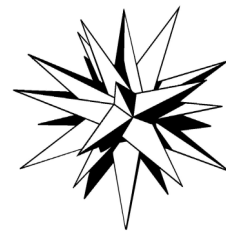


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A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEW PHILADELPHIA MORAVIAN CHURCH

Church Involvement Committee

The Church Involvement Committee is seeing an abundance of congregants involved in special interest groups. The Culinary Group has baked cookies and taken them to HOPE (Help Our People Eat). This group welcomes the Youth to help expand the mission of feeding others. The Fellowship Group met in early December and enjoyed a Christmas sing-a-long with delicious desserts and hot coffee. This is just a sample of the activities happening at New Philadelphia. If you have not joined a group, consider one that sounds interesting and visit it to experience the fellowship. There are several interest groups available.

Security Committee News

The security committee have developed an exit plans for adult Sunday School classes, as a result of preparation for the fire drill that took place this fall. Bryan London also arranged defibrillator and CPR training for the preschool staff.

Preschool Committee News

Director's update: • Christmas Program was a blessing to all! • Donations for the Preschool Parent who passed away this fall are approximately \$12,000. These funds were designated for the new playground. • The new playground is finished and looks amazing. The preschool students are especially drawn to the firehouse. • Ashley is planning a Grand Opening of the Playground • It will be a "Welcome Back to School" in January and will serve hot chocolate • Look for an announcement in your email.

Playground Financial Update: • A big thank you to all who have donated to this wonderful project. We still need approximately \$150K. The funds for the remainder of the invoices were loaned to the Preschool by the church and need to be repaid. Please consider a donation to this beautiful addition to our Preschool and church campus.

Teacher's Meeting Lunches: • The Teacher's lunches on meeting day have been a huge success. The teachers look forward to them each month. They greatly appreciate the lunches and the recognition from our congregation. If your Sunday School class, Circle or other church group would like to provide a lunch, please contact Deborah Thompson (deborahthompson.nc@gmail.com).

The months of March and May are still open. Ashley has been an amazing leader and promoter of our Preschool. Her dedication and ideas have brought new life to this ministry.

Scout Committee

Troop 715 will host their annual BBQ on Saturday, February 22 in the Fellowship Hall. Stay tuned for more information!

South Fork Ministry

October brought many events at South fork Elementary. The Discovery class provided treats for the faculty and staff at South Fork as well as our own preschool. On October 29th South Fork had their drive through fall festival where scholars dressed in costumes and rode with their families through the school parking lot and received treats

handed out by teachers and volunteers. Dick and Marie Rodden, Diane Wessell, and Bill and Marla Sparks joined in the fun of the evening. Earlier in the day, South Fork had special readers who read fall books to the classes. Sam Gray, David Stanfield, Bill and Marla Sparks were our readers. Some of the scholars and many of the faculty and staff were dressed in costumes.

November 12th was dental screening with Jerrie Andrews representing us. On November 20th all families at South Fork were invited to a free dinner at the school. This was an opportunity for families to meet other families and for teachers to greet their scholars' families. It also was a night for a delicious dinner served by New Philadelphia volunteers. Bill Donald, Diane Wessell, Janet Gardner, Liz Long, David Stanfield, Valerie and Michael Crane, Kate Sparks, and Bill and Marla Sparks participated in this event. Several of the scholars helped with the clean-up. Watching the scholars fold up chairs and carry them to the waiting carts was a joy for all of us to watch. The Discipleship Class provided treats for the faculty and staff at South Fork and at our preschool. We ended the month of November with our annual collection of food for Thanksgiving meals. This year we partnered with the Radicals class for this project. Together with the generosity of the congregation, we provided 30 meals for South Fork families and 30 meals for families from other schools. Our Preschool parents purchased paper towels for the families as well. We had an amazing group of volunteers to sort the food, box the food, deliver and hand it out. We are grateful to all who participated in this project as well as all of our projects.

Right before Thanksgiving, I received the names of the scholars for the Dolphin Christmas Cares project. Sponsors (both individuals and Sunday School classes) purchased clothing and toys for the 36 scholars. They wrapped the gifts beautifully as if they were for their own families. These 36 scholars represented 26 families. Each family received 2 bags of food also-one perishable and one non-perishable. The bags included food for a Christmas meal plus food to help the families through the long Christmas break. Two families were quite large and received a third bag of

snacks, fruits, and soups which was donated by a member of our congregation. On December 18th, volunteers arrived at the church to take the gifts and food to South Fork. The truck caravan was terrific. Everyone worked hard to unload everything and get ready for the families to come. One volunteer watched a parent tear up as she realized that her son had a new bicycle! Earlier in the month of December, Nancy Renn and Sandra Chitty along with their large band of volunteers provided a special memory for the South Fork 4th grade scholars. A lovefeast, message from Sam, and an opportunity to make two crafts filled the fellowship hall with love, laughter, and light. Sam spoke to the scholars about 'being a light in the world for others.' One of the crafts that the scholars made was a bookmark for themselves and one for us to give to others. As they worked on this project, their light was visible to all. The Olsen family and the Long family provided treats in the month of December for the faculty and staff.

They will know we are Christians by our love and by the light that each of us takes into the world to help make it a better place.





Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship committee had their final 2024 meeting in November and discussed what worked for 2024 and what we would like to do for 2025. One thing is to invite anyone who is interested to join the committee as an "At Large" member. We already have 1 "At large" member and would love to have additional members join us for 2025.

Thank you for embracing our theme of "All Things Love". This was evident in all that we did for Southfork elementary, the Blessing box, 12 days of Christmas - just to name a few. We also want to thank those that have turned in their pledge cards and if you have not turned it in yet, there is still time!

We are excited to see what 2025 brings!



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast is held on the first Friday of each month (unless otherwise noted), 7:30 a.m. sharp, in the Banquet Room. Enjoy a hearty home-style breakfast prepared by the Men's Fellowship cooking crew. Hear from informative and inspirational speakers from, but not limited to, the Moravian community. Be on your way to start your day around 8:00 a.m. or stick around for more fellowship with our clean-up crew. All are welcome! There is no set charge for breakfast, but donations are appreciated. Plan to join us any first Friday and bring a friend. It's a great way to wrap-up the week and to begin a new month!

Faith Formation Committee

Volunteer teachers from the church teach a lesson each week using the Grow Kids curriculum. Classes are broken into kindergarten through second graders and a class for third graders through fifth graders. The lessons are Bible based with the content delivered through stories, music and active learning. We welcome volunteers to help teach these kid-oriented lessons. What a way to impact the faith building of a child!



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fellowship.*

Bible Recap

Bible Recap has resumed! Meet us in the Friendship Room on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Reach out to Susan Stockwell with any questions

Book Club News

All are invited to join the New Philly Mostly Southern Writers book club! We meet the third Thursday of each month at 6pm in the Friendship room. Our meetings typically last about an hour:

You can attend in person or by Zoom. For more information please call or email: Jerrie Andrews 336.926.1748 jerrieandrews@icloud.com

Pine Needle Sale

The Pine Needle Sale is on the calendar for March 1 with a Rain Date set for March 8. More information will be available soon but go ahead and mark your calendar now.

Board Appointments

David Stanfield was elected as this year's Vice Chair of the Elders. David Tickle is this year's Chair of Trustees.

January

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| 1 Melissa Holt | 7 Pamela Rabon |
| 2 Harold Renfro | 7 Elaine Donald |
| 3 Mary Jane Pickard | 7 Mike Saunders |
| 3 Beth Gerring | 9 Jan Ledwith |
| 3 Emma Eggers | 9 Mike Sloan |
| 4 Marilyn Mankins | 10 Elle Windemuller |
| 5 Dave Mitchell | 10 Cynthia Fearington |
| 6 Alan Barber | 10 Mark Thomas |
| | 11 Kyle Greenwood |
| | 11 Annette Robinson |
| | 12 Robin Tesh |

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| 12 Allen Queen | 3 Carol Russell |
| 15 Charlotte Henshaw | 3 Lorena Gray |
| 15 Jack Bodenhamer | 4 Cindi Jones |
| 15 Rowan Key | 4 Julie Mock |
| 16 Daniel Reagan | 5 Kim Chrysson |
| 16 Campbell Pitts | 7 Elayne Green |
| 16 Melvin Robinson | 8 Darlene Reinhardt |
| 16 Duncan Fraser | 9 John Bryant |
| 17 David Teague | 10 Rick Green |
| 17 Judy Knopf | 10 Bill Ray |
| 19 Barbara Clore | 11 Jerry Bumgardner |
| 19 Nancy Holland | 11 Samuel Spach |
| 19 Russell Burriss | 12 Jason Kincaid |
| 20 David Reagan | 12 Gaylan Dull |
| 21 Anderson Henshaw | 13 Marla Sparks |
| 21 Karen Popp | 13 Dawn Fink |
| 21 Patricia Vaughan | 13 Melvin Holland |
| 22 Sarah MacReynolds | 13 Elaine Land |
| 23 Mary Hansley | 14 Woody Clore |
| 24 Nancy Craver | 15 Charles Saylor |
| 25 Paul Phillips | 16 Scott Bauer |
| 26 James Moose | 17 Norma Goslen |
| 28 Pam Williard | 17 Frankie Oates |
| 29 Evon Crooks | 18 Damon Vega |
| 30 Sandra Gray | 20 Curtis Whisenhunt |
| 30 Carol Garber | 23 Sharon Beatty |
| 31 Chris Rogers | 25 Brook Foltz |
| 31 Charles Greenwood | 26 Carol Crooks |
| 31 Lou Jackson | 26 Judy Gatewood |
| 31 David Tickle | 26 Dick Rodden |

February

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| 1 Miranda Vaden | 27 Susan Mitchell |
| 1 Margaret Greenwood | 27 Cheryl Taylor |
| 3 Tiffany Henshaw | 28 Billy Newsom |
| | 29 Andi Underdal |
| | 29 Alisa Rothrock |

March

1 Jennifer Nelson
2 Gracie Burris
2 Suzanne Bellomy
5 Preston Corbett
6 Noah Macemore
6 Nancy Glander
6 Annalee Spach
7 Vicky Poindexter
8 Stacey Smith
9 Jerrie Andrews
9 Bob Rustad
10 Kira Cox
11 Dave Blum
11 Greg Mulholland
11 Tony Ebert
12 Dan Franklin
12 Tonnie Moose
12 Eric Bradley
12 Maurene Franklin
13 Betsy Reagan
15 Melissa Evans

15 Donna Mulholland
16 Beverly Revels
17 Kristin Berrier
18 Ann Corbett
18 Clay Poindexter
19 Abby Johnson
20 Cathie Alexander
20 Blake Woods
21 Nancy Hoover
22 Phil Wynne
22 Victor Pauca
23 Bill Wood
24 Sarah Huddleston
25 Sandy Jones
26 Julie Parks
26 Ann Foster
27 Mary Lou Goings
27 Beverly Jones
28 Cody Snow
28 John Geis
29 Gene Self
30 Erline Wright
31 Kirsten Davis



Happy
Birthday
To You