

ACROSS THE PASTOR'S DESK

It is hard for me to ignore the fact that I am now completing my 24th year as Senior Pastor at New Philadelphia Moravian Church. In one sense, I have pastored one congregation---as our traditions and values, and, thankfully, some of the faces, are unchanged; but in another sense I have pastored many congregations, because the people who make up our congregation(s) have come and gone, sometimes by choice, but often through no choice of their own. As Jesus once said to Peter:

⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what death he was to glorify God.) And after this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Likewise, though I like to think I have always been the same person, the pastor I have been has changed from time to time, depending primarily upon who is serving with me at any particular time. I have had many good partners here, paid and volunteer, certainly too many to name. I have been pleased to serve with all of them, and all of you, and, God willing, I look forward to further service. I hope I have been a friend to all. The Psalmist says that a righteous person--one who fulfills the responsibilities of their relationships, "does no harm to a friend." (Psalm 15:3)

As I look back over my time here, the thing that strikes me the most is the fact that I have watched two generations of young people move from 1st grade through high school, and beyond. We have raised some remarkable young people in this congregation, and I am grateful for the privilege of having watched them grow, and take their place in what theologians have called, "the Church Militant," or "the Church Active in the World." The next thing that strikes me is the great number of those with whom I have served that now belong to "the Church Triumphant," those who now stand in the more immediate presence of God.

Most of you know that I keep the church roll on my phone. The thing you may not know is that I never delete a name, whether they have left us by choice, or by circumstance. I am grateful for all the names, and the people for whom they stand, young and old. I believe that all who have gone before us belong to that "great cloud of witnesses," who pray for us and cheer us on in our labors as we "lay aside every weight...and run with perseverance the race that is set before us." (Hebrews 12:1)

I sense we are entering a new chapter at New Philadelphia. Let us pray to God that each of us will play the roll that God would have us play. As for me, I am grateful that I have never had to play solo, and I am "thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1:5)

Blessings!

Worth

DAVE'S DEVOTIONAL

I have to admit writing this last devotional for the newsletter has been very difficult because I was unsure what to write. First our family would like to thank the church for the wonderful reception given to us on the 15th of April. We also appreciate the customary gift of the church upon a staff member leaving the church and the boards of the church providing a wonderful luncheon for church staff and my family.

Over the course of the past month I have received a few emails, letters and had great conversations with church members expressing their appreciation of my ministry at New Philadelphia.

This led me to begin wondering to myself, "How do you measure your ministry and its effect upon those you are called to serve?" One way to measure is through time and here are some interesting statistics:

I began service at New Philadelphia on October 15, 2000 and concluded my ministry on April 15, 2012. 11 years 6 months and a day to be exact! Or it could be broken down in this way:

- 4,201 days
- 362,966,400 seconds
- 6,049,440 minutes
- 100,824 hours
- 600 weeks

In the popular Broadway musical "Rent" there is a song entitled, "Seasons of Love" and some of the lyrics say the following:

*Five hundred twenty-five thousand
Six hundred minutes,
Five hundred twenty-five thousand
Moments so dear.
Five hundred twenty-five thousand
Six hundred minutes
How do you measure, measure a year?*

The song encourages us to measure time by how much we have loved others. So as I depart New Philadelphia and begin this new journey let us follow these words of advice from this song:

*Remember the love!
You know that love is a gift from up above
Share love, give love spread love
Measure measure your life in love.*

Thank you for having loved us for so many years!

David, Lee & David III

PASTOR JOHN WRITES:

Many thanks to the New Philadelphia congregation for your prayers and expressions of kindness upon the birth of our son, Matthew Graham Rights, on March 30! Brandi and I are truly grateful to the Women's Fellowship for hosting a baby shower for us, and we have been overwhelmed by the generosity so many people have shown. Thank you! Matthew is named for my great-great-great grandfather, who was the tavern keeper in Salem in the early 1800's.

Our youth remained busy throughout April, and we are grateful for everyone's help with the Easter Egg Hunt, the Discovery Class Golf Tournament, and Youth Sunday on April 29. Coming up this month, we will honor our various graduates during worship on Graduation Sunday, May 20. Remember that we'll bring another group to Mission Camp at Laurel Ridge during the week of June 17-22.

Best wishes to you in May!

In Christ,

The Rev. John G. Rights

MISSIONS & SOCIAL CONCERNS

Cindi Jones opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Presentations by:

1. Cary Kelly with Children's Nutrition Program for Haiti introduced by Susan Cook of NPMC.
2. Steve Green of NPMC spoke about the Annie B. Mission project; they wish to raise funds to support a speech therapist for Muslim children located at Star Mountain in Ramallah, Israel.
3. Nita Saylor of NPMC spoke about her sister, Pam Burwell, who does medical missions annually but would also like to raise funds to build water tanks for this area to have clean water. She will be traveling to the Ranquitte region of Haiti again this fall. For additional information see their website: Peaceworkmedical.com
4. Bill Sides & Karl Stimpson of NPMC spoke about the need to complete cabins & a conference area located in the Laurels section of Laurel Ridge, N.C. It is their hope to raise sufficient funds and volunteers to complete the work by June.

Treasurer's Report: \$26,745.00

Approved Disbursements:

- \$1,000 Children's Nutrition Program for Haiti
- \$2,000 Annie B Mission Project
- \$2,000 Star Mountain Rehabilitation Moravian Center, Ramallah, Israel (previously budgeted)
- \$3,000 Laurel's at Laurel Ridge renovation project
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Announcements and correspondence shared.

Meeting adjourned with the Mizpah Benediction.



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 21 - Mt. Airy

July 19 - Nascar Hall of Fame

August 16 - Childress Vineyards

September 20 - Lazy 5 Ranch

October 18 - Laurel Ridge

November & December - Events at Church



Transferred membership

John & Kathleen Cox (Victoria and Carson)

3712 Burbank Ln

Winston Salem, NC 27106

Congratulations

- Carson Alexander Eckard, born March 22 to Brad and Brittany Eckard;
- Ava Jane Parker, born March 23 to Rory and Julie Parks, and big brother Gavin; Grandparents – Steve and Constance Parks
- Noah Andrew Barber, born March 24 to Drew and Susan Barber, and big sister Addison; Grandparents – Jack Jr. and Beverly Barber;
- Caroline Faith Phillips, born March 27 to David and Meredith Phillips; Grandparents – Gene and Mary Self
- Matthew Graham Rights, born March 30 to John and Brandi Rights
- Holden Massey Nail, born April 18 to Jay and Katie Nail; big brother, Benjamin; Grandparents Ken and Donna Nail; Great-Grandmother, Ethel Nail

With Sympathy

- Nancy Maude Rawles, mother of **Nancy (Melvin) Holland**, who passed away 3/29/2012
- Sylvia Putman Flynn, mother of **Becky (Tim) Ward**, who passed away 4/11/2012
- **Kelly Chadwick**, passed away 4/21/12, husband of **Donna Chadwick**

PRACTICE! PRACTICE!

No practice May 2

May 9 @ 5PM

No practice May 16

May 23 @ 5PM

Play @ 9AM service May 27





MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY HYMN

With your presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour, bless us all, we humbly prayer; our dear heavenly Father's love and favor be our comfort every day. May God's Spirit now in each proceeding favor us with his most gracious leading; thus shall we be truly blessed both in labor and in rest.

1 Catherine Spargo	12 Iris Bailey	20 Bruce Bradley	28 Reagan Holton
1 Betty Cusson	12 Mona Brown-Ketner	20 Melinda Spear	29 Earl Tucker
1 Elizabeth L. Clore	12 Rob Pratt	20 Caroline Mitchell	29 Elizabeth Alexander
2 Sally Sloan	12 Brian Hoss	21 Alberta Harpe	30 Maralyn Wood
2 Lisa Saunders	12 Thomas Guthrie	21 Sterling Aaron	30 Dorothy Dellinger
2 Brooke Cochran	12 Courtney Armstrong	21 Lelia Wynne	30 Sheila Weisner
2 Francesca Pauca	12 Tyler Anderson	21 Toni Bigham	30 Beth Byrd
2 Spencer Nifong	12 Maxwell Renfro	21 Sandra Armstrong	30 Jeffrey Cline
3 Donna Wall	13 Darlene Burriss	21 Carolyn Mock	30 Tracy Pinto
3 Noel Pratt	13 Sandra Peduto	21 Charles Reeves	30 Fred Barringer
3 Jillian LaMontagne	13 Katherine Flippin	22 Roger Dellinger	31 Kenneth Easter
4 Shirley Edmond	14 David Barber	23 Kathy Nichols	31 Luke Williams
4 Melinda Tedder	14 Bobby Bodenhamer	23 Linda Hamilton	
4 Melissa Shaw	14 Marla Veale	23 Lindsay Howard	
4 Sienna Ricciardi	14 Deborah Daniels	24 Peggy Barber	
4 Lilly Chamberlain	14 Paige Raper	24 Meredith Alexander	
5 Betty Flynt	14 Elizabeth Marx	25 Deborah Williams	
5 Sara Vaughan	14 Drew Linville	25 Rebecca Porterfield	
5 Will A. Pearsall	14 Justin Linville	25 Chris Granger	
5 Patrick Midkiff	14 Elizabeth Trogdon	25 Pamela Gray	
5 Charles Greenwood	15 Thomas Newman	25 Angelica Rabon	
6 George Wise Jr.	15 Paul McManus	26 Lorene Crater	
6 Hayley Geis	15 Peyton Riley	26 Doris Doub	
6 Silas Berry	16 Jackie Buchanan	26 Christine Stanfield	
6 Benton Starling	16 Catherine Dull	26 Chrisann Ricciardi	
7 Gladys Robertson	17 Reba Burke	26 Walter Nifong	
7 David Smith	17 Mildred Furches	26 Brandon Senter	
7 Claire Beeson	17 Robert Barber	26 Layne Beaver	
7 Sydney Sutcliffe	17 Shawn Weatherman	27 Jerry Taylor	
7 Maeve Elizabeth Hawfield	17 Ali Madigan	27 Lisa Matlock	
8 Dean Stockwell	18 George Troxler	27 Jeffrey Chrysson	
9 Patricia Martin	18 Nancy Renn	27 Rob Moser	
10 Thurmond Barron	18 Teresa Marx	27 Cassandra Burton	
11 George Johnson	19 William Long	28 Lynette Green	
12 Troy Wood	19 Margaret Cox	28 Frank Lester	
	19 Olivia Chrysson	28 Julia Idol	



GROWING IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST THROUGH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The church is made up of many Christian education programs for our children, youth and adults. Within our family of faith, there are individuals and small groups of members committed to education in the church. Interest in programs for education in Christ is growing continuously and the needs to support the programs are high.

The Christian Education Committee is planning for many upcoming activities this year and in years to come. We invite you to join us in making a new commitment of your time and talents by participating in the continued and growing education of the congregation.

Please complete the information on this sheet and return it to the church office or Paula Midkiff, Director of Christian Education by May 31st, 2012

Name: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Other Contact Phone: _____ () Work () Cell
 Current Sunday School Class: _____

New Philadelphia Moravian Church offers various opportunities for service in education. Some activities require volunteers at specific (seasonal) times during the year while other activities need and will accommodate volunteers year-round.

The following survey is designed as a way for you to indicate both your continued interest in activities in which you already participate and/or new interest in Christian education activities.

Sign up and you will be contacted by a member of the Christian Education Committee in the near future!

Please indicate below with a " ✓ " your interest in participation in the following Christian Education activities:

() Nursery Caregiver: newborn to 3 yrs; care of our children is required every Sunday during both services and Sunday school

() Children's Church: ages 4-6 yrs; lead facilitators are needed every Sunday (except communion Sundays and the month of July) during both services

() Kids of Faith: 1st-5th grades; leaders are needed one Sunday a month during both services

Youth Groups:

() New Philly Kids: K-5th grade; meet monthly

() Middle High: 6th-8th grade

() Senior High: 9th-12th grade

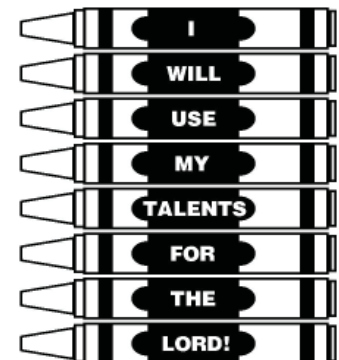
() Children's Sunday School Program: all ages; opportunities include:

() Lead Teacher,

() Assistant to Lead Teacher, and

() Special events teacher (storytelling, art, music, etc.)

Specific interest(s): _____

**Adult Sunday School Program:**

() Occasional: teaching in a class other than own; name will be on a list for Sunday School classes to contact

() Full Program: Teachers that would like to lead a 4-6 week study for an adult class

() Lenten Program: all ages; Sunday evenings during Lent

() Vacation Bible School: 4 yrs - 5th grade; summer program

() Children's Lovefeast: all ages; Sunday in December

FINANCIAL REPORT & ATTENDANCE

As of March 2012

Annual.....	\$1,014,640
Expenses to date	\$245,620
Income to date.....	\$221,679
Shortage to date.....	\$23,679
Disbursed in month	
Pastoral Staff-Salary, Travel, Housing,	
Pension, Ins.	\$21,508
Staff-Salaries, Soc. Sec. Ins	\$19,225
Lovefeast and Communion credit	\$7
Christian Education/Youth	\$1,972
Church Resource Supplies	
Continuing Education credit.....	\$87
Nursery.....	\$129
Library credit	\$21
Office Expenses.....	\$1,643
Hospitality	
Cleaning Expenses	\$3,100
Grounds	\$970
Building/Equipment Repair	\$3,100
Insurance	\$1,414
Utilities.....	\$6,788
Music	
Bus	\$60
Open Door Outreach.....	\$273
Kitchen/Custodial Supplies.....	\$1,109
Advertising	\$336
Provincial Contributions.....	\$16,496
Requested Items	\$969
Total for month.....	\$78,991

FUNDS

Iobst-Gray Missions Fund	\$26,745
Benevolences	\$14,552
Bus	\$25
Band.....	\$1,486
Music	\$650
Elizabeth Windsor	\$26,603
Lewis Ministerial Student Aid Fund.....	\$8,975
Anne Chadwick Band Fund.....	\$9,744
Capital Improvements.....	\$85,967

SUNDAY SCHOOL		WORSHIP	
		1ST	2ND
Apr. 1	255	350	152
Apr. 8	Easter	1 service only - 760	
Apr.15	Reception	303	161
Apr. 22	241	258	143
Apr. 29	not available at time of printing		
NURSERY			
1ST SERVICE		2ND SERVICE	
May	Bette, Deborah, and Jennifer		
CHILDREN'S CHURCH			
1ST SERVICE		2ND SERVICE	
May 6		Laura Long	
May 13	Kim Chrysson	Johanna Brown	
May 20	Cindy Daggett	Toni Boyle	
May 27	Betsy Fraser	Kathy Nichols	
**GREETERS			
May 6	Jack Shore	Ron Tedder	
May 13	Tim Ward	Lynn Thrower	
May 20	Terry Alexander	Susie Tickle	
May 27	Tom Williams	Terry Alexander	

**Confirmation / Communion - May 27*



**Church
PROPERTY**

Remember to lock up after your activities

****ELDERS AND TRUSTEES:**

If you are unable to fulfill your Greeting and/or Lock-up responsibility, please work together to find coverage.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS



General Meeting (DATE CHANGE)

The Women's Fellowship General Meeting will take place on Monday, May 7 at 7PM in the Banquet Room.

Thank You

- To the members of Circle 8 and members of the congregation who helped put flowers on the graves in God's Acre for Easter. It was very lovely for our service on Easter morning.
- To the members of Circle 1 for hosting the baby shower for John and Brandi Rights.
- To everyone who helped out with the reception for Pastor Marcus and his family.

Items for Sale

Get your T-shirts now! "Moravian Seal" white T-shirts are still available for sale by the Women's Fellowship for \$10 each. They are good quality and have short sleeves. Please contact Jane Shore at 336-768-1898 or Bobbie Sapp at 336-766-4607.

Craft Class

Craft classes will continue in May on the first Tuesday evening at 7PM and the first Wednesday afternoon at 1PM in preparation for the 2013 Women's Fellowship Bazaar. EVERYONE is welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship - not to mention the craftiness!



Sunnyside donations for MAY
Boxed laundry detergent; 10-16 loads

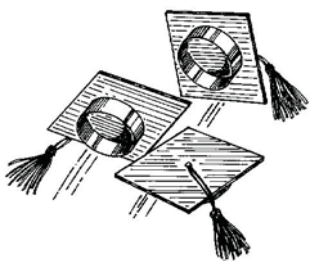
MISSION PROJECT THROUGH MAY 21

Ronald McDonald House; microwave snacks/ food, small packets of sugar/sweetener, powered creamer, disinfectant wipes/cleaner, Swiffer dusting sheets, foil/plastic wrap, liquid hand soap, glass cleaner, paper products (all kinds), new word puzzle books, new arts and crafts for the children.



GRADUATION SUNDAY IS MAY 20

Please send graduation information – including graduate's name, college or high school, and future plans, etc., to the church office. We plan to recognize all our graduates on May 20.



There is a fresh coat of paint on the fellowship hall walls! Let's take care and be sure to not throw things (a hole was fixed) or bump into the walls with equipment, tables, and/or chairs.





May 2 @ 11:45AM

MENU

Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Bread,
Assorted Desserts

Jesus said, "When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Luke 14:13-14

Men's Prayer Breakfast ~ May 4 @ 7AM

RSVP Online: www.newphilly.org



Come join your church family on Sunday, May 27th for a Memorial Day picnic in the church pavilion. Enjoy wonderful music, fellowship, food, and ice cream! The event



begins at 5pm. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert. We need lots of ice cream too. Look for sign up sheets in your Sunday school classrooms and in the commons area. If you have questions, please contact Andi Williams at andi@sassafraspaper.com or 774.1203.



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