



And all that sat in the council, looking intently at him, and they saw that his face was like a face of an angel.

Acts 6: 15

Fairview Moravian Church

February 2023

Fairview: Here We Grow Again!

Does this Bible offer a distinction in the Church from civic groups who meet for fellowship, eat good food, and offer outreach ministry to those in need? I am glad you asked because the answer to this question is YES! Jesus gave the Christian Church a unique and distinct ministry. The passage called the “Great Commission” is Matthew 28: 18a, 19-20 “*Jesus came and said to them, ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age’*” (NRSV)

In summary, Jesus teaches His disciples today, as the Church to: 1-go out into the world, 2-baptize in His name, and 3-teach people to come to Christ as Lord and Savior. This sounds a big task, especially for those of us who have not taken on the sharing of our faith with others as a primary calling of Christian living. The good news, about the Good News (which is Jesus), is that this is substantially the work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit empowers us to open “doors” to share our faith. The Holy Spirit does the “heavy lifting.” We are called to share the love of Jesus who we know lives in our hearts. “How do we know?” you ask. We know of God’s love in Christ for others through worship, Christian education, the study and practice of Christian spirituality, prayers, hanging out with Fairview members, the outreach ministry we participate in, and much more. Next, we address: “To whom do we share?” **All the FRANS in our life!** “Come again?” The FRANS: Friends, Relatives, Neighbors, Acquaintances.

You are probably thinking “that is way too difficult for me!” Yes, we all would think that until several things happen to make this a success.

1. Recall bringing people to faith is God’s work, the Holy Spirit’s. God accomplishes all that God sets out to do.
2. Jesus, by calling us, makes us His **faith-sharing disciples** who do what makes Jesus’ disciples unique: **leading others to Him**. (Recall the sermon Scripture from January 29th: “*Come, follow me,*” *Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”* 20 *At once they left their nets and followed him.*”
3. We gather to learn and to experience faith-sharing within the safe confines with our friends at Fairview.
4. We open ourselves for the indwelling Holy Spirit to work within the whole Fairview congregation.

This is a fun and worthwhile ministry. Some learning is helpful to get over the hesitation of sharing our faith with others. I too was hesitant until I attended such training at Good Shepherd Moravian. Following that experience, I have experienced the joy of telling others about Jesus. I have been blessed to offer this training at three congregations. You may now realize why **9 of 10 new church members** are invited by church members. Just imagine how many FRANS you all know!

Essentially what I am praying you will be motivated by Jesus’ *Come follow me*, is to: 1-share the love of Jesus that is alive in you; and 2- be willing to have some fun and good food while we learn together the reward of leading other to Christ Jesus. When we truly engage in this ministry, I believe we will find how others are looking for **your** personal invitation to invite Jesus into their lives. God’s abundant grace is a gift all should experience. Let’s tell others about the gift of grace and divine love!

Pastor Tony



Remembering Our Members in Prayer...

Our Church Family:

Ann Carroll, Bob Dalton, Danny Flowers, Riff Footland, Sondra Goforth, John Harrold, Ken Hauser, Peggy Hoyle, Jolleen Johnson, Marie Kiger, Jean and Harvey Lunsford, Nancy Manuel, Lucy Millikan, Brenda Miller, Tom Nicholson, Pat and Harry Sapp, Walt Schorer, Larry Sprinkle, Lindsay Tise, Nancy and Ken Tomberlin, Cleo Willard-Weems, Diane Wright.

Our Family and Friends:

Mario Doria (son-in-law of Linda Overfelt), Tim Huff (friend of Linda Overfelt), Wayne Linville (friend of Melinda Yarbrough), Carol Mathers (Marshall Mather's sister).

Pray for our Friends and Family in the Military:

Jordan Hailey (Navy – son of Jerry Hailey), Daniel Millikan (Army – son of Dianne & Alan Millikan), Jeremiah Millikan (Navy – son of Dianne & Alan), Christian Nixon (National Guard – nephew of Candice & Rod Back), Eric Tise (Air Force – grandson of Lindsay Tise).



For our February Community Project, we will be supporting the Forsyth County Family Services Domestic Violence Center. Here is a list of some of their needs:

BATH SUPPLIES: Shower shoes/flip flops • Towels/washcloths • Shampoo • Body soap • Bar soap • Lotion • Conditioner • Bath mats

NEW CLOTHING FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN: • Pajamas • Underwear • Slippers • T-shirts • Socks

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Bookbags • Writing journals • Notebooks • Art supplies • Crayons • Markers

All items need to be new, please. You can put your donations in the blue tub in the Lovefeast Kitchen. Thank you for your support of our community!

SAVE THE DATE!! Our next Shredding Event will be on Saturday, April 22, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. A \$5.00 donation is requested per bag or file box. The proceeds will go to Women's Fellowship projects, including local and global missions.

Thank you for supporting our community!

BOARD SUMMARIES

FROM YOUR JOINT BOARDS:

Your Board of Elders and Board of Trustees met jointly the evening of January 9. After devotion and prayer, Board members considered a number of items of church business. The Boards scheduled a Joint Board retreat at Fairview for Saturday, February 4. At the retreat, the Boards will address planning for the year 2023, church policies and procedures, and if time allows, other issues as well. Board members will soon renew the practice of “shepherding” church members, so be on the lookout for your introductory letter from your Board “Shepherd.”

FROM YOUR BOARD OF ELDERS:

Your Board of Elders met the evening of January 9 following the Joint Board meeting. In addition to other church business, the Elders addressed two pressing matters: the Head Usher vacancy and Head Diener vacancy. If you have a calling to serve and a gift for planning and organizing, then you have all the talents needed to be Head Diener. Members are urged to prayerfully consider this need of the church. Our former Head Dieners, Bill and Gwen Shields and Morgan Fox, will gladly explain the duties. Please contact either of them, or the church office, if you may be interested in serving in this capacity. For the time being, the Elder of the Month will serve as Head Usher each Sunday morning, greeting visitors, opening the Sanctuary, putting out bulletins, and all the chores you have seen our retiring Head Usher, Bill Wright, doing so faithfully each Sunday morning. Again, if you believe your talents fit, we always need ushers. Please consider it and contact the church office if you'd like to be part of the ushering team.

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

The deadline for the March newsletter is February 19th.

Each year the Provincial Board of the European-Continental Province draws the watchword for each province.

The watchword for the Southern Province is Nehemiah 9:31 – “Lord, in your great mercies you did not make an end of your people.”

The Rev. Dr. Neil Routh, President, Provincial Elders Conference Moravian Church in America, Southern Province

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February

2. Jim Byerly, Cynthia Faircloth
3. Jolleen Johnson
4. Dennis Tuttle
5. Don Tuttle
6. Dianne Yarbrough
7. Ellen Joyce
8. Doris Brame
13. Judy Byerly, Rev. Don Griffin,
Laura Hayworth, Van Krause,
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

March

1. Amy Yarbrough

Day of Prayer Services for 2023

February 22, 11:00 A.M. - Home Moravian Ash Wednesday, Speaker: Rev. Sandra Thigpen, special music, Alex Helsabeck. Coffee Fellowship at 10 A.M. in Fellowship Hall. The service will be available in person and live-streamed on the Home Church Web page. Click on Live broadcasts to access the service.
<https://www.homemoravian.org/index.php/live-broadcasts/>

February 26, 2:00 P.M. - Christ Moravian, Speaker: Bobby Kimbrough, Forsyth County Sheriff. Lovefeast. Nursery provided.

March 1, 11:00 A.M. - Trinity Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Russell Williams. Lunch will be served after the service.

March 8, 11:00 A.M. - Ardmore Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Scott Venable. Refreshments will be served at 10:00 A.M. The service will be in person and online:
www.FACEBOOK.com/ArdmoreMoravian/videos

March 15, 11:00 A.M. - Calvary Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Madi White. Coffee served at 10:00 P.M. This service will be in person only.

March 22, 11:00 A.M. - Fairview Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Jeff Carter. The service will be in person and include Holy Communion. The service will be available on YouTube and Facebook.

March 29, 11:00 A.M. - Konnoak Hills Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Ginny Tobiassen. Lovefeast. The service will be in person and online:
<http://www.khморavian.org/> Select "YouTube Chanel" at the top of the page.

How Do I Donate to Fairview Moravian Church?

In-Person Donations

When we do hold services, your donation can be placed into the offering plate at worship, and we accept donations at the church office.

Donate by Mail

Donations can be sent to the church office at:
Fairview Moravian Church
6550 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Donate online

Moravian Ministries Foundation
Mmfa.info and select **Giving Portal** then select **Fairview Moravian Church**

Moravian Music Foundation

The Moravian Music Foundation is looking to fill the role of Finance/Executive Assistant. This position reports directly to the Executive Director and will communicate as appropriate with the Treasurer of the MMF Board of Trustees.

In addition to a generous salary, employment with the MMF includes health, dental, vision, and short-term disability insurance; TIAA retirement contributions after 1 year; 2 weeks paid vacation; and 12 additional paid days off as sick leave or personal time. For more information, please go to the Moravian Music Foundations website.



Moravian Disaster Response Updates

Disaster Relief in Central America | A recent priority of our disaster response work has been providing bean and vegetable seeds for replanting after disasters wiped out existing crops in Honduras and Nicaragua. At nine months of heavy rains and flooding, we continue to receive reports of families in La Mosquitia living on one meal per day and surviving on fish that they are able to catch from the riverbanks. In addition to emergency meal distribution, we have provided 13,000 pounds of bean seeds, which will be shared with about 650 families. If unaffected by flood or insects, this will be the first harvest of a major food crop in the last year. We are also pleased to report that, thanks to Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church and a North Carolina organization called Seed Programs International, hundreds of families will also soon be able to plant tomato, squash, kale, and more.



Ukraine Crisis | Moravians continue to be a welcoming presence for Ukrainian refugees worldwide. In recent months, much of our funding has been dedicated to supporting education efforts for Ukrainian children in Kyiv and abroad. Through your generous gifts we have been able to cover teachers' salaries at a partner school in Kyiv, Ukraine and Nová Paka, Czech Republic. Additionally, a Moravian High School in Hejnice, Czech Republic, has expanded their capacity in order to accept Ukrainian students who had recently relocated to their area. The BWM also continues to support other resettlement efforts including welcoming Ukrainian families to Moravian communities here in North America. We invite you to visit MoravianMission.org/Ukraine to view all of our recent updates.

We also ask that you lift up in prayer those Ukrainian families who have stayed in Ukraine and are facing continued violence and disruptions to their normal life, as well as those families who have made the difficult decision to move abroad and are now adjusting to new languages and cultures.

February 21: Moravian Day of Giving

The Third Annual Day of Giving provides individuals and congregations a special opportunity to support their local congregations, Moravian ministries, and agencies like the Board of World Mission. Stay tuned for giving challenges as the Day of Giving approaches. In deciding where to designate your gift, we encourage you to consider contributing to our general fund, which allows us to devote the gift to the area of greatest need. After all, we don't know yet where this year will take us!

Gifts for the Day of Giving can be made online at MoravianMission.org/Give/ or on the MMFA Giving Portal.

Those in the US can send checks to Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.



Reporting Church Council

Please plan to attend the Reporting Church Council on Sunday, February 26th following worship in the Sanctuary beginning around 11:15 A.M. 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!

UNITY PRAYER DAY and OFFERING

Each year Moravian churches around the world celebrate the founding of the Unitas Fratrum (March 1, 1457) and receive a special "Unity Offering" for an important project or cause somewhere in the Moravian world. Sunday, March 5, 2023 is the Day of Prayer for Unity Work. Congregations are invited to pray for our worldwide church and to receive a special offering. This year, 2023, the Unity Prayer Day Offering will go to kickstart the fundraising for the Moravian Unity Disaster Relief Fund (MUDRF). This project will assist Moravian provinces seeking support for disaster relief in the event of natural or manmade disasters occurring in the area of operation of the Moravian Provinces.

After gathering contributions, congregations may send one check to the Provincial Finance Office clearly indicating that it is for the Unity Offering.

Sermon Scripture Lessons February 2023

If you like to study ahead, the following are currently planned as the passages for the sermons. *On occasion they may change.*

February 5	Isaiah 58: 1-9a, (9b-12)
February 12	1 Corinthians 3:1-9
February 19	2 Peter 1:16-21
February 26	Matthew 4:1-11 Communion
Mediation	
March 5	John 3:1-17

Dear Moravian Friends,

Thank you for your volunteer and financial support of City with Dwellings. We still find ourselves in need of a used minibus, as ours died midway through 2022. We rely heavily on this vehicle in order to serve the 240+ folks living on the streets on any given night. If you are considering selling or donating your minibus, please reach out to me. (This needs to be a vehicle that does not require a CDL to operate.) My contact information appears below.

I'd be happy to talk to anyone who is curious about the work of City with Dwellings and ways your congregation might be able to partner with us to benefit our neighbors experiencing homelessness in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. I look forward to connecting with you!

Ruth Cole Burcaw, Executive Director
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The Women's Chorus of the Kiev (Ukraine) Symphony will be in concert at Friedberg Moravian Church on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 4:00p.m. Admission is free, but a love offering will be taken to offset the costs of the concert.

The Women's Chorus consists of 26 singers with six instruments. The program is a varied program ranging from spirituals, religious music, and ending in "Prayer for Ukraine". This concert will be a must-see barn burner performance. You can get an idea of the music quality by searching YouTube for [Kyiv Symphony Chorus](#). Save the date, then come, bring family and friends, and enjoy this uplifting 2 hours of great music.

Faith Formation at Fairview

We continue **praying the Bible** utilizing the Christian Spiritual practice of *lectio divina*. This practice reads a scripture text with a reverent silence to open ourselves to God's *small still voice*.

We are meeting in the conference room on Tuesdays at 2pm and Wednesday at 7pm. For the **Zoom link**, please email Pastor Tony at tony@fairviewmoravianchurch.org or call at 336-978-2620.

I hope you can join us.

Pastor Tony