

# Fairview Moravian Church January Newsletter

Your beginnings will seem humble, so  
prosperous your future will be. Job 8:7

## The Pastor's Corner

It was an otherwise normal day driving from Pinnacle to Fairview—the temperature was low at 24°F. I was on Donnaha Road, just going into a curve when I saw the sheet of black ice about 3 times as large as my car in my lane. With no one on the road except for me, I allowed the car to pass over the ice without steering. The car still shifted a bit to the left—it was a micro skid. Had I reacted with a sudden jerk or braking, the car likely would have spun off the road.

That frozen ice brings to mind the many forces we face as Christian believers who have gathered at Fairview. “Frozen ice” comes in many forms which we do not expect until we are right on them, or, they are upon us. What forms? The pandemic fits this mold, and also inclement weather which keeps us away from church life, sickness which unexpectedly causes people to miss ministry assignments, Advent candles about to burn into the wreath during the sermon, worship when we are too tired or preoccupied to sense God. I’m certain each of us could share things we experience, or failed to experience, from which **theological significance** could be interpreted. A simple definition of “theological significance” relates to the “theology” which is dialogue about God. Dialogue then leads to better understanding our faith. **Theological reflection** is a process directed by the Holy Spirit and Scripture with dialogue, faith, and understanding as tools for reflection.

Have you considered that, for Christians, everything in life, every second, every happening, has **theological significance**? An unexpected event during the sermon on December 18<sup>th</sup> allows us to reflect on faith. To prevent the Advent candle from burning into the wreath, an usher came forward and blew the candles out. The loss of the burning flame, on one hand, was abrupt and out of place: this seems a non-spiritual perspective. In actuality, the reality of being Christian—made so only because of Christ himself—allows us to know that it is not the candle

that holds the Spirit and illumination of Jesus...each of us is a vessel in which Jesus can reside to illuminate our path forward into the New Year.

Please pray for God to heighten your spiritual awareness as we move into 2023. That burning flame of Jesus’ love within you can highlight what God is doing in your life, what God is calling you to do, and what God is calling Fairview to undertake in 2023. How will we maneuver around those “ice patches” in 2023?

*“John came to testify to the light. The true light [who is Jesus], which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world”* (John Chapter 1). May God bless each Fairview member with many opportunities to give witness to the light of Jesus which warms our hearts with God’s love, and illuminates our spiritual journey together.

*Pastor Tony*

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**Confirming one’s faith** is an important step in the Christian life for a young person who is a rising seventh grader or older. The Confirmation Service will be on Pentecost Sunday 2023. In worship on Pentecost the confirmands confirm the faith taught by parents/guardians under the care of the church. When one is confirmed, one takes on the responsibility for their faith and spiritual journey in a service of celebration which recognizes we have accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. A **Confirmation information meeting** will be held with parents/guardians and youth (6<sup>th</sup> grade and older) following worship on **Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> during Sunday School**. For more information please contact Pastor Tony by calling the church office or by email at [tony@fairviewmoravianchurch.org](mailto:tony@fairviewmoravianchurch.org).

## Mark your Calendars...

**Church Office Closed** – January 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Wednesday Lunch and Bible Study Resumes-**  
January 4<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

**Clothes Closet Open**-January 7 at 8am

**Unity Prayer Watch** – January 10<sup>th</sup>

**WF Food Drive** – January 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am

**Church Office Closed** – January 16<sup>th</sup>

**Fairview Friends White Elephant Bingo and**

**Potluck Luncheon**-January 26<sup>th</sup> at Noon



## Remembering in Prayer...

### Our Church Family:

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

### Our Family and Friends:

Nancy Dugan (friend of Pam Tatum), Lauren Krell (friend of Candice and Rod Back, Tim Huff (friend of Linda Overfelt), Vanessa Irby (friend of Morgan Fox), Dillon Perrell (friend of Judy and Jerry Byerly), Gayle Pfaff (cousin in law to Bobby Bennett).

### 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).

### Shut In

Doris Brame, Bob Dalton, Judy and Frank Everhart, Ruby Gentle, Barbara Giesler, Sam Hardister, John Harrold, Jolleen Johnson, Jean and Harvey Lunsford, Opal Miller, Lucy Millikan, Tom Nicholson, Doris Noell, Joanna and Bill Oehman, Lindsay Tise, Nancy and Ken Tomberlin

Fairview Congregation, thank you!!

Your thoughtfulness means so much more than words can express. Thank you all so much for all you do for the Bethabara Food Pantry. You are greatly appreciated.

**The new Church Directory** will be coming out mid-January, until then, make note of these new addresses:  
**Beth Passmore** (John) 149 Warwick Place, Advance, NC 27006. 336-601-1292 email: bfpassmore@gmail.com  
**Trudy Smith** 2870 St. George Road, W-S, NC 27106. 336-768-6253



Greetings from the Women's Fellowship!

Our Community Project for January will be providing snacks for children at Speas Elementary School. **All items need to be in single-serving packaging.** Here is the list of items that they have requested:

Wheat Thins, Chex Mix, popcorn, goldfish, Cheez-its, pretzels, applesauce, cereal/granola bars, bottles of water, milk (non-refrigerated individual packs), and fruit cups. All items need to be non-perishable and nut-free, please. You can bring your donations to the blue container in the Lovefeast Kitchen. If you have any questions, contact Linda Mathers at 336-727-9597. Thank you for supporting the children in our community!

It's never too late to say Thank You! I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped to make Fairview Fare a success. If you contributed, shopped, cooked, or worked in one of the Women's Fellowship areas, you are very much appreciated. Thank you! Melinda Yarbrough



Our Wednesday Lunch and Bible Study will resume on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Cooking Team #1 will be preparing our meal. Make Plans to join us for good food, fellowship and a great Bible Study!



## January

4. Nancy Davis, Joslyn Millikan
9. Nancy Manuel
11. Karlynn Morgan, Leslie Van Horn
12. Eugenia Ivy, John Saylor
15. Danny Ferguson, Sarah Faircloth
16. Gail Stambaugh, Beth Passmore
17. Everett Freeman
19. Barbara Giesler, Dorcas Hauser
21. Doris Bostian
22. Pat Sapp
25. Michael Kimel
29. Jean Townsend
30. Jeanne Willard



**The Fairview Friends Fellowship** will meet at Noon on January 26<sup>th</sup> for a Potluck Luncheon and White Elephant Bingo. Come and Enjoy food, fun, and fellowship. Bring a wrapped prize and your favorite dish to share.

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**The Friendship Sunday School**

Class will resume classes on Sunday, January 8, 2023 after worship services. Our classroom is located, through the parlor, last room on the right. If you are looking for a friendly class on a weekly basis, come join us! See Corky Flowers for more information.

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I want to again thank each and every one who contributed in some way to the success of the Christmas Shoebox Ministry in filling 105 shoeboxes.

I want to share with you some interesting information about the Shoebox Ministry.

The first Christmas shoeboxes were delivered in 1993, collected by a church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Samaritan's Purse tells us that by the grace of God, this program has come a long way.

There are many stories of how the shoeboxes have become "Gospel Opportunities, and I want to share a few of these with you.

We have been assured that Samaritan Purse plans to deliver shoeboxes to children in Ukraine.

Moldova, one of the countries that welcomed Ukrainian refugees has distributed shoebox gifts that helped to revive a small church. This is the Lord using shoebox gifts to build up a church. They invited 150 boys and girls from the town to receive shoebox gifts. The Gospel was presented to them and the children were invited to participate in the Greatest Journey. Dozens of children and their parents began coming to the church, and a new Sunday school was started.

"The word of God grew and multiplied" (Acts 12:24)

The Himba Tribe, in Namibia Africa, did not have the opportunity of hearing about the love of Jesus Christ, until a nearby churches brought shoebox gifts. Children and their parents heard about Christ and many received Him as their Lord and Savior. Samaritan's Purse helped these followers of Jesus to build a church. The Himba Tribe has invited their neighbors to join them in worship.

Samaritans Purse said, that when people like us at Fairview pack shoebox gifts, it gives them the opportunity to share the hope of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord" (Romans 6:23)

I wanted to share the information above to let you know, that our gifts in shoeboxes makes us a part of a process, that opens opportunities for children and adults to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and his love for everyone.

As we at Fairview celebrate the birth of Jesus, may each of us be thankful for being a part of others not only hearing the good news of Jesus but to experience the love of Jesus Christ.

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Pat Sapp-Women's Fellowship Outreach

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## Fairview Clothes Closet

Thinking back over the past year I can see joy and sorrow when I think of our Clothes Closet. The team of people that make it possible, the important service we provide to the community, and being able to open regularly, after several years of providing irregular service due to the Covid restrictions, add to the joy. We are now back to opening one Saturday a month. We serve about 30 people each Saturday and they are offered two large trash bags to fill as they look for clothing for themselves and family. We continue to follow the Covid restrictions put in place. We have found that some of the changes we have made allow Clothes Closet to operate more efficiently, and we will probably continue some changes indefinitely. Our volunteers are also at the church every Wednesday morning to accept and organize clothing donations.

We have experienced sorrow this year following the death of Anne Collins, one of our dedicated volunteers, in November. We have all felt the sadness of this loss, but can smile when we remember Anne and her fun-loving and outgoing presence both on Wednesday morning as we sorted clothes, and with our guests that came to shop on Saturdays. Her many years in education, particularly with exceptional children, gave her an understanding and insight into families and the problems they can incur. We benefited from this understanding. We will miss her as a friend and as a talented volunteer.

We look forward to 2023 and continuing this service with everyone's help. Thank you to the Fairview community for your support and generous clothing donations.

Eugenia Ivy

**Clothes Closet**

*"I needed clothes and  
you clothed me."*

Matthew 25:38

## Around the Province...



### FEAST OF LOVE CONCERT

*Sponsored by the  
Mission Society of the  
Moravian Church  
Southern Province*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023, 3:00 p.m.**

### **New Philadelphia Moravian Church**

You're invited to a concert featuring Moravian musicians from around the area representing a wide variety of musical styles and genres. There will be an international element, a camp element (looking forward to Mission Camp!), and traditional and contemporary elements. The Mission Society will take up an offering for the 10 missionaries the Society supports around the world. If you have any questions, call the Mission Society office at 336-773-1732.

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### **Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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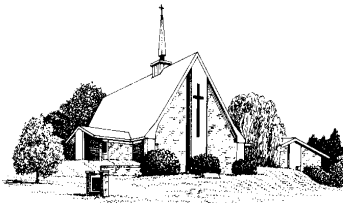
Van Krause, Interim Choir Director

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Martha Evans, Organist

Rod Back, Chair of Trustees

Jerry Hailey, Vice-Chair of Elders



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