

The Bethania Gazette



Sr. Patsy, Br. Bill, and Sr. Ann stop for a picture at the Carolina Classic Fair

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“The work of the church is the work of the whole church. We are the church, each one given gifts for us to use in the work of living out the truths of faith, hope and love.”

-Unknown source



The Trustees have planned a workday on Nov. 15th starting at 9:00 AM UNTIL. There will be a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall on Sunday the 9th, and more information about the work planned.

Did you Know....

That the letters on the front of the communion table in the sanctuary, “IHS”, is a monogram for the Name of our Lord? It is a monogram for the Latin “Iesus Hominum Salvator”, which directly translates to “**Jesus, Savior of Humankind**”! How beautiful, sacred, and appropriate is THAT?!

Where Quilts and Community Come Together

Every Monday morning from 9:00 to noon, friends gather at Bethania Moravian Church around a quilt frame — much like generations before them. What was once a way to finish quilts was also a way to care for one another, to share stories, laughter, and companionship.

That tradition continues today. Some gather at the frame while others sew the colorful tops that become new quilts. Stories are shared, spirits are lifted, and friendships are strengthened as we navigate life's challenges — from personal health concerns to caring for loved ones facing cancer. The Bethania Moravian Church Quilt Group also creates and gives away quilts for *A Bed and A Book* ministry, *Welcome Home Boxes* for City with Dwellings, and hurricane Helene victims — stitched gifts of comfort that reach far beyond our town limits.

No sewing experience is needed — just a willing heart and a smile. Come join us Monday mornings and see what we're stitching together.



Youth Hoedown!

On Saturday, October 4th, the Bethania Moravian Youth sponsored a hoedown, and it was one for the history books! Pastor Linda spearheaded this event, the Yarbroughs made delicious chicken stew, the Ogburns made yummy hot dogs, the Sapps helped to make sure that everything was in place by leading our youth through the process of set-up, and we are so thankful for our youth for their hard work to make this such a special event! Because of all of you, plus many more, the event was a blast for everyone! Yee haw!!!







Moravian Disaster Response to Typhoon Halong in Alaska – 10/17/25 UPDATE

The Board of World Mission (BWM) is the agency that coordinates the North American Moravian response to disasters worldwide. BWM is closely monitoring the situation in western Alaska following Typhoon Halong, which reached Alaska on October 12. The storm brought hurricane-force winds, widespread flooding, and severe damage to coastal villages across the Yukon–Kuskokwim Delta region.

Through news outlets and Moravians in Alaska, we know that several communities with Moravian congregations have been directly impacted, including but not limited to: Kongiganak, Bethel, Napakiak, Kwigillingok, Napaskiak, Kipnuk, Quinhagak, and Tuntutuliak. Damage resulting from wind and flooding is widespread. Hundreds of people from Kipnuk, Kwigillingok, and perhaps other villages were evacuated by the National Guard to Bethel and Anchorage because nearly all homes sustained severe damage. Moravian facilities, such as Bethel Moravian Church and the Moravian Seminary in Bethel, have begun helping those displaced by the storm.

With the guidance of Moravians in Alaska, BWM's Moravian Disaster Response (MDR) has contributed an initial \$10,000 to the Western Alaska Disaster Relief 2025 Fund, which was established by local community organizations and regional partners, many of whom were recommended by Moravian contacts. According to the Alaska Community Foundation, which houses the fund, "distribution decisions will be guided by advisors including regional leaders and stakeholders, ensuring resources reach affected communities based on locally identified needs." Further donations are greatly appreciated to help us continue this response.

We ask for your prayers for all affected individuals, families, and communities, and for those working tirelessly to bring aid and relief in the aftermath of the storm. The BWM stands ready to offer additional support in the weeks and months to come as we continue to communicate with the Alaskan Moravian Province. Your gifts make it possible for us to respond quickly to urgent needs, provide resources for rebuilding, and accompany our partners through the long recovery ahead.

100% of donations to our MDR Fund go toward providing relief for these disasters. **You can assist us with our disaster response efforts at MoravianMission.org/Give (scan QR code). Please designate your gift to "MDR" to ensure funds are directed to the disaster relief efforts with the greatest need. Please make checks payable to "Board of World Mission" and send to:**

U.S. Donors: Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018

Canadian Donors: Moravian Church in Canada, 600 Acadia Drive SE, Calgary, AB T2J 0B8. Interac e-Transfer donations may be sent to treasurer@moravian.ca. Include your name and address in the comments section to receive tax receipts.





November 1st: Chorales on the Banjo – 2:00 PM

November 2nd: Time Goes Back One Hour

November 2nd: All Saints Sunday – 11:00 AM

November 6th: Breakfast Club at Mama Zoe's – 9:00 AM

November 12th: Candle Trimming and POTLUCK – 6:00 PM

November 15th: Church Clean Up Day – 9:00 Until

November 16th: Jesus the Chief Elder Holy Communion – 11:00 AM

November 16th: Church Council Following Worship

November 23rd: Congregational Thanksgiving Lovefeast – 11:00 AM

November 30th: First Sunday of Advent

December 7th: Youth Christmas Program during worship! – 11:00 AM

December 11th: Church Decorating for Christmas – 9:00 AM

December 16th: Cedar Plaiting – ALL welcome!!! – 10:00 AM

December 21st: Congregational Christmas Lovefeast – 11:00 AM

December 23rd: Joshua, Alex, Adam, and choir rehearse with strings.

December 24th: Community Christmas Eve Lovefeast – 5:00 PM

December 28th: Christmas Song Service – 11:00 AM

CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday, November 16th

Following worship

Sanctuary of Bethania Moravian Church

All members are requested to be in attendance, please.

Elders: Electing one Elder, one delegate and one alternate to Synod.

Trustees: Filling two positions; one will be for a three year term, and another to fill an already vacant one year term.

If you are asked to serve, we ask for your prayerful consideration. Or, if you feel lead to serve, please speak to a current member of the Elders or Trustee Board.



November 1st: Suzanne Tucker
November 2nd: Thomas Dobbins
November 4th: Heather Delp
November 4th: Rocklyn Ogburn
November 8th: Alice Adams
November 9th: Jane Westmoreland
November 15th: Wilma Harvey

*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 Joshua to let him know.
Our system sometimes misses names.)*