



Ardmore Moravian Church will be 99 on June 29th *(Let's celebrate on June 25th)*

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Report from the Board of Elders



June 4 – Jason Clubb
June 11 – Jason Clubb
June 18th – Joel Jenkins
June 25th – Kevin Frack

Report from the Board of Trustees



The May 2023 Financial Report for the General Operating Fund is available from the Church Office.



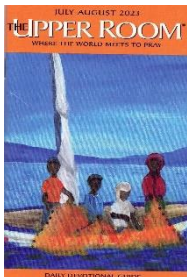
Bathroom Faucets

After washing your hands, please make sure the water is completely turned off.

Report from the Office



Please contact the Church Office or Beth Kiger Mabe if you would like to give flowers in honor or in memory of someone on Sunday June 11th, July 23rd, or a specific Sunday in 2023. Please indicate if you would like a \$60 or \$80 arrangement as well as any flower type or color preference.



July – August 2023 Upper Room is available on the table outside the Church Office.
Large Print = \$1.75 Small Print = \$1.25

Women's Fellowship News



CIRCLE MEETINGS: Women's Fellowship Circles will meet for their monthly meetings on

Monday, June 12th

Circle # 4 – 1:30 PM – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 13th

Circle # 3 – 10:00 AM – Home of the Goodsons

Circle # 5 – 5:30 PM – Young Adult Classroom



Circle 5 hosted **BINGO** on Saturday, May 6. Approximately 15 people fellowshiped together enjoying snacks, drinks, special prizes, and most of all being a winner and yelling “BINGO”.



See information about Fathers' Day Breakfast and Anniversary Sunday on the last page of this newsletter.

Men's Fellowship News



During the summer, Men's Fellowship will not meet for breakfast at 8:30 AM on the first Sunday of the month but will continue to meet at 8:30 AM on the third Thursday of the month at Café Arthur's.



Men's Fellowship honored the “Mothers” of the church on Sunday, May 7th. 34 people enjoyed an egg casserole, fruit, coffee, and juice breakfast.



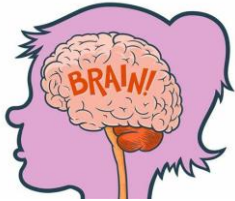
Seniors and Friends



On May 16th, 7 people gathered at 66 Grill for fellowship and good food.

Seniors and Friends meet on the third Tuesday of the month. Mark your calendars now to meet –

June 20th – Carriage House Restaurant at 1409 S. Stratford Rd.

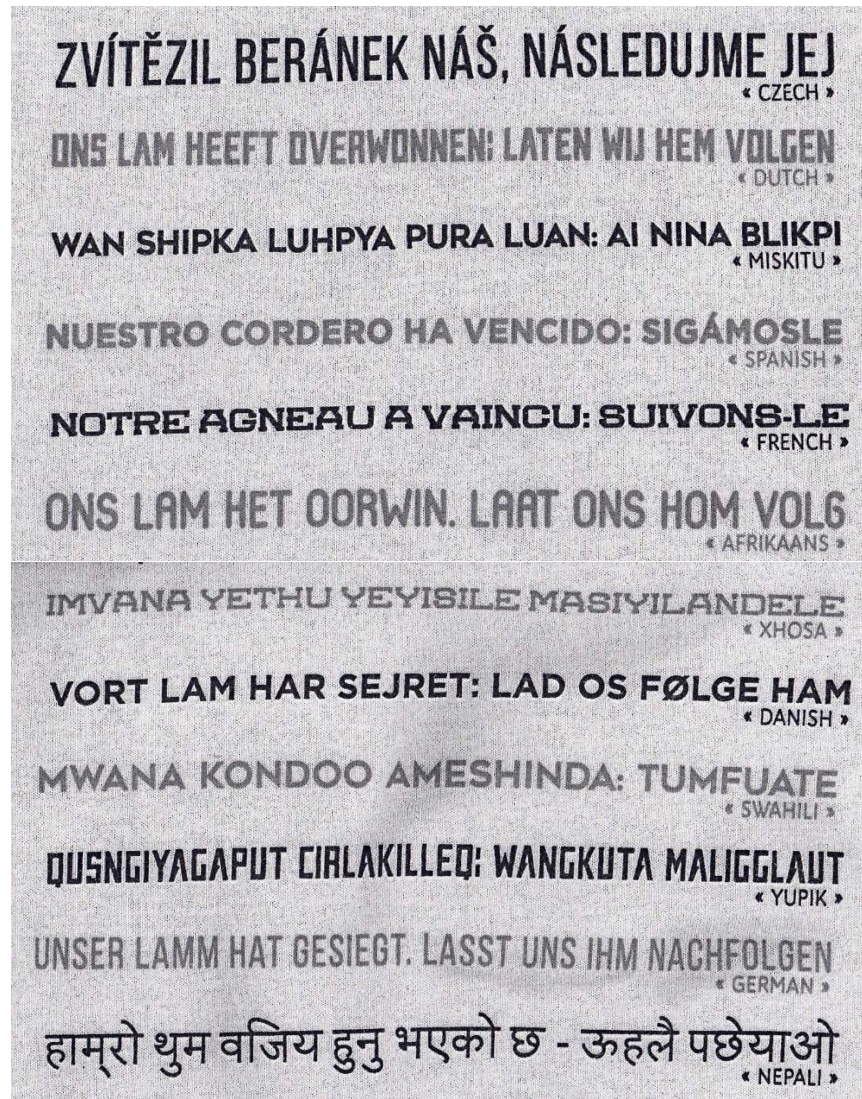


DO YOU KNOW?



Last month's question and answer:

Can you translate what is written in the various languages?



ANSWER: "Our Lamb has conquered. Let us follow Him."

This month's question:

Instead of asking a question, I decided to on "Memory Lane" and offer a "look-back" at Ardmere Moravian Church's history – THEN AND NOW - -

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH

“Then and Now”

The Moravians in the new development of Ardmore felt the need for a house of worship in their midst. Christ Moravian Church was the nearest Moravian Church to Ardmore. With muddy roads and hills to climb in Model-T Fords, it was a problem to get to worship on Sunday mornings. Also, many of the Moravians in the Ardmore section were either members of New Philadelphia or Home Church – a few were from Calvary.

The late Bishop Schwarze who was pastor of Calvary at the time was given the honor of starting worship services – along with some members of his congregation.

The first service of worship, which was a prayer meeting, was held on December 1, 1921 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hahn, (Calvary members) on Beach Street. From then on prayer meetings were held regularly each Thursday evening in different homes. Some of our good Methodist neighbors joined with us. Then we decided we wanted to have a lovefeast and the first one was held on April 20, 1922 also in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hahn. The ladies felt if they were organized into a society that they might start working toward funds for some kind of house of worship. So, the first Ladies Aid Society was organized on May 30, 1922 in the Hahn home with 20 charter members. This society immediately started to work – suppers, ice-cream socials, silver teas, etc. were held. Soon a lot was purchased and a bungalow built. The Sunday School was organized in this house on March 18, 1923 with 75 present. The congregation was organized on June 29, 1924 with 49 charter members. The Rev. William R. Steininger was the first pastor and served until March 31, 1928. The Rev. Edgar A. Holton took up his pastorate on July 1, 1928 and served until September 1943. During his pastorate the church sanctuary was built. The corner stone was laid on May 10, 1931. The first services were held in the new sanctuary March 20, 1932. On August 10, 1940 the church was dedicated exclusive of the Hammond organ on which there was a debt of \$700.00. At the time of the cornerstone laying the Ladies Aid Society had raised \$5,000.00 which they contributed to the Building Fund. The Hammond organ was dedicated in 1941.

In November of 1943 the Rev. Charles B. Adams was called to become Ardmore's pastor. It was during his service here that the Christian Education Unit was added to the church plant. His service ended in April 1953 and in September of 1953 the Rev. Richard F. Amos became pastor and served until August 1961. On the 35th anniversary of the congregation the entire church building was dedicated.

The Rev. Kenneth W. Robinson became Ardmore's 5th pastor in December of 1961 and served through July of 1965. For the next five months a number of ministers supplied the pulpit and the congregation responded with fine lay leadership. In February of 1966 the Rev. Elmer R. Stelter was called to become Ardmore 6th pastor and served until his retirement from the active ministry on December 31, 1983. In February of 1984 the Rev. Stelter died suddenly while on a preaching mission in Alaska. In September of 1979 the Rev. C. Scott Venable, III became Ardmore's 1st associate pastor and served until December of 1981. The Rev. Craig S. Troutman was called to become Ardmore's 2nd associate pastor in February of 1982 and served until February of 1985. He was Ardmore's mainstay for the congregation following the Rev. Stelter's retirement and sudden death. For the next several months different ministers supplied the pulpit. In September of 1985 the Rev. Charles W. Fishel took up the work.

Above written by: Mrs. Nettie Ebert, Charter Member

The Rev. Charles W. Fishel served Ardmore from September 1985 to September 1994. The Rev. John R. Rainey served as Interim Pastor from February 1995 to October 1995. The Rev. Kevin C. Frack served from December 1995 to October 2007. The Rev. Roger W. Kimball served Ardmore as Interim Pastor from October 2007 to mid-January 2009. Rev. Jonathan E. Boling served from January 2009 to February 2015. In August of 2015, Rev. Arkon G. Stewart agreed to be our interim pastor and served until June 2017. On June 11, 2017 Rev. Charles (Chaz) Snider came and served until April 2019.

The Lord has blessed Ardmore Moravian Church. The organ was replaced with a new 21-rankVerschueren pipe organ in 1965 and we completed renovating it in December of 2015. In 1990 Ardmore added an elevator. In 1993 Ardmore converted a rental house into a Guest House for families of patients at Baptist Hospital. In 1996, another rental house was used temporarily as the Parsonage and then became a Mission House. Improvements in air conditioning, painting and general upgrading of the facility occurred in 1999. In 2005, the Stelter Haus was renovated. The house adjacent to the church on Hawthorne Road was purchased in 2005. This house originally provided housing for a family displaced by Hurricane Katrina, and then became a home for missionaries here on visits or furloughs. We rented this house for a while to help support the other Guest and Mission houses. The little cottage behind it continued to occasionally serve as another Guest or Mission House and was used as part of the “Youth in Transition” program providing temporary housing for youths having to transition from foster homes to independent living. When Rev. Snider became our pastor, we converted the Hawthorne House (with the cottage) into the parsonage. In 2020, the cottage was returned to being a Guest House for families of hospital patients.

Ardmore Moravian Church commissioned members to be missionaries in Mexico, Asia, Jordan, Africa and continues to support mission work locally, regionally, and globally.

The Candle Tea began in 1982 and has been held each year since except in 2002 when we had to cancel because of snow and in 2020 it was cancelled due to Covid-19 and in 2021 schools still were not doing field trips. In 2022, Christian and private schools allowed classes to take field trips so we were able to offer the Candle Tea again. We began to have Candle Tea in 2022 but was held for the 39th time (instead of 42nd). Emphasis is placed on the outreach to children, hoping they will experience the Lord’s love through the love shown by the congregation. In 2014, we began emphasizing an outreach to those in assisted living facilities. The Candle Tea is definitely a Church Family project where family members of all ages participate – a Church Family willing to work together to touch the lives of so many children. The children are beautiful to watch as they learn of Jesus and the Church – some for the first and maybe only time. We also have the opportunity to show and explain how our traditions are not just for the past but continue to have special meaning for us today. Moravian cookies and lemonade are served to all who come. Small trimmed beeswax candles are given to each child. The Candle Tea is Ardmore’s gift to the community and there is no admission fee. A bake/craft sale during the Tea makes the Tea self-supportive and not a financial burden on the Church.

In October 2017, we began the Blessing Box – an on-the-street food pantry, opened 24 hours a day. Items such as food, hygiene products, pet food, hats, gloves, are donated by members of the congregation and the community. This ministry has inspired other churches to establish a Blessing Box.

Visitors to our church state that Ardmore Moravian Church is one of the friendliest churches they have ever attended. Former members continue to have ties to the church and express joy to be “home” when they join us for worship services and special occasions.

History not only includes the building of the physical church and the tenure of its pastors but includes each and every person who has participated in the “up-bringing” of the Church – all the Sunday School teachers, nursery keepers, youth leaders, ushers, bands, choirs, dieners, greeters, men’s and women’s fellowships, elders, trustees, and all who have entered into our Lord’s House of Worship to praise and worship our Lord and Savior.

The 2021 history has to include the coronavirus and how Covid-19 temporarily closed the doors of Ardmore Moravian Church building but not the spirit and faith of its members.

The church will be celebrating its 99th anniversary this June. We are grateful to our chartered members who had the vision to begin prayer meetings, a Sunday School, worship services, and were instrumental in chartering our Moravian congregation. We owe these individuals our gratitude and many many thanks. Our chartered members were:

Mrs. J. T. Adams, Sr. (Minnie Ebert Adams)
Mr. E. R. Brietz (Raymond)
Mrs. E. R. Brietz (Ethel Merritt Brietz)
Mr. Albert Burke
Mrs. Albert Burke (Laura Ebert Burke)
Mr. Henry Craft
Mr. P. D. Davis (Pearl D. Davis)
Mrs. P. D. Davis (Mary Jeanette Ebert Davis)
Mr. A. B. Elam
Mr. Frank S. Ebert (Franklin Shaffner Ebert)
Mr. Fred L. Ebert (Fred Lee Ebert)
Mrs. Fred L. Ebert (Nettie Victoria Miller Ebert)
Mrs. George S. Ebert (Adelia C. Roberson Ebert)
Mrs. Grover V. Ebert (Pauline Alspaugh Ebert)
Mr. John J. Ebert (John James Ebert)
Mr. Robert V. Ebert
Miss Robie Nell Ebert (Mrs. P. P. Priddy)
Mr. Seymour Ebert
Mrs. Seymour Ebert (Bertha Nifong Ebert)
Miss Virginia Ebert (Mrs. Gilbert Markland)
Mr. L. F. Fulton (Lowe F. Fulton)
Mrs. L. F. Fulton (Bessie Cook Fulton)
Mrs. N. L. Henning (Nannie Lee Henning)
Mr. B. L. Hine (Berlie Lee Hine)
Mr. C. E. Johnson (Coston E. Johnson)
Mrs. C. E. Johnson (Elizabeth Flanagan Johnson)

Miss Hope Johnson (Mrs. Carl Barkley)
Mr. J. L. Johnson (James L. Johnson, Sr.)
Mrs. J. L. Johnson (Cloe Edna Sigman Johnson)
Mr. J. L. Johnson, Jr. (James L. Johnson, Jr.)
Miss Emily Lambertson (Mrs. William R. Steininger)
Mr. G. E. Markland (George Ernest Markland)
Mrs. G. E. Markland (Lillie Jane Jenkins Markland)
Mr. G. Edward Markland
Mr. Gilbert Markland (G. Gilbert Markland)
Mrs. Carrie E. Miller Carrie Ebert Miller)
Mrs. Lydia McCully (Lydia Hoch McCully)
Mr. James M. Shields
Mrs. James M. Shields (Frances McCully Shields)
Mr. J. Frank Sink
Mrs. J. Frank Sink (Bertha Brewer Sink)
Mr. C. T. Smith
Mrs. C. T. Smith (Della Hudlow Smith)
Mr. Frank R. Smith, Sr.
Mrs. Frank R. Smith, Sr. (Willa Rachel Smith Smith)
Rev. William R. Steininger
Mr. Levi Watson
Mrs. Levi Watson
Miss Louisana Watson

We still have two members, Dennis Adams and Elizabeth Sessums, who are descendants of a chartered member.

The Lord has indeed blessed Ardmore Moravian Church in many ways. Like the light shining from the 110-point star that hangs in the sanctuary and the star that hangs in the belfry during the Advent season, Ardmore seeks to be a “beacon on the hill” for the Lord.

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:6



People for Whom We Are Praying

Members

Marie Adams

Amanda Bowles

Cindy Clore

Ann Cranford

Adam Lefevre

Joyce Leonard

Ruth Long

Alice Pierce

Jo Spach

Frances Walker

Gerald Walker



Friends

Glynn Boze

Brad Brookshire

John Cranford

Mary Matthews

Dawn Myers

Ray Shelton

Jeff Smith

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



June Birthdays



- 2 Tiffany Lefevre Pisini
- 4 Ryan Hayes
- 5 Tom Alspaugh
- 12 Ruth Long
- 15 Holly Ingram
- 16 Will Redding
- 20 Terresa Ebert
- 22 Kathy Stoltz
- 26 Katherine Ebert
- 27 Andy Wilson
- 29 Lena Pontillo



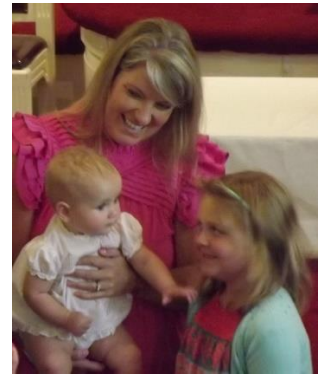
July Birthdays



- 12 Lloyd Adams
- Christian Ebert
- 20 Tracie Marshall
- 21 George Butner
- 22 Alice Pierce
- Carolyn Spainhour
- 23 Frances Flynn
- 24 Cindy Clore
- 25 Olivia Conrad
- 26 Elizabeth Sessums
- 27 Gerald Walker
- 28 Elizabeth MacMillan
- 29 Leslie Redding

Infant Baptism – Libby Redding Saint

On Sunday, May 28th, 41 people gathered in the Sanctuary for the baptism of Libby Redding Saint – daughter of Lisa and Clint Saint and granddaughter of Leslie Redding.





Salem Band's 2023 Summer Concert Series

Salem Square, Old Salem on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, FREE

- **JUNE 13** (rain-date Wednesday, June 14): *What's In a Name?*

Pre-concert music at 6:45 pm by The Salem Band Brass Quintet

- **JULY 4th** (rain-date Wednesday, July 5): *Stars & Stripes*

Honoring Veterans in our community; vocalist Mignon Dobbins will lead sing-alongs

- **JULY 25** (rain-date Friday, July 28): *Best of Salem Band*

Guest vocalist Lora Mouna; Pre-concert music at 6:45 pm by The Salem Band Brass Quintet

- **AUGUST 15** (rain-date Wednesday, August 16): *23 Skidoo*

World Premiere of a new march by Steven Sherrill, *Around Salem Square*; Pre-concert Chorales by the Community Ensemble

Sunnyside Ministry (From Sunnyside's Newsletter)

A review of the statistics for Sunnyside Ministry in May 2023

- We conducted **972** interviews, approving **90%** for assistance.
- Assisted **2,744** people*
- Provided **\$143,239.00** in assistance*
- **85** volunteers spent **854** hours at Sunnyside Ministry in May
- **30,000+** pounds of food were distributed to our neighbors.

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

This month we need:

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Pasta
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned Pasta Sauce
- Crackers
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal

TO BE HONEST, WE NEED ANY FOOD ITEMS YOU CAN PROVIDE!

You can bring by donations Monday -Thursday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 8:00 AM - 12 PM. .

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Pray Every Day June 2023

1. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Pray for the Moravian Church Southern Province Synod.
2. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." Pray for disaster relief workers and Moravian Disaster Response.
3. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
4. It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always and not just when I am with you. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
5. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. Pray for Moravian Summer Camps.
6. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
7. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Pray for Anna Faircloth with YoungLife Ministry.
8. I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayer, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone, for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. Pray for the government leaders in our country.
9. 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 short term mission teams.
10. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
11. Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
12. I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
13. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
14. I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
15. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
16. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
17. Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
18. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
19. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Pray for Robert and Anne Thiessen in Canada.
20. I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
21. Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
22. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as our does for you. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
23. Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
24. May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
25. But we ought always to thank God for you, those loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
26. Finally, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
27. I want people everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
28. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
29. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
30. For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayer. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will honor the men of the church on **Sunday June 18th**.

Breakfast will be served at **9:00 AM** followed by a program recognizing our fathers. All (being a FATHER is not a requirement for attendance) are invited. Women are invited also.



Ardmore Moravian Church was organized as a Moravian Church on June 29, 1924. Kevin Frack will be our guest speaker. To celebrate the 99th anniversary, Women's Fellowship is planning a "**Picnic on the Grounds**" on **Sunday, June 25th** following the worship service. Some of the men will grill hot dogs and hamburgers and some of the women will prepare side dishes and desserts. We will have a cornhole game to play. If you have other outdoor games, please bring them to add to the eating, talking, and having fun. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll need to just move the activities indoors. Since we will be picnicking (hopefully outdoors), plan to dress casually.

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.