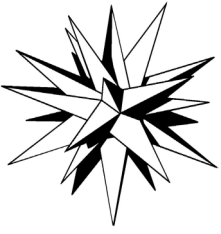
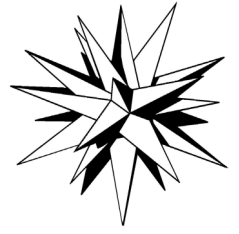


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A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEW PHILADELPHIA MORAVIAN CHURCH

## Quarterly Trustees Report

I'm thrilled to announce that once again this congregation stepped up to the challenge. We eliminated the entire Church Fund deficit in December through your extraordinary giving. Donna just closed the books, and we ended the year with a \$0 Church Fund deficit for 2023.

This is OUR Church and we proved that as a Congregation.

Even with this fantastic news, it's also appropriate to turn our attention to how we avoid these large deficits in the future.

The weekly Bulletin will be updated at the end of every month to reflect our year-to-date Church Fund surplus or deficit.

If we are running a surplus, then our collective tithing is supporting the essential needs of the Church.

If we are running a deficit, then we need to react immediately and increase our Church Fund contributions. Remember just \$5 a week from all our active members in 2023 would've avoided carrying a deficit into December. Everything counts.

Historical patterns indicate that July, August, September, and October are our weakest months for Church Fund tithing. Keep that in mind and be very diligent during our summer months.

Historical patterns indicate that September, October, and November are some of our highest Church Fund expense months of the year. If we're running a surplus at a given time in 2024 that doesn't mean our current tithing will carry us through the remainder of the year. It's always a balance.

## 2023 4th Quarter Highlights and Other News:

Our total designated funds balance grew by over \$11,000 in 2023.

The Technology Team met a few months ago and because of generous donations to the Michael Crofts Technology Fund we've improved our streaming equipment, capabilities, and sound/video quality. The Church will have a dedicated fiber internet service starting in January 2024, we replaced the projector in the fellowship hall, and we'll continue with other initiatives in Q1 of 2024. Many people helped this process over the last 60 days. Special thanks to Bob Saturn and Frank Nifong for going above and beyond to lend their time and talents.

New Philadelphia has provided over \$50,000 in general and cancer benevolence relief to our local community in 2023 while Missions and Outreach spending from New Philadelphia is over \$80,000 so far this year.

The Board of Trustees had 4 individuals who completed their 3-year terms last month.

**Darlene Reinhardt:** Darlene served as the Board Secretary for two years, created a vital link to our Women's Fellowship group, and contributed her time and talents to many areas of our Church including creating a comprehensive policy and guide on gift giving to New Philadelphia.

**Dan Franklin:** Dan is our Head Usher which is a huge job by itself. He added insight (and some humor) to many important topics discussed over the last 3 years. Dan's passion for our Church is very evident, and his commitment to ministries including the Elizabeth Windsor Fund was a huge asset.

**John Geis:** John's background in Purchasing and his current role as Head of the Missions Commit-

tee was invaluable to the Board over the last 3 years. His wealth of knowledge from decades of service at New Philadelphia helped us work through some difficult and complex issues and topics. Since Missions are a big focus for our Church, John's service on the Board of Trustees helped all of our outreach efforts.

Steve Huddleston: Steve served as the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees in 2023. He was the Representative to our Preschool and Youth Committees, and he ran the annual Church Audit for the last few years. His service to the Church included a lot of his time, and that always came with his passion for New Philadelphia and our future. His contributions and voice will be missed.

Please thank these four outgoing Board members when you have a chance. Thank you.

Submitted by: Bob MacReynolds

## Blood Drives

It may be helpful to know that the church hosts five drives each year. That means that people giving a single unit of blood can donate at all five drives.

Here are the dates for 2024 Blood Drives:

- January 8—*Awesome turnout—Thank You!*
- March 11
- June 10
- August 19
- November 4

All Blood Drives take place on Mondays from 2 p.m.—6:30 p.m. Contact Michael Crane if you need help signing up.

## Men's Breakfast

Simply faith, food, and fellowship! All are welcome for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month (except July—when it's July 12).

All men of the church are cordially invited. Also, we would like *all* men to consider volunteering to help us clean up afterward. We really need a few

additional guys to help the current volunteers. Just show up! No reservation needed.

## Missions & Social Concerns

A reminder to everyone: You are welcomed and encouraged to attend the Missions & Social Concerns Committee meetings.

The Committee meets the second Sunday of each month (January—November) at 5:00 p.m. in the Banquet Room. We hope to see you!

## Book Club

All are invited to join the New Philly Mostly Southern Writers Book Club as we look forward to a brand new year of reading! We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Friendship Room.

Book lovers can look forward to a lively and enjoyable discussion of a variety of books in a fun and welcoming atmosphere. Our meetings typically last about an hour. We have a zoom option for those who are unable to attend in person. Our selection for the January 18 meeting is The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87855557820?pwd=ZnF5eXRUVVFmMXVWZllhOZDRYbnJXQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 878 5555 7820

**Passcode:** 306891

For further information please contact Jerrie Andrews:

- email: [jerrieandrews@yahoo.com](mailto:jerrieandrews@yahoo.com)
- cell: 336.926.1748

# Moravian Day of Giving 2024 Preschool News!



## Unite, Give, Inspire!

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Save the date for the 4th annual Moravian Day of Giving on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. This special day is not just about financial contributions; it's about the collective strength of our Moravian community, driven by shared values and a commitment to make a lasting impact.

To inspire heightened participation, MMFA will grant \$2,500 to the 5 Moravian organizations (*churches, agencies, camps, etc.*) with the most unique individual donors.

### What could your ministry do with \$2,500?

We invite you to make a donation to MMFA's Field of Interest Funds. Gifts to these grant making funds will be matched up to \$2,500!

[MMFA.com](http://MMFA.com)



## Have we got a Preschool for YOU!

Recommend New Philadelphia Preschool to your family and friends— Registration will open for current families and church members on February 12, 2024.

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Registration for new families will open on February 19, 2024.

All spots are filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Classes being offered for 24-25 school year:

- Infants (2-5 days)
- Toddlers (2-5 days)
- Twos (3 or 5 days)
- Threes (3 or 5 days)
- Fours (5 days)
- Fives/Readiness (5 days)

Class placement is based on the child's age on August 31st of the current year. Infants must be 3 months old by August 31st, toddlers must be 1 by that date, and so forth. Certain exceptions will be made on a case by case basis.

Once registration has been submitted, you will receive an email invoice for the registration fee (\$150 for one child, \$250 for two or more children).

## Candle Making

It's never too early to make candles for Lovefeast services! Save the dates for February 22—26.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in setting up, making candles, cleaning up.

If you have questions about candle making—you may contact Jane Shore. Stay tuned for more details!

# South Fork Ministry News

South Fork Ministry started the fall off with our Second Apple Day with apples from Levering Orchard in Virginia for all of the scholars, faculty and staff at South Fork plus the staff at the NPMC Preschool. The scholars from South Fork wrote and drew thank you notes to Frank Levering for their treats. The faculty at South Fork are teaching gratitude in conjunction with the daily curriculum.

In November, South Fork held their first Dolphin Fall Family Feast. Janet Gardner, Bill Donald, Jerrie Andrews, Valerie Crane, Elizabeth and Jack Long, and Bill and Marla Sparks helped with this event. All South Fork families were invited to a free dinner, but had to rsvp. There was a taco bar (from Mi Pueblo) and a salad bar and traditional Thanksgiving meal (from Golden Corral) for the guests. South Fork hopes through events like this, that their families will bond with one another and with the school faculty and staff. Dr. Green-Hughes thanked New Philadelphia for our support for this event and throughout the year.

Also in November, Thanksgiving meals were provided for many families. Due to Emily McNeil's organization and the generous donations of food and time, the Thanksgiving Project reached out to several schools and served 55 families. The preschool families helped also with rolls of paper towels for all of the families. ( these cannot be purchased by EBT funds). Boxes were packed in record time on Sunday, November 19 and loaded on the Holly

Poultry refrigerated truck. On Monday, November 20 food was delivered by several drivers to 3 schools in the WSFCS district. 25 meals were taken to South Fork. Thank you to all who participated in this project in prayer, time, or financially.

In December we provided food, perishable and non-perishable for 30 families from South Fork. The scholars were not in school from December 16th until January 3rd, so our food bags provided food beyond a traditional Christmas meal to help fill the gap where no school meals were provided. Sponsors provided gifts including toys and clothing for 30 scholars and 11 of their preschool siblings. Thank you to all



who sponsored a scholar and to those who contributed financially so that my "secret shoppers" could purchase gifts to cover the siblings. On December 12th the library was bursting with 41 huge boxes of gifts!! Stockings were filled by Valerie Crane, Janet Gardner, Denise Hunt, Carol Crooks, and Bill and Marla Sparks. On December



14th we were blessed by the "trucks and drivers of the New Friendship Class" and many, many other volunteers as the caravan moved the gifts and food bags to South Fork. You could feel Jesus' love in each volunteer as they worked together to get everything ready for the 30 families that we sponsored. I wish each of you could have witnessed this event!! The

true meaning of Christmas was felt by all of the volunteers. Thank you to all who participated in this project.

Each month treats are provided for the faculty and staff at South Fork and for our preschool staff. Both places are grateful for the kindness and ap-

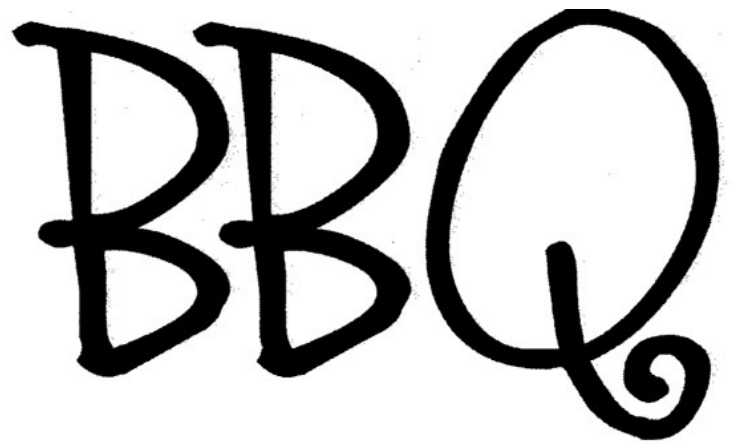
preciation that New Philadelphia shows them.

Coming up soon: TOOTHBRUSH and TOOTH-PASTE for all of the scholars at South Fork. This project will run from January 29th until February 16th.

New faces, new opportunities, and new ways to spread Jesus' light and love with our South Fork community are opened to us all of the time. Please join us January 24 at 6 in the Friendship room to learn more. If you cannot join us for a meeting, but would like to participate contact me at [sparksw@msn.com](mailto:sparksw@msn.com). If you cannot participate, but would like to financially support this ministry, it would be greatly appreciated.

We are spreading Jesus' love with South Fork Elementary by prayer, word and deed and "They will know we are Christians by our love."

Submitted by: Marla Sparks



### SMOKED PORK BBQ

New Philadelphia Moravian Church

BOY SCOUT TROOP 715

To benefit Troop 715 activities

Saturday, February 17, 2024

4:30p.m.—7:00 p.m.

**\*\*Scout Sunday—February 4, 2024\*\***

## Financial Report as of December 2023

Annual Budget.....	\$849,370
Expenses to date .....	\$844,641
Income to date .....	\$844,641
<b>Shortage to date .....</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### Disbursed in month

Building/Equipment repairs .....	\$979
Christian Education/Youth .....	\$624
Cleaning expenses.....	\$4,067
Grounds .....	\$1,843
Insurance .....	\$3,631
Kitchen/Custodial supplies .....	\$323
Library (credit).....	\$6
Lovefeast.....	\$2,637
Medical Equipment.....	\$1,753
Music.....	\$418
Office expenses .....	\$1,753
Pastoral Staff-Salary, Travel, Housing, Pension, Ins. ....	\$7,365
Provincial Contributions .....	\$12,183
Security .....	\$330
Staff-Salaries, Social Security, Ins.....	\$24,555
Utilities.....	\$7,118
<b>Total for month .....</b>	<b>\$68,757</b>

## Designated Funds Report

Anne Chadwick Band Fund.....	\$10,182
Band Fund.....	\$7,322
Bells of Joy .....	\$11,906
Benevolences .....	\$4,476
Building Fund .....	\$51,626
Bus Fund.....	\$527
Cancer Benevolence .....	\$15,479
Capital Improvements.....	\$12,949
Church Growth Fund .....	\$32,727
Elizabeth Windsor Scholarship Fund .....	\$26,603
Iobst-Gray Missions Fund .....	\$8,673
Lamb Ministry .....	\$403
Laurel Ridge Projects Fund .....	\$2,578
Lewis Ministerial Student Aid Fund.....	\$5,200
Michael Crotts Technology Fund .....	\$17,056
Music Fund .....	\$5,403
Special Projects.....	\$19,626
Youth Fund .....	\$3,966
Youth Missions Fund .....	\$3,994

Contact Donna Wright, our Finance Manager, or Bob MacReynolds, our Trustee Chairperson, if you have any questions regarding the Financial Report.

# Building Faith through Reflection and Art . . . A Lenten Guide

That's the title of New Philadelphia's 2024 Devotion Guide and as its title hints, there are some changes in this year's project. They include:

## **Change #1:**

In the past, we have relied on the Moravian Daily Text to provide the scripture passages for our reflections. This year, we have assembled verses and passages that reflect seven categories or themes found throughout the Bible and that are common to the human experience. They are: Betrayal; Condemnation; Humiliation; Physical and Mental Suffering; Forsakenness/Abandonment; Forgiveness; Conversion. These themes were also found in Jesus' life, and were deepened in His last hours on earth.

## **Change #2:**

This year's Guide will be spiral-bound for ease in reading and note-taking. Each theme's section will conclude with questions for your personal reflections and space to write the answers.

## **Change #3:**

Famous paintings will accompany our reflections, enhancing the devotion themes and our personal journeys. Through art we may hear God's voice anew.

## **Change #4:**

Lastly, each devotion will be marked chronologically but without a date so that the Guides can be easily used in other years or for purposes beyond Lent.

This year's format and the work each writer brings to the project will guide us through the season and will, we pray, make the time we spend with the One who journeyed to the cross more meaningful.

The Guides will be distributed on Sunday, February 11th to prepare you for Ash Wednesday on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by: Clyde Manning

# Reflective Writing Resumes

Come write together on Tuesday mornings. We'll write to prompts. We will reflect about our lives. Sharing is optional.

"But writing has always been my primary way to make meaning, to marry the joy and the sorrow, to traverse the distance between no longer and not yet." from Suleika Jaouad's *Isolation Journals*.

Come join us to follow your thoughts on the page from the "no longer" to the "not yet" and especially the now from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Banquet Room:

- February 6, 20, 27
- March 5, 19, 26
- April 2, 16, 23
- May 7, 21, 28

## **Or**

- February 5 @ 5 p.m.
- March 4 @ 5 p.m.
- April 1 @ 5 p.m.
- May 6 at 5 p.m.

Contact Kay Windsor at [kehwindor1@gmail.com](mailto:kehwindor1@gmail.com) or (check the Instant Church Directory for contact information) for more information, questions and to RSVP!

You do not have to consider yourself a writer to participate, but if you speak, you are "writing on the air" according to Pat Schneider in *Writing Alone and with Others*. Each of us is a writer. Bring a notebook and your favorite pen or pencil. (No red pens needed.)

Submitted by: Kay Windsor

# January

1 Teresa Nifong  
1 Melissa Holt  
2 Maria Miller  
2 Harold Renfro  
3 Mary Jane Pickard  
3 Beth Geringer  
3 Emma Eggers  
4 Marilyn Mankins  
5 Abigail Trogdon  
5 Dave Mitchell  
6 Peggy Thomas  
6 Alan Barber  
7 Pamela Rabon  
7 Elaine Donald  
7 Mike Saunders  
9 Jan Ledwith  
9 Mike Sloan  
10 Elle Windemuller  
10 Sydney Chrysson Mojica  
10 Tonya Granger  
10 Cynthia Farrington  
10 Mark Thomas  
10 Gloria Gamble  
11 Kyle Greenwood  
11 Annette Robinson  
12 Robin Tesh  
12 Allen Queen  
13 David Carroll  
15 Charlotte Henshaw  
15 Jack Bodenhamer  
16 Daniel Reagan

16 Campbell Pitts  
16 Melvin Robinson  
16 Duncan Fraser  
17 David Teague  
17 Judy Knopf  
19 Barbara Clore  
19 David Shaw  
19 Nancy Holland  
19 Russell Burris  
20 David Reagan  
21 Anderson Henshaw  
21 Karen Popp  
21 Patricia Vaughan  
22 Sarah MacReynolds  
23 Mary Hansley  
24 Nancy Craver  
25 Grayson Kirkman  
25 Terry Alexander  
25 Lola Scales  
25 Paul Phillips  
26 Judy Briggs  
26 James Moose  
27 Robert Rodden  
28 Pam Williard  
29 Evon Crooks  
30 Sandra Gray  
30 Amanda Revels  
30 Carol Garber  
31 Chris Rogers  
31 Samuel Porterfield  
31 Charles Greenwood  
31 Lou Jackson  
31 David Tickle

# February

1 Michael Thrower  
1 Miranda Vaden  
1 Margaret Greenwood  
2 Kelly Sapp-Pransky  
3 Tiffany Henshaw  
3 Carol Russell  
3 Iona Lewis  
3 Lorena Gray  
4 Cindi Jones  
4 Linda Ayers  
4 Julie Mock  
5 Jake Zappala  
5 Kim Chrysson  
5 Samuel Farrar  
6 Dorothy Self  
7 Elayne Green  
8 Katie Barber  
8 Darlene Reinhardt  
8 Bob Cleveland  
9 John Bryant  
10 Rick Green  
10 Bill Ray  
11 Jerry Bumgardner  
11 Samuel Spach  
12 Jason Kincaid  
12 Clayborne Poindexter  
12 Gaylan Dull  
12 Ryan Beaver  
13 Marla Sparks  
13 Dawn Fink  
13 Melvin Holland

13 Elaine Land  
14 Woody Clore  
14 Diana Green  
14 Amy Fox  
14 Brenda Wagner  
15 Charles Saylor  
16 Scott Bauer  
16 Michael Mock  
17 Norma Goslen  
17 Frankie Oates  
18 Damon Vega  
18 Joshua Dull  
20 Betsy B. Leonard  
20 Pattie Farrar  
20 Curtis Whisenhunt  
23 Danielle Hoover  
24 David Miller  
24 Adam Ketner  
25 Brook Foltz  
26 Carol Crooks  
26 Judy Gatewood  
26 Dick Rodden  
27 Olivia Pratapas  
27 Susan Mitchell  
27 Cheryl Taylor  
28 Jack Porterfield  
28 Billy Newsom  
29 Andi Underdal  
29 Alisa Rothrock

2 Alexis Thore  
2 Gracie Burriss  
2 Kristen Reeves  
2 Suzanne Bellomy  
5 Preston Corbett  
5 Don Hill  
6 Noah Macemore  
6 Nancy Glander  
6 Annalee Spach  
7 Vicky Poindexter  
7 Mark Williams  
8 Julie Holcomb  
8 Stacey Smith  
8 Whitney McGinnis  
9 Jerrie Andrews  
9 Bob Rustad  
10 Tyler Bush  
10 Kira Cox  
10 Ally Pratapas  
10 Kelly Holton  
11 Dave Blum  
11 Greg Mulholland  
11 Tony Ebert  
12 Dan Franklin  
12 Tonnie Moose  
12 Eric Bradley  
12 Maurene Franklin  
13 Betsy Reagan  
14 Tim Adams  
14 Brooke Cole  
15 Melissa Evans

17 Kristin Berrier  
18 Ellesse Holton  
18 Ann Corbett  
18 Clay Poindexter  
19 Abby Johnson  
20 Cathie Alexander  
20 Jarad Hoss  
20 Blake Woods  
21 Mitchell Byrd  
21 Nancy Hoover  
22 Phil Wynne  
22 Victor Pauca  
23 Bill Wood  
24 Sarah Huddleston  
24 Jay Nail  
25 Sandy Jones  
26 Julie Parks  
26 Ann Foster  
27 Mary Lou Goings  
27 Beverly Jones  
27 Caleb Koment  
28 Cody Snow  
28 Ashley Sutcliffe  
28 Samuel Farrar  
28 John Geis  
28 Dick Ebbers  
29 Gene Self  
30 Erlene Wright  
31 Kirsten Davis

## March

1 Jennifer Nelson

15 Kasey Bibey  
15 Donna Mulholland  
16 Beverly Revels