



Grace Gazette

In Essential . . .

Unity –

In Non-essentials . . .

Liberty –

In All Things . . .

Love.

April 2015

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

In the coming weeks Grace Moravian Church will be undertaking a **“Mission Study”** which is one of the foundational steps required in the Interim Ministry process. A Mission Study is a study of our church from top to bottom with the goals of discerning our strengths, weaknesses and opportunities as we move forward. A good Mission Study will include goals and objectives for the next three to five years similar to a Long Range or Strategic plan. It will also become the underlying document that is used in determining the suitability for the selection of your future Pastor.

This Mission Study will include findings about the congregation and the community in which we minister. It provides an

opportunity for you, the members of GMC to prayerfully study what scripture says about the church, to learn new information about your community and its needs, to learn who GMC has been and who you are as a congregation, while we also celebrate your gifts as a church.

The first step of this “Mission Study” asks that you take time to prayerfully consider and answer a survey that has been designed for your particular congregation. The completed surveys will be read by a committee of three persons, the answers compiled and brought back to you as statistical data.

The second step is a meeting of the community, giving the opportunity to talk about the history of the church, how you view the church and how the church is seen by the community. Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting. This meeting is scheduled for **April 19 at 3:00** in

the Fellowship Hall. It should last approximately 1 hour 30 minutes. Please make every effort to participate.

The third step in this process is a second community meeting, the date to be announced later. This meeting allows a time to receive the results of the survey and to discuss the findings. The goal for this meeting is to set goals for the next three to five years. Again, it is important that all voices be heard.

This work can be life-giving as you learn from one another, as you listen and pray together for the church and for God’s guidance.

*In Christ,
Pastor Jennie*

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Worship 10: 00 AM

Sunday School 11:10 AM

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THIS MONTH'S SCHEDULE

Greeters

- Apr 5 Jim & Glenda Littleton
Bob & Becky Blake
- Apr 12 Charles Hall & Shorty Mitchell
Mike & Diane Bowman
- Apr 19 Kelvin & Jo Seivers
Maud Randolph & Delmas Overby
- Apr 26 Leo & Gail Theard
Shirley Bowman & Joette Reaves

Children's Church

- Apr 5 Joette Reaves / Martha Hall
- Apr 12 Pat Talluri
- Apr 19 Tomi Pendleton
- Apr 26 Bethany Brintle

Worship Nursery

- Apr 5 Janet Hull
- Apr 12
- Apr 19
- Apr 26

Sunday School Nursery

- Apr 5 NO NURSERY
- Apr 12 Kathy Pruett
- Apr 19 Laurie Chilton
- April 26 Jennifer Epperson

Lay Reader

- Apr 5 Jack Gardin
- Apr 12 Bob Blake
- Apr 19 Lynn Lambert
- Apr 26 Wendie Gwynn

Prayer Ministry

On Thursdays at 6:30 pm, the **Moravian Prayer Group** meets to offer prayers for spiritual awakening and renewal. Please join us in the John Walker classroom as we seek God's guidance and pray for the needs of our congregation.

Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...

- ☞ Ray Lambert
- ☞ Dottie Bowman
- ☞ Kristi Mills Rolison
- ☞ Alpha Pruett
- ☞ Jeff Holt
- ☞ Eddie Dorsett
- ☞ Laura Overby
- ☞ Clara Wolfe
- ☞ David Adkisson
- ☞ Nancy Hall
- ☞ Betty Palmer



APRIL BIRTHDAY

1-Apr Samuel Scott
 2-Apr Joyce Younger
 3-Apr Mike McHone
 3-Apr Andrew Smith
 4-Apr Christopher Spencer
 5-Apr Alpha Pruet
 5-Apr Daries Harper
 6-Apr Carlie Utt
 7-Apr David Tillotson
 8-Apr Jennifer Adams
 10-Apr Thomas Lawson
 11-Apr Kristy Greenwood
 11-Apr Carol Burke
 11-Apr Denise Scott
 11-Apr Chance Utt
 11-Apr Christopher Quate
 13-Apr Lynn Lambert
 14-Apr Jane Needham
 14-Apr Helen Spane
 14-Apr David Adkisson
 14-Apr Rozena Huizinga
 15-Apr Annie Lee Vernon
 16-Apr Lewis Spencer, Jr
 18-Apr Kelly Stephens
 18-Apr Will Bowman
 19-Apr Bryson Coleman
 20-Apr Rita Leonard
 20-Apr John Spane
 21-Apr Cameron Chilton
 22-Apr Betty Palmer
 23-Apr Jo Seivers
 24-Apr Doris Mills
 25-Apr Marianne Pruet
 25-Apr Mallory Wentzell
 26-Apr Patsy Pike
 26-Apr Helen Spane

CE Committee

Submitted by: Mimi Patterson

Vacation Bible School will be held June 21-24. The Christian Education Committee is forming a planning committee to work on this wonderful ministry.

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be May 31. We need the names of our high school and college graduates. Please see the form on page 5. If you feel the call to work on this, please leave your name with Charlotte Disher. (charlotte@gracemoravianchurch.org.)

Game Evening & Movie Night

Submitted by: Vicky Fleming and the Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee would like to invite you to a fun "Game Evening" here at Grace Church. We will have Corn Hole, Bingo, and Card Games! Also Hot Dogs and all the trimmings will be served. If there is a game you would like to suggest, please let us know. Join us April 26 at 4:00 p.m.

The Evangelism Committee is planning another Movie Night. We will show this movie outside on the church lawn on the big screen, so bring your blankets and/or lawn chairs. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Please join us May 30. Movie and time to be determined.

MORAVIAN MANIA

Last month's question was: Where was the first Easter Sunrise Service observed by Moravians?

You know that one. It was on the Hutberg, the graveyard in Herrnhut, our first community of the Renewed Moravian Church. You earned bonus points too by remembering that it was in 1732.

This month's question: What was the Parliamentary Act of 1749? Answer next month.

Richard W. Starbuck
Moravian Archives

Grace Moravian Knitting Ministry

Submitted by: Linda Jones

We have been blessed with the support of Grace Moravian Church for our Ministry. We thank you all for your prayers and donations and for the ladies that are a part of this group. We welcome new members and are always happy to share our Ministry where ever needed.

To date, since our report in the Church Council Booklet we have delivered over 200 items and it is just March! We want to thank our delivery team for their non-stop efforts to get items delivered as soon as we can get them ready.

As a reminder, we make lots of different items including shawls, lap robes, baby blankets, special afghans, chemo caps, preemie baby caps, children's' toys, gift/sunshine bags, scarves, pillows, mittens, miscellaneous items such as tissue covers and felted heart bowls for Synod. We have even worked jointly on a baby sweater.

Thank you again for your support. We meet the third Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the Parlor. Please join us.

Palm Crosses

Submitted by: Rev Jennie L Hemrick

On Palm Sunday at the close of the service, you will be offered the opportunity to place the palm branches at the foot of the cross and receive a cross made from dried palm leaves as a sign of dedication or rededication of your life to Jesus Christ.

These Palm crosses have a story and I would like to share that with you. We ordered them from African Palms USA, founded in 1965 by Anglican Priest, Father Alan Talbot who had served as a missionary to Tanzania. During his six years of service, Father Talbot observed the poverty of the people and sought ways for them to increase their income. He encouraged the villagers to begin weaving palm crosses to sale to churches for use on Palm Sunday.

The crosses are made throughout the year in villages near Masasi, Tanzania, performed by families at home or while



guarding the nearby cashew crops from baboons. This allows the villagers to purchase household supplies and family needs such as school fees for their children or bicycles for transportation. The palm crosses are made only from the leaves, leaving the trees intact and the crosses environmentally friendly. Since its inception, African Palms USA has awarded nearly \$2 million to African communities to help meet basic human needs such as clean drinking water, HIV/AIDS education, fighting hunger, and farming ventures.

Enjoy your cross, knowing that Grace Moravian Church has helped make life a little easier for Tanzanian families.

Board of Trustees

Submitted by: Gail Theard

The Board of Trustees has engaged the Moravian Ministries Foundation to conduct a Feasibility Study on the proposed capital campaign to build an addition to our church to house an elevator and increase our handicap accessibility. Letters from the Moravian Ministries Foundation will be mailed the week after Easter requesting interviews with Laura Watson, the Director for Faith and Philanthropy. The Board of Trustees asks that you take the time to participate as we seek your prayerful advice.

Worship & SS Attendance		
Date	Worship	Sunday School
3/1/15	115	36
3/8/15	119	No SS
3/15/15	152	32
3/22/15	125	73

The Trustees wish to share the financial condition of Grace with you for your prayerful consideration.

Balance Forward:	12,437.92
Receipts:	0.00
Net Adjustments	
Special Gifts	0.00
Tithes/Offerings	19,115.15
Cash Tithes	208.00
Building Fund	0.00
Miscellaneous	477.69
Interest	5.95
Other Reserves	0.00
Total Receipts	19,806.79
Disbursements/transfers	25,919.65
Ending Balance:	6,325.06

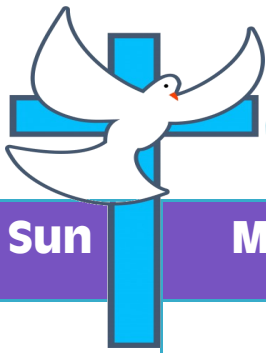
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February receipts totaled \$19,807 including unrestricted contributions of \$19,323 and restricted gifts of \$148. Our disbursements totaled \$25,920 including \$2,499 for power and heating fuel costs, \$618 for HVAC repairs, \$1,673 for new parlor furniture, and \$2,000 toward a pre-capital campaign assessment study. Our 2015 deficit increased by \$2,841 to \$4,669 based on our monthly budget of \$22,164. Thank you for allowing Grace Moravian Church's ministries to continue with your faithful stewardship. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely

Michael Reich

Treasurer



April 2015



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Holy Week Readings 7 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice 8 PM	2 Maundy Thursday Communion 7 pm	3 Tenebrae Service 7pm	4
5 Easter Sunrise Service 6:45 AM Easter Worship 10am	6 Joint Board Meetings 7 PM Cancer Support Group 7-8 PM Beginner's Band Practice 7PM	7 Evangelism Meeting 7-8 PM	8 Bible Study 6 PM Choir Practice 7 PM Handbell Choir Practice 8 PM	9 Prayer Group 6:30 PM	10	11
12 Youth, Tweens. And Kid's Club 5:30 PM Band 7 PM	13 Beginner's Band Practice 7PM Girl Scouts 6:30pm	14 CE Meeting 7 PM Public BOE Forum 5:30pm	15 Bible Study 6 PM Choir Practice 7 PM Handbell Choir Practice 8 PM	16 Prayer Group 6:30 PM	17	18 Eco Mission Trip ----->
19 Chimers 4:30 Community Meeting 3-5pm Eco Mission <---Trip	20 Beginner's Band Practice 7PM Joint WF Salad Supper 6:30pm	21 Knitting 7pm	22 Bible Study 6 PM Choir Practice 7 PM Handbell Choir Practice 8 PM	23 Prayer Group 6:30 PM	24	25
26 Men's Brotherhood Breakfast 7:30 AM Chimers 4:30 Youth, Tweens. And Kid's Club 5:30 PM Band 7 PM	27 Beginner's Band Practice 7PM Girl Scouts 6:30pm	28	29 Bible Study 6 PM Choir Practice 7 PM Handbell Choir Practice 8 PM	30 Prayer Group 6:30 PM	31	



This Month's Happenings

All Senior Highs, Middle Highs,
& Youth Leaders

are invited

to attend a special

*Eco Mission
Retreat*

April 17 - Apr 19

at *Laurel Ridge*



**Yokefellow
Foods:**

Cooking Oil &
Dried Beans

FOOD TUBS

ARE IN:

Education Wing

and entrance

door to the

Fellowship Hall



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