



FAIRVIEW MORAVIAN CHURCH

Family Newsletter

December 2021

From the Pastor

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The moment and the meaning could have been so easily missed. During a Christmas special movie set in 19th century London a spoken phrase was "Christ Miss" instead of "Christmas." Hearing "Christ Miss" causes me to wonder how often we miss the meaning of Christ in Christmas? If our culture is more miss than hit regarding Christmas, then, more than ever, the Church must demonstrate God's inclusive love. With Jesus at the center of all we do, just as Jesus is the center of all that God does, we most certain the Jesus within us can be the Jesus the world sees in us.

As the new church year begins, we have many opportunities as a congregation to return our focus upon Christ. Our church sanctuary is decorated for Advent, which can help increase the joy of anticipating Jesus coming into our world. A focus on God's timeless revelation of His love in Jesus is found in all things Christmas. Each of us, with family and friends, have rituals to move toward our yearly celebration of Jesus Advent: Jesus coming into the world through His birth creates anticipation and hope which look toward Jesus' second coming. Christmas can seem a time when more things are added to our already busy lives. Let's pray we take a moment each day to realize **the meaning of God's love in Jesus.**

Opportunities to open our hearts come unexpectedly. Years ago during Advent, a woman contacted a congregation I was serving via Facebook Messenger. She was planning to go see her grandfather in Pinehurst but had no gas for her truck. I arranged to meet her and help with fuel. It was not important for me to know if she was sincere or not. The essential of the encounter like this is to communicate how Jesus offers His love without limit or restriction. **It is very freeing to know this truth and live accordingly.** Especially in the season of Christmas, may we open our heart to share Jesus's love with others as best as we can, knowing that God is on all paths—most especially for all those in need. God invites us through His spirit, to receive Jesus into our lives and to share a burning love for God: one flame of love igniting a new flame within another! Love like this is symbolized by the candle flame during our Candlelight Service. The warmth and light of Jesus' love for you and the world is God's forever promise.

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

Pastor Tony

Women's Fellowship News...



The Women's Fellowship wants to give a large "Thank You!" to our congregation for your support of our community activities in November! We had a successful Food Drive on November 13, with food and donations going to the Food Pantry at Bethabara Moravian Church. We will be having our next food drive on December 11th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the lower parking lot under the covered entrance. It will be a drive up and drop off event. Monetary donations are accepted as well. All of our Angel Tree children have been adopted, and that is thanks to you as well! If you have not returned your gifts to the church, please do so by this Sunday, December 5th.

We continue to serve Hospice with snacks and requests for single servings for guests.

Next Executive Board Meeting, Monday, December 27th at 10:30 AM, in the Conference Room.

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



Unity Prayer Watch Schedule—January 9, 2021, Midnight to 8am

The Southern Province is participating in the worldwide Moravian Church Unity Prayer Watch in 2022. Fairview will take part in this prayerful tradition between 8:00a.m. and 4:00p.m. on Sunday, January 9, 2022. The sign up sheet will be in the Parlor the week of the week of the 14th. I will send out a list of topics the week of December 28th. Thank you!

Christian Spirituality

All humans are spiritual. All spirituality is life giving or life taking. Christian Spirituality is life giving as the practices used are centered in Christ's Jesus, in his spirituality, which is full of the love and grace of his Abba, God. Remember how difficult it was for the disciples to stay awake as Jesus prayed in the garden? We are hopeful then to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in our Christian spiritual practices that will **inform** us of God and **form** us through Christ. We find ourselves doing many things that could be called **movements** after we are **motivated**. Yes, it may take intentional reflection to uncover the motivations that influence our actions. As Christians aren't we hopeful that God is **always** what moves us to action? If you affirm this healthy path, then you can understand how spiritual growth as **movement preceding motivation**. Does this sound too abstract? It certainly does for me! Because we live in concrete realities and not abstractions we find that Christian Spiritual Practice opens us to the mysterious, yet real presence of the God in Christ. I will be offering small group Spiritual Formation at times that are good for you. All you need is to drop in for one hour to learn about Christian Spirituality and to experience one Spiritual practice. The small groups will be a hybrid of in-person and on-line. A signup sheet will be available during worship. Please email me at tony@fairviewmoravianchurch.org for more information.

Grace and peace,

Remembering Our Members In Prayer...

David Barringer, Alice Bess, Doris Brame, Roger Carmichael, Bob Dalton, Anna Faircloth and her Mission Team, Danny Flowers, Riff Footland, John Harrold, Anne Hauser, Marjorie Humbert, Betty Johnson, Harvey Lunsford, Nancy Manuel, Ann Carroll, Tom Nicholson, Doris "DG" Noell, Harry Sapp, Sandy Smith, Larry Sprinkle, Nancy Tomberlin, Diane Wright.

Shut In:

Sam Hardister, Jolleen Johnson, Nancy Manual, Opal Miller, Lucy Millikan, Doris Noell, Ruby Pulliam.



Nursing Home:

Betty Beeson, Marjorie Humbert, Barbara Giesler, Eleanor Swaim, Lillie Mae Joyce, George Brannock.

Remember Our Military Family and Friends In Prayer...

Jordan Hailey, Daniel Millikan, Jeremiah Millikan, Christian Nixon, Eric Tise, Michael Timmons.



*Salem Band Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 19 at 3:00p.m.-Hanes Auditorium- featuring guest soloist Dr. Cristy Brown and Rev's Gus Chrysson.

Tuesday, December 21 at 7:30p.m. New Philadelphia Moravian Church

Come out and enjoy a wonderful Holiday Concert experience! This is a free concert with online donation options for our annual charity partner, Sunnyside Ministry, and your Salem Band.

*Mizpah Moravian Drive Through Live Nativity

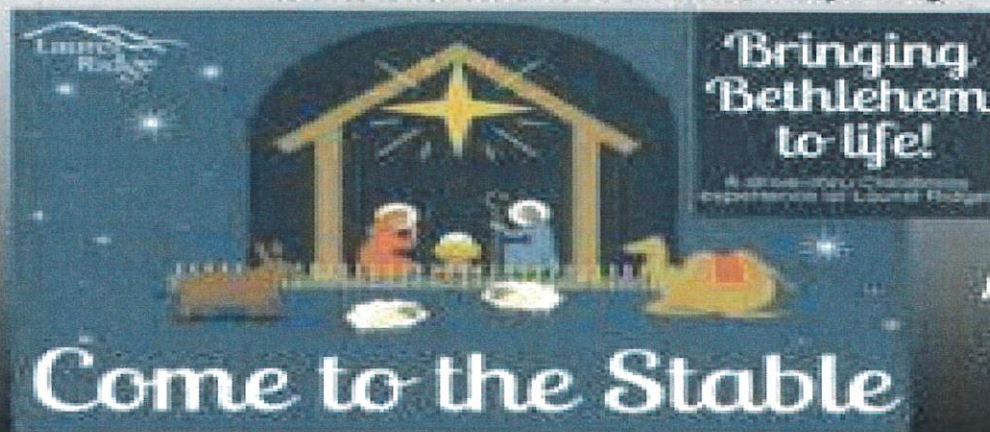
December 4-5, 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. 3165 Mizpah Church Rd., Rural Hall, NC 27045

*Laurel Ridge Drive Through Nativity...

December 4, 2021 2-4pm and 6-8pm !

Gate will close at 4:30pm and reopen at 6:00pm

Bring can feed for the local food pantry!



*Visit with
Mr. and Mrs.
Santa Claus,
December 4,
6-8pm only*

**Rain Date: December 11, 2021*

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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| 2. Amelia Hailey | 14. Gregory Cohoon, |
| 3. Linda Overfelt, | Marleigh Mae Slaughter |
| Scott Venable | 15. Will Hubbard |
| 6. Barry King | 16. Rebecca Swanson |
| 7. Jean Lunsford, | 24. Teresa Krause |
| Tammy Wright | 26. Gay Nell Hutchens |
| 8. Corky Flowers | 28. Lindsay Tise |
| 9. Frankie Stith | 29. Al Butner |
| 12. Chip Butner | 31. Kathy King, |
| | Kevin Krause |

December Birthdays

January

4. Nancy Davis
9. Nancy Manuel



October 2021

Church Annual Budget	\$420,787.00		
		YTD Church Actual Income	\$206,122.11
		YTD TFR Terry Family Endowment	\$40,543.11
		YTD TFR To or From Other Funds	*** \$0.00
		YTD Total Revenue	\$246,665.22
		YTD Church Actual Expense	-\$283,085.40
		Over/(Shortage) Church Revenue vs. Expenses YTD	-\$36,420.18
MTD Church Budgeted	\$35,065.59	MTD Church Actual Income	\$14,340.00
		MTD TFR Terry Family Endowment	\$3,690.40
		MTD TFR to or from Other Funds	*** \$0.00
		MTD Total Revenue	\$18,030.40
		MTD Church Actual Expenses	-\$27,120.01
		Over/(Shortage) Church Revenue vs. Expenses MTD	-\$9,089.61

Church Disbursed October, 2021

Salaries, Allowances, Social Security	\$16,352.27
Outreach/Good Shepherd/Evangelism	\$0.00
Lovefeast/Communion Expense	\$16.65
Music & Worship	\$64.99
Christian Education & Youth	\$0.00
Office Expense	\$705.83
Insurance-Church & Bus	\$0.00
Utilities	\$4,772.57
Buildings, Equipment, Grounds, Maintenance	\$2,770.86
Other- Operating Expense	\$550.17
Benevolence-Missions	\$0.00
Provincial Share	\$3,037.42
Church Total October Expenses	\$28,270.76

Checking Accounts as of October 31, 2021

BB&T - General Fund	\$45,823.89
Restricted Fund	\$140,141.32
Associate Pastor Restricted Fund	\$14,307.40
Special Funds Account	\$35,205.33
Benevolence Fund	\$3,577.60
Youth Fellowship	\$1,307.12
Repairs/Reserve Account	\$367,872.79
Edna and George Blanton Fund	\$78,722.79
Blum Chapel	\$4,198.67
Ministerial and Pastoral Education Fund	\$102.95

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

December

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10am WF Circle 1-AB 10am WF Circle 4-P 11am WF Circle 2 Noon-WF Circle Luncheon	2 10am-1pm-Private Group-AB	3 6pm Back to Basics-AB	4 8am Clothes Closet Open 9am-Putting the Tree Up in The Sanctuary
5 9am Quaker Church-C	6 6pm Back to Basics-AB	7	8	9	10 6pm Back to Basics-AB	11 9am-Decorating the Sanctuary 11am Food Drive for Bethabara MC
12 Newsletter Deadline 9am Quaker Church-C 6:30pm Band Prelude 7pm Lovefeast	13 6pm Back to Basics-AB 7pm Jt. Bd. Meeting-FH	14	15	16	17 6pm Back to Basics-AB	18
19 9am Quaker Church-C 4pm-7pm Quaker Church in Chapel for their Christmas Program	20 6pm Back to Basics-AB	21	22	23	24 Band Prelude 30 minutes prior to each service 2pm Lovefeast 5pm Lovefeast A/B In Use by Private Party	25 Merry CHRISTmas! 
26 9am Quaker Church-C	27 Church Office Closed 10:30am WF Exec. Bd.-CR 6pm Back to Basics-AB	28 Church Office Closed	29	30	31 6pm Back to Basics-AB Watchnight Service at Fairview-More information to come.	



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Martha Evans, Pianist

Van Krause, Band Director

Marshall Mathers, Vice Chair Elders

Gay Nell Hutchens, Chair Trustees