



Don't shine so others
can see you.
Shine so that, through
you, others can see HIM!

Fairview Moravian Church

September 2021

The Pastor's Corner

Fall is that Stewardship time of the year. You may understand this as “That time when the church asks for money.” Stewardship is about giving, primarily “giving” based on 1- God’s grace and gift of life through His Son Jesus to each of us and all of us. 2- Jesus giving His life for us, which is God’s plan of salvation that took root in you when you first believed. And 3-Our loving and grateful response. Is there a common understanding of “response”? One that appeals to me is found in “The Moravian Church, Southern Province Book of Order,” which was revised after the 2010 reorganization and contains a statement about membership (2014 edition).

A member of the Moravian Church is such by grace through faith. This is a living personal faith, deeply felt, to which public witness is made and fruitfulness in daily life is the result... In the fellowship of the church, members are called upon to witness faithfully to their dedication to Christ as Lord and Savior by:

- 1- Attending the public services of congregational worship.
- 2- Participating in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
- 3- Responding to opportunities to grow in faith, love and hope as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- 4- Contributing as the Lord prospers them to the work of the congregation of which they are a member.
- 5- Supporting the work of the Moravian Church as a whole in a way that advances the mission and service of Christ to the world.
- 6- Responding positively to opportunities both inside and outside the church to use abilities and time in the service of others.

As we consider the essentials of faith and our responsibility to God in Christ, we would do well to reflect on our understanding of membership—of belonging to the congregation, bound together by Jesus’s love one to another, and called to congregational ministry as an expression of Jesus’ love that resides within our hearts.

Jesus’ ministry has these six characteristics, which I have restated with a theme of giving. 1- To join with others to *give* our love for God, which is our essential worship. 2- To be transformed by Jesus’ body and blood and to remember Jesus; therefore, we *give* to God the love Jesus gave us that we may live eternally. 3- We grow spiritually and so *give* ourselves to God as we *pray without ceasing*. 4- We *give* God our gratitude as we decide how to utilize our financial resources for ministry, knowing that both our financial means and lives come from God. 5- We *give* a glimpse to the world of the Jesus who loves them through our faithful action: sharing the Good News of Christ is a most sacred act. 6- We *give* our whole lives to God.

They are many ways to *give* to God. There are many ways to state our understanding of these six characteristics. Please take some time, pray, and write—in your own language—how you would express these six attributes of Christian living. Jesus’ way of love is one essential we can trust, which, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we can *give* to God, one another, and the world.

May God bless you and keep you, until we meet again.

Pastor Tony



September

1. Brenda Miller
2. Tom Nicholson
4. Sheri Fulp
7. Michael Faircloth
9. Benny Welch
10. Jason Turner
12. Betty Ferguson
14. Doris Noell, Shirley Southerland
18. Jerry Hailey
20. Betty Beeson, Linda Snider
24. Meredith Hailey
27. Elizabeth Long
28. Henry Hilker
30. Amy Poole

Moravian Birthday Song

With your presence, Lord, our
Head and Savior,
bless us all, we humbly pray;
our dear heavenly Father's love
and favor
be our comfort every day.
May God's Spirit now in each
proceeding
favor us with his most gracious
leading;
thus shall we be truly blessed
both in labor and in rest.

The newsletter deadline is Monday, September 19th at Noon.



**The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6th for Labor Day.



Moravian Disaster Response Update on Haiti, Hurricane Ida Impacts, and Afghanistan Refugee Resettlement

August 31, 2021

The Moravian Board of World Mission continues to invite your prayers for the children of God worldwide that are suffering from hunger, natural disasters, war, and injustice. We would like to provide you with information on three areas of concern.

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Haiti Earthquake and Hurricane Relief Efforts



Food and materials being distributed in Anse de Nau, Haiti

On August 14, a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit southwestern Haiti. At present, the death toll is over 2,200 persons, with over 12,000 injured. Haiti is a Mission Area of the Moravian Church with a dozen congregations and is jointly supervised by the Eastern West Indies and Jamaica Provinces. Moravians in the capital city of Port-au-Prince have already sent teams into Jacmel and Anse de Nau to provide emotional and spiritual support, food, and materials to those in need. The Moravian church buildings in those villages are heavily damaged, and with homes destroyed, most people are sleeping in the streets or vacant properties. Thanks to the support that we have received so far, the BWM has sent \$17,500 to Haiti. Special thanks to the Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation for their partnership in this effort.

Hurricane Ida Impact on the Gulf Coast



Hurricane Ida makes landfall in Louisiana

As this report is being prepared, reports of damage from Hurricane Ida are just beginning to come in. This was a major Category 4 hurricane when it made landfall in Louisiana, and damage assessments are expected to be high and likely loss of life. We have initiated discussions with our ecumenical partners in the Evangelical Lutheran and the Presbyterian Churches, who have extensive networks in the area. As this storm system moves from the Gulf shore up into the Northeastern US, we anticipate flooding issues all along its path. At this time will be sending funds to help with emergency outreach and will begin to look towards long-term

rebuilding efforts when we can send teams in safely.

Afghanistan Refugee Resettlement

With the withdrawal of military Afghanistan now complete, in the US and Canada. As we welcome those who are seeking partnering with Church World encourage congregations to sponsoring resettlement efforts help with housing and utilities, training, and providing money to setting up their new home. We and action to protect those



Afghan families seeking safe shelter

personnel and foreign citizens from many Afghans are seeking to find refuge Christians, we share in a calling to safe shelter. In this effort, the BWM is Service to support this urgent need. We work with the local agencies that might be in their area. This would include providing providing English language and job purchase clothing and items needed for invite everyone to join in prayer, love, fleeing violence and persecution.

You can assist the BWM in all of our efforts to bring relief to those in need by sending your donations to: Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. You may also make your donation online at <http://moravianmission.org/give/> and click on the green "Donate Now" link at the top of the page. Please indicate that your gift is for "MDR". Your support changes lives.

Church Treasurer's Report

July 2021

Church Annual Budget	\$420,787.00		
		YTD Church Actual Income	\$132,098.56
		YTD TFR Terry Family Endowment	\$27,812.73
		YTD TFR To or From Other Funds	*** \$0.00
		YTD Total Revenue	\$159,911.29
		YTD Church Actual Expense	-\$200,032.90
		Over/(Shortage) Church Revenue vs. Expenses YTD	-\$40,121.61
MTD Church Budgeted	\$35,065.59	MTD Church Actual Income	\$16,929.25
		MTD TFR Terry Family Endowment	\$4,528.05
		MTD TFR to or from Other Funds	*** \$0.00
		MTD Total Revenue	\$21,457.30
		MTD Church Actual Expenses	-\$32,659.99
		Over/(Shortage) Church Revenue vs. Expenses MTD	-\$11,202.69

Church Disbursed July, 2021

Salaries, Allowances, Social Security	\$16,126.94
Outreach/Good Shepherd/Evangelism	\$0.00
Lovefeast/Communion Expense	\$0.00
Music & Worship	\$387.20
Christian Education & Youth	\$309.57
Office Expense	\$925.01
Insurance-Church & Bus	\$0.00
Utilities	\$5,841.84
Buildings, Equipment, Grounds, Maintenance	\$5,619.98
Other- Operating Expense	\$412.03
Benevolence-Missions	\$0.00
Provincial Share	\$3,037.42
Church Total July Expenses	\$32,659.99

Checking Accounts as of July 31, 2021

BB&T - General Fund	\$27,073.28
Restricted Fund	\$148,856.71
Associate Pastor Restricted Fund	\$14,307.40
Special Funds Account	\$35,204.25
Benevolence Fund	\$3,651.26
Youth Fellowship	\$1,307.12
Repairs/Reserve Account	\$356,171.26
Edna and George Blanton Fund	\$124,933.65
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

September

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10am WF Circle 1-AB 10:30am WF Circle 2-Cr	2 10am to 1pm Private Group-AB	3 6pm AA Group-AB	4 8am to 1pm Men's Fellowship Community Yard Sale
5	6 Church Office Closed 6pm AA Group-AB	7 10am WF Circle 4-FH* new space*	8	9	10 6pm AA Group-AB	11 11am-1pm WF Food Drive
12 Stewardship Kickoff! Operation Christmas Child Blessing of the Boxes	13 6pm AA Group-AB 7pm Jt. Bd. Meeting-FH	14 11:30am Private Meeting-Picnic Shelter 5:30pm CE Meeting-FH	15 9am to 5pm Private Meeting-CR-Tenative	16 11am Outreach Committee-CR	17 6pm AA Group-AB	18 8am-Noon Clothes Closet Open
19 10am Missionary Chapter Lovefeast-Safie Braima, Speaker	20 6pm AA Group-AB 7pm WF Circle 3-FH	21	22	23	24 6pm AA Group-AB	25
26	27 10:30am WF Executive Bd. Meeting-CR 6pm AA Group-AB	28	29	30		
	Newsletter Deadline Monday, September 20th					

Any of these services/events/meetings are subject to cancellation due to Covid-19