



Bethania Moravian Gazette

For the Week of May 2, 2021

Watchword for the Week of May 2:

Jesus says, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." John 15:4

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May

Unless otherwise posted, our May services will be in the Sanctuary and Virtual.
Virtual Links to our services -- Facebook & YouTube -- Go to Bethania Moravian Church

Saturday, May 1	9:00 AM -- Chicken Pie Sell (<i>to members only</i>), until sold out
Sunday, May 2	10:30 AM -- Fifth Sunday of Easter, Moravian Music Sunday (<i>see below</i>) 1 - 2:15 PM -- Confirmation Class
Tuesday, May 4	7:00 PM -- Cubs & Boy Scouts
Saturday, May 8	Scott Rainey graduates Moravian Theological Seminary
Sunday, May 9	10:30 AM -- Fifth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day
Sunday, May 16	Laurel Ridge Sunday (<i>see below</i>)
Sunday, May 23	10:30 PM -- Pentecost Communion and Confirmation Sunday

News of the Church....

Chicken Pie Sale

On Saturday, May 1, from 9:00 AM-10:30 AM, the Women's Fellowship will be selling Chicken Pies for members only. The large pies are \$12 each. There are several smaller pies for sale at \$6/each.

About Worship on May 2

This Sunday is Moravian Music Sunday, and we will be inviting the congregation to sing some of the verses of the hymns. All total, congregational singing will be under 5 minutes. But still, we will sing for a portion of the service! The Moravian Music Foundation states on its website: "*If the majority of your congregation members have received the COVID-19 vaccine, and you are meeting in person, you may choose to have the congregation sing some or all of*" the hymns. We, at Bethania, remain cautious and are easing back into congregational singing. Please do what is comfortable for you.

Masks are required inside the building, safe/social distancing, and hand washing are highly encouraged and deeply coveted. We take these precautions seriously as an act of God's love. Our Epistle for Sunday from 1 John 4:7a reminds us of our calling: "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;" And

as we come back together in song we give thanks to the Lord through the words of this hymn:

You have kindly led us through our joys and tears;
now accept our praises and remove our fears.
Grant us all with gladness to obey your voice;
let your will and pleasure be our only choice.

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Laurel Ridge Sunday -- May 16, 2021

On Sunday, May 16, 2021, our worship service will be held at Laurel Ridge at 11 AM. The location for the service will be at the dining hall, which is located on the summer camp side of Laurel Ridge. You will need to bring your own lunch to enjoy on the mountain. Please [click here](#) to register, or you can contact Katie Rainey (336-829-0164) or Renee Martin (336) 831-6197 by Wednesday, May 12. The service will be recorded and uploaded to our YouTube page later that day. There will be NO service at Bethania on May 16. Face masks are required inside the dining hall.

Worship Attendance - April 18 - 61

Update: Thanks to our creative and energetic Innovations Team and especially Erin Craddock, a tool has been created to capture our attendance numbers for worship. Until it is in place, please contact the Church Office with your count.

Prayer Requests for this Week

✝ The family of **Craig Bracken**; **Greta** (Tonya Bovender's co-worker); **BA and Vada Byrd**; **Barbara Cline**; **Clyde** (E.J. Oehman's brother-in-law); **Bob Delp**; **Jimmy Fearington**; **Barbara Ford**; **Kaye Gough**; **Danette Handy** (friend of Faye Bricca); **Frank Harvey**; **Linda Hester**; **Peggy Holyfield**; **Jacob** (Lawana's cousin's son); **Jamie** (Melvin Hunter's son); **Jaimee** (Carol Brown's daughter-in-law); **John Issacs**; **Frances**; **Beth K.** (friend of Tonya Bovender); **Compton Lane**; **Jerome Livengood**; **Duke and Sarah Marley**; **Betty Marsh**; **Dick and Rosemary Mock**; **Marie and Angeline** (Jules Modlinski's sisters); **Betty Moorefield**; **Mike Oehman**; **Rebecca Ogburn**; the family of **Glen and Martha Parker**; **Linda Seeleby**; **Nellie Shore**; **Janet Styers**; **Peggy Williams**; **Jeana Windhorn** (Nellie Shore's step-daughter); and unspoken requests.

Prayer Concerns will remain on our list unless we hear otherwise. Please contact the church office if you need to update information for the list. If you would like to be added to the Prayer Concerns Email List, please contact the church office and give Cindy your email address.

Moravian Music Sunday, May 2, 2021

Celebrating the Hymns of James Montgomery (1771-1854)

James Montgomery was the son of Moravian minister John Montgomery. Born at Irvine, Ayrshire, Scotland on November 4, 1771, at age 5 he moved with his parents to the Moravian settlement at Gracehill, Ireland, and two years later he was sent to the Moravian school at Fulneck, England. His parents were missionaries, and died in the West Indies while he was in school.

Following his education, he worked in retail for a while, and in 1792 he

moved to Sheffield, England, to serve as the assistant to the printer of the newspaper, the Sheffield Register. In 1794, when the newspaper's publisher left England to avoid a political persecution, Montgomery took over the paper, changed its name to the Sheffield Iris, and continued to edit it for thirty-one years. During the next two years he was imprisoned twice, first for reprinting a song in commemoration of "The Fall of the Bastille," and the second for giving an account of a riot in Sheffield--an account which was not favorable to a military commander. He also protested against slavery, the lot of boy chimney sweeps, and lotteries.

His life was filled with editing the paper, writing and publishing poems and hymns, presenting lectures on poetry, and advocating for foreign missions and the Bible Society. He died in his sleep on April 30, 1854. A statue was erected to his memory in the Sheffield General Cemetery, and a stained glass window in the Parish Church. A Wesleyan chapel and a public hall are also named in his honor.

Montgomery wrote over 400 poems and hymns, and some 100 of these are still in use. The 1923 Moravian hymnal included 51 of his hymns, and the 1995 *Moravian Book of Worship* contains 20. (Source: Moravian Music Foundation)

The Bethania Historical Association presents
Managing Bethania's Historic Landscape To Benefit Birds

Please Join Us On Saturday May 8
Bring your own lawn chair!

Curtis Smalling of The North Carolina Audubon Society
will speak about The Bethania Historic Landscape and
Managing the Landscape and Your Own Yard to Benefit Birds

Curtis Is One Of North Carolina's Most Respected Experts In Birding
And Managing Landscapes and Habitat For Birds

Date: Saturday, May 8 , 2021

Time: 2:00 PM – Talk by Curtis Smalling

3:30 PM --- Short Walk on Bethania Trail – weather permitting

Location: Old Bethania Schoolhouse

5530 Seidel Street, Bethania

The talk will take place outside with seating in the yard of the Schoolhouse and the front porch as the speaker's platform. Bring your own lawn chair.

If the weather is not good, the auditorium in the Schoolhouse is large enough to seat 78 and will therefore allow for safe distancing.

Donations are welcome though not required. Make any checks payable to the Bethania Historical Association.

Food Drive for Sunnyside Ministry

Since March of 2020, Konnoak Hills Moravian has held a food drive on Sunday mornings from 10-12. The food from this drive goes to Sunnyside Ministry. Konnoak has decided to continue this food drive even as they move toward in-person worship. The need for nutrition will continue into the future.

Anyone wishing to donate food for the Sunnyside food drive may leave it in or near the donation basket in fellowship hall. Someone will take this food to the Konnoak Hills food drive.

News from the Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts, Troop 992 will be selling Bluebird Houses starting on Monday, April 5th for \$20.00 each. All proceeds will be going towards their summer camp fees.

Provincial Event

Shredding Event at Fairview Moravian Church, Saturday, May 1st from 9am to Noon. \$5.00 donation requested per bag or file box. See you there!