

The Bethania Gazette



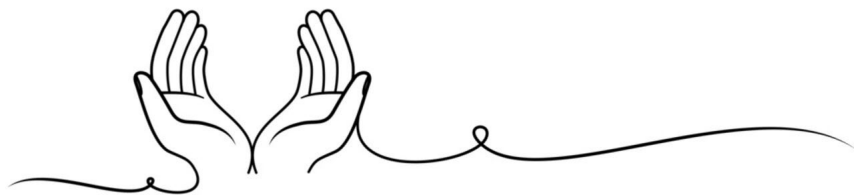
Bethania Moravian Church

Serving God and Serving You Since 1759

✧ *July 2026* ✧

A Pictorial Journey

An Anniversary Prayer from Pastor Linda



Heavenly Father,

We gather our hearts in deep gratitude to celebrate the rich history and enduring faith of Bethania Moravian Church. For generations, this sacred space has stood as a beacon of Your light, anchored in the historic soil of North Carolina. We thank You for the pioneering spirits who established this community, building a foundation of worship, fellowship, and brotherly love that continues to inspire us today.

Lord, we honor the legacy of prayer and music that echoes through the sanctuary. We bless the hands that have served, the voices that have lifted up Your praise, and the hearts that have opened wide to welcome neighbors and strangers alike. Thank You for the countless lives transformed by the Gospel within these walls and through the witness of this congregation.

As we look to the future, we ask for Your continued guidance and grace upon Bethania Moravian Church. Renew the spirit of devotion in every member. Strengthen their hands for service, deepen their love for one another, and ignite a passion to share Your peace with the world. May this historic church remain a vibrant, living testament to Your unchanging faithfulness for generations to come.

In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Our Prayer Requests



All of our sisters and brothers who are unable to be with us,
Tally Bovender, Guenther Davis, Bob Delp, the family of
Abby Edwards, Darrel Flippin, Scott Hankins, David Hunter,
Rosemary Mock, E.J. Oehman, Evelyn Shouse, Janet Styers,
Rhonda Wood

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

(To add or remove from this list, please contact the church office.)



The Bethania Walkers

Join the walkers for a time of fellowship and a little fitness. We meet at 9:00am, walk one or two miles and finish with a trip to a nearby coffee shop.

Saturday July 11th: Hill Park

Saturday August 8th: to be decided

If you would like to join, just meet at the location's parking lots, or contact Sr. Jo Anne Todd for more details!

Calling All Female Dieners



If you would like to become a diener or you intend to continue to serve as a diener moving forward, an *important* meeting has been called for Sunday, August 2nd, 2026, directly following worship. I ask that you please be in attendance for this meeting as we will be discussing important information. We will meet in the coffee kitchen.

Thank you,

Sr. Vicky Hamby

OUR NEW PROVINCIAL ELDERS!



President- Andrea Williams - *New Philadelphia*

(The first female AND the first lay person appointed to the presidency of the PEC!)

Frances Beasley - *Home Church*

Monique Richards - *South Florida Pastorate*

Rick Gardin - *Advent*

The Rev. Dr. Riddick Weber - *Fries Memorial*

The Rev. Andrew Craver - *Rural Hall*

The Rev. Dr. Dion Christopher - *South Florida Pastorate*

OUR NEWLY APPOINTED BISHOPS



The Rt. Rev. Dr Nola Knouse

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Dion Christopher

The Rt. Rev. John D. Rights

Consecration Dates for our New Bishops

Sr. Knouse will be consecrated on **Sunday, July 26, 2026, at 3:00pm at Home Moravian Church** in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Br. Christopher will be consecrated on **Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 3:00 pm at Prince of Peace Moravian Church** in Miami, Florida.

Br. Rights will be consecrated on **Sunday, September 27 at 3:00 p.m. at Konnoak Hills Moravian Church** in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.



TRUSTEES

- The pavilion will be painted in October.
- We're looking into polishing and sealing the tile floors in several areas.
- The Facility Committee has various jobs they will be addressing in the near future.
- A few outdoor light fixtures will be repaired soon.
- The Fall Art and Community Festival will be Sept 19th from 10:00 – 4:00. Would you consider helping out!? We had great participation planning the cruise-in but would love for more people to be involved in the planning!
- There will be more cruise-ins to come! Stay tuned!

The Bethania Community Meal



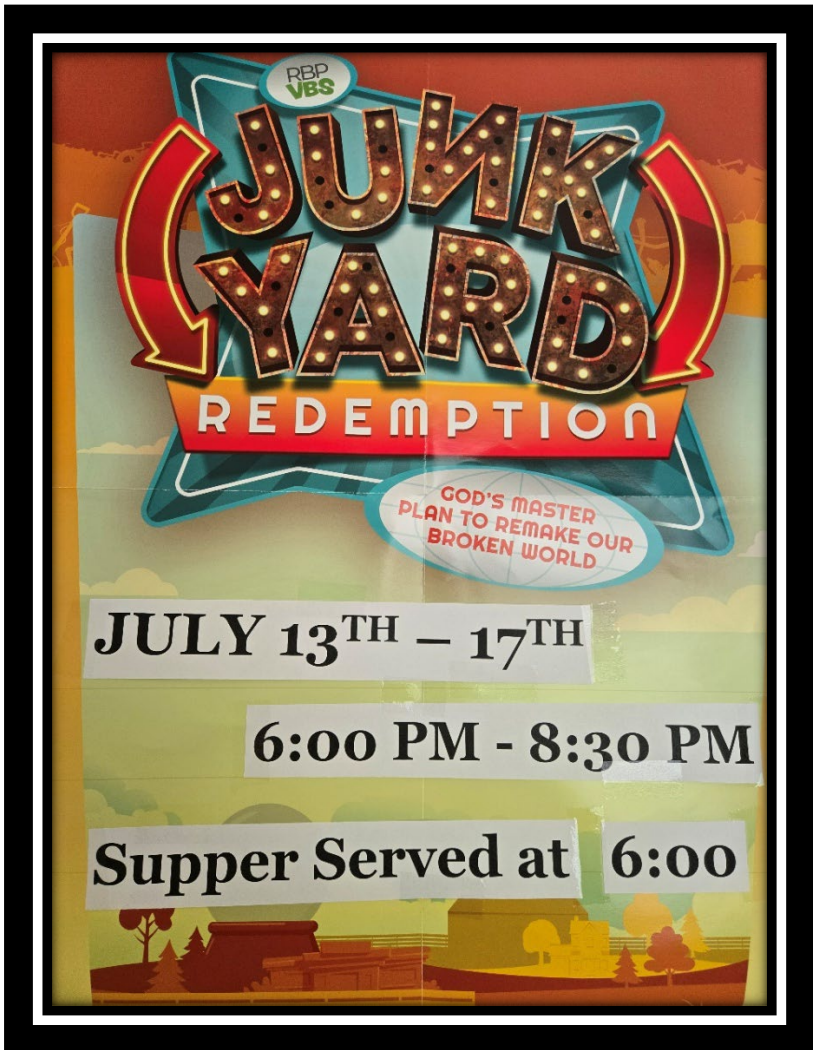
If you need food, or you know someone who does, come to the church on the third Saturday of every month and pick up as many free meals as you need!

Saturday, July 18th – 10:30 AM
Volunteers, please be at the church at 9:30 AM.

An Addition to the Church

Two sisters in the congregation, with approval from our Elders, have created and given the gift of an urn pall to the congregation! This gracious gift will be used for generations to come, and just as with our casket pall, this will be used to signify our oneness in Christ and equality in death. Thank you to our two dear sisters for their thoughtful, lovely gift. You are loved!





For information on how to get involved, please contact Sr. Janet Davis. All help is *greatly* needed!



VBS

July 13th - July 17th

Square Dance

Saturday, October 3rd - 5:00 PM

All Saints Festival Day

Sunday, November 1st - 11:00 Worship

Bethania Moravian Community Arts Festival

Saturday, September 19th - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Christmas Eve Lovefeasts

December 24th - 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM

Info Coming Soon!

The Next Cruise In

TBD - In Discussion in Committee

Music Department Fundraiser

TBD - In Discussion in Committee

Junefeast



Br. Alex gets in a last-minute rehearsal before the Junefeast Lovefeast begins on Sunday, June 14th.



The table is set for the Junefeast Lovefeast, framed by the beautiful flowers arranged by Sr. Barbara Ford and placed by Pastor Linda.



The Bethania Moravian Band welcomes us all as they so faithfully help us to prepare our hearts for worship.



The handbells welcome us into the June feast Holy Communion with their beautiful playing of "Morning Song of Praise".



Pastor Linda gives the Element of the Body to Sr Idalia and Br. Tom Canter.



Pastor Linda consecrates the Blood.



Pastor Linda gives the Element of the Blood to Sr. Lawana Yarbrough.



Br. Alex Coulson offers the postlude of “Carillon au Cloches”, and delights us, as he does every worship, with spectacular music!

New Members!



Sr. Brittany Thomas and Br. Joshua Whitt joined the membership of the church on Junefeast Holy Communion Sunday, June 21st, 2026!

The Bethania Moravian Car Show

Saturday, June 19th, 2026





On Friday, June 19th, the Bethania Moravian Classic Car Cruise-in came back in full force! It is estimated that there were between 90 and 100 classic cars in attendance. All food was sold out, as well! There were around 40 door prizes that went out to participants and a 50/50 raffle brought in a little bit of money for the work of the church! The response from the community has been massive, with calls and comments on social media posts! This likely will not become a monthly event as it takes a lot of people power to plan and organize the event, but it is the committee's intention to do the cruise-in several times throughout the year, so stay tuned for the next one!

The Funnies

Bethania Day at Laurel Ridge

Sunday, June 7th, 2026

(Humorous AI generated images from pictures taken at L.R.)



Linda and Bill “Ross” Seippel



Joan “Fudd” Gough



“The Beehive Brigade”



“The Bethania Beltones” - Moravian Reggae Band



Mike “Shaggy” Todd



Pastor “Pinky Tuscadero”



“The Hussers” - Moravian Punk Band



***Alex “Chopper” Coulson
On the keys***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July Birthdays



- 1st** - Barbara Peiffer
- 2nd** - Henry Gough
- 4th** - Frank Butner
- 4th** - Alex Coulson
- 5th** - Faye Bricca
- 8th** - Estil Taylor
- 10th** - Terri Merritt
- 12th** - Linda Conrad
- 12th** - Karen Stoltz
- 14th** - Sandra Doub
- 16th** - Judith Dobbins
- 18th** - Valinda Wolff
- 27th** - Tally Bovender
- 28th** - Max Yarbrough Allen
- 30th** - Dianne Taylor



*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.*