

The Epistle

The Newsletter of St. Paul's Moravian Church
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May 2019

MOTHER'S DAY LOVEFEAST

Join us Sunday May 12th, as we celebrate Mother's Day with a Lovefeast during our worship service. Men are invited to choose a hymn for us to sing in honor of you mom. Sign up at the opportunity table in the Narthex or email the church office. Plan to attend the service if you choose a song.

MARLBORO CHURCHES FOOD BANK

We gave out 75 bags to 26 families in April. We are packing 60 bags this month. If you been reading this information in the Epistle over the past few months, you've noticed that the number of bags and the number of families we are serving has been declining.

This decline is pretty typical as we approach summer time.

We were not able to purchase jelly this month. If you are able to donate food, please consider adding a jar of jelly to your donation. Please bring your food bank donations to church by Sunday, May 5th.

Food Bank volunteer activities for May are:

- Truck Unloading will be Wednesday, May 8th, 1 PM at Trinity Episcopal
- Thursday, May 9th, 7 PM set up food at Trinity Episcopal
- Friday, May 10th, 8 AM bag food at Trinity Episcopal – volunteers are especially needed for the Friday morning bagging
- Saturday, May 11th, 7 AM distribute food at Trinity Episcopal

PASTOR'S BIBLE
CHALLENGE HUDDLE
MAY 12 AFTER
WORSHIP



WATCHWORD FOR 2019

“I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.”
Psalm 104:33

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Join us Sunday, June 9th as we worship in the great outdoors. Our service begins promptly at 10 AM on the church lawn. Following the service, join us for our Annual Church Picnic. The church provides meats and beverages. You are asked to sign up to provide a salad, side dish or a dessert, and to help that day. Please sign up at the opportunity table in the narthex.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Join with the churches of Upper Marlboro on Thursday, May 2 at 7:30 PM for our National Day of Prayer Service. St Paul's will host this event which will feature prayers by our pastors and anthems by our choirs. Refreshments will be served. Come and pray for our nation!

CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS



It seems like the weather has officially caught up with the season with the days finally warming for all to enjoy the outdoors. Children love being outside and if they could, they would play outdoors all day long. We thank

God for days where children can do what they love to do. While many may not connect physical activity with education, it is one of the most important learning domains for children birth through eight. It is interconnected with cognitive skills, self-regulation skills, and other important skills for child development. We encourage our children to be active not just for their health but also for their mind.

We recently held our annual Parent's Breakfast to celebrate the importance of caregivers in a child's life. Many parents and children braved the early

morning hours to support this idea as we served eggs, sausage, pancakes, fruit, grits, cereal, cookies, and coffee. The parents were thankful, the children were *full*-filled, and the staff were proud to serve everyone. This day could not have been done without all our staff members and especially without the purchasing and cooking of the food by Mrs. Plummer and Mrs. Bradford. We are truly blessed to have staff members that go above and beyond their duties.

The preschoolers have officially moved on to their next important study about Buildings. They will explore the different types of buildings, materials used to build, reasons why certain buildings are made, and many more topics. Additionally, the staff are currently studying SEFEL techniques, which stand for Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning, and discussing how to apply them to their classrooms.

Our summer and fall enrollment are currently open. If anyone has children and wants to enroll their child a Christian community that places high value on spiritual and child development, please have them contact us. We have openings for children ages 2-5. Visit our website at stpaulsccc.org, or call us to schedule a tour at 301-627-4202.

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline." – 2 Timothy 1:7

Mr. Christopher Antoine, Director

SNACK AND YAK

Snak and Yaks are a wonderful way to get to know our church family better. Please join us May 5 for our Snack and Yak after service. We are grateful to Elder Pat Jones for sponsoring the Snak & Yak this month.

KID'S CLUB MINISTRY

Kid's Club resumes on May 17th! Through music, crafts and storytelling we continue to lead children to Christ. If you would like to serve in this exciting ministry, please contact Pastor Bill. Pray about what children you can invite to attend!

OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL Classes for children aged three (and potty trained) through high school start each week at 8:45 A.M. sharp! Our teachers are ready and eager to shape the hearts of our children.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays, 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM, led by Sister Dorothy Thomas. We are studying Timothy. All ladies are invited to study with us.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: We are studying, "Discipleship, the Growing Christian's Lifestyle"

You are welcome to join us Sundays at 8:45 AM.

PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE You are invited to join us as we pray for one another on May 3, at 7:30 PM at the church.

MEN'S BREAKFAST All men are invited to attend, Saturday, May 18th at 8 AM. at the Marlboro Grille in Upper Marlboro. There is a place for you!

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL

We are a small church, but the church financially is doing very well thanks to the generosity of our membership. For fiscal year 2019, which began on January 1, 2019, we have a current surplus of \$5,620. Last year at the end of April, we had a fiscal year deficit of \$10,501. The response to replace the sanctuary HVAC and associated engineering costs has been overwhelming. As of the end of April, \$6,695 in offerings have been designated for the HVAC project. The Anniversary Offering (\$1,996) was dedicated to purchasing AED units for the church and the Children's Center. Two units were purchased in April and are expected to be installed in May after personnel have been trained. The church investments continue to grow wiping out our losses in investment value in fiscal year 2018. Since December 31, 2018, the value of our investments has increased by \$40,574 to \$245,135.

NOTES FROM THE BOARD OF ELDERS

The Board of Elders met on April 2 and discussed our efforts to recruit an additional nursery worker. We spent some time planning for our Lent and Easter events. We discussed the problems we are having with our current spiritual care program and will explore some new options for the future. We received a report about planning for the Easter Egg Hunt, under the direction of Zena Bradford of the CCC.

EASTER EGG HUNT REPORT

Despite rain the night before, April 13 dawned bright and fair! The volunteers, under the direction of Zena Bradford, had everything ready as 10 am approached. The children were greeted with games, crafts, bouncy rides, snacks and fresh popped popcorn! While the Easter story was being presented in the Sanctuary, our many helpers scattered eggs all over the yard. It was a joy to see the excitement on the faces of the children and their families as they gathered their eggs. We are grateful to our St. Paul's volunteers, as well as the several CCC staff who gave of their time. And we are especially grateful to Sis. Zena Bradford for planning and coordinating this fun event! Without her it would not be possible. We appreciate all who donated easter eggs and candy. Thank you to the Women's Bible Study group, who filled over 1000 plastic eggs with treats.



We invite you to

THE WAY I HEARD IT

Who are the Moravians? What is a Moravian?

with: Cynthia Rader-Gayer
Saturday, Jun 1
9 AM to 1 PM
St. Paul's Moravian Church
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EASTER THANK YOUS

An army of servants have stepped forward to make our Lent, Holy Week and Easter experience rich and meaningful! Our faithful and talented Organist/Choir Director, Barbara Masters played for every service and prepared the...Senior Choir, lifted their hearts in praise to the Lord...the brass players on Easter Sunday...the Sacristans, under the leadership of Larry and Liz Sinn, ensured that every worship service ran smoothly and greeted us all warmly...Juli Moses, coordinated the Easter Breakfast supported by a cast of willing thousands. Fred Mayes, preached on Good Friday and wrote an inspiring hymn we sang on Easter...Gail Andrews coordinated the beautiful flowers that decorated our sanctuary...the donors to the Easter Flower Fund...Sue Weiffenbach coordinated the Lenten Suppers...the Elders read the Readings for Holy Week...and a host of others who gave important service to St. Paul's. Thank you all for making our Lent and Easter so special and inspiring! And our thanks to Pastor Bill for preparing so many meaningful programs during the Lenten season and for the thoughtful sermons and prayers that strengthen our faith and remind us of the promise and fulfillment of Easter.

2019 Camp HOPE

Hope Conference and Renewal Center

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Chronological List of Programs 2019



May 3—5	Confirmation Retreat
May 11—12	NEMDR Intro to Mission
May 24—27	Memorial Day Family Camp
May 27	Memorial Day Picnic
June 19—22	Fishing Camp
June 30—July 6	Primary
Conference July 7—10	Pre Primary
Conference	
July 7—13	Middler Conference
July 14—20	Musical Theater Camp
July 14—20	Swimming Camp
July 21—27	Jr. High Conference
July 28—August 3	Sr. High Conference
October 2—5	Quilt Camp
October 5	Fall Festival
Jan 10—12, 2020	Sr. High Winter Retreat

Support Hope Conference & Renewal Center Join the "Circle of Giving"

Hope Conference Center can always use your support, and we are always happy to accept monetary donations (see p. 11 of this booklet). But there are ways to support Hope Conference Center, at no cost to you, just by doing things you normally would, like shopping or searching online. Please see our website (click on "Support") for more ways to help support Hope Conference & Renewal Center.

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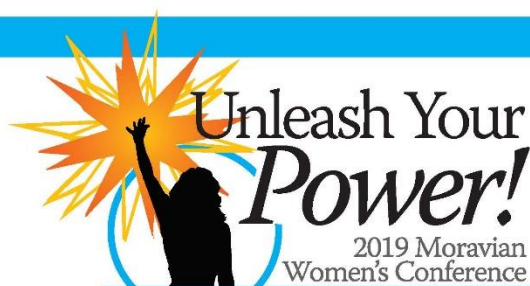
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"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us." Ephesians 3:20

June 20-23, 2019

Embassy Suites, Winston-Salem, N.C.

This Conference offers an opportunity for Moravian women to learn, worship, sing and share ideas that strengthen faith and ties to the Moravian Church. During general sessions and "Imagine Sessions" (workshops), keynote speakers and workshop leaders will inform and challenge each participant to confidently live into the plan God has for her.



Featuring best-selling author Rachel Held Evans
plus Bishop Kay Ward, the Rev. Dr. Heather Vacek
and the Rev. Christy Melby-Gibbons

Registration discounts available through Feb. 6, 2019
Questions? Call 336.893.4460 or email moravianwomen@gmail.com
Presented by the Interprovincial Women's Board, Moravian Church in North America

Register today at
www.moravianwomensconference.org

YARD SALE REPORT

The spring yard sale was held on April 27, a warm and sunny day, with just a hint of wind! Sister Monique Abbitt, Trustee president, led the planning and preparing, assisted by willing volunteers from the congregation. The atmosphere was festive as people enjoyed the spring weather. Thank you to all who served at the yard sale and to those who donated to the bake sale. A report on finances of the event will be given in the near future.