



Grace Gazette

In Essential . . .

Unity –

In Non-essentials . . .

Liberty –

In All Things . . .

Love.

Dear GMC Faithful,

March 2015

As I write this, we are about to enter into the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is upon us, and we will spend the next six Wednesday evenings gathering, as a community of believers and followers of Jesus Christ. We will share a meal and study about prayer. It is the tradition of GMC to do this during the season of Lent, however it strikes me that all disciples or followers of Christ should do this throughout the year. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read of the earliest church. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple. They broke bread at home. They ate their food with simplicity of heart,

praising God and having favor with all people. And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved. (*Acts 2:42, 46-47*)

I have chosen a book written by Henri J.M. Nouwen titled, *Bring Prayer into Your Life: WITH OPEN HANDS*. With only 81 pages, it is an insightful book that calls the reader to go deeper as one looks at their individual prayer life. In the introduction Senator Mark O. Hatfield writes: *"This inspired book reveals to us that when the Master comes to tie and gird us and lead us along the path of righteousness, we can reach out and greet Him with open hands."*

As we journey together through the season of Lent, I invite you to open your hands and hearts to receive the gift of this study. It is in this study that we can grow together in our relationship with God and each other. Evangelist Billy Graham writes: "In my

travels over the decades, I have found that people are the same the world over. Perhaps the greatest psychological, spiritual, and medical need that all people have is the need for hope." Famous cardiologist, Dr. McNair Wilson wrote in his autobiography, *Doctor's Progress*, "Hope is the medicine I use more than any other – hope can cure nearly anything."

As Christians our hope is in our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Lent is the time for us to examine our relationships with Jesus, with one another, and with the world. The hope of the world can be summed up in these two verses:

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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Worship 10: 00 AM

Sunday School 11:10 AM

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THIS MONTH'S SCHEDULE

Greeters

Mar 1 Ray & Lorene Key
Mike & Debbie Reich

Mar 8 Dwight & Wanda McAlexander
David & Mary Lou Tillotson

Mar 15 Mark & Michone Coleman
Donna Isaacs & Linda Jones

Mar 22 Brian & Pam Stone
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Mar 29 Will Bowman & Chuck Hall
Janet Hull & Glenda Hiatt

Children's Church

Mar 1 Jim/Glenda Littleton

Mar 8 Kim Davis

Mar 15 Charlotte Disher

Mar 22 Mintie Glenn/Chris Quate

Mar 29 Frank/Kristy Greenwood

Worship Nursery

Mar 1 Wendie Gwynn

Mar 8 Robin Simmons

Mar 15 Kristy/Frank Greenwood

Mar 22

Mar 29

Sunday School Nursery

Mar 1 Lavinia Tillotson

Mar 8 Robin Simmons

Mar 15 Michone Coleman

Mar 22 Martha Hall

Mar 29 Pat Talluri

Lay Reader

Mar 1 Christopher Quate

Mar 8 David Pruett

Mar 15 Delmas Overby

Mar 22 Dwight McAlexander

Mar 29 Bob Blake

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...

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



The congregation would like to express its heartfelt sympathy to the family of:

- Gail Spane, Jr who entered into the more immediate presence of our Lord on February 11, 2015.
- Earl Shelton, father of Sandra Weavil, who entered into the more immediate presence of our Lord on January 24, 2015.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Mar Pat Talluri
- 1-Mar Penny Taylor
- 2-Mar Kim Jones
- 4-Mar Brad Dorsett
- 4-Mar Andrea Kniskern
- 4-Mar Gary Pruett
- 4-Mar Marletta Page
- 6-Mar Keshia Gwynn
- 7-Mar Randy Simmons, Jr
- 7-Mar Helen Smith
- 9-Mar Mark Thacker
- 9-Mar Sao Lennon
- 11-Mar Grace Minton
- 13-Mar Heather Gwynn
- 13-Mar Trey Theard
- 13-Mar Taylor Weavil
- 17-Mar Ed O'Connor
- 17-Mar Carole Lawson
- 20-Mar Betsy Rose
- 22-Mar Crystal Roberts
- 24-Mar Bruce Case
- 24-Mar Mike Reich
- 25-Mar Cindy Hoback
- 26-Mar Bethany Brintle
- 27-Mar Abbey Stone
- 28-Mar Aubrey Hall
- 28-Mar Leo Theard
- 29-Mar Sam Dowdy
- 30-Mar Martha Hall
- 31-Mar Mandy Brown

Dear GMC Faithful



(Continued from page 1)
 Submitted by: Rev Jennie L Hemrick

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in his shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world, through him, might be saved." (John 3:16-17)

Therein lies our hope.

In Christ,
 Rev Jennie L Hemrick

You are invited..



Sunday, March 8
 12:00 PM
 (After Church Council Meeting)
 Fellowship Hall

Please join us!

MORAVIAN MANIA

Last month's question was: What is the name of the composition written for the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Moravian Church? It was the cantata *Canticle of the Martyrs*, which composer Vittorio Giannini based on the Moravian liturgy for All Saints Day. Thor Johnson conducted its world premiere on June 30, 1957, at the fourth Moravian Music Festival in Bethlehem and also the Southern Province premiere that September 15 in Winston-Salem. Vittorio Giannini should be familiar to long-time Winston-Salem folks. He was the first president of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts when it opened in 1965. (Happy 50th, NCSA!)

This month's question: Where was the first Easter Sunrise Service observed by Moravians? Answer next month.

Richard W. Starbuck, Moravian Archives

Christian Education

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. If you are interested, please leave your name with Charlotte Disher—charlotte@gracemoravianchurch.org or Mimi Patterson—quiltingmimi@hotmail.com or 786-8999.



Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 28 from 11 am -12:30 at the church. It will be hosted by the Jonathan Pruett class.

LENTEN FAIR

Grace Moravian Church is hosting a Lenten Fair for all ages in their Fellowship Hall on Sunday March 22 from 3:30 pm until 5:00 pm.



Women's Fellowship



Submitted by: Janet Hull

The Women's Fellowship will be selling Chicken Pies again this spring. We will be taking orders on March 1, 8, and 15th between Worship and Sunday School and after Sunday School. You can also order by calling the church office. Last day to order will be March 18th. Delivery will be from 9:00 - 11:00 March 21st. Price for chicken pies will be 1 or 2 pies, \$12 each, 3 or more pies, \$11 each. New offering this spring - 4 single serve pies for a cost of \$16. Pies are to be paid for when you place your order. We ask for your help on delivery day. Due to limited freezer space, we ask that if you cannot pick up your pies on the delivery date, please make arrangements for someone to pick them up for you. Thanks in ad-

vance for your support.

All women of Grace Moravian Church are invited to attend a circle of your choice. At the present time, we have three groups that meet once a month. The Spaugh/Pfohl Circle meets on the third Monday night at 7:00p.m. The Hamilton/Ronthaler Circle meets on the third Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. The Fulk Circle meets on the third Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. If you are not already attending a circle, please feel free to join whatever group meets your schedule. We would love to have you join us.

Grace Moravian Knitting Ministry

Submitted by: Linda Jones

The Grace Moravian Knitting Ministry did not meet in February due to the snow and ice. But, they have been very busy since our last report. The following items have been delivered: 6 lap robes, 5 shawls, 5 Remembrance Hearts, 6 Sunshine Bags, 5 scarves, 1 baby blanket, 1 Get Well heart, 8 Special hearts for those involved with the Pilgrimage Weekend in February. There are several other items that are being prepared to be delivered and will report these next month.

We want to thank the Men's Brotherhood for their very generous donation. We have used it to purchase special items to be included in the Sunshine Bags. These bags have been knitted or crocheted by our members and are

stuffed with hopefully useful items to let those who receive them know that we are thinking and praying for them. These bags are delivered to members and friends that have already received a lap robe or shawl for a previous need, and we wanted to remember them again with something a little different.

We meet the third Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM in the Parlor. Yarn, knitting needles, and crochet hooks are available, so please join us.

We thank you for your donations and prayers.

Blessings,
Linda Jones

Celebrating Lent & Easter

As we journey through the season of Lent, moving toward Easter and the resurrection of our Lord, it is the perfect time to reflect upon life. This year we will offer the opportunity for you to sponsor Painted Lady butterfly eggs to honor or remember a loved one. We will watch the eggs mature to the larvae, chrysalis stages, and then burst forth as an adult Painted Lady. On Easter Sunday at the close of our worship service, we will move to the front lawn to release them. New Life will be resurrected from the tiny egg, once bound in the cocoon, and now beautiful and flying free to proclaim to all the world the love and grace of God. Please fill out the form below along with \$10.00 for an egg and leave it in the church office. All orders should be turned in no later than March 8, 2015.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

In Honor / Memory _____

In Honor / Memory _____

In Honor / Memory _____

Amount attached \$ _____

Adopt a Grave

THE TRUSTEES are offering an **ADOPTION PROGRAM OF THE GRAVES** that are mostly unattended in our graveyard. There are 88 graves that do not have family close by. If you would be interested in 'adopting' any of these graves for a minimal cost of \$10, please contact the office, Glenda Littleton, or Terry Pruett.

Church Council Meeting

There will be a meeting on March 8 after worship to vote on the Rules and Regulations of Grace Moravian Church.

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

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| Balance Forward: | 15,147.44 |
| Receipts: | 0.00 |
| Net Adjustments | |
| Special Gifts | 0.00 |
| Tithes/Offerings | 20,163.00 |
| Cash Tithes | 173 |
| Building Fund | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 267.83 |
| Interest | 4.95 |
| Other Reserves | 0.00 |
| Total Receipts | 20,608.78 |
| Disbursements/transfers | 23,318.30 |
| Ending Balance: | 12,437.92 |

February 17, 2015

January receipts totaled \$20,609 including unrestricted contributions of \$20,336 and restricted gifts of \$84. Our disbursements totaled \$23,318 including \$491 for outreach projects and assistance, \$2,237 for power and heating fuel costs and \$1,842 for quarterly insurance costs. We began 2015 with a \$1,828 deficit based on our monthly budget of \$22,164. Your monthly gifts make Grace Moravian Church's ministries possible. Thank you for your generosity.


Sincerely
Michael Reich
Treasurer



Worship & SS Attendance

| Date | Worship | Sunday School |
|-----------------|---------|---------------|
| 1/25/15 | 147 | 76 |
| 2/1/15 | 137 | 73 |
| 2/8/15 | 130 | 76 |
| 2/15/15 | 97 | 54 |
| Ash Wed 2/18/15 | 22 | No SS |
| 2/22/15 | 89 | 39 |

March 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|---|---------------------------|--|--|
| 1 KTY 5:30 pm Chimers 4:30 pm Band practice 7 pm Chicken Pie Sale begins | 2 Boards 7pm Beginner's Band Practice 7pm Cancer Support Group 7 pm | 3 Evangelism 7pm | 4 Lenten Meal & Bible Study 5:30 pm Choir Practice 7pm Handbell Practice 8 pm | 5 Prayer Group 6:30 pm | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Rule & Regulations Meeting & Potluck 12:10 pm KTY 5:30 pm Chimers 4:30 pm Band practice | 9 Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Beginner's Band Practice 7 pm Chicken Pie Sales | 10 CE Meeting 7 pm | 11 Lenten Meal & Bible Study 5:30 pm Choir Practice 7pm Handbell Practice 8 pm | 12 Prayer Group 6:30pm | 13  | 14 |
| 15 KTY 5:30 pm Chimers 4:30 pm Band practice 7 pm | 16 Spaugh/Pfohl Circle 7 pm Beginner's Band Practice 7 pm | 17 Hamilton/Rondthaler Circle 10 am Fulk 4:30 pm Knitting 6:30 pm St. Patrick's Day | 18 Lenten Meal & Bible Study 5:30 pm Choir Practice 7pm Handbell Practice 8 pm Last Day to Order Pies | 19 Prayer Group 6:30pm | 20  Spring Begins | 21 Chicken Pie Pick-Up 9-11 Pine Straw Delivery |
| 22 Men's Brotherhood Breakfast 7:30am Lenten Fair 3:30-5 pm Band practice 7 pm | 23 Beginner's Band Practice 7 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm | 24 | 25 Lenten Meal & Bible Study 5:30 pm Choir Practice 7pm Handbell Practice 8 pm | 26 Prayer Group 6:30pm | 27 | 28 Pine Straw Delivery/Pickup Easter Egg Hunt 11am |
| 29 KTY 5:30 pm Chimers 4:30 pm Palm Sunday Lovefeast 7 pm | 30 Holy Week Readings 7pm | 31 Holy Week Readings 7pm |  | | | |

This Month's Happenings



**Yokefellow
Foods:**

**Peanut Butter
& Crackers**

FOOD TUBS

ARE IN:

Education Wing

and entrance

door to the

Fellowship Hall



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