The Fairview Dispatch



Fairview Moravian Church

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Pastors Corner

As we approach the beginning of a new season in the life of our church which starts in September, I offer this benediction from Margaret Silf's *Inner Compass: An Invitation to Ignition Spirituality*. As a benediction, this is God speaking to us. We know His Word will always strengthen as a small still voice, which is powerful, gentle, comforting, and transforming. I pray for us all this blessing from God fills us with trust, confidence, humility and peace.

A BENEDICTION

"Let us share God's blessing now, free of regret for the landmarks we have missed, alert and alive with trust for all that lies ahead...

I bless the poverty in your heart, which knows its own emptiness, because that gives me space to grow my Kingdom there.

I bless that in you that touches others gently, because everyone responds to gentleness, and gentleness can capture even hardened hearts.

I bless that in your that grieves and aches for all that is lost or can never be, because that is my opportunity to comfort you with my much greater love.

I bless that in you that longs and strives after your own deepest truth and after truth for the world, because even as you pray, I am constantly satisfying these deep unspoken longings.

I bless you every time you show mercy and forgiveness, because that is like a little window in your heart, setting you free from resentment and opening up a space for me to enter and to heal.

I bless the purity of your heart, because that is the elusive center where your deepest desire meets mine. That is where we meet face-to-face.

Continued "A Benediction"...

I bless the peacemaker in you, that in you that seeks the peace that passes understanding, knowing the cost of its obtaining, because that is what I sent my Son to give, and in your peace making you become my daughter or son. I bless even those things in your experience of journeying with me that feel like persecution and abuse and misunderstanding, because they are proof that your faith in no illusion.

These, Lord, surely are your original blessings, that precede and supersede my original sin and assure me that your joy, your peace, and your love are so much larger than my fearing and my failing. Yes, this is the gospel of the Lord."

All God's people: Amen!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Tony

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

Thank you for your generosity and support of the Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry.

Our goal this year was to fill 100 shoeboxes and 100 shoeboxes were taken. As of August 13^{th,} we have received **82 filled shoeboxes**. We look forward to receiving the remaining **18 filled shoeboxes** by Sunday August 27th.

I am thankful that Fairview is one of the thousands of churches that contribute to this ministry. I am thankful for the many blessings at Fairview.

Pat S., Women's Fellowship

Pastoral Care at Fairview

Fairview is a naturally caring community with support provided my members and Pastor Tony. Our Pastor visits our members whether at church. the hospital, or where you live. He is usually available at the church office Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 4:30. Tuesdays 9:30 to 12. It is often good to call for an appointment. Our Pastor hopes to be able to pray with you before major medical treatment and for other pastoral needs. He usually visits in the afternoon or morning when that is best. He is glad to discuss all topics of faith and church life, help with research ("Was Thomas really a doubter?"), spiritual formation, and life. For emergent needs the Pastor can nearly always be reached on his cell 24/7—he often loves for phone messages. If you have an emergency, it's okay to wake him up. Psalm 30:2 (NIV) Lord my God, I called to you for help and you saved me.

Pastor Tony



Scan the QR Code and it will "link" you to our online calendar!!



September 1st: Brenda
September 4th: Sheri
September 7th: Michael
September 10th: Jason
September 13th: Michael F., Jr.
September 14th: Doris N., Shirley
September 18th: David, Jerry
September 20th: Linda S.
September 21st: Walt
September 24th: Meredith
September 27th: Elizabeth
September 28th: Henry
September 30th: Amy P.

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

Any omission from this list is purely accidental. If your name was inadvertently left off, please contact Patricia to let her know.



Our Church Family Prayer List: William, Michael, Judy, Nancy, Anna Frances, Corky, Riff, Sheri, Sondra, Rev. Don, John, Lanny, Jean and Harvey, Linda, Penny, Pat, Sandy, Lindsay, Linda, Cleo.

Friends and Family Prayer List: Ed (uncle to David).

Our Military Prayer List: Jordan (Navy – son of Jerry), Daniel (Army – son of Dianne & Alan), Jeremiah (Navy – son of Dianne & Alan), Christian (National Guard – nephew of Candice & Rod), Eric (grandson of Lindsay).

The October Newsletter Deadline is Monday, September 15th.

If your submission isn't received by the monthly cutoff date, we will regretfully be unable to publish it in the current newsletter. Also, Fairview will be posting church activity pictures to Facebook and on the Fairview Moravian webpage, so if you prefer not to have your picture online, notify us at communications@fairviewmoravianchurch.org.

The Communication Committee.

Fairview Food Drive

This ministry contributes food items to local food pantries, such as the Bethabara Food Pantry, to help feed the hungry in our community. Drive in to our church's lower parking lot from 11a.m. to Noon, the 2nd Saturday of each month. Someone will be there to welcome you and accept your contributions! Bethabara's food shelves empty quickly, so the donations we make are surely welcome. We are grateful to all who help us feed the hungry in our community and make this vital ministry successful. For Church members; food donations may be left inside in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall at any time.



Our Fall Wednesday Meal and Bible Study starts back on September 3rd at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Make sure you join us and invite your friends, family and neighbors as we study God's word, have a wonderful meal and fellowship together.

Fairview Fare

The Women's Fellowship will have their Fairview Fare this year on November 15 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. We will have the Bake Sale, Country Store, and Pottery Shop. The Kitchen will be open for breakfast and lunch. Of course, there will be Chicken Pies. As always, your contributions for the Bake Sale and Country Store will be appreciated. We are <u>NOT</u> having a Yard Sale table this year.

Vendors this year will only be members of Fairview and their families. If you have a craft that you would like to bring, contact Melinda for information.



Chicken Pies will be available-\$15.00 each Breakfast & Lunch will be available to purchase!

TUESDAY NIGHT BAND

BEGINNING BAND CLASS will start on Tuesday September 2, 2025, at Home Moravian Church. Sponsored jointly with Salem Congregation, Beginning Band Class will once again be offered under the leadership of Robah Ogburn and Connie Merritt. Each Tuesday night, the class will meet at **6:30pm** for all student's 6th grade and up. If you do not know what instrument you want to learn, the leaders will help you make that decision on the first night.

Salem Congregation Chorale Band will meet at 7:30 each Tuesday and is open to all interested players. This group will use both green and blue Moravian Chorale books and perhaps some band arrangements. This group is targeted for all players that have at least completed Beginning Band as well as those that have played for many years.

Both the Beginning Band Class and the Salem Congregation Chorale Band will meet in the Rehearsal Room on the lower level of the Rhondthaler building. Please contact Connie (kapwing@triad.rr.com) or Robah (RobahOgburn@Yahoo.com) if you have questions or need additional information.

Fairview Clothes Closet

We continue to open the Fairview Clothes Closet on the first Saturday of every month. Our hours are 8:00 AM until noon. We have up to 55 people visit us each time we open to shop for themselves and their families. I appreciate our great volunteers who are at the church as early as 7:30 AM on those Saturdays. We all appreciate Bill W. who puts our large sign up at the road every month at the beginning of the week prior to our opening.

We want to thank the Fairview congregation and residents of our community who make generous donations of clothes. We are at the church every Wednesday, 10:00 AM until noon, to accept the clothing donations and work to keep the Clothes Closet rooms organized and neat. If you would like to donate, you may do so during this time on Wednesday mornings. Church members may also leave donations any time you might be in the church for another reason. Just leave them on the bench at the end of the hall. We will find them! Tax receipts are available-just let us know if you need one.

If you know people who might need this service, please let them know our hours of operation. Thanks again for your continued support and, as always, remember to keep us in mind when you are cleaning out those closets! Eugenia



