



The Moravian Messenger

Rural Hall Moravian Church

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*Enter to Worship,
Exit to Serve*

JUNE 2009

FROM OUR PASTOR:

The Difference Between Greeting and Right Hand of Fellowship

There is some confusion about the right hand of fellowship in our services so I thought it might be helpful to clarify the terms because in the past, we have used right hand of fellowship to signify greeting. They are really two different things.

Greeting: One of the most enjoyable parts of being in a church like Rural Hall is the opportunity to greet one another on Sunday mornings. This starts when people begin to come in and continues until everyone leaves. I notice that it is hard for a person to visit here and not be welcomed by many people because this is a welcoming congregation. This is great! Sometimes someone will say to me, "Why do we greet during the service when we have greeted one another prior to the service?" There is always the person who visits who comes in just as the service begins. We would like to make sure that this person is greeted early in the service by others who are worshipping with them. When we do a greeting it is not necessary to walk the isles to greet people. We recognize that you may have already greeted those in the immediate area. Nevertheless, it is good to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to be greeted, especially if they are visiting with us.

Right Hand of Fellowship: The right hand of fellowship is different although it appears to be the same from the perspective of someone watching. The right hand of fellowship signifies that we have forgiven each other and mended our relationships before we come to Christ in communion to receive forgiveness. The following scriptures speak to this issue:

So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)

He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:28)

The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. (1 John 4:21)

We pray a dangerous prayer when we say "forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us". We had better make sure we have forgiven fully if we set that as a condition for our own forgiveness. At the end of communion, we again signify our oneness as well as our commitment to serve Christ. So, right hand of fellowship is more than a greeting, it has theological significance as well.

At any rate it is always important to constantly find unity with one another by being together in Christ.

Pastor Steve



June Birthdays

- 01 - Sue Bruce
- 02 - Jerry Essic
- 03 - Cory Bowman
- 03 - Logan Brendle
- 03 - Julia Page
- 03 - Jane Ridge
- 05 - Sue Disher
- 08 - Candace Smith
- 09 - Bethany Gribble
- 10 - Michelle Bennett
- 15 - Tate Lorentz
- 15 - Sarah McCoy
- 17 - Caroline Duncan
- 17 - Lisa Palmer
- 18 - Ava Ridge
- 19 - Logan Bruce
- 20 - Matella Drum
- 22 - Bobby Duncan
- 23 - Abby Tuttle
- 24 - Maggie Craven
- 26 - Anne Jarvis
- 27 - Gordon Speas
- 28 - Daphne Lineberger
- 29 - Rachel Katzer
- 30 - Pam Bruce

Happy Birthday!

**JULY NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES DUE IN
THE CHURCH
OFFICE BY
NOON ON
MONDAY, JUNE 22**

Church Directory Address Changes

Cory Bowman
1033 B10 Avent Hill
Raleigh, NC 27606
ctbowman@ncsu.edu

Gary Graham
4730 Transou Place Ln
Pfafftown, NC 27040
336/ 924-4746



Ministers of Hospitality for June

Greeters: Sunday School: Billie Williams

Ground's Keeper: Tommy Bowman

Nursery Sunday School Workers:

- 7 – Heather Smith, Jan Speas
- 14 – Molly Lorentz, Vickie Smith
- 21 – Tina Taylor, Kelly Whitman
- 28 – Danny & Anne Christian

Nursery Worship Workers:

- 7 – Molly Lorentz, June Bruce
- 14 – Linda and Melissa Shoaf
- 21 – Heather Smith, Jan Speas
- 28 – Keith & Myra Perryman

Sanctuary Flowers:

- 7 – Joe Hoover
- 14 – The Arrowood Family
- 21 – Tommy & Matella Drum
- 28 – Rural Hall Garden Club

Sound Operator: someone is needed, its on the job training

Ushers: AG Carmichael, Danny Christian, Tom Tucker, Tommy Whitman



June Committee Meetings

Missions & Evangelism Comm.: Monday, June 1 at 6:30 PM - Library
Church Board: Sunday, June 14 at 6:30 PM - Library
Christian Education Committee: Thursday, June 18 at 6:30 PM - Library

Men's Softball Schedule



Thursday, June 4, 8:30 PM
Thursday, June 11, 8:30 PM
Thursday, June 18, 7:30 PM

MISSION NEEDS

Hope Pregnancy Care Center: baby formula, baby wipes, diapers

Crisis Control Ministry Pantry:
June: shampoo / July: saltine crackers

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

	SUN. SCH.	WORSHIP
APRIL 26	83	140
MAY 3	72	140
MAY 10	89	146
MAY 17	74	134
MAY 24	<u>72</u>	<u>116</u>
2009 Averages:	77	137

Women's Fellowship News

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the spring pledge—\$3,407 and thank you to everyone who helped with the bake sale booth. Our next meeting is June 7 at 4:00 PM. Please continue to lift each other and church leaders in prayer. We are still missing 7 round white tablecloths. Please return them to the fellowship hall.

End of Year Youth Party Friday, June 19



Food Served at 7:15 PM
Movie Begins at Dark
For all Youth of the Church

**Teacher
Appreciation
Breakfast**

Sunday, July 12

Everyone Invited!

**RHMC
Book Club**
Thursday, June 4
7:00 PM, Parlor

Discussing book 3 of the Mitford Series.



2010 Daily Text Early Bird Discount

To take advantage of the early bird discount (which can save up to \$2 per text), orders are being taken through July 13 for the *2010 Daily Texts*.

Three ways you can order: 1) call the church office, 969-9488, and let our secretary know what version and how many of the *Daily Texts* you want; 2) sign up on the order form located on the large bulletin board (hallway behind sanctuary); 3) email your order to the church at: secretary@rhmc.org. It's that simple!

You pay for the Daily Text when they come in later this fall/winter. **PLEASE NOTE:** EXTRA DAILY TEXT WILL NOT BE ORDERED — We Will Only Submit An Order For Those Who Preorder



Vacation Bible School June 21-25 6:00-8:30 PM

Supper served at 6 PM

Pre-School through 5th
Grade & Adult Class

YO HOHO me Hearties!
Join the crew of HMS
STEADFAST for a voyage
with Good Hearted
Pirates who love God!

Moravian Vine Poster is Here!

Just in! The 550th anniversary Moravian Vine poster, crafted by the Northern Province Archives. See where YOUR church fits in with the Moravian Vine of growth. Great as gifts AND hanging on the wall of your home. Only \$10.00. Available at Moravian Archives, 457 S. Church Street, Winston-Salem, N.C. ("We're in the Graveyard"). Check or cash only. No deliveries. This is a must-have item for Moravian history buffs!

PLANNING AN EVENT HERE AT CHURCH?

Please Schedule It Through The Church Office

With the increasing requests to use the church facilities, the Church Board would like for everyone wishing to use any or part of the church building to fill out a Building Reservation Form and turn it in to the Church Secretary. She'll collect the needed information for approval. After the Board considers your request, you'll be notified of their decision.

Share God's Love With A Smile — Be a Church Greeter!

Volunteers are needed to greet members and visitors in the elevator lobby prior to Sunday School and Worship. Sunday School Greeters are needed for September, October & December. Worship Greeters are needed for June through September & December. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the hallway behind the sanctuary or you may call the church office (969-9488). This ministry is a wonderful way to reach out in love to our visitors and our own family of faith.

2009 Summary of Church Finances

Fund Name	Balance 1/1/09	Balance 4/30/09
General Fund	\$ 35,937.57	\$ 40,376.43
Building Fund	\$112,397.29	\$113,770.60
Second Mile	\$ 2,632.79	\$ 2,842.79
All Other Funds*	\$ <u>22,956.61</u>	\$ <u>25,299.57</u>
Total All Funds	\$173,924.26	\$182,289.39

*Includes all designated funds for Sunday School classes, Men's Fellowship, Sr. High Youth, etc.

Total General Fund Income for April: \$21,901.37
Total General Fund Expenses for April: \$23,346.42
Expenses exceeded Income by: -\$1,445.05

Contributions for April were slightly under budget, but compared to the same period last year, total income was up 32% and expenses were down 5.3%. Expenses for the month exceeded income by \$1,445. In April 2008, expenses exceeded income by a little more \$8,000.

Year to date income is up 15.6% and expenses are down 6.3% compared to the same period last year. Income exceeded expenses for the first 4 months of this year \$4,439. For the first 4 months in 2008, expenses were \$14,000 greater than income.


The Kind of Dad I'd Buy

by Helen Kitchell Evans

If I went shopping for a dad, here is what I'd buy:

One who would always stop to answer a little boy's "Why?" One who would always speak kindly to a little girl or boy. One who would give to others a bit of sunshine and joy. I'd pick a dad that followed the Bible's Golden Rule, and one who went regularly to church and Sunday school. I'd buy the very finest dad to place on our family tree, and then I'd try to live like him so he would be proud of me.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	6:30 pm: Missions/Evang. Committee Mfg - Library	8:00 pm: Salem Band Concert at Salem Square	9:00 am-2:00 pm: Picnic Pavilion Reserved - RHES Nelson Kindergarten 7:30 pm: Choir Practice	7:00 pm: Book Club - Parlor 8:30 pm: Softball Game - Beck's Field	9:00 am-2:00 pm: Picnic Pavilion Reserved - RHES Leonard's 4th grade	Fellowship Hall Reserved All Day by The Brendles
7 <i>Graduate Recognition</i> 9:30 am: Band Practice 9:30 am: Prayer Warriors: Parlor 10:00 am: Sunday School 11:00 am: Worship Service 4:00 pm: Women's Fellowship General Mfg-CandleKm 5:00 pm: Youth/Parent Meeting in F.H.—Mission Trip	6:30 pm: Missions/Evang. Committee Mfg - Library	8:00 pm: Salem Band Concert at Salem Square	9:00 am-2:00 pm: Picnic Pavilion Reserved - RHES McLelland's 4th grade 7:30 pm: Choir Practice	9:00 am-2:00 pm: Picnic Pavilion Reserved - RHES Clauss/White's 3rd grades 8 am-12 pm: Parking Lot Reserved RHES 5th Grade Parents 8:30 pm: Softball Game - Beck's Field	9:00 am-2:00 pm: Picnic Pavilion Reserved - RHES Leonard's 4th grade	10 am-4 pm: All day event at Bethania Moravian with crafts, artists, food and tours
14 <i>Flag Day</i> 9:30 am: Band Practice 9:30 am: Prayer Warriors: Parlor 10:00 am: Sunday School 11:00 am: Worship Service 12:15 pm: Congregation Luncheon Hosted by M & E Comm 5:00 pm: Lovefeast at Bethania 6:30 pm: Church Board: Library	7:00 pm: Circle 2 - Parlor	8:00 pm: Salem Band Concert at Salem Square	9:00 am-2:00 pm: Picnic Pavilion Reserved - RHES McLelland's 4th grade 7:30 pm: Choir Practice	6:30 pm: CEC - Library 7:30 pm: Softball Game - Beck's Field	5-11 pm: Picnic Pavilion Fellowship Hall / Kitchen Reserved for End of Year Youth Fellowship Party 6:00 pm: Bethania Cruise -In: Fried Pork Chop Sandwich	
21 <i>Father's Day</i> 8:00 am: Men's Fellowship Break-Fast - Kitchen/Fell. Hall 9:30 am: Band Practice 9:30 am: Prayer Warriors: Parlor 10:00 am: Sunday School: VBS 11:00 am: Worship Service 6:00 pm: VBS until 8:30 PM	22 <i>July Newsletter Articles Due</i> Vacation Bible School 6:00—8:30 PM	Vacation Bible School 6:00—8:30 PM	Vacation Bible School 6:00—8:30 PM	Vacation Bible School 6:00—8:30 PM		
28 9:30 am: Band Practice 9:30 am: Prayer Warriors: Parlor 10:00 am: Sunday School 11:00 am: Worship Service	7:00 pm: RH Garden Club - Candle Room	8:00 pm: Salem Band Patriotic Concert -Salem Sq				

June 2009



Please Pray For...

The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results.

(James 5:16)



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO: Ronye Blackburn and Bunny Phipps in the death of their mother, Lucille King on May 4. Tina Taylor in the death of her niece, Penny Sardler on May 16. Jane Ridge in the death of her husband, Austin Ridge, Adam Ridge and Audrey Fant in the death of their father, Col. Marty Ridge on May 24. Please remember all of these families in your prayers during this time of loss.

MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH—HOSPITALIZATIONS/SURGERIES/OUTPATIENT PROCEDURES: Bobby Duncan will undergo hip replacement surgery on June 10; Cathy Kippe-test showed heart blockage; John Lanier-kidney transplant list; Beverly Whitaker-home recovering;

MEMBERS—LONG TERM ILLNESS: Jerry Essic; Keith Perryman; John Tayloe

MEMBERS—HOME BOUND: Mildred Fulk, Ken & Helen Johnson, Sarah McCoy; Jackie Wilson

MEMBERS—RETIREMENT/NURSING CENTERS: Salemtowne: Johanne Stauber-room 311

MEMBER'S FAMILY—HOSPITALIZATIONS/SURGERIES/OUTPATIENT: Mary Bowers (Lori White's mother)-undergoing chemo; John Harrold (Cathy Kippe's son); Helen Patterson (Bill Kiger's sister); Rev. Carl Waidlech (John Mikol's uncle); Porter Westmoreland (Carolyn Hodge's brother)- radiation treatments; Ginger Wozlonis (Tina Taylor's niece)-recovering from surgery

MEMBERS' FAMILY—LONG-TERM ILLNESS: Karly Bertram (Kelly Bertram's daughter); David Bost (Susan Hunsucker & Alison Coward's brother); Kay Carter (A.G. & Juanita Carmichael's niece)-melanoma; Mandi Collins (Jody Brendle's cousin); Everette Ellington (Kimberly Brendle's grandfather); Eldin Harris (Steve Craver's brother-in-law)-home in Pennsylvania; William Kippe (John Kippe's father); Anita Mabe (friend of Bobby & Blair Duncan)-breast cancer; Sam McNinch (Blair Duncan's father); Marena Mikol (John Mikol's mother); Art Patterson (Bill Kiger's brother-in-law); James Anna Trollinger (Tim Trollinger's mother); Carol Upton (Diane Lanier's sister)

MEMBER'S FAMILY—HOMEBOUND: Jenny Hyatt (Randy Thomas' cousin); Minnie Jenkins (Jan Speas' step-grandmother); Agnes Sardler (Tina Taylor's mother); Jack Styron (Su Trollinger's uncle); Irene Tucker (Tom Tucker's mother); Bob Wheeler (Barbara Wheeler's husband)

MEMBER'S FAMILY—NURSING CENTERS: Harry Carithers (Steve Carithers' father)-Brian Center; Max Cook (Pam Bruce's father)-Wintergreen Assisted Living, Marion,NC; Robert Helsabeck (Jim Helsabeck's father)-BrookRidge Retirement Center; Ann Mikol (John Mikol's grandmother)-Assisted Living Facility; Dorothy Pollard (Pat Terry's mother)-Salemtowne; Helen Shaw (Su Rene Trollinger's mother)-Oak Forrest

NON-MEMBERS—HOSPITALIZATIONS/SURGERIES/OUTPATIENT: Vincent Bray (Lisa Burchette)-Baptist Hospital, ICU; Bradley Edwards (Bunny Phipps) needs a kidney transplant; Rolland Green (Dorothy Mathews' friend)-hip surgery; Dan Hale (Bob Bruce)-home recovering; Stephanie Hedrick (Carolyn Kiger); McCoy Hill (Susan Thomas)-Baptist Hospital-bone marrow transplant; Mackenzie Lee (John & Judy Tayloe)-UNCSCA; Dr. John Lee (Mackenzie Lee's father)-recovering from multiple traumas received in head on collision; Bradley Lovins-11 year old recovering from surgery; Vicki Moorefield (Wilson Smith)-dialysis; Harvey Moser (Dorothy Mathews); Daniel L. Smith, Sr. (Carolyn Kiger)-heart problems; Bill Wagner (Jeannie Ogburn friend)-traveling to Chapel Hill in June & July to continue evaluation procedure for liver transplant list.

NON-MEMBERS—LONG-TERM ILLNESSES: Alexis (Blair Duncan)-spinal cord injury; H.M. Anderson-leukemia; Ronnie Banner (Michelle Bennett)-recovering from cancer surgery; Eva Brigman (Carolyn Kiger)-recovering from cancer surgery; Richard Chelton; Dawn Fordham (Holly Newsome); Rick Fry; Jack Garland (Hunter Duncan)-colon cancer; Becky Holloway (Randy Thomas); Billie Jean Kerr (Wilson Smith); Kelly Hutcherson Moody; Raymond Massie (Belinda Moore's father); Lucille Myers (Robah Ogburn)-home; Nancy Nelson (Chris Nelson's sister-in-law)-cancer; Jeff Pendry; Sharon Poindexter (Marianne Fay)-cancer; Melinda Ring (Blair Duncan)-breast cancer; Kedron Robertson (Bobby Duncan)-neuroendocrine cancer; Sheila Thacker (Bunny Phipps); Brenda Tucker (Ashburns)-cancer; Mitchell Venable (Verona Hiatt)-cancer, Audra White (Wayne White's wife-Robah Ogburn's Reserve unit)

MISSIONS: Richard Badgett Family (Blair Duncan)-White River, Africa; 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; Billy Riddle & WhyTheWoods-Sudan, Africa; Samaritan Ministries; Sunnyside Ministry

THOSE SERVING IN OUR NATION'S MILITARY: Todd Coates (Kenny Johnson's cousin)-Ft. Bragg; Tyler Essic-National Guard; Matthew Hassler (Maggie Trollinger's friend)-will be deployed to Afghanistan in April; Bruce Morton (Rob Holby met at Chicago airport)-Army, Bagdadh, Iraq; Grant Trivette (Matella Drum's nephew)-Iraq

Update from Billy Riddle, Jr. — WhyTheWoods — Monday, May 11

A lot has happened this past year, we are now an official non-profit, Praise GOD. I finished my football career and got myself a little closer to graduation. In a few days, six more group members will join me in Africa to drill a well and love on some people in Wadupe.

It has been an exciting journey for me thus far. I traveled from Tuesday till Sunday, when I finally crossed the Sudan border...on foot. It was a glorious entrance. I was filthy from six days of dirty buses and dirty hotels. My hair was starting to dread, my feet were covered in red dust, and my clothes...well I was wearing the same thing when I left Tuesday. After checking in on the Uganda side, I grabbed my bag and started the short walk into Sudan. My ride was waiting on the other side. I smiled so big as I read the big "Welcome to Southern Sudan" sign. I felt free, relaxed, and excited; like I was home. Then I saw lightning and the bottom fell out. I had two choices: I could run for the car, which was about 300 yards away or run for cover, like all the other people were doing. I decided to run for the car because I didn't want it to leave me stranded. I ran down the road, with no jacket, trying to keep my pants pulled up (my belt was in my other bag), and my laptop dry. Everyone was laughing at me as I struggled on the muddy road. I heard them saying, "mzungu, kowaja, yesu, Chuck Norris". Which means "whiteman" (Swahili), "whiteman" (juba Arabic), and Jesus...apparently I look like Him and Chuck Norris to these kids. Either way, seeing Billy/Chuck Norris/Jesus running down the muddy road like an idiot was quite a show. I was dripping wet, drenched and about 100 feet from the car when a soldier grabbed me. He told me to come out of the rain. I pointed to my car and said "no, I'm just going there" but he was adamant about me following him. So I went into an office filled with bewildered soldiers wandering why I was running across the border in the rain. I told them I didn't want my car to leave me. They just laughed and asked to see my paperwork. Thankfully the rain stopped and my ride waited. So now I am here in Yei. I leave for Wadupe tomorrow!! I hear they have built me a house. Talk about good hosts. Pray for our group as they join me this week. Pray for the next two months that GOD will be glorified and the people of Sudan will feel loved.

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