

Rural Hall Moravian Church

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Kelly Whitman, Acolyte

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Martha Gribble, Sacristan

Larry Williams, Band Director

Martha Gribble, Acolyte

Tom Tucker, Acolyte

Bill Gribble, Head Usher

Tom Tucker, Asst. Head Usher

Sue Ashburn, Head Diener

Jeannie Ogburn, Handbell Director

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY FOR APRIL

Greeters	June Bruce; Martha Gribble
Sound Operator	Sue Ashburn
Nursery	
April 7	Carrie Phelps; Vicki Smith
April 14	Candice Bowles; Allison Coward
April 21	Cindy Holby; Lori White
April 28	Anne Christian; Heather Fleming

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Thursday, May 2	Gemeinschaft Group	6:30 pm - Parlor
Sunday, May 5	RHMC Anniversary Sunday	11 am - Sanctuary

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK

April 28 - Molly Stewart	April 29 - Kermit Wall
April 29 - David Phelps	April 29 - Mary Hawks
April 30 - Luke Ammons	May 2 - Bill Edsall, Jr.
April 30 - Jeffrey Stewart	May 5 - Eben Sifferlen



RHMC 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.



Rural Hall Moravian Church

April 28, 2024

Welcome to our service of worship this
Fifth Sunday of Easter and
Moravian Music Sunday.

If you are visiting today, we welcome you!
If you are a first-time visitor, please fill out a
visitor's card and place it in the offering plate.

PRELUDE *Christian Hearts in Love United.....arr. Wade Peeples*
The arrangement of this most familiar hymn is by Wade Peeples, a Moravian composer of our times. This piece is from a larger work commissioned in honor of the founding of the original Moravian settlements in the Salem area.

Wade is married to the eminent organist Mary Lou Kapp Peeples - a graduate of Salem College (where she was a student of John and Margaret Mueller) and of the Eastman School of Music. Several years ago he was commissioned by our church to compose an organ work based on Seelenbrautigam in memory of longtime choir member and friend Todd Arrowood. The work was premiered at Rural Hall Moravian Church during a service commemorating All Saints Day.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Andrew Craver

***HYMN** *Sing Alleluia, Christ Does Live* p. 364

TITHES AND OFFERING

Prayer

Offertory *Bring Us, O Lord, Closer to Thee.....John Gambold (1760-1795)*
Jane Ridge, Soloist

The original language of this anthem is German and is based on a text from Lamentations 5:21 Dr. Karl Kroeger, the late director of the Moravian Music Foundation translated and arranged this piece.

John Gambold was an English Moravian, son of a Moravian bishop. He was educated both in England and in Germany.

Records indicate that he served as a missionary to Egypt, where he was captured and tortured - a circumstance undoubtedly contributing to his early death. His music is compared melodically and harmonically to that of Mozart's and Schubert's in Kroeger's estimation.

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* p. 817

CHILDREN'S CHAT Tommy Cochran

JOYS AND CONCERNS/MORNING PRAYER Rev. Andrew Craver

LITURGY FOR EVANGELISM pp. 133-138

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 22:25-31 Rev. Andrew Craver
John 15:1-8

SERMON Rev. Andrew Craver

***HYMN** *Grace and Peace from God* p. 444

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** *What Brought Us Together.....arr. Ryan Morrow*
This 2011 arrangement is based on a 1740 tune and text that appears in the C. Gregor Choralbuch of 1784.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please update/email the church office with your prayer requests **every two weeks** so that we can maintain an accurate list. Thank you.

Current

The Family of Bessie Matthews
Chris Lawing
Marie McCann
Keith Perryman
Mary Lee Smith
Sara (Virgil Williams' cousin)

Recovering

Randy Bruce
Tommy Drum
Anna Hall
Julie Hutchins
Cathy Kippe
Courtney Thomas
Miriam Thomas
Harold Williams

Ongoing

Lisa Burchette
Vicki Carroll
Adrian/Lisa Cook
Win Craft
Kathy/Erwin Gaines
Grady Hawks
Danny Hepler
Janet Hutchins

Walter Lewis
Jack Marion, Jr.
Bryan and Kitty Medlin
Steven Mendenhall
Shelvie Milsap
Jim Miller
Judy Moore
Lori Mosier

Annette Pigg
Regina Seymour
Spencer Shoaf
Rick Smith
Doug Spainhour
Daphne Thompson
Virgil Williams

OFFERTORY ANTHEM LYRICS

BRING US, O LORD, CLOSER TO THEE

John Gambold (1760-1795); ed. and arr. by Karl Kroeger

Bring us, O Lord, closer to Thee, bring us O Lord, closer to Thee and renew us, renew us with Thy presence, renew us, renew us with Thy presence as was promised.

Bring us, O Lord, closer to Thee, bring us.

Bring us, O Lord, closer to Thee, bring us.

Bring us, O Lord, closer to Thee, bring us, and renew us, renew us with Thy presence, renew us, renew us with Thy presence as was promised, as was promised.

Bring us, O Lord, closer to Thee, Lord, bring us to Thee, Lord, Lord bring us to Thee.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

● Next Sunday, May 5, join us for our **lovefeast** and worship service in celebration of our **Church Anniversary**.

● **Volunteers are needed** to lead Children's Church from May 19 to July 7. A sign up sheet will be posted on the sign up bulletin board outside of the sanctuary in the office hallway. For questions, please contact Ronda Johnson at (336) 831-6553 or rondaj12@gmail.com. Thanks.

● Women's Fellowship - If you haven't responded to the online **Women's Fellowship survey** that was emailed last week, please do so **by April 30th**. If you need a paper copy, contact Lori White, President or Bunny Phipps, Vice President. Thank you!

● **The National Day of Prayer** is on Thursday, May 2nd at 12 noon. There will be a ceremony at the flagpole at Town Hall of Rural Hall, with a picnic style lunch provided (bring a blanket or lawn chair). This event will be led by local pastors (including Rev. Andrew).

● **Triad Community Band will perform their annual Spring concert** here at RHMC on Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 pm. The concert is always free, but we ask that you bring canned/non-perishable donations to benefit Crisis Control Ministries.

● Mark your calendars for our upcoming **Moravian Square Farmer's Market** on the last Saturdays of June (29th), July (27th), and August (31st) from 8am to 11:00 am.

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
by the families of Janet Celnar and Greg Stoltz
in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stoltz.*

LITURGY FOR MORAVIAN MUSIC SUNDAY

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

MIT FREUDEN ZART (hymn 537)

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
My soul with comfort rich he fills,
and every grief he gently stills:
to God all praise and glory!

Let us give thanks to the Father, who has enabled us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

In him all things in heaven and on earth were created.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, to which indeed we were called in the one body.

Above all, may we clothe ourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

EDEN (597 B, hymn 774); or REJOICE (151 I, hymn 256)*

Lord Jesus, you are worthy for all on earth to praise;
our hymns in glad thanksgiving in gratitude we raise,
for all you did on Calv'ry when suffering on the tree –
the world from sin's dominion most wondrously set free.

And I, unworthy sinner when kneeling at your feet,
can see that my redemption in you is now complete:
in faith I now would serve you through all my earthly days,
and then in heav'nly glory my hallelujahs raise.

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for every good gift. On this day especially we thank you for your creative gifts to us, which cause us to enrich our lives and experience through science and art, literature and drama, words and music.

For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work; at the works of your hands we sing for joy.

We thank you especially for your gifts to the Moravian Church: devotion to the Savior, simplicity, our strong sense of community and fellowship, and our long-standing dedication to spreading your gospel.

We thank you for our musical heritage, through which we draw closer to you and to one another.

Inspire and bless those who write and compose, those who play and sing, those who lead and teach.

As you have helped us through the centuries to sing our faith, so move within each one of us today, that all our gifts may unite in your service.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,

In whose holy name we pray. Amen.

COVENANT (185 A, hymn 346)

Lamb of God, you shall remain forever
of our songs the only theme;
for your boundless love, your grace and favor,
we will praise your saving name;
that for our transgressions you were wounded
shall by us in nobler strains be sounded,
when we, perfected in love,
once shall join the church above.

* *Lord Jesus, you are worthy* © Albert H. Frank. Used by permission.

THIRD ANNUAL
RURAL HALL
ANTIQUUE TRACTOR SHOW
WITH PLANT SALE

460 Bethania-Rural Hall Rd, Rural Hall, NC 27045

At Nazareth Lutheran Church
Across from the Town Hall

Saturday, May 4, 2024 9 am - 2pm

Tractor Parade and Hayride at 9:30 am

Pledge of Allegiance given by Mr. Barry Elledge,
Retired Professor Appalachian State University

Prayer given by Mr. Frank James,
former Town Manager of Rural Hall

Money prizes given at 2 pm
Must be present to win

National Anthem and other songs will be performed
by Rural Hall Elementary School students
Of Mrs. Erin Farmer, music teacher

Stage Coach and 1/4 size covered wagon

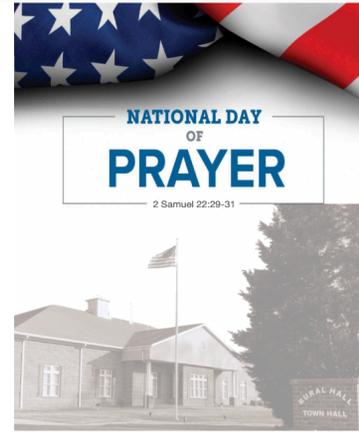
Food will be available

Prizes given to:
Oldest tractor
Tractor that traveled the farthest distance
Each tractor will receive a number
and a drawing will be held for prizes.

Sponsors:

Aldi Food Store, Trails End Cafe, Patterson Smith Oil Co.

For information call:
Jimmie R. Moore 336-971-8539



May 2nd, 2024
12:00 Noon
Rural Hall, NC

The National Day of Prayer
is on **Thursday, May 2nd** at
12 noon at the flagpole at
Town Hall in Rural Hall.

There will be a ceremony, will
be led by local pastors,
including Rev. Andrew.

A picnic style lunch provided
on this day (bring a blanket or
lawn chair).



The Rural Hall Historic Train Depot and Railroad Museum is excited to announce will host our second **Open House** on **Saturday, May 18 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Come visit us and bring a friend -- or two! We would love to show you -- and them -- around! And, as always, be sure to follow us on Facebook @ruralhalldepot to learn about our activities and special events.

See you at the Depot!



SCHEDULE:

	Date	What	Where	Time
Friday	May 31, 2024	Car Show	RH Town Hall	6:00 PM
	May 31, 2024	Chasing Daylight Band	RH Town Hall	6:00 PM
Saturday	June 1, 2024	Time Capsule Opening	RH License Plate Agency	11:00 AM
	June 1, 2024	Fire Department Groundbreaking Ceremony	8045 Broad St.	12:00 PM
	June 1, 2024	70's Kids Tribute Band	Covington Park	3:00 PM
	June 1, 2024	The Catalinas Band	Covington Park	7:00 PM
	June 1, 2024	50th Anniversary Fireworks Show	Covington Park	9:00 PM
Sunday	June 2, 2024	Alan Bibey & Grasstowne Bands	Covington Park	1:00 PM

The town is in need of volunteers for the event. You can go to the Town of Rural Hall page on Facebook to find the "RuralFest Volunteer Sign-up" link. There is also info and a sign up link for the May 31st car show.

Town of Rural Hall, Forsyth County
Sheriff's Office & Forsyth County
Health and Human Services

Shred & Med Community Health Fair

Saturday, May 4th | 9 am - 12 pm

Rural Hall Town Hall
423 Bethania-Rural Hall Rd.

Public Health, Social Services, Behavioral Health Services, Forsyth County Human Resources, Community Partners and more!

Check out www.ruralhall.com and the Town of Rural Hall's Facebook page for more details.

Annual RH Garden Club Plant Sale

Houseplants
Vegetable & Herb Plants
Hanging Baskets
Shrubs
Home-Baked Goods
Crafts & Gifts
Free Gardening Advice

**Antique Tractor Show
Providing Hay Rides
+ Food Vendor**

Nazareth Lutheran Church
460 Bethania-Rural Hall Rd.
Sat. - May 4th
8 AM - 2 PM

Proceeds benefit RH community beautification projects
For information contact
ruralhallgardenclub@gmail.com
Or follow us on Facebook

RURAL HALL MORAVIAN CHURCH presents

THE GREAT **RuralFEST** BAKE OFF

Competition and Sale

and TRACTOR SHOW

SAT. JUNE 1 - 9 AM TO NOON

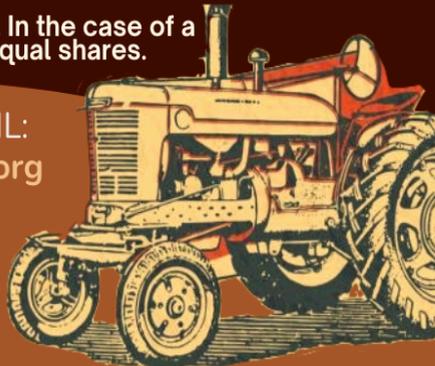
BAKE OFF INFO:

-  \$10/table for vendors. Vendors are encouraged to bring baked goods to sell, and choose one item to submit for competition.
-  Competition items should be cut and/or presented as small bites for sharing - the more, the merrier!
-  Visitors' Entry Fee: \$5. Visitors will receive 5 tickets at the entry, with extra tickets available for \$1/ticket.
-  50% of the entry fee revenue, ticket sales, and table fees will be donated to St. James United Methodist Church's food pantry. The remaining 50% will be granted to the vendor with the most tickets at the end of the event.

COMPETITION RULES:

- Visitors will use their tickets to vote for their favorite desserts.
- Vendors will provide small bites of one of their items for visitors to try. Vendors are encouraged to be creative with the presentation of their competition item.
- Each vendor will be provided with a vessel for their tickets. Vessels will be taken at 12:00 noon to be tallied.
- The vendor with the most tickets is the winner. In the case of a tie, the winning vendors will split the prize in equal shares.

SIGN UP BY EMAIL:
secretary@rhmc.org



We are currently accepting applications for vendors. Please visit rhmc.org and click on the **market** tab for regulations and applications and send completed applications to pastor@rhmc.org

LOCAL VENDORS BRINGING YOU THE FRESHEST THINGS UNDER THE SUN!

MORAVIAN SQUARE FARMER'S MARKET @ RURAL HALL MORAVIAN CHURCH

08:00 TO 11:00 AM

LAST SATURDAYS OF JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

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AUGUST 2024						
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BENEFITTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY FOOD BANKS

