



# FAIRVIEW MORAVIAN CHURCH

## Family Newsletter

February 2020

### "Jesus Christ, and Him Crucified"

The Apostle Paul writes to the Corinthian church:

*When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. (1 Cor. 2:1-5 (NRSV))*

As Christians, we trust and follow Jesus as Lord and Savior. His servant life is God's self-revelation and invitation for humanity's Divine purpose for all aspects of human life. Thus, "Jesus is Lord" (in direct rejection of "Caesar is Lord") was the earliest Christian confession of faith.

His sacrificial death on the cross is the saving event that redeems all humanity by breaking the power of fear and death that is the core of all sin ("missing the mark"). His prayer from the cross "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" ended the age old "eye for an eye" perpetual cycle of retribution as the standard of honor and hope among men.

His resurrection is God's power of hope and liberation manifest among us to set us free to proclaim the Gospel ("Good News") in word and deed of Divine redemption and liberation in Christ Jesus. The Moravian *Ground of the Unity* is a doctrinal statement of our global church that ties the centrality of the cross to the core mission of the church:

*"The Unitas Fratrum recognizes the Word of the Cross as the center of Holy Scripture and of all preaching of the Gospel and it sees its primary mission, and its reason for being, to consist in bearing witness to this joyful message. We ask our Lord for power never to stray from this." (The Ground of the Unity)*

Sometimes, we limit "the Word of the Cross" to a simple intellectual agreement with the fact that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose again on Easter morning. This is just one aspect of the Good News. In Jesus, the Living Word empowers humanity to trust that He is the way, truth, and life for all aspects of our own lives. Jesus' way of the cross (complete surrender - "Thy will be done") is our path to resurrection power as we follow Him faithfully.

May the power of God, demonstrated in the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ, be our way of being church, and the constant source of our love and joyful witness to all.

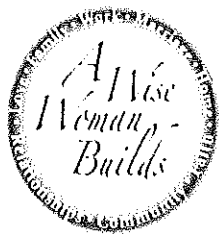
With Hope,

Jeff

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## Women's Fellowship News...



The annual Congregational Church Birthday Party was a great success. A large thank you to Linda Mathers and her helpers for a delicious meal and to Nancy Morgan for the beautiful decorations and fun games. Also, thank you to each person who made the cakes and decorated each of the twelve tables.

Reminders for February:

Food and Fellowship is Circle 2

Hospice is February 11 and will be Circle 3

For our February Mission Project, we will be collecting donations for Salem Pregnancy. Each Circle will have a baby bottle for collecting money or you can put a donation in one of the offering envelopes in the pews and mark it for Salem Pregnancy and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for your help!

Next Executive Board Meeting will be February 24 at 1030a.m. in the Conference Room.

Submitted by Jeanne Willard.

## Notes From Lewis

I recently read an article in Discover Worship entitled *The Critical Importance of Church Choirs*. Discover Worship is an online subscription service that provides members unlimited and affordable access to great church music. The article was written by Vince Wilcox, the general manager of the Discover Worship team. Wilcox begins the article by posing the questions: *Is the verdict final? Are church choirs going the way of pay phones and Blockbuster video stores?*

He concludes that the evidence seems pretty convincing!

From 1998 to 2012, 21% of evangelical churches and 40% of mainline churches stopped using choirs regularly in worship (according to the most recent National Congregational Study).

That said, of the 200,000 evangelical and mainline Protestant churches in North America, 35% of evangelical congregations and 37% of mainline churches continue to use choirs—a total of approximately 70,000 churches. Thank goodness that there are still a lot of folks who believe in the critical importance of church choir in their worship services. I would say that Moravian churches would be at the top of the list! Wilcox continues by giving seven reasons a choir can be vital to a church.

1. Choirs are biblical
2. Choirs encourage excellence in worship
3. Choirs celebrate the human voice
4. Choirs can inspire and lead worship
5. Choirs can be redemptive communities
6. Choirs make us work together
7. Choirs can encourage musical diversity

I am very thankful to be a part of a denomination that recognizes the importance of choral music in worship. I personally cannot imagine a worship service without our Chancel Choir. I encourage you to celebrate our choir every time they sing!

## News From the Province



Leadership Focus, Saturday, February 22, 2020 | 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bethania Moravian Church, Bethania, NC—Sponsored by the Moravian Board of Cooperative Ministries. For more info and questions contact the Moravian BCM See Pastor Jeff with any questions. Submitted Pastor Jeff.

The Provincial Women's Board presents:  
A Spiritual Life Retreat

The Spiritual Life Retreat is an opportunity for all Women in the Province to gather for spiritual renewal and fellowship. The goal for retreat is for participants to leave the weekend rested, renewed in her faith journey, And with new friends in our sisterhood. If we have enough interest from the church we may be able to take the bus.

For further information please contact:  
The Provincial Women's Board  
336-722-4911 or [pwbmccsp.org](http://pwbmccsp.org)  
Submitted by Cynthia Faircloth



Friday April 24- Sunday April 26, 2020  
Retreat Facilitator: Sister Donna Hurt

Laurel Ridge Camp and Conference Center  
Higgins Lodge  
124 Pendry Dr. Laurel Springs, NC 28644

For further information please contact:  
The Provincial Women's Board  
336.722.4911 [pwbmccsp@gmail.com](mailto:pwbmccsp@gmail.com)

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## Remembering Our Members In Prayer...

### Members in Care Facilities...

Arbor Acres-Jill Mayer  
Bermuda Village-Greystone Apt. 204  
Betty Beeson  
Brookdale at Reynolda-Al Butner  
Creekside Terrace-Room 200-Tootie Barbour  
Heritage Woods-Opal Miller-Room 123  
Salem Towne Healthcare-Barbara Giesler-7119 & Eleanor Swaim-7201- Earlette Peek (Rehabilitation #8148)  
South Fork-Lillie Mae and Bob Joyce-B116  
The Oaks-Edna Teague  
Trellis Care - Jeanne Bennett  
Vienna Village- Betty Bennett-Room E-38, George Brannock-Room 22

### Special Prayers Needed:

Jeanne Bennett; Roger Carmichael; Oneita Dease; John Harrold; Henry Hilker; Nancy Manuel; Dot Moore; Bob and Earlette Peek; Harry Sapp; Brooks Snyder; Nancy and Ken Tomberlin.

### Shut In:

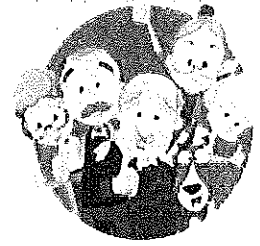
Nelson Cannon;  
Sam Hardister; Gayle Heck;  
Jolleen Johnson; Nancy Manual; Ann and David Marcus; Lucy Millikan; Doris Noell; Ruby Pulliam; E. Artis Weber.



## Fairview Friends...

**Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 AM**

We will meet in the fellowship hall and take the bus to Mayberry's for lunch. We will then discuss our plans for the upcoming months. We need your ideas and suggestions!



## Amazing Grace Clothes Closet

Thanks again to the congregation for all your help with the Clothes Closet! We appreciate your prayers, support and generous contributions of clothes. Working together we have been able to give away about 90 bags of clothes a month during the past year to those in need!

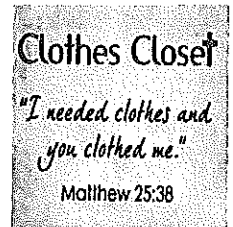
We continue to open one Saturday a month, almost always the first Saturday, from 8:00 AM to noon. Ken Houser will have the sign at the road early in the week before to announce that we will be open.

That seems to work well in getting the word out to people in need of clothes. Donations of clothes can be brought to the church on any Wednesday from 10:00 to 12 when we will be in the Clothes Closet to receive them. The clothes can also be left in the hall outside our door at any time. Tax receipts for donations are available.

We continue to be blessed by this opportunity to serve. The needs are great and varied. We have helped families and individuals that are victims of house fires, serious illnesses, developmental disabilities, and unexpected job loss. People voluntarily share their stories with us. Sometimes they come back to see us when their circumstances improve, and thank us for helping them, for listening or praying with them. Sometimes they come back to bring clothes to donate.

Many thanks to our volunteers: Carolyn Neal, Gail Stambaugh, Betty Johnson, Liz Venable, Amy Mendenhall, Terri Barringer, and Anne Collins. We look forward to another year!

Eugenia Ivy



## Sierra Leone Mission Update

- Safie was installed as Provincial Acolyte.
- Construction continues on the Kaihalun Church building.
- There is a new church forming in the village of Yandohun (church #5).
- The students in the Junior Secondary School had the highest scores in the district on the national exam again this year.
- In November, the Senior Secondary School was finally given official stamp of approval by the Sierra Leone government. That means that the government will begin paying the qualified teachers and also provide books and some operating funds for the school.
- There are over 400 students currently enrolled in the Junior and Senior schools combined.
- The road to the villages have new been widened and the paving should be completed soon.
- Workers are currently making mud bricks to be used in the construction of more classrooms and teacher quarters.

Submitted by Ken Neal

## Happy Birthday To You!!!

### February Birthdays

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|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2. Cynthia Faircloth | 8. Doris Brame      | 21. Kristen Hailey |
| Jim Byerly           | 13. Judy Byerly     | 22. Bob Dalton     |
| 3. Jolleen Johnson   | Rev. Don Griffin    | Diane Hubbard      |
| 4. Dennis Tuttle     | Van Krause          | 23. Sondra Goforth |
| 5. Don Tuttle        | 14. Mary Jo Cannon  | 24. Charlsie Key   |
| 6. Dianne Yarbrough  | 16. Jody Brendle    | 25. Jeff Pfaff     |
| 7. Connie Davis      | 20. Meredith Cohoon | 26. Seth Hauser    |
| Ellen Joyce          |                     | 27. Ken Tomberlin  |



### March Birthdays

1. Amy Yarbrough
6. Terri Barringer
8. Lillie Mae Joyce
9. Gwen Shields
- Bill Yokley

## A Note From the Joint Boards...

On Sunday, January 5, the congregation met for a lunch meeting in the Fellowship Hall after worship. The purpose of our meeting was to discuss results of the Congregational Survey that we completed in December. On Monday, January 13, the Joint Boards met at our regular meeting and further discussed the Survey results, plus opinions and views expressed at the January 5 lunch meeting.

By the conclusion of our January 13 meeting, the Joint Boards had drafted a letter to the Provincial Elders Conference outlining qualifications and qualities desirable in pastoral candidates for Fairview. The letter was unanimously approved by the Joint Boards and hand delivered by Pastor Jeff later in the week to Rev. David Guthrie, President of the PEC.

The PEC met Thursday, January 23. Prior to that meeting, Rev. Guthrie contacted Elders Vice-Chair Marshall Mathers by email, confirmed receipt of the Joint Board letter, and said the letter was on the agenda for the January 23 PEC meeting. He cautioned that it sometimes takes two meetings to develop a list of names to present for consideration.

Our Call Process is in the hands of the PEC for now. The PEC will take note of candidate characteristics outlined in the Joint Board's letter, but it is **not** obligated to bring us any particular candidates. When it presents potential candidates to the Joint Boards for consideration, the Boards may accept any one of them for further consideration, reject any or all, or ask for more information.

The call process is neither simple nor short. When a likely candidate is identified, Fairview must have time to prepare a call request, including terms of the call. The candidate must decide if he or she wishes to consider the call. If so, the candidate and Joint Boards meet for informal conversation. When the formal call is issued, the candidate may have weeks to make a final decision and arrange for his or her transition.

We are hopeful that the PEC may present a selection of candidates as early as February. The Joint Boards will do its best to keep the congregation informed through newsletter articles such as this one, notices in the Sunday morning bulletin, or announcements prior to Sunday morning worship. Until a call is formally issued and accepted, names are held in strictest confidence.

A detailed outline of the call process is available in the church office, from Pastor Jeff, or from any Board member.

## December 2019 Financial Report

Church Annual Budget \$433,092.75

YTD Church Budgeted	\$433,092.75	YTD Church Actual Income	\$281,596.38
		YTD TFR Terry Family Endowment	\$57,624.42
		YTD TFR To or From Other Funds	*** \$0.00
		YTD Total Revenue	\$339,220.80
		YTD Church Actual Expense	\$405,758.43
		Over/(Shortage) Church Revenue vs. Expenses YTD	-\$66,537.63

MTD Church Budgeted	\$36,091.08	MTD Church Actual Income	\$32,469.69
		MTD TFR Terry Family Endowment	\$5,605.01
		MTD TFR to or from Other Funds	*** \$0.00
		MTD Total Revenue	\$38,074.70
		MTD Church Actual Expenses	-\$30,373.96
		Over/(Shortage) Church Revenue vs. Expenses MTD	\$7,700.74

### Church Disbursed December, 2019

Salaries, Allowances, Social Security	\$16,748.39
Outreach/Good Shepherd/Evangelism	\$0.00
Lovefeast/Communion Expense	\$548.13
Music & Worship	\$350.00
Christian Education & Youth	\$0.00
Office Expense	\$650.59
Insurance-Church & Bus	\$0.00
Utilities	2,635.04
Buildings, Equipment, Grounds, Maintenance	\$2,700.22
Other- Operating Expense	\$1,974.31
Benevolence-Missions	\$0.00
Provincial Share	\$4,767.28
Church Total December Expenses	\$30,373.96

### Checking Accounts as of December, 2019





BB&T - General Fund	\$11,480.08
Restricted Fund	\$105,961.61
Associate Pastor Restricted Fund	\$14,307.40
Benevolence Fund	\$1,237.96
Youth Fellowship	\$1,307.12
Repairs/Reserve Account	\$277,521.36
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

# February 2020

## Fairview Moravian Church

Elder of the Month: Carolyn Neal  
Trustee of the Month: Barry Self

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 8:00 am W-S Friends Quaker Church-C 10:00 am Worship 11:10 am Sunday School	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm Back to Basics-AB	<b>4</b> 10:00 am Circle #4-P 1:00 pm Private Group Mtg. -CR 	<b>5</b> 9:30 am Circle #1-AB 10:30 am Circle #2-CR Noon Lunch/Bible Study-FH 5:45 pm Handbells-HR 7:00 pm Choir Practice-S	<b>6</b> 10:00 am Activity Building being used for Private Function until 1:00 pm	<b>7</b> 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at K & W Restaurant on Healy Drive 6:00 pm Back to Basics-AB	<b>1</b> 8:00 am Amazing Grace Clothes Closet Open
<b>9</b> 8:00 am W-S Friends Quaker Church-C 10:00 am Worship 11:10 am Sunday School	<b>10</b> 6:00 pm Back to Basics-AB 7:00 pm Joint Board Mtg.-P then Elder-P and Trustee-CR Mtgs. to follow	<b>11</b> 11:00 am Outreach & Special Events Committee Mtg.-CR	<b>12</b> Noon Lunch/Bible Study-FH-	<b>13</b> 11:00 am Trust Committee Mtg.-CR	<b>14</b>  6:00 pm Back to Basics-AB	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>March</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 8:00 am W-S Friends Quaker Church-C 10:00 am Worship 11:10 am Sunday School 4:30 pm Band Practice-FH	<b>17</b>  <b>Presidents' Day</b> 6:00 pm Back to Basics-AB 7:00 pm Circle #3	<b>18</b> 1:00 pm Private Group Mtg.-CR	<b>19</b> Noon Last Lunch/Bible Study until April 15 <sup>th</sup> -FH- 5:45 pm Handbells-HR 7:00 pm Choir Practice-S	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall in Use by Private Party 6:00 pm Back to Basics-AB	<b>22</b> 8:00 am Fellowship Hall in Use by Private Party
<b>23</b> 8:00 am W-S Friends Quaker Church-C 10:00 am Worship-FH Stella Brendle Guest Speaker 11:10 am Reporting Church Council-S & Children's SS 4:30 pm Band Practice-C	<b>24</b> 10:30 am W-F Executive Board Mtg.-CR 6:00 pm Back to Basics-AB	<b>25</b> 5:30 pm Christian Education Committee Mtg.-CR	<b>26</b> 9:45 am Day of Prayer- Home Church-Coffee Hour 10:45 DOP Music 11:00 DOP Worship 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service-S 8:15 pm Choir Practice-S	<b>27</b> 11:15 am Senior Friends to Mayberry for lunch and a Meeting 	<b>28</b> 6:00 pm Back to Basics-AB	<b>29</b>

February 19<sup>th</sup> is the last Wednesday Lunch & Bible Study until April 15<sup>th</sup>. We will take a break during Lent so our members will have the opportunity to attend Day of Prayer services.

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

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### Fairview's 2020 Watchword

"God's love was revealed among us in this way:  
God sent his only son into the world so that we might live  
through him."

I John 4:9

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

Gay Nell Hutchens, Chair Trustees

Rod Back, Vice-Chair Trustees



The Easter Egg Hunt at Fairview will be  
Saturday, April 4th 2:00-3:00.

Invite children preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to join us for our egg hunt, egg dyeing, crafts and a Easter story. The CE committee is asking our church family to donate wrapped candy for this event. A donation box can be found in the parlor. Thanks for all your generous gifts. Submitted by Carolyn Neal.