

# **Bethania Moravian Church**

## **February/March Church Newsletter**

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Sunday, February 26th

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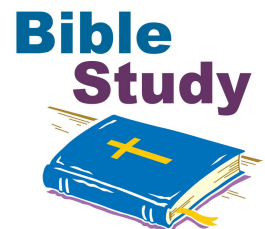
## From Pastor Joe

### Ash Wednesday Service

The season of Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. During the 40 days of Lent, we go on a journey with Jesus to the cross. It is a time in which we can reflect upon our faith and what it means for us to proclaim “Christ, and him crucified” as our confession of faith.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22. That night we will hold a special worship service in which we will have the opportunity to ask God to create in us a clean heart and put a new and right spirit within us. After a time of prayer and scripture, we will have the opportunity to receive the mark of the ashes upon our foreheads as a reminder that our bodies come from dust and will return to dust, but our souls and spirits will live forever.

Please plan now to join together for our Ash Wednesday service on February 22. The service will begin at 7:00.



### Bible Study Returns!

Have you ever had anyone ask you what the Moravian church believes? If so, and if you want to be able to give them a good answer, then join us for our Wednesday evening Bible Study during the season of Lent.

During the weeks between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday we will be taking a closer look at the Easter Morning Liturgy of the Moravian Church. This liturgy is the most comprehensive confession of faith for the Moravian Church. Each Wednesday evening we will use the liturgy to help us better understand what it means to be a Moravian and to help us prepare for Easter Sunday when we joyfully proclaim “The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!”

The study will begin on Wednesday March 1 at 6:30 and will take place each Wednesday evening in March.

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## Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter

Holy Week begins on Sunday April 2 with our Palm Sunday Worship service. Join us for worship at 11:00 as we sing together *Hosanna, blessed is he that comes!* and celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Our journey through the events of the last week of Jesus' earthly life continues each night with our Holy Week Reading Services. On Sunday April 2, Monday April 3, Tuesday April 4, and Wednesday April 5 we will worship together as we hear the stories and sing the songs that tell of what Jesus said and did as the week unfolded.

On Maundy Thursday (April 6) we will share in a special service of Holy Communion as we remember the last supper that Jesus shared with his disciples.

Good Friday (April 7) will feature two services. At 2:15 we will share in the Crucifixion Service as we complete our journey to the cross with Jesus and join in mourning as we hear the words of the cross and experience the death of our Lord. That evening, we will conclude our Holy Week services with our Good Friday Lovefeast at 7:00.

The Lord is risen! Easter Sunday will begin bright and early with our Easter Sunrise Service. In this service we will pray together the Easter Morning Liturgy, the Moravian confession of faith, in which we share our belief in God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. The service will begin in front of the church and conclude in God's Acre. The time is yet to be determined. Our Easter Worship Service will begin at 11:00 as we once again proclaim that the Lord is risen indeed!

Check out this photo of a sunrise service  
at Bethania Moravian from 1956!



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**Don't forget about our Spaghetti Dinner to  
support our Music Fund!**



**What:** Spaghetti dinner fundraiser and bake sale!

**When:** Saturday, February 18th from 5:00-7:00!

**Where:** The Fellowship Hall of Bethania Moravian Church

**Cost:** By donation!

**Benefits:** The Music Department at Bethania Moravian Church

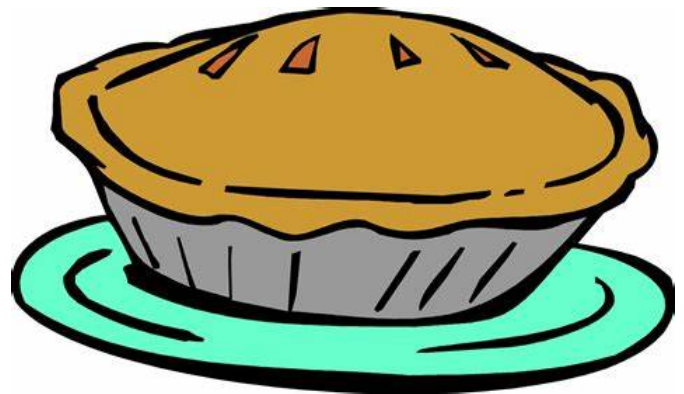
*There will be a photo booth with photographer!*

Interested in sharing your gifts by joining one of the various musical groups within the church? ALL are welcome! There will be a table set up for you to learn MORE!

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# Women's FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship is off to a great beginning of this new year. Our plan for the year will continue to make chicken pies, to provide lunch for the Antique Tool Show, participate in the Black Walnut Festival, and have sales for our chicken pies. We have had all the repairs to our kitchen equipment made and will be planning to schedule a deep clean of the kitchen. We have been blessed this past year to enable us to do this for the church. Look for upcoming sales of chicken pies.





Youth Fellowship will be continuing on the first and third Sundays of each month, from 4-6 PM. The youth needs volunteers to provide meals for the youth gatherings. If you would like to serve, there is a sign up sheet on the youth bulletin board in the church. Thank you!

Our Youth have been discussing ways that they would like to give back to the Church in 2023. Some of the ideas they had have included:

- Working on mission projects both at Laurel Ridge and at home.
- Helping in worship on Sunday morning and potentially having a Youth Sunday.
- Praying together for the Church, and praying for each other in their day to day life.

Our Youth are also looking at new ways to worship in 2023 including,

- Taking time on retreats to deepen their spiritual health and relationship with God.
- Meeting and worshiping with other local Moravian youth groups.
- Deepening our connections with the others in our group, as well as our broader BMC family.

Here is a photo of our youth group  
Serving at mission camp last year  
at Laurel Ridge!





### **Sunnyside Ministry Donation Update**

Instead of collecting a different food item each month, Bethania has been asked by a food pantry volunteer to contribute cereal, crackers, and/or peanut butter. These items are always in short supply. If you wish to give other items also, that is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your incredible generosity. The food pantry looks forward to Bethania's gift each week.





## February Birthdays-2023

**2<sup>nd</sup>-Tony Craddock**

**3<sup>rd</sup>-Lee Ann Myers**

**7<sup>th</sup>-Kenneth Wolff**

**8<sup>th</sup>-George Pingho**

**14<sup>th</sup>-Tom Canter**

**15<sup>th</sup>-Anna Williams**

**16<sup>th</sup>-Michael Rau, Sr.**

**18<sup>th</sup>-Ellis Spieler**

**25<sup>th</sup>-Erin Craddock**

**27<sup>th</sup>-Charles Fishel**

**Robert Leonard**

**28<sup>th</sup>- E. J. Oehman**

**Phyllis Oehman**



## March Birthdays-2022

**1<sup>st</sup>-Wade Peeples**

**4<sup>th</sup>-Jean Ziglar**

**5<sup>th</sup>-Rylee Swaim**

**6<sup>th</sup>-Samuel Pingho**

**Jameson Lasley**

**9<sup>th</sup>-McKenzie Bean**

**11<sup>th</sup>-Matthew Canter**

**12<sup>th</sup>-Judy Tuttle**

**15<sup>th</sup>-Matthew Craddock**

**17<sup>th</sup>-Carol Brown**

**21<sup>st</sup>-Alma Jo Flynn**

**Susan Coss**

**22<sup>nd</sup>-Nellie Shore**

**28<sup>th</sup>-John Isaacs**