operating Expense	\$415.85
Benevolence-Missions	\$0.00
Provincial Share	\$4,767.28
Church Total October Expenses	\$33,497.98

Checking Accounts as of October, 2019




BB&T - General Fund	-\$4,280.58
Restricted Fund	\$112,674.55
Associate Pastor Restricted Fund	\$14,307.40
Benevolence Fund	\$1,285.79
Youth Fellowship	\$1,307.12
Repairs/Reserve Account	\$268,250.19
Held in Trust Money Market Accounts	\$33,632.62
Blum Chapel	\$3,973.67
Ministerial and Pastoral Education Fund	\$102.95

As always, many thanks to each of you for your financial stewardship. Patricia Rau, Treasurer



December 2019

Fairview Moravian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Band Prelude 10:00 am Worship 11:10 am Sunday School	2 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall in Use for Private Meeting	3 10:00 am Circle #4-P 5:30 pm Senior Friends-Festival of Lights	4 10:30 am Circle #2-CR 11:00 am Circle #1-Inquirers Class Noon All WF Circles Christmas Luncheon-FH 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal-S	5 10:00 am Activity Building being used for Private Function until 1:30 pm	6	7 10:00 am Activity Building in Use for Private Function 10:00am Hanging the Tree Noon Fellowship Hall in Use for Private Function 4:00 pm Bus in Use for Country Village Apt. residents
8 10:00 am Worship 11:10 am Sunday School	9 7:00 pm Joint Board Mtg.-P with Elder-P and Trustee-CR Mtgs. to follow	10 11:00 am Outreach & Special Events Comm. Mtg.-CR	11 3:00 pm WFUBMC Christmas Lovefeast-Jeff and Lewis to Participate 7:00 pm Choir Practice-S	12 2:00 pm Senior Friends Carol Singalong-FH (Bring Christmas Goodies)	13 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at K & W Restaurant on Healy Drive- Date change for this month only 9:30am Hanging the Greens and decorating Sanctuary	14
15 January 2020 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 am Worship 11:10 am Children's Christmas Program-FH With Postluc To Follow 7:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Lovefeast (Band Prelude at 6:15 pm)	16	17	18 7:00 pm Choir Practice-S	19 	20	21  First Day of Winter 1:40 pm Band Christmas Caroling-FH
22 10:00 am Worship 11:10 am Sunday School	23	24 2:00 & 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Lovefeasts (Band Prelude 45 minutes prior to each service) 2:00 pm AB in use today (Church Office Closed)	25 Christmas Day  (Church Office Closed)	26	27	28
29 10:00 am Worship 11:10 am Sunday School	30	31 11:00 pm Salem Congregation Watch Night Service with Holy Communion at Konnoak Hills Mtg with the Rev. Andrew Heil Officiating	The December WF Executive Bd. Meeting will be on January 6 th at 10:30am in the Conference Room.			

AB = Activity Building
 BC = Blum Chapel
 CR = Conference Room
 FH = Fellowship Hall
 HR = Handbell Room
 P = Parlor

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2019 Watchword

Inquire first for the word of the Lord. 2 Chronicles 18:4

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00a.m.—4:30p.m.

Rev. Jeff Coppage, Pastor

Lewis Phillips, Director of Music/Pastoral Assistant

Patricia Rau, Administrative Assistant/Treasurer

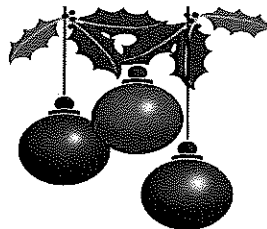
Nancy Morgan, Pianist

Van Krause, Band Director

Marshall Mathers, Vice Chair Elders

Jody Brendle, Chair Trustees

Gay Nell Hutchens, Vice Chair Trustees



*"May the timeless
message of Christmas
fill your heart and
home with love and joy
now and throughout
the New Year."*

The Fairview Staff,

Jeff, Lewis, Patricia,

Nancy & Van

Christmas Candlelight Lovefeast Schedule

Sunday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24th at 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Band Prelude 45 minutes

