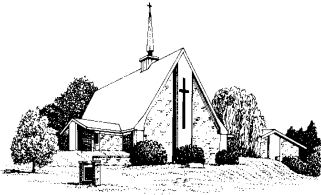
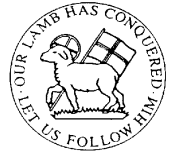


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Love Letters

**March 2019
Newsletter Deadline
February 17th, 2019**

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In our Wednesday noon Bible study, we are looking at **“How the Bible Came To Be.”** The focus is on the development of the many writings that were collected, vetted, edited, and given the status of Holy Scripture over the course of 1,400 years.

Rather than being a single book, the Bible is actually a collection of many manuscripts from many authors which were written down from stories that had been passed down orally for generations or centuries. The Bible contains collections of worship songs (Psalms), collections of stories of the life and teachings of Jesus (the 4 distinct Gospels), and there are letters, stories of battle, rules for ritual or purity, genealogical lists, or theological understandings on the origin and purpose for human life. What we call the Bible is in one sense a **library of many books, articles, songs, etc.**

My New Testament professor in college encouraged us to see beyond the particulars of any given book of the Bible to consider that the entire Bible is in a real sense a library, or **collection, of love letters.** The core message of the varied manuscripts - God's redemptive love for humanity revealed in Jesus Christ - is what Christians value most in terms of the Bible's authority upon our lives.

Love letters between lovers are not judged on grammar, having every memory of every shared experience exactly the same by both parties, or even how long after an event the memories are communicated. The most meaningful love letters are expressions of passion, faithfulness, longing for reunion, shared hopes, acknowledged hurts, and the redeeming reality of a couple's shared experience of love.

Such is the Bible.
The collection of oral sto-

ries of love between God and humanity is richer for its' amazing breadth and depth of varied human experiences. This is also true for our lives. The many, many false starts, broken relationships, joys, and expressions of both faithfulness and unfaithfulness that we experience are all used by our Creator to bring glory to God and to deepen Divine love in our human lives. Truly, the living Word of Christ's indwelling Spirit is manifest as shared love, in all its' complexities, among Christians. Just as scripture bears witness to the passionate love of our Lord, so do our daily lives.

Our invitation in this “Valentine month”, is to love God passionately, faithfully, as we trust in God's redemptive Spirit in Jesus Christ that works for good in all things - joys and heartbreaks alike.

With Hope,
Pastor Jeff

Special Points of Interest:

- Clothes Closet Open—Saturday, February 3rd, 8:00 a.m. to Noon
- Maggie Styers Missionary Lovefeast—Sunday, February 11th
- Great Sabbath Service at Home Moravian—March 31st
- Reporting Church Council—Sunday, February 18th, 11:15 am
- WF Luncheon Fundraiser Sunday, February 25th, immediately Following Worship

Transitional Process

The Joint Board and ministerial staff met on January 12th for a morning planning retreat. After addressing some on-going pastoral care priorities, we broke into pairs and did an exercise of interviewing one another and then sharing tidbits of our faith journeys at Fairview. It was a brief but meaningful “taste” of the narrative approach to transitional ministry that we will all be invited to engage in this coming year. A Transitional Planning Team will be formed to assist the Joint Board with the leg work of congregational-wide conversations and events. Please attend the Reporting Church Council after worship on Sunday February 17th for more details about our transitional process. Pastor Jeff



Our annual Congregation Birthday Party was held on January 19 in the Fellowship Hall. The meal was prepared by the Women's Fellowship Board. There were 12 delicious cakes and decorations, one for each month. Games were entertaining and fun for all ages. Hope you were there.

There are chicken pies, \$12.00 each, aprons and cook books for sale.

Ask a member, if you are interested in purchasing these items.

Reminders:

Circle Projects:

February – Gloves, hats and other cold weather items, for clothes closet and City of Dwellings. Place in Love Feast kitchen.

Circle III – Trellis (Hospice) February 12th, 2019.

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

Coming Soon:

Flowers for God's Acre
Day of Prayer for Fairview
Candle making
Salad Bar

Next Executive Board Meeting, Monday, February 25th at 10:30AM, in the Conference Room.

"Happy Valentines to you!"



***Happy Birthday
in February***

- 2 Cynthia Faircloth
- 3 Jolleen Johnson
- 4 Dennis Tuttle
- 5 Don Tuttle
- 6 Dianne Yarbrough
- 7 Connie Davis,
Ellen Joyce
- 8 Doris Brame
- 13 Judy Byerly,
Don Griffin
- 14 Mary Cannon
- 16 Jody Brendle
- 20 Meredith Cohoon,
- 21 Kristen Hailey
- 22 Bob Dalton,
Diane Hubbard
- 23 Sondra Goforth
- 24 Charlsie Key
- 26 Seth Hauser
- 27 Ken Tomberlin

Reporting Church Council

Please plan to attend the Reporting Church Council on Sunday, February 17th following worship in the Sanctuary beginning around 11:15 A.M. (There will not be Sunday School that day for adults). This will be a very informative meeting where we will hear reports from boards and committees concerning the many ministries that are happening in the life of the Fairview Congregation.

Members of Fairview serve the Lord in many ways and we are often not aware of all that is being accomplished in Christ's name. This is an opportunity to become up-to-date on services and activities that take place and to ask questions about any area of ministry in our church. Hope to see you there!



March

- 1 Amy Yarbrough

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The long-running Inquirers Class discontinued at the end of 2018 as several of our most active members have passed on and membership has declined. In its place, we are organizing a new class. The new class is the Bible Study Class. We will use the Abingdon Press curriculum, *Genesis to Revelation*, and will feature equal portions of both lecture and free and open discussion. Initially, Dick Joyce and Marshall Mathers will serve as instructors. If you've been looking for a small, scripture focused discussion group, we encourage you to check out this new class.

NOTES FROM LEWIS



John Rutter is a world renowned English composer and conductor, associated mainly with choral music and active internationally for many years. His larger choral works, *Gloria*, *Requiem*, *Magnificat*, *Mass of the Children*, *The Gift of Life* and *Visions*, are widely performed around the world, and many of his shorter pieces such as *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*, *For the Beauty of the Earth*, *Look at the World*, and *All Things Bright and Beautiful* have become “standards” in choral literature. Mr. Rutter recently did an interview with J.W. Pepper Music Company about the importance of choral music. Mollie and Robert Rascoe shared this with me and I would like to use this space to share it with you.

Choral music is not one of life's frills. It's something that goes to the very heart of our humanity, our sense of community, and our souls. You express, when you sing, your soul in song. And when you get together with a group of other singers, it becomes more than the sum of the parts. All of those people are pouring out their hearts and souls in perfect harmony. Which is kind of an emblem for what we need in this world, when so much of the world is at odds with itself...that just to express, in symbolic terms, what it's like when human beings are in harmony. That's a lesson for our times and for all time. I profoundly believe that.

And musical excellence is, of course, at the heart of it. But, even if a choir is not the greatest in the world, the fact that they are meeting together has a social value. It has a communal value. And I always say that a church or a school without a choir is like a body without a soul. We have to have a soul in our lives. And everybody tells me, who has sung in a choir, that they feel better for doing it. That whatever the cares of the day, if they maybe meet after a long day's school or work, that somehow you leave your troubles at the door. And when you're sitting there, making music for a couple hours at the end of the day, that's the only thing that matters at that moment. And you walk away refreshed. You walk away renewed. And that's a value that goes just beyond the music itself.

Of course, as a musician, I put the music at the heart of it, but all of these other values just stand out as a beacon. I think our politicians need to take note...my gosh do they ever! ..., and our educators, those who decide education budgets, church budgets, just need to remember it's not a frill. It's like a great oak that rises up from the center of the human race and spreads its branches everywhere. That's what music does for us. And choral music must stand as one of the supreme examples of it.

My response to this is very simple: **AMEN and AMEN!**

FAIRVIEW FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, February 28th, 11:30 a.m.

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious meal of pizza and salad. We will collect money from everyone to cover the cost of the meal (probably around \$5.00 per person). Following lunch, we will have an old fashioned hymn sing, where you suggest your favorite hymn and we sing it! We did this recently for one of our Wednesday Bible Studies and one of our members enjoyed it so much that he asked to do it one month for our Fairview Friends program. You don't have to be a gifted singer! All the Lord requires is that you make a “joyful noise” and all of us can do that! Some of you may just want to listen and that is okay as well. Please see Nancy Morgan, Jeanne Willard or Lewis Phillips to sign up by Sunday, February 24th so that we know how much pizza to order. 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!

February 2019

Fairview Moravian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AB = Activity Building BC = Blum Chapel CR = Conference Room FH = Fellowship Hall HR = Handbell Room P = Parlor S = Sanctuary	Back to Basics Every Monday and Friday At 6:00 pm				1 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at K & W Restaurant on Healy Drive	2 8:00 am Clothes Closet open until Noon
3 10:00 am Worship 11:10 am Sunday School	4 5:30 pm Music & Worship Committee Mtg-CR	5 10:00 am Circle #4-P 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due!	6 10:00 am Circle #1-P 10:30 am Circle #2-CR 12:00 pm Bible Study and Lunch -FH 5:45 pm Handbells-HR 7:00 pm Choir Practice-S	7 10:00 am Activity Building being used for private function until 1:00 pm	8	9
10 10:00 am Worship 11:10 am Sunday School 4:30 pm Band Practice-C	11 7:00 pm Joint Board Mtg-P with Elders-P & Trustees-CR Mtgs. to follow	12 10:00 am Staff Meeting 11:00 am Outreach & Special Events Committee Mtg.-CR 12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due!	13 5:45 pm Handbells-HR 6:15 pm Youth Gathering-FH 7:45 pm Choir Practice-S	14 Happy Valentines Day!	15	16
17 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Reporting Church Council	18 7:00 pm Circle #3-TBD	19 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due!	20 5:45 pm Handbells-HR 7:00 pm Choir Practice-S	21	22	23 Moravian Music on the Mountain at Laurel Ridge-see article in the newsletter for more information.
24 9:30 am Band Prelude 10:00 am Worship 11:10 am Sunday School- Maggie Syers Missionary Chapter Lovefeast	25 10:30 am W-F Executive Board Mtg.-CR 5:30 pm Christian Education Committee Mtg.-CR	26 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due!	27 12:00 pm Last Bible Study and Lunch 5:45 pm Handbells-HR 6:15 pm Youth Gathering-FH 7:00 pm Choir Practice-S	28 12:00 am Fairview Friends HYMN Sing and Pizza-CR		

Church Treasurer's Report

December 2018

Church Annual Budget	\$487,636.00		
YTD Church Budgeted	\$487,636.00	YTD Church Actual Income	\$394,705.15
		YTD TFR Terry Family Endowment	\$47,702.31
		YTD TFR To or From Other Funds	*** \$0.00
		YTD Total Revenue	\$442,407.46
		YTD Church Actual Expense	-\$494,582.10
		Over/(Shortage) Church Revenue vs. Expenses YTD	-\$52,174.64
MTD Church Budgeted	\$40,636.34	MTD Church Actual Income	\$53,615.46
		MTD TFR Terry Family Endowment	\$5,088.55
		MTD TFR to or from Other Funds	*** \$0.00
		MTD Total Revenue	\$58,704.01
		MTD Church Actual Expenses	-\$47,974.73
		Over/(Shortage) Church Revenue vs. Expenses MTD	\$10,729.28

Church Disbursed December, 2018

Salaries, Allowances, Social Security	\$22,764.78
Outreach/Good Shepherd/Evangelism	\$0.00
Lovefeast/Communion Expense	\$1,133.07
Music & Worship	\$400.00
Christian Education & Youth	\$0.00
Office Expense	\$2,176.25
Insurance-Church & Bus	\$0.00
Utilities	\$4,202.65
Buildings, Equipment, Grounds, Maintenance	\$1,821.96
Other- Operating Expense	\$10,233.19
Benevolence-Missions	\$0.00
Provincial Share	\$5,242.83
Church Total December Expenses	\$47,974.73

Checking Accounts as of December 31, 2018

BB&T - General Fund	\$39,316.40
Restricted Fund	\$66,970.51
Associate Pastor Restricted Fund	\$39,478.11
Benevolence Fund	\$1,166.49
Youth Fellowship	\$657.12
Repairs/Reserve Account	\$226,949.21
Held in Trust Money Market Accounts	\$28,328.03
Blum Chapel	\$4,007.66
Ministerial and Pastoral Education Fund	\$127.68

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

Moravian Church of America, Southern Province
2019 Days of Prayer

Ash Wednesday, March 6 – Home Moravian Church

Rev. Sandra Thigpen, Speaker

9:45 AM Coffee Hour; 10:45 Music; 11:00 Worship, Nursery Provided

Sunday, March 10 – Christ Moravian Church

Rev. Adan Goodrich, Speaker

2:00 PM Lovefeast, Nursery Provided

Wednesday, March 13 – Trinity Moravian Church

Rev. Debbie Lanier, Speaker

11:00 Worship, Nursery Provided; Noon – Complimentary Luncheon

Wednesday, March 29 – Ardmore Moravian Church

Rev. Dan Nelson, Speaker

9:45 Coffee Hour; 10:45 AM Music; 11:00 Worship, Nursery Provided

Wednesday, March 27 – Calvary Moravian Church

Rev. Chaz Snider, Speaker

9:45 Coffee Hour; 11:00 AM Worship, Nursery Provided

Wednesday, April 3 – Fairview Moravian Church

Rev. Victoria Lasley, Speaker

10:30 AM Band Prelude; 11:00 AM Worship with Communion, Nursery Provided

Wednesday, April 10 – Konnoak Hills Moravian Church

Rt. Rev. Carol Foltz, Speaker

11:00 AM Lovefeast

Palm Sunday, April 14 – Good Friday, April 19 – Easter Sunday, April 21



2019 Great Sabbath Service at Home Moravian Church

Service Saturday, April 20, 2019, 7:00pm, Home Moravian Church, 529 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, NC. The Great Sabbath Choir is open to all singers. Weekly rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons from 3:30p.m. to 5:00p.m. at Home Moravian Church, 529 S. Church Street, Winston-Salem, NC in the Christian Education Building, Room CE 101. Rehearsal dates are March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7.

February 23-25 ~ Music on the Mountain, a Moravian Music Weekend at Laurel Ridge Camp, Conference and Retreat Center. An opportunity to make music together, to worship, to learn, and to enjoy Moravian fellowship. There will be two tracks for participation, vocal and band (listeners welcome, too). Call Laurel Ridge to register (336) 359-2951, (888) 831-5922, info@laurelridge.org. Registration includes lodging and meals and music. Instrumentalists, please bring a wire music stand. Brother Jim White, Choir Director of Raleigh Moravian Church – Choral Leader; Brother Robah Ogburn, Director of the Bethabara



Board of World Mission

The Salmon Bake at New Philadelphia has been rescheduled for March 23, 2019 at 5:30 pm. Their wonderful chefs will prepare fresh salmon and all the trimmings delivered by Ed Dehnert, Dean of the Alaska Bible Seminary. Ed, his wife Barb, and a seminary student will bring greetings from Alaska and share information about the Seminary and Moravian ministries there. The meal is provided free, and donations will be received for the ministry of the Seminary. Please send your reservations to Sheila Beaman, sbeaman@mcspp.org, phone 336-773-1732 by March 4, 2019



We were saddened by the death of one of our members, **Jim Forkner**, on January 18th. We express our sympathy to his family members and friends.

February Sound System Operators

3rd Warren Boyer
10th Warren Boyer
17th Warren Boyer
24th Rod Back

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WORSHIP GREETERS

3rd Chris Melton and Gay Nell Hutchens
10th Judy and Jerry Byerly
17th Gwen and Bill Shields
24th Mary and Maurice Melton

Elder of the Month: Terri Barringer

Trustee of the Month: Gay Nell Hutchens

Stranger's Graveyard Volunteer: Bill Shields

Remember Our Members in Assisted Living and Nursing Facilities

Bermuda Village - Greystone Apt.

Betty Beeson

Salemtowne Healthcare

Barbara Giesler

Dorothy Andrews

Eleanor Swaim

Priddy Manor

Ruth Morgan

South Fork

Al Butner

Bob Joyce

The Oaks

Edna Teague

Shut In:

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

Special Prayers Needed:

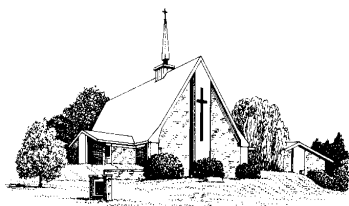
Bob Cox; Danny Flowers; Ruth Freeman; Sondra Goforth; Dot Moore; Linda Self; Lou Sikora; Brooks Snyder; Nancy and Ken Tomberlin.

Leadership Focus.

Saturday, February 23, 2019 | Calvary Moravian Church | Won't You Be My Neighbor? Building Christian Community in the 21st Century

Our keynote speaker is Terrance Hawkins, a Winston-Salem native! Hawkins is the founder and director of Lit City (a youth development initiative), co-founder of a collective of local activists called the Drum Majors Alliance, and currently serves as the Co-Executive Director for the School of Love.

Leadership Focus 2019—additional tentative workshops focus on the areas of: Connecting Home, Church, and Community | Exploring the Neighborhood | Being Neighbor Online | Mission with Our Neighbors | Congregational Outreach in the 21st Century. Registration online today: Moravian.Online/LeadershipFocus19



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

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Nancy Morgan, Choir Accompanist

Jody Brendle, Chair of Trustees

Gay Nell Hutchens, Vice-Chair of Trustees

Marshall Mathers, Vice-Chair of Elders

Maggie Styers Missionary Chapter Lovefeast

***Sunday, February 24th
10:00 a.m. — Sanctuary***

