

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say rejoice. Philippians 4:4

April 2022

The Pastor's Corner

Fairview Moravian Church

Where is our Growing Edge?

The Lent/Easter season of the church year is an incredibly exciting time for the trajectory of life for faithful Christians. At Easter we first embrace the end so that we can live into the beginning. Easter is the culmination, by fulfillment in Jesus of all things Old Testament. Easter is the beginning of post-Easter history, which is initiated through the resurrection of Christ Jesus.

A beloved hymn begs us to respond—as disciples of Jesus always must: "Where you there when they crucified my Lord?" This question, for me, is one of sadness and joy. The sadness is a reflection of times past when I didn't understand how essential, even required, was my walk with Jesus to the cross. The significance of this singular moment in time is presented in the *Holy Week Readings*. This book guides our worship every night of Holy Week as a harmonized arrangement the Gospels that teach us about Jesus' final week. This journey of Jesus is the foundation of our faith and understanding of God's plan of salvation. My joy? Joy comes by walking the road with all of you!

Looking back on my younger years, I would have cringed if asked, "Where you there when they worshiped through Jesus' trip to the cross for you?" I would have acknowledged, "I chose to do other things." Lent is a time of setting aside our busyness in order to make room for Jesus. This is an act of repentance and of love. We attend to our own spiritual needs as Christians by learning Scripture. It could be argued that the most essential hearing and learning about God is to hear what God is doing through Jesus during Holy Week.

We would anticipate being transformed as a community of faith to the extent we come together during Holy Week, because inspired learning via the Holy Spirit is a walk of faith. In this way we become prone to experience the grace and love of God. The ways this transformation would affect us are innumerable. We would grow beyond any complacencies and obstacles which lie in our way. We would intentionally seek our "growing edge." From a Christian perspective our growing edge is where we would discover God waiting to show us the next step of our future. While we remain comfortable, content, and complacent we will not search for our growing edge into the future. Perhaps without finding our growing edge we cannot grow, we cannot be vital, we cannot be filled with spiritual energy and power. This is an apt description of decline.

God is not content to leave us to our own plans and ways. It is Jesus who walks with us to search for our growing edges. Even beginning this journey would increase our capacity for the praise and adoration of God in worship, would increase our capacity for ministry to one another, would increase our capacity for outreach mission into the world. Yes, God, with love, is relentless in His pursuit of us as his children. God will not force us to fully participate in Christian congregational life. God will take every opportunity, take every opening, to move us to ponder: "Where were you when Jesus walked toward the cross?" Our next step, as always, is the most important. With hearts and lives joined, let's walk the Holy Week Road together. With joy and hopeful anticipation, we then will search for our growing edge. See you there!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tony

Holy Week at Fairview 2022

Winifred Kirkland prepared a book called *The Easter People*. The subtitle emphasizes our experience of a Moravian Easter as a member of the Salem Congregation: "A Pen-picture of the Moravian Celebration of the Resurrection." The forward further helps situate Easter in Moravian history, and also for us today, "Anyone who has ever been an eyewitness of the beautiful Easter customs which these pages commemorate must feel how inadequate is any description of a Salem Easter. This account, in a form shortened for magazine requirements, appeared in *The Ladies' Home Journal* of April, 1922...."

The repentance Jesus calls us to a life itself (see Luke 13:1-9). Those spiritually mature among us help us to see that Easter is a most profound and essential step of one's spiritual journey. Yes, with our full participation in Lent, Holy Week and Easter our spirits will be uplifted and our hearts will beam with the grace of God. A close inspection of the Season of Easter and Pentecost would lead us to conclude that without Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, we would have no Church year, no Christmas. Are we not unlike Peter and the disciples in not being able to grasp the gift of life that God offers through the <u>life, death</u>, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus?

Practically speaking, we seek to not be a pre-Easter Peter; rather, we ever strive for spiritual growth by being with Jesus during Lent and Holy Week and Easter this year. A suggestion came to the Board of Elders which is intended to aid us all to be right there with Jesus all the way to Easter. In His greatest moment of need we learn that "Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray...[Jesus] came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Mt 26:36, 40-41). Yes, Jesus' disciples have attended to him and stayed with him all the way into the garden. The garden was a special place for Jesus to center his life and purpose on His Father in Heaven.

The Elders have approved and established a plan for the creation of a special place for Fairview to be with Jesus in his final days and to experience more deeply God's gift of life in God's Son. To establish a special garden, we need your help. Just prior to the Holy Week service on Palm Sunday evening (6 - 6: 50 pm), we invite you to bring a plant or flower and place it around the Communion Table: the most holy place in our sanctuary. Each day of Holy Week we hope you will continue to build the garden. Together we seek to be in more intimate spiritual relationship with Jesus and with one another. Fairview is taking the first steps to bring her worship, ministry, and mission back to full strength. With God leading, the Spirit will grow our worship, ministry, and mission beyond what we can imagine. As disciples of Jesus, God invites us to set aside time to gather as a congregation and to become an eyewitness during Holy Week so that we may better understand and experience God's love for us in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

The Lord is Risen!



Palm Sunday Lovefeast:

April 10th at 10:00 a.m. (Band Prelude at 9:30)

Holy Week Readings:

Sunday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m. (Band prelude at 6:30p.m.) Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Communion: April 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service: April 15th at 7:00 p.m.

- **Great Sabbath Service at Home Moravian Church:** Saturday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunrise Service in God's Acre: Sunday, April 17th at 6:00 a.m.
- Worship at Fairview: Sunday, April 17th at 10:00 a.m. (No Sunday School)



Our Church Family:

Doris Brame, Roger Carmichael, Anne Collins, Ann Carroll, Bob Dalton, Anna Faircloth and her Mission Team, Danny Flowers, Riff Footland, John Harrold, Marjorie Humbert, Betty Johnson, Jean and Harvey Lunsford, Nancy Manuel, Tom Nicholson, Doris "DG" Noell, Tina Phillips, Harry Sapp, Terri Southern, Larry Sprinkle, Nancy and Ken Tomberlin, Diane Wright

<u>Shut In:</u>

Sam Hardister; Jolleen Johnson, Nancy Manual; Lucy Millikan; Opal Miller; Doris "DG" Noell.

Nursing Home:

Barbara Giesler, Eleanor Swaim, Lillie Mae Joyce, George Brannock.



For our April Community project, we will be supporting Ukrainian refugees through the Board of World Missions. The Czech Republic is among the countries receiving these refugees, and our Moravian friends in the Czech Province are already providing hospitality. A hotel there owned by a Moravian congregation is being prepared to house refugees in the near future. The Board of World Missions will forward donations to our Moravian friends in the Czech Republic in support of this effort.

If you wish to contribute, you can write your checks to "Moravian Board of World Mission" and indicate that your gift is for "Ukraine." You can place your donation in the labeled box in the Vestibule or give it to Linda Mathers. You may also make your donation online at <u>http://moravianmission.org/give/</u> and click on the green "Give" button at the top of the page. Please indicate that your gift is for "Ukraine".

Our next drive-through Food Drive will be on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 9</u>, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Any non-perishable food and monetary donations will be appreciated. You can also bring your donations early and leave them on a cart in the Fellowship Hall. Your donations will be supporting the Food Bank at Bethabara Moravian Church.

We will be cleaning gravestones and putting out flowers at God's Acre on <u>Saturday, April 16</u>, in preparation for Easter. We will meet there at 9:00 a.m. If you have greenery that we can use, you can bring it that day, or contact Jane Hilker to pick it up. You can also contact Jane for directions to our location. Plan to join us!

Please put <u>Saturday, May 7</u>, on your calendar!! We will have our next Shredding Event from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Share the word with your family, friends, and neighbors as well! It's an easy, SAFE way to dispose of unwanted documents. We request a donation of \$5.00 per bag or file box. This money will go to support the many projects of the Women's Fellowship. We hope to see you there!

*We have chicken pies for sale! \$14.00 each.

Thank you for supporting our community and the Women's Fellowship!



- 1. Jane Hilker,
- Vikki Doub 3. Craig Phillips
- 5. John Harrold
- 5. John Hallolu
- Charlie Martin Daniel Millikan Jeremiah Millikan
- 9. Lindsay Eldridge
- 10. Wanda Martin
- 12. Kimberly Brendle
- 13. Heather Hubbard
- 15. Kathy Davis
- 16. Stella Gaskins
- 18. Bill Collins
- 23. Gary Harrold
- 27. Brittany Hawks

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2. Candice Back

Phyllis Slawter, a regular attendee at our Wednesday Bible Study and Lunch, is turning **100** on April 8th. I am sure she would love to have you help her celebrate this milestone. Her address is 1055 Deepwood Ct., Winston Salem, 27104, if you would like to send her a card.

****Save the Date!! Saturday, April 23rd** we will spread Mulch on the natural areas on the church grounds. Please contact Doris Bostian for more information.

We have several openings for flowers to be placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Contact Cynthia Faircloth if you would like to put flowers in honor or memory of someone.

Welcome to Our Newest Members...

On Sunday, March 13, we welcomed into the Fairview Congregation **Mary Beard** and **Anna Humphrey.**

Mary Wiggins Joyce Beard is no stranger to Fairview. She is the daughter of the late Harry and Ruby Joyce and the sister of Dick and Tom Joyce. She grew up at Fairview and was confirmed on Palm Sunday, 1958 by Rev. Vernon Daetwyler at the old church. It was there that she began her musical career by playing piano for the Primary Dept led by the late "Miss Atha" Miller, Nancy Manuel, Sondra Goforth, and Cynthia Faircloth and Katyna Phillips. She has enjoyed singing and teaching all those songs to her five grandchildren in Charlotte and Lexington, SC. She was a member of First Baptist Church for over 50 years. It was there that she met her husband, Hoyt, singing in the choir. She served as evening organist and assistant organist there for almost 30 years. When evening services ended there, she began substituting in different churches. She has played in almost all of the Moravian churches. Substituting is what she enjoys the most. She was organist at Calvary Moravian for seven years and Bethania for five years. Mary graduated from RJ Reynolds High School and Salem College. After earning a teaching certificate there, she taught Spanish and French at Parkland High, West Forsyth, Wiley Jr High, and Old Town Elementary. She studied organ with both Dr. and Mrs. Mueller. She always sang in the choir at Fairview under the direction of Doug Kimel. He would leave early to go to his other job at Calvary and Mary would leave to go to First Baptist to sing in their choir as part of her job there. Hoyt was a bass in the choir. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last June here at Fairview where they were married. Their children, Beth and Randy, attended with their families. Hoyt retired as a mechanical engineer from RJ Reynolds. They enjoy travelling, attending concerts and plays, and attending Wake Forest basketball games. Mary believes there should be another Beatitude: Blessed are the lonely, for they shall find company. She and her mother began delivering the Fairview route of Meals on Wheels in 1997 at its inception. When her mother died, Hoyt began helping her. When she was taking care of her father, she hosted several luncheons for the widowers of Fairview. She enjoys taking Valentines and cookies to her former neighbors on Nottingham who are single or widowed. When she is not substituting in a church on a given Sunday, she will be in a pew or in the choir. She is so happy to be back with her Moravian friends and family.

Rifford "Riff" Arnold Footland, Jr. (joined June, 2021)

I was born and raised in rural Pennsylvania. Baptized in the Lutheran Church. My parents were Norwegian immigrants. I had a wonderful free-range childhood in a Norman Rockwell setting 83 years ago in a very different America. I graduated as a chemical engineer and later continued my education with a Master's in Mathematics. I worked for R. J. Reynolds International mainly in the far-east until the merger with Nabisco. I then went to Lowe's headquarters in North Wilkesboro and retired as Director of IT. I have been married to my beloved wife, Phyllis, for 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. Together we have enjoyed traveling extensively, mainly abroad. Recent set backs in my health have promoted me to seek solace in Jesus Christ our Lord. Wisdom has come slowly but through God's grace...it has come. My hope is that I will be accepted into the fellowship at Fairview Moravian Church in order to grow and further my love and devotion to Jesus Christ our Lord. I would like to thank the entire congregation for the prayers and support you have given both Phyllis and myself while I have fought cancer since 2017. I am still here through God's grace.



Thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards, and expressions of love that you gave me during my mother's illness and passing. Your kindness has meant the world to me. Patricia Rau and Family!

I want to thank Fairview for all the prayers and well wishes they have extended to me, particularly Penny Ratermann who brought me some stew and has checked on me frequently to make sure I am doing well. I endured the drug from the CT scan and the squamous cell carcinoma removal by the MOHS system was a success and I am recovering well. Ton Nicholson



The Sound/Audio/Video Operators need a few more helping hands on Sunday's livestreaming our services. No experience needed, we will teach you what you need to know. Please contact Jerry Hailey or Rod Back if you would be willing to help.

Provincial Women's Board

Save the Date: The Spiritual Life Retreat at Laurel Ridge will be held Friday, September 16 - Sunday, September 18. The Rev. Victoria Lasley will be our facilitator.

All women of the Province are invited to come and share a weekend of fellowship with your Moravian sisters. More information to come in the following weeks.

Submitted by Cindy Lamb



New Philadelphia Moravian Church 4440 Country Club Road, Winston-Salem, will have a document shred from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Saturday, April 23rd. Cost is \$5 per box. Enter from Kilpatrick Street. We unload. You do not have to get out of your vehicle. Sponsored by the Advent Class. Proceeds will benefit outreach ministries of the Moravian Church. For more information, call (336) 972-0494 or visit www.newphilly.org.

Salem Walk: Spring 2022

The Moravian Team for Racial, Cultural, and Ethnic Reconciliation (MTR) invites you to sign up for a "Salem Walk" experience this spring, an in-person opportunity to learn about the lives of three people enslaved by the Moravian church/individuals between 1771 and 1860. The experience (walk, conversation, and worship) will take around two hours.

After gathering in Salem, we will split into three groups, each group focusing on the life of one individual: Sambo/Abraham, Cathy, or Phoebe. Their stories will be shared by walking to visit places where they lived, worked, and are buried. We will then gather together again for discussion and worship.

Pre-registration is required.

- Register by emailing Heather Stevenson at the Moravian Center for Congregational Development: <u>hstevenson@mcsp.org</u>.
- Provide your name, email and contact information.
- Let Heather know which event you plan to attend.
- You'll receive more specific information near the date of the walk.

If you have further questions, contact Betsy Bombick at (336) 723-2281 or <u>bbombick@gmail.com</u>

Please be prepared for a lot of walking, some of it on uneven ground. We will cancel if it is raining.

Dates:

Saturday morning March 5, 10 – 12 Tuesday morning March 15, 10-12 AM Tuesday evening April 5, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Submitted by Betsy Bombick

Laurel Ridge "Ridgefest"

May 28th 12-4p.m. Music, Food and Fun for the **whole family**. Come see what a week at camp is really like!!

Great Sabbath Service of Music and Worship April 16, 2022

Under the direction of Drake Flynt, with Mary Louise Kapp Peeples as organist, the Great Sabbath Chorus and instrumental ensemble will present a Great Sabbath Service of Music and Worship at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2022, in the Home Moravian Church sanctuary.

The service is sponsored by the churches of Salem Congregation and the music will include Great Sabbath anthems and hymns.

The service will also be live streamed from <u>www.homemoravian.org</u>. Moravian Holy Land Trip – October, 2022

The Moravian Holy Land Trip for this year that was postponed in January due to covid 19 restrictions on travel, has been rescheduled for October 18-27, 2022 and new registrations are being received for those wishing to participate in this wonderful pilgrimage. The trip is being coordinated by Rev. Rick Sides and sponsored through Educational Opportunities. At this point, there is room for an additional 8-10 passengers. For further questions about the trip or to receive registrations materials, please contact Rick Sides at (336) 768-3178 or at <u>rsides4@gmail.com</u>.



26th Annual Moravian Music Festival

The Moravian Music Festival, July 26-30, 2022,

Bethlehem, PA. Live, and in person.

Register now at www.moravianmusicfestival.org

Day of Prayer – April 6, 11:00 A.M. Konnoak Hills Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Fran Saylor.

Fries Memorial Moravian Church will be holding a Community Shred Day on April 30 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Fries Church parking lot. A minimum donation of \$5 per file box/bag is requested.

Secure and professional shredding will be done on-site by Shamrock Shredding of the Triad.

All proceeds will be used for Youth Family Ministries.

Easter Band Rehearsal on Sunday's, April 3 through April 10, 2:15pm – 3:15pm at Home Moravian Church, 529 Church St, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Wednesday Bible Study and Lunch at Fairview

Everyone is invited to come join us! Cynthia Faircloth is organizing cooking teams now. We need team leaders and workers; **any help would be greatly appreciated**. If you would be willing to help, please contact Cynthia at 336-731-4687 or email at cjwfaircloth@lexcominc.net.

Pray Every Day April 2022

- 1. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
- 2. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Pray for peace in Ukraine.
- 3. I will sing of your love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will sing praise. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
- 4. Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry for help come to you. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
- 5. Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress. Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
- 6. Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Pray for the Thiessens in Canada.
- 7. The nations will fear the name of the Lord, all the kings of the earth will revere your glory. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
- The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
- 9. The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
- 10. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
- 11. O Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahuas.
- 12. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
- 13. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Pray for Moravians in Peru.
- 14. Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise? Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
- 15. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
- 16. My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
- 17. I will praise you, O lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leonne.

- 18. For great is our love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
- 19. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth. Pray for short term mission teams.
- 20. Save us and help us with your right hand, that those you love may be delivered. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
- 21. With my mouth I will greatly extol the Lord; in the great throng I will praise him. For he stands at the right hand of the needy one, to save his life from those who condemn him. Pray for the government leaders of our country.
- 22. Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
- 23. He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Pray for Alan and DeeDee Iobst in France.
- 24. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
- 25. Not to us O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
- 26. I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. Pray for Moravian churches in Czech Republic housing refugees.
- 27. Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. Pray for the Board of World Missions.
- 28. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
- 29. I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.
- 30. Do good to your servant, and I will live; I will obey your word. Pray for disaster relief workers and Moravian Disaster Response.

