

Ardmore Moravian Church Newsletter

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Report from the Board of Elders



March 3 - Rev. Dr. Nola Knouse

March 10 - Rt. Rev. Tom Shelton

March 17 - Rev. Craig Troutman

March 24 - Rev. Robert Wolfe

March 31 - Rev. Robert Wolfe

The Board of Elders, along with the Trustees of Ardmore Moravian Church, is pleased to announce that the Reverend Joe Moore of Bethania Moravian will become our pastor on April 21. He will be installed here during the worship service by the Rt Reverend Lane A. Sapp.

Chris Heckman will return to Ardmore as Music Director on April 7 and later as Organist when Julianne Zhu completes her time with us in May.

We are very blessed as a congregation to receive Joe and Chris! Just as the Creator renews the world with the beauty of Spring, may our beloved church experience a renewal with their leadership as we move closer to the 100th Anniversary of Ardmore Moravian. (June 24, 1924).

Beth Kiger Mabe Vice Chair of Elders



We thank Rev. David Merritt for helping us with Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 14th

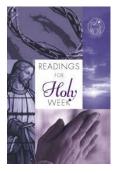












Holy Week Readings March 24 – March 26 7:00 PM Sunday - Thursday 2:15 PM Friday

Sunrise Service in God's Acre

March 31 - 6:15 AM

Report from the Board of Trustees



The February 2024 Financial Report for the General Operating Fund is available from the Church Office.



Replacement Windows - They are in place.

The windows have been installed. The church was blessed by Connie Wester remembering the Church. Thanks to the special donation from her estate, all 83 windows (except sanctuary and attic windows) have been replaced.













BEFORE



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The Trustees would like to thank Men's Fellowship for coordinating workdays to prepare for the window replacements. Air conditioning units, blinds, and curtains had to be removed. In addition, anything within 3 feet in front of the windows also had to be moved. This meant moving bookshelves, furniture, copier, and lots and lots of storage items in various rooms and on the stage.

Report from the Office



Please notify the church office if you would like to reserve a date in 2024 to donate flowers in memory or in honor of someone and indicate if you would like a \$60 or \$80 arrangement, as well as any flower type or color preference.

March 10 Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour



Men's Fellowship News



Men's Fellowship will meet at 8:30 AM on the first Sunday of the month in Fellowship Hall and on the third Thursday of the month at Café Arthur's.

Usher Request:



USHERS: The Easter Sunrise Service will begin in front of Home Moravian Church at 6:15 AM. With that being said, I am asking those who would like to help usher to please let me know. We will have our breakfast at 4:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall, our traditional country ham, eggs, sugar cake and biscuits. This year, we may have a Joint Band and Usher Breakfast since the band is not going out early to play rounds. Let's have a good crowd to help usher to celebrate the Lord's resurrection.

Yours in Christ George Butner Head Usher

Women's Fellowship News



CIRCLE MEETINGS: Women's Fellowship Circles meet monthly for a time of fellowship and Bible study on the second Tuesday of the month.

Circle # 3 meets at 10:00 AM
Circle # 4 meets at 1:30 PM
Circle # 5 will meets at 5:30 PM



On February 28th, Women's Fellowship sponsored Ardmore Moravian Church's Day of Prayer. 71 people attended to hear Rev. Kelly Moore who was our guest speaker. As usual, Terri Kessler's "crew" provided not only delicious but also beautiful refreshments. Carol Ann Bowles and Beth Kiger Mabe lead the service and Mary Beard played the organ.















































Cleaning and Decorating Graves:



Women's Fellowship will coordinate the cleaning and decorating of graves in God's Acre on Saturday, March 30th. Everyone, not just Circle members, are invited to help. Arranging flowers will begin at 9:00 AM in the upper section of the "Old Section." Bring your clippers and enjoy fellowship while preparing God's Acre for the Sunrise Service. Cleaning of the graves using Salem Congregation's D/2 solution will be on a different day. If you are willing to help with this Easter preparation, please notify Peggy Crouse.

Seniors and Friends



Seniors and Friends meet at 11:30 AM on the third Tuesday of the month. Mark your calendars now to gather on –

March 19 @ Mr. Barbecue, 1381 Peter's Creek Pkwy

April 16 @ Mamma Zoe, 2859 Reynolda Road (Pine Ridge Shopping Center)

May 21 @ Omega House, 1498 Peter's Creek Parkway

June 18 @ The Sherwood, 3348 Robinhood Road



DO YOU KNOW?



Last month's question — Can you name all the ministers (Pastors, Associate Pastors, Interim Pastors) who served Ardmore Moravian Church (without looking at the pictures on the wall)?

Rev. William R. Steiniger June 1924 to March 1929 Rev. Edgar A. Holton July 1928-September 1943 Rev. Charles B. Adams November 1943 to April 1953 Rev. Richard F. Amos December 1961 to July 1965 Rev. Elmer R. Stelter February 1966 to December 1983 Rev. C. Scott Venable (Associate) September 1979 to December 1983 Rev. Craig S. Troutman (Associate) February 1982 to February 1985 Rev. Charles W. Fishel September 1985 to September 1994 Rev. John R. Rainey (Interim) February 1995 to October 1995 Rev. Kevin C. Frack December 1995 to October 2007

Rev. Roger W. Kimball (Interim)

Rev. Jonathan E. Boling

December 1995 to October 2007

October 2007 to January 2009

January 2009 to February 2015

Rev. Arkon G. Stewart (Interim) August 2015 to June 2017 Rev. Charles J. Snider, III June 2017 to April 2019

On April 21st of this year, Rev. Joseph L. Moore will be installed as Pastor

This month's question — On June 29th of this year, Ardmore Moravian Church will become 100 years old. Instead of asking you a question, I am asking for your help to celebrate 100 years. Each of us have special memories of church events and members who touched our lives (probably unknowingly) throughout the years. As we celebrate Ardmore Moravian Church's birthday throughout this year, I would like to use this newsletter space to share your memories. Every memory is a blessing not only to you but also to others. Please jot down your memories so they may be shared with others. I will include several in each newsletter throughout the rest of the year.

FROM SALEM CONGREGATION



Easter Sunrise Service – March 31, 2024 6:15 AM – Begins in front of Home Moravian Church and then proceeds to God's Acre.

Easter Offering for God's Acre

This Easter, for the 252nd year, we will hold our Easter Sunrise Service to celebrate the gift of God's promise of eternal life through the resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. Of course, this service will be held in God's Acre – resplendent in its array of flowers and washed by the beautiful sounds of the band. As the service ends and the sun rises over the landscape, the sense of hope that the service brings is once again felt among all those in attendance, both members and guests.

We have been blessed by the generosity of generations of Moravians who have long supported the upkeep of this special place. With costs growing every year and fees now covering less than one-fourth of the costs, the need is greater than ever. However, if every member helps by supporting God's Acre with only a few dollars per year, especially to the endowment fund, it will make a real difference in our ability to preserve God's Acre.

We ask that you prayerfully consider a donation of some amount this year so that we will always have this gift from our past generations for future generations to use and to share.

SUNNYSIDE MINISTRY - Food Needs Update

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Meat
- Crackers

A Review of the statistics for Sunnyside Ministry in February, 2024

- We conducted **1178** interviews, approving **92.9%** for assistance.
- Assisted 1,084 households*
- Provided \$214,895.47 in assistance**
- 88 volunteers spent 1,056 hours at Sunnyside Ministry in January
- Sunnyside Ministry was closed for three days in February to install new refrigeration in the food pantry. These limited numbers for several areas.

unaudited statistics, *some people may receive multiple services, **includes in-kind donated items

Piedmont Earth Day Fair

You're invited to the <u>Piedmont Earth Day Fair</u> on April 20th from 10 AM - 4 PM at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds.

Enjoy great food and music, activities for adults and kids, and wonderful earth-friendly exhibitors...all while learning about how you can support a greener city.

Thanks to the support of sponsors and community partners, the Piedmont Earth Day Fair is a FREE event, including free parking. Rain or shine.

Salem Band Tuesdays in Salem Square, 7:30 pm, FREE:

May 07, MARCH MADNESS with 6:45 pm pre-concert music by the SB Flute Ensemble; and soloist = band & audience!

May 28, PUPPET MAGIC with 6:45 pm pre-concert music by the SB Brass Quintet and Guests, Paperhand Puppet Intervention!

June 18, OLYMPICS with 6:45 pm pre-concert music by the SB Tuba Quartet; and Community Choir

July 04, THURSDAY, STARS & STRIPES with 6:45 pm pre-concert Jazz; & vocal soloist Mignon Dobbins (July 05 rain-date)

August 06, DISCO & DANCE! With 6:45 pm pre-concert music by the Community Ensemble

August 20: Summer rain-date (as needed)

SPRING AT BETHABARA: CREATE, CULTIVATE, CELEBRATE



Celebrate spring and the opening of our 2024 season:

Create sun prints and sun catchers • Play Colonial games • Hand plow a row in the garden Plant seeds and take them home to grow • Make a spring sachet • Pet a sheep or two Explore a wooded trail • Participate in a scavenger hunt • Interact with a number of eighteenth-century craftsmen • Enjoy Moravian music in the 1788 Gemeinhaus.

Belize Medical Mission Trip February 2024



We set out with 31 volunteers this year. Specialties covered were: construction, dental, pharmacy, laboratory, medical imaging (ultrasound), eyeglasses and translators. We had five providers, five nurses and several translators sharing both their medical specialty as well as their linguistic talents. The cabin crew of the American Airlines found out about what our group was doing while in Belize. It was heartwarming when we left the American Airlines flight from the states to have the cabin crew give us a standing ovation for our work to be done. But we had just arrived.

We spent a total of 9 days in Belize with visitations to five medical clinics where we served approximately 525 patients. The villages we visited were: ...

- 1)Santa Elena (there was an elementary school there)
- 2) Arenal (Right at the Guatemala border, a soccer field is shared with them)
- 3) Bengue
- 4) Lagoon Road Baptist Church at St Margaret (Mennonites share this site)
- 5) Camolote

Sunday evening, we attended a bilingual church service at St Elena. The pastor and wife greeted us warmly with some of us being called now by name. It was a church service much like ours, with a praise band of a guitar sung by the pastor himself. We joined in with words on the overhead and learned a few new songs to boot. It is always heartwarming to sing the same songs we sing here in Ardmore. The Chrisitan faith knows no boundaries.

The routine of the clinics is as follows. We first set up ultrasound and the dentist. Everything else flows around those two specialties because we try to 1) have electricity 2) ensure patient modesty and confidentiality 3) decrease the fear factor. For instance, dentistry plays Christian music to set the relaxed mood and the dentist and his assistant dress in comic book recognizable clothing. For example, a bat man shirt and head cover. This helps to get the children's minds off the upcoming tooth extractions. The people have very little access to dental care, so unfortunately dental can only offer this as a health treatment. Sugar cane is a part of life in the country with canes being chewed on from cradle to grave. Ultrasound is set up by first finding the darkest place in the site. We are referred to as the bats of the group. We hang around dark places to see our work. For us, electricity is an option for a few hours. One machine we have can run on battery for an hour, the other one about 3-4 hours barring transducer heating or iPad malfunction. We nick named the iPad the Lazarus. It died on us several times, but we always managed to bring it back to life after patiently waiting for it

to cool down. This year was the first time we had two sonographers available. A fellow from Kentucky named Steve White was added to the imaging crew due to post Covid changes in the heart. I brought up the ranks with the other specialties. I enjoy the challenge of using ultrasound as an adjunct to the fingers of our providers. Some of the areas I imaged were: Ob (of course), abdomen, kidneys, hernias, thyroids, carotids, musculoskeletal and breast. It was fun. My current position in a vascular lab made it simple for me to generate reports for the providers. Any discussion of findings was discussed with the main ultrasound provider Dr. Mark Burton.

After ultrasound and dentistry were set up, the pastor of the church worked with the nurses and other volunteers to set up the other areas. Reception, reception waiting with chairs, eyeglasses, provider circles with waiting chairs, pharmacy, laboratory with close proximity to the restroom or out house. Translators were available to all areas. This was particularly helpful in the village located at the Guatemala border. The Spanish they spoke was no where near the Spanish we hear in the states or taught to students in college. We were glad to have the native translators from Costa Rica, Florida and Cuba. They were experienced enough to deal with the local variations on the language so the message between patient and providers got through.

After the patients had their labs, imaging tests etc., they were brought back to their provider for discussion of the results and a pharmacy prescription. If necessary, the patients were connected to the medical system of Belize for follow up. It was quite an efficient system.

Several of our church members and women's circles have stepped forward to sponsor this trip. I wanted to thank them very much, and I look forward to going next year.

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Blessings Flow Project: Clean Water for La Moskitia

As 2023 came to a close, Moravians went above and beyond to make blessings overflow through the provision of clean water in La Moskitia, Honduras. Our goal was to provide five villages with water filtration systems, but your generosity blew this goal out of the water! The project is far from over, but at this point, we have raised over \$150,000 to share the blessing of safe, clean drinking water.

- Filtration systems will be provided to over 2,500 households.
- We are now moving toward a goal of clean water flowing for at least a decade in every home in 10+ communities!
- Most importantly, health and hope will be restored in an area where 100% of families experience symptoms of waterborne illness in any given two-week period.

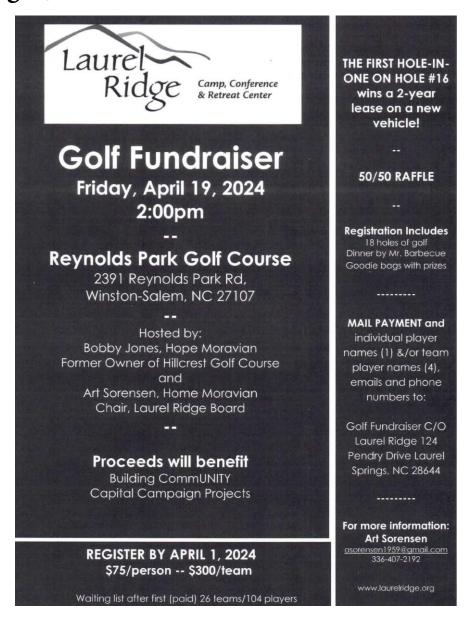
In January and February, we had staff and partners on the ground in Honduras continuing the work and making plans for the future of this project. They visited the community of Pakwi to distribute filters, buckets, and medication to every family in the community in late January. During the first week of February, filters were distributed to every household, school, health center, and church in Río Plátano.

The community of Kuhrpa will receive filters during a visit that is currently scheduled for April. We will continue to share about this project as future locations are identified and filters are distributed. There are many more communities in La Moskitia and around the world without access to clean water. It is not too late to join in this effort! Learn more and donate at www.MoravianMission.org/BlessingsFlow/. Where will the blessings flow next?

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

- Michael and Brenda Brent ask for prayer for Brenda as she leads a Soaring group for Lucija and Aziza from Ireland that God would work in their lives and prepare them to reach Croatian women in their community. Pray for Michael's teaching OT Survey 1 for 40 Polish staff and volunteers through the end of January.
- Magi missionaries ask for prayer for a believer who is leading a group with his family. Pray that they would continue to meet regularly for worship. He has also recently asked for prayer that God would bring him a wife. Please continue to pray for all of the precious Magi believers. May they grow and may they multiply and may God establish His church in every village and city in Magiland.
- Michael Tesh asks for prayer for building their house, school fees for the kids and Cecilia, and new ideas on how they can grow the ministries they are involved in. He also asks for prayer that they can drill a new well, improve the solar power system, and see a financial breakthrough.

Laurel Ridge Fundraiser





March Birthdays



April Birthdays

11	George Wright	3	Jo Spach	
15	Susan Lounsbury	5	Karin Mabe	
17	Jody Eckard	9	Jenny Burge Carter	
20	Haley Wilson	10	Daniel Jarrett	
	Evangeline Woo	14	Madison Gwyn	
21	Cheryl Flynn	16	Carol Wimmer	
26	Courtney Ebert Myers	17	Pam McFadden	
27	Rob Haley	20	Matthew Ingram	
28	Lisa Redding Saint	21	Joel Mabe	
30	Joyce Leonard	22	Clive Goodson	
		23	Sarah Rutledge Shattuck	
		25	Sandy Disher	
			Craig Ebert	
		30	Deron Mabe	

People for Whom We Are Praying

Members

Marie Adams

Mary Alspaugh

Amanda Bowles

Cindy Clore

Lee Ebert

Fanchon Funk

Adam Lefevre

Janice Irwin

Ruth Long

Kay Mansfield

Alice Pierce

Frances Walker

Gerald Walker

Donna Ebert Williams

Friends

Ruth Burns

Brad Brookshire

Dot Hill

Dwayne Jones

Mary Matthews

Anne Crouse Puckett

Ray Shelton

*Please remember to contact the church office to add or remove individuals from the prayer list.



Remaining day of prayer services for 2024

March 13, 11:00 A.M. Fairview Moravian, Speaker: The Rt. Rev. Tom Shelton. The service will be in person and include communion. The service will be available on YouTube and Facebook.

March 20, 11:00 A.M. Konnoak Hills Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Margaret Norris. Lovefeast. The service will be in person and online: http://www.khmoravian.org/ Select "YouTube Channel" at the top of the page.

Pray Every Day March 2024

- 1. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Pray for disaster relief workers and Moravian Disaster Response.
- 2. You see at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
- 3. So also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Pray for Anna Faircloth with YoungLife.
- 4. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
- 5. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Pray for the Middle East conflict.
- 6. Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Pray for the government leaders in our country.
- 7. I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. Pray for short-term mission teams.
- 8. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leonne.
- 9. Oh the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
- 10. I urge you, in view of Gods mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleased to God-this is your spiritual act of worship. Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
- 11. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil. Cling to what is good. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
- 12. As surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
- 13. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that ou may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
- 14. No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
- 15. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
- 16. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
- 17. And now these three remain; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
- 18. Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love. Pray for Ukrainian refugees.
- 19. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
- 20. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
- 21. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Pray for Joey Yokeley and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
- 22. There is neither Jew nor Greek, salve nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
- 23. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
- 24. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved. Pray for City with Dwellings in Winston Salem, NC.
- 25. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
- 26. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
- 27. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
- 28. But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
- 29. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
- 30. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
- 31. Since then you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.



RECAP of ACTIVITIES (All at Ardmore Moravian Church unless noted)

March 10	10:30 AM	Fourth Sunday in Lent – Rt. Rev. Tom Shelton
March 12		Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings
March 17	10:30 AM	Fifth Sunday in Lent – Rev. Craig Troutman
March 19	11:30 AM	Seniors & Friends Luncheon @ Mr. Bar-B-Que
March 21	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast @ Café Arthurs
March 24	10:30 AM	Palm Sunday – Rev. Robert Wolfe
March 24-2	27 7:00 PM	Holy Week Readings
March 28	7:00 PM	Holy Week Readings and Communion Rev. Robert Wolfe
March 29	2:15 PM	Holy Week Readings-Death Hour Service
March 30	9:00 AM	Decorating graves – God's Acre in Old Salem
March 31	6:15 AM	252 nd Easter Sunrise Service, God's Acre in Old Salem
March 31	10:30 AM	Easter – Rev. Robert Wolfe

Day of Prayer Services

March 13 – Fairview Moravian Church	11:00 AM Communion Service	Rt. Rev. Tom Shelton
March 20 - Konnoak Hills Moravian Church	11:00 AM Lovefeast	Rev. Margaret Norris

Newsletter Submission Guidelines

If you would like to include any information in the AMC newsletter, please submit it, by email, to the office by the 15th of the month to be included in the next issue. Please make sure your information is "print ready." Items submitted can be event information, announcements, and articles. All items submitted may be reviewed for accuracy and content.