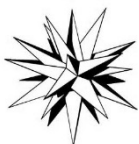


The Moravia Star



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2018

Adventure in Faith and Discipleship

What is God calling me to do?

*What do I Need to be transformed by
Jesus Christ?*



Bible Study with Pastor Carol

In February Pastor Carol continues the study of Revelation, meeting Wednesday 7th, 21st, and 28th, 6:30 - 7:15pm

Faithful!



Tom Sizemore and Jack Claybrook have been Moravia's faithful ushers since, well a long time, perhaps 2002. Sometimes you take for granted those who have been so steadfast. Maybe that's the compliment. But, every once and a while it is important to recognize those who have showed such devotion. From Moravia, thank you Tom and Jack.

The Sonshine Room opens its door on February 27th to the food insecurity challenges of a new year. Please Give.

Jesus said, "Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

Gearing up for a follow-on Mission Trip

Gary Stafford recently announced that Moravia's Mission Team will soon be returning to Lumberton, NC to work with a Baptist mission, restoring homes damaged by Hurricane Matthews. It was October 8, 2016 when Hurricane Matthews slammed into the NC coast with torrential rain. During the course of the storm Lumberton received over 14 inches of rain, causing widespread flooding. More than 7 percent of Lumberton's population was affected by the flooding, leaving hundreds and hundreds of home with severe water damage.



Gary Stafford, Rick Sadler, Greg Westmoreland, Scott Trogon, John Wray, and Alan Buchanan during SC mission trip



Last May Moravia commissioned the first trip to Lumberton. It was in conjunction with the same Baptist mission organization, which provided the team with room and board. The upcoming mission trip is projected for April 9-10 timeframe. If you would like to get involved in this tremendous ministry, please contact Gary Stafford as soon as possible.

"...The Rest of the Story."

A Mystery

By Ted Wright

Well, here we go again. Positive feedback from the brief Moravia history prompted Mike Kimel to ask me if I would consider writing some more articles for publication for the Moravia Star about our church's past,

focusing on some of the older members who proceeded us. Who were those earlier members to whom we are indebted for successfully guiding and growing the church through those decades and bringing it forward into what it is today? We can see that they left their mark by establishing some of the unique traditions we consider our heritage and enjoy today. The articles will be monthly installments in the Star, and are made up of interviews and stories where interviews are simply not possible. The stories are trivia; it is the people the stories relate to who are important. The purpose of the stories is to preserve the information before the opportunity is lost for the benefit of Moravia's youth and new and future members. The interviews speak for themselves, and are presented with gratitude to everyone who provided the assistance so necessary for any success this project might have. The stories attempt to fill the void left by the deaths of these former members who were so instrumental in Moravia's development from a small, young shared pastorate to a still small, but participating congregation within the province. Thank you.

The history of the church was limited to chronological dates and documented facts. You will find that in this edition the stories add individual memories and the subjective recalling of special events about people, not only filling in the gaps found in the history but providing "first person, eye witness" accounts about the congregation as well as insights into the circumstances of life as it was during those troubling times of the depression and World War II. These people were part of America's "greatest generation," and their recollections tell us, in the words of Paul Harvey, a noted news commentator with a point of view, "...the rest of the story."

Mike was right, we had opened a door to the past with the brief "history," but had not gone completely through it, and he was also right about preserving the information identifying our unique traditions and heritage because of its benefit to the new and future members, but more especially the youth of the church, many of whom have ancestors who go back four to five generations and are its future. Look at the opportunities we have lost in the last two years – Peggy Wilson, John Lee, Mary King, Clyde Howerton, Leonard Lee, Roy Lee, and most recently, Jim King. With their passing, we lost a treasury to the past, and this emphasizes the urgency of the task. The story of the church should also contain something of the human story of its people, so by starting now we can salvage what is still available before it is further diluted and lost through the passage of time.

It is an inescapable fact that generational change in a church occurs one funeral at a time.

I considered declining the project because of the very real potential to get something wrong and offend someone. I felt guilty that everyone may not be included because my knowledge is limited and memory is dim. I sometimes think that a benevolent Deity intercepts our troubled thoughts and interprets them as a kind of timid and confused prayer and answers them in ways you have to look hard to recognize and with answers so simple that you would not have thought of or overlooked. It came to me in a sudden realization, an epiphany, if you will, of how to go about the project. These are mostly your stories, and my job is simply editing your memories and reminisces, changing the content only to correct a provable error and fitting your stories into a series of monthly installments which tell, in subjective, human terms, "...the rest of the story." There will also be a few articles where I have had to tell the important stories of former members I knew who are no longer living who contributed so much to making Moravia what it is today. Many of you knew as well, and I sincerely hope our memories coincide accurately, truthfully, and harmoniously.

As you read these stories be constantly on guard for mistakes. I have already found and corrected some, and I am sure there will be many more. My intention is to correct them as soon as possible after they are pointed out.

Many of you, unlike me, were born into the church through parents and possibly grandparents who were members, forming a generational chain into the past. My earliest association with Moravia dates back to circa 1961, and I joined in the fall of 1963 just before marrying into the old, wooden church of that day. While I knew many of those long deceased members of that time and before and remember them fondly, I need your help. I would like to talk with anyone who knows something relevant. This is an open invitation to call or e-mail me. While we are "homeless," I can be reached through e-mail at dernwright@yahoo.com, land line with recorder at (276) 398-4105, or Brenda's cell phone at (336) 580-1674 until we can get back home in the Moravia community in early 2018. Then, a new, local contact number will follow. Home is where the heart is.

Next month, read about the "commotion" in the graveyard.

From the Church Board

Jerry Wray is Vice-Chair of our church board for 2018. The board is exploring whether the congregation would be interested in taking part in a weekend retreat at Laurel Ridge, either this spring or fall. Please convey your interest to a board member as soon as possible.



A Valentine's Day "Supper with Friends" Spaghetti Meal

Wednesday, February 14th @ 6pm

\$5 per person

Proceeds to benefit the Youth Group
The Youth host this lovely meal. With Valentine décor coupled with a staff of eager waiters and waitresses, the youth create a very wonderful dining experience for all those who attend. So, treat that special someone to a fun filled evening.

Happy Birthdays

10 – Coleman Terrell, 11 – Samantha Rose, 16 – Beth Bennett, 19 – Lewis Robbins, 20 – Julie Kimel, 22 – Tim Parker and Wanda Wray, and 26 – Shanda Trogdon

Happy Anniversaries

8 – Greg & Sherri Westmoreland, and 29 – John & Cathy Wray

Sunday School Social

Sunday School Social breakfast will be February 4th at 9:30am, and it will be a covered dish. This is a great New Year's Resolution: Join a Sunday School Class and commit to learning more about the Bible, and enjoy wonderful fellowship, starting with breakfast each month.

Synod Working Group Meeting

Mike Kimel attended a Synod working group meeting at Friedberg Moravian Church on January 20th. His group was asked to explore the Moravian Church's Ministry in Mission. To that end the group has now developed a proposal to Synod, entitled, "Moravian Day of Service," which would designate a Saturday in the spring as an annual event to celebrate its faith through service and mission work locally, regionally, and globally. The 2018 Southern Province Synod will be held April 19-22 in Black Mountain, NC.

Financial Report

Offering to Date

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Over/Under Budgeted</u>
\$8,509.00	\$5,154.00	\$3,355.00



Prayer List

Members

Izula Fentress
Family of Roy Lee
Johnny Bennett – Cancer
Judy Vernon – Health concerns
James Wilson – Health Concerns
Rachel Terrell – Health concerns
Bonnie King – Health concerns
Phillip and Becky Westmoreland – Strength for everyday

Lewis Robbins - Cancer
Family of Leonard Lee

Family & Friends

Herbert Walker – Cancer
Betty Robinson – Long term illness
Marita Green – Breast Cancer
Judy Ellington – Cancer (Kay & Patricia's Sister-in-law)
Robert Hamlett – Ongoing health problems
Don Casey - Medical issues (Mike's brother-in-law)
Margaret Adkins – Ongoing health issues
Sarah Welborn – Ongoing health problems
Amanda Morphew-Ulm – Health concerns
Lewis Robbins – Cancer
Jean Stofanik – Health concerns
Beulah Morphew - Medical concerns (Roger's mother)
Seth Lee – Heart surgery
Meredith Lee – Breast Cancer
Joanne Beeson
Rebecca Lee – Moved to Japan to teach English (daughter of Jack & Dena Lee)
Donna Aylsworth – Brenda Wright's daughter-in-law's mother
Thomas Willard – Throat Procedure (Phyllis Ander's cousin)
Norma Caltagirone – Cancer
Bonita Beshears – Recovering from surgery
Sue Atkins – Heart monitor complications
Tyler Ziglar – boot camp (Greg & Sherri Westmoreland's nephew)
Violet Hedrick – Health issues
Paul Willard - Cancer

Church Directory

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Brenda Wright, Board Member (336 580-1674)
Gary Stafford, Board Member (338-1872)
Scott Trogdon, Board Member (402-2109)
Rick Sadler, Board Member (404 263-4686)
Rick Kellam, Chris Hallyburton, Bill Fulmer, Jerry Wray, Graveyard Committee
Jerry Wray, Shanda Trogdon, Roger Morphew, Gary Stafford, Outreach Committee
Sam Anders, Church Treasurer
Gary Stafford, Grounds Manager
Scott Trogdon, Facility Manager
Rick Wilson, Choir Director & Pianist
Elaine Sizemore, Organist
Tom Sizemore, Head Usher
Jack Claybrook, Assistant Head Usher
Kay Bennett & Patricia Hill, Sacristans
Cheryl Hallyburton, Betsy Montgomery, Rick Wilson, Chris Hallyburton, Sunday School Teachers
Shanda Trogdon, Head Diener
Kay Bennett, Assistant Head Diener
Gary Stafford & Rick Sadler, Coffee Makers
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Church Activity Schedule

Feb 4 @ 9:30am – Sunday School Social
Feb 5 @ 7pm – Women's Fellowship
Feb 7 @ 6:30pm – Bible Study
Feb 14 @ 6pm – Supper with Friends
Feb 21 @ 6:30pm – Bible Study
Feb 27 from 1 to 3:30pm – Sonshine Room
Feb 28 @ 6:30pm – Bible Study

Moravia's Mission

With our unity in Christ, Moravia
Moravian Church provides
Christian Fellowship and
Nurturing for anyone seeking
ways in which They can serve,
care for, and love all of God's
Children

