

Rural Hall Moravian Church

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Sunday School Greeter: Myra Perryman
Worship Greeter: Bunny Phipps
Grounds Keeper: Rob Holby
Nursery Workers: Kelly and Amy Whitman, June Bruce
Sound Operator: Danny Christian
Ushers: Bobby Duncan, Steve Shore, John Tayloe, Tim Trollinger

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given in honor of Valorie's 8th birthday by her parents, Ritchie & Wendy Longworth.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Ryan Bruce (today); Valorie Longworth (Monday); Clint Whitman (Friday); Diane Arrowood, Daniel Smith (Saturday)

THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED: Thank you to all the many friends who have been helpful to me during my illness. I am very grateful and appreciate all your love and care. Thank You, Mildred Fulk

HOSPITALIZATIONS/SURGERIES/OUTPATIENT: Bobby Duncan is recovering from a broken arm; Kaitlyn Garrett continues to recover; Gail Hiatt continues to be treated for a blood clot in her leg; Judy Joyce continues to recover from a fall; John Lanier; Garcie McCall is recovering from a broken arm; Jake Baldwin (Bunny Phipps co-worker's husband) suffered a massive stroke and is only in his early 30's; Ty Boles (husband of Asst. Principal at West Stokes High); Tony Canella (Donna Canella's husband) is recovering from gall bladder surgery; Eric Fry (Rick Fry's brother); Criss Hiatt (Verona Hiatt's daughter) continues to recover from surgery; Ed Hudnall (Cindy Holby's father) is in Princeton Community Hospital with congestive heart failure;



Rural Hall Moravian Church March 2, 2008

***Our Statement of Purpose:** To be committed to Jesus Christ as Lord and to witness to His teachings through worship, education, sharing, caring, and serving the people inside and outside the Church to help them find a mature and abundant life.*

WELCOME to our service of worship for the fourth Sunday in the season of Lent - 40 days (not counting Sundays) of prayer and spiritual reflection to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter. As we worship together, may the flame of God's truth and love burn warmer and shine brighter in our hearts and lives.

IF YOU'RE VISITING WITH US TODAY, we extend a special welcome to you. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate later in our service. We hope the worship and fellowship of our church family is a blessing to you and that you'll return to worship with us again.

Prelude: *Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice* Elmore

We are a loving and growing church family that enjoys being together, but once the prelude begins, let us begin to quiet our voices and center our thoughts on God.

Welcome - Announcements - Joys & Concerns - Prayer

*Right Hand of Fellowship

The Right Hand of Fellowship symbolizes our oneness in Christ as we come to worship. As we shake hands with people around us, we pass the peace of Christ to all who are worshipping in the sanctuary today.

* Please Stand If You Are Able

***Hymn:** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* # 474

Children's Sermon

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer

Anthem: *The Gift of Love* Hopson

Solo: Kimberly Brendle

*Doxology # 817

Scripture

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 p. 1786

John 15:5-17 p. 1677

***Hymn:** *Heart with Loving Heart United* # 401

Sermon: Who-li-ness - Relational Life:
"How's Your Love Life"

***Hymn:** *Christian Hearts, in Love United* # 673

Benediction

Postlude: *Look Up, My Soul, to Christ With Joy* Elmore

VITAL SIGNS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

SUN. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 82 **TITHES AND OFFERINGS: \$5,193.00**
2008 Weekly Average: 82 Weekly Budget Needs: \$5,441.40

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 156 **GIVING THRU JAN 31: \$18,541.71**
2008 Weekly Average: 146 Expenses thru Jan 31: \$23,661.61

The Jr. & Sr. High Youth participated in the 30 Hour Famine on Feb 22 & 23 and raised \$1,017 to help those who are hungry. Way to go Youth!

DID YOU INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH THIS WEEK?

EASTER EGG CANDY: Donations of individually wrapped candy for the egg hunt as well as small prizes for BINGO are needed!! Please bring candy and prize donations to the church and place them in the decorated Easter box in the elevator lobby. Donations will be collected until March 9.

SPRING/SUMMER CHILDREN'S CLOTHING SALE: See the Calendar of Events for listed hours. If you need more information or would like to place items in the sale, please call Rowenna Shore at 922-7194.

SOFTBALL SIGNUPS: If you would like to sign up to play on a softball team for the church, please see Shaun Smith or call him at 971-3196.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK: MARCH 2-8

Today: 11:00 AM Worship Service
3:00 PM Women's Fellowship General Meeting in the Fellowship Hall - All the women of the church are invited to attend - projects will be planned for the year - if you have any new project ideas, please come and share them!
4:00 PM Music Building Committee Meeting - Parlor
5:45 PM Handbell Practice
6:45 PM Dessert Provided by Circle 1
7:15-8:00 PM Lenten Small Groups

Monday: 7:00 PM Missions & Evangelism Comm. Mtg - Library

Tuesday: 4 - 7 PM Children's Clothing Sale Drop Off Time
6:30 PM Gemeinschaft Group - Sr. High Room
6:30 PM Bethel Class - Candle Room
8:00 PM Church Basketball League Game at King Y

Wednesday: 11:00 AM Day of Prayer Communion Service at Fairview Moravian Church, Speaker: The Rev. James Newsome; a complimentary luncheon after the service



4:30 PM LOGOS until 7:15: **Sports Night** - wear your favorite team shirt!

7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice

Thursday: All Day Fellowship Hall Reserved for Set up
9 AM-12 Noon Children's Clothing Sale Drop Off Time

Friday: All Day Fellowship Hall Reserved for Clothing Sale
9 AM-6 PM Children's Clothing Sale

Saturday: 8 AM-1 PM Children's Clothing Sale

Next Sunday - March 9:

9:30 AM Band Practice
9:30 AM Prayer Warriors - Parlor
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
1 - 5 PM Fellowship Hall Reserved by Lori White
5:00 PM Church Board Meeting - Library
5:45 PM Handbell Practice
6:45 PM Dessert Provided by Circle 2
7:15-8:00 PM Lenten Small Groups

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROM GOWNS & ACCESSORIES NEEDED: The YWCA is collecting new and nearly new dresses and accessories for their annual give away. More information is posted on the bulletin board with collection dates & places.

GREETER'S NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to greet visitors and members before Sunday School and Worship. Thank you for signing up to be a greeter — more greeters are needed for this ministry for the months of June thru December. If you can present a warm smile and a friendly greeting, please sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board behind the sanctuary.

SOUND OPERATORS NEEDED for August and September. Anyone interested in helping with the sound system can contact Tom Tucker, 969-5689 or sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board. No experience needed — training provided.

2008 UNITY OFFERING: The Moravian Church in Tanzania, South West Province, is seeking to construct a secondary school for girls in the city of Mbeya in the area known as Ilomba. The proposed plan is to provide low cost education for girls who would otherwise be drawn into the commercial sex trade in the community. This is an urgent mission opportunity if we are to have an impact upon the lives of young girls whose key to the future lies in education. It is planned that the school will enroll approximately 2,000 female students from all over the country starting with grade one through grade six. To begin, it will be a day school and later dormitories will be erected to accommodate girls from all over Tanzania. You can be part of the humanitarian assistance effort and extend the ministry of Christ by making a donation to the 2008 Unity Offering.



Holy Week Services: You are invited to attend the special series of worship services focusing on the events of Jesus' final days of earthly life. We utilize a book of worship called "The Readings for Holy Week" which combines the gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John to tell the story of all that Jesus endured on His journey to the Cross. The readings are mixed with appropriate hymns of faith, love and sorrow and are child friendly. A nursery will be provided for infants.

Sunday, March 16, 7:00 PM: Palm Sunday Lovefeast
Monday, March 17, 7:00 PM: Holy Week Service
Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 PM: Holy Week Service
Wednesday, March 19, 7:00 PM: Holy Week Service
Thursday, March 20, 7:00 PM: Maundy Thursday Communion
Friday, March 21, 2:15 PM: Crucifixion Service
Friday, March 21, 7:00 PM: Tennebrae Service



PRAYER CONCERNS



HOSPITALIZATIONS/SURGERIES/OUTPATIENT: William Kippe (John Kippe's father) spot on his lung is malignant but treatable with chemo; Don Mikol (John Mikol's father) Dr appointment on Tuesday, Feb 26 indicates the chemo seems to be working; Marena Mikol (John Mikol's mother) is suffering with a pinched nerve; Brienna Peting (one of Blair Duncan's students) received her last chemo treatment for leukemia; Tyler Smith (grandson of Mary Lee Smith) continues out-patient therapy; Rev. Carl Waidlech (John Mikol's uncle) underwent a quadruple bypass after a failed attempt with angioplasty, he is in a Detroit, Michigan hospital; Barbara Westmoreland (Michelle Bennett's mother-in-law) is recovering from hip surgery and will undergo several weeks of rehab.

MEMBERS WITH LONG-TERM ILLNESSES: Jerry Essic; Rick Fry-fibromyalgia/hemochromotosis; Vickie Jones-diabetes; John Tayloe-faciscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy.

MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND OR IN NURSING CENTERS: home: Mildred Fulk; Salemtowne: Mary Petty-Room 236A, Johanne Stauber-Room 311, Jackie Wilson-Room 215.

NON-MEMBERS LONG-TERM ILLNESS: Bobby Davis (family friend of the Trollingers); Jim Grogan (friend of Tim Trollinger); John Harrold; Becky Holloway (friend of Randy Thomas); Jeff Pendry; Martha Smith (friend of Bobby Duncan); Sheila Thacker (friend of Bunny Phipps); Carol Upton (Diane Lanier's sister); Porter Westmoreland (Carolyn Hodge's brother).

MISSIONS: Richard & Laura Badgett & children (friends of Blair Duncan)-White River, Africa; Linda Shoaf is in Bolivia on a mission trip with Western North Carolina Conference; Billy Riddle (AppState football player)-southern Sudan building churches; Chris Ogburn-studying in Vienna, Austria this semester; Compassionate Heart International; Crisis Control Ministry; George Goff & Wings of Mercy Ministry; Habitat for Humanity; Hope Pregnancy Care Center; King Outreach Ministry; Oaks Indian Mission; Prison Ministry; Prodigals Community; Samaritan Ministries; Sunnyside Ministry

THOSE SERVING IN OUR NATION'S MILITARY: Todd Coates (Kenny Johnson's cousin)-Iraq; Tyler Essic-National Guard; Craig McDonald (friend of Linda Shoaf) Sergeant, National Guard- Ft. Benning, Georgia; Lucas Medlin (A.G. & Juanita Carmichael's grandson-in-law)-Camp Taji, Iraq; Grant Trivette (Matella Drum's nephew)-Ft. Benning, Georgia..