

THE CHIMES

“To Minister, as Living Witnesses, the Saving Grace of Jesus Christ”

Pastor’s Corner Has a New Home

Some years ago I had the good fortune to examine an original King James Bible in the rare book room of my collegiate *alma mater*. Though happy to to handle a piece of history, I was far more interested in trying to read the notes a pastor of the past had written in the margins than I was in looking at the Biblical text.

You see, I own a full digital version of the royally authorized 1611 edition, “newly translated out of the Originall Greeke,” which I can access whenever I wish. The format is not the same as the Bible I examined in the rare book room, but the message is.

Whether one’s medium of choice is a printed book, digital tablet, phone, or recorded reading, what is most important is the format’s faithfulness to the original biblical sources

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Part of a World-wide Unity

“As Moravians, we are part of what is called a Worldwide Unity that consists of more than a million people in more than 40 countries around the world.” ([web source](#)) Accordingly, in our liturgy for Christian Unity in the *Moravian Book of Worship* we pray these words:

Teach us to know and love the world-wide church called out of all peoples and nations. ... Show us that we are part of the one and only body of Jesus Christ, unified by faith, scattered for witness and service. ... (page 125)

One way this prayer is fulfilled and our profession of faith in Christ’s global church becomes a reality is through the good and godly work of the Moravian Board of World Mission. As a Moravian congregation a portion of our offering supports such work.

Recently the board shared an update on work being done in Tanzania, home to the world’s largest concentration of Moravian followers of Jesus Christ. Moravian work in Tanzania was started by German Moravian missionaries who arrived in Tanganyika in 1897.

The picture above is of one of the classrooms mentioned in the excerpt below. (See World-wide Unity on next page.)

Pastor's Corner ...

The Pastor's Corner's new "primary address" will be the church's webpage where it will be "searchable" and more readily available to a wider audience. This change will also allow me to include links to relevant passages of scripture, denominational statements, pictures, videos, and other "enhanced content." Those who are reading *The Chimes* digitally may have already noticed that this month's column title links to the webpage. Click on either this page or the first page to jump to this month's article.

For those who receive *The Chimes* as a paper mailing I will print the full Pastor's Corner on the back of the monthly calendar. This will allow me to increase the text size for ease of reading – a feature our digital readers already enjoy simply by "zooming in" on their digital device.

My hope is to provide an improved experience for everyone, regardless of how you choose to engage the biblical text or your monthly church newsletter.

Blessings to all,

Pastor Derek

World-wide Unity

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In January 2025, the BWM Outreach Committee met with Brother Ezekiel Kassanga to hear a detailed update on this grant-funded project. Br. Kassanga expressed gratitude for the support and highlighted the growth that the college has seen in recent years. They graduated 11 pastors in 2023 and five in 2024, including three women – Br. Kassanga emphasized the college's dedication to gender inclusion.

Classroom construction, initiated in 2022, has progressed through local funds, in addition to the two \$5,000 mission grants from the BWM. These grants funded walls and roofing, while internal CPI funds supported further work such as plastering, wiring, and windows.

March Birthdays

RIZZOTTO, Robert	03/01
HOCH, Harrison	03/02
KONCZYK, Betty	03/03
BEALER, Debra	03/05
FREY, Wendy	03/07
SOFKA, Russell	03/07
YERGER, Gary	03/08
BARRALL, Jeffrey	03/11
HOCH, Hannah	03/13
HUTH, Mary Jean	03/13
KNAUSS-WARNKE, Tracey	03/14
TRAUGER, Erin	03/14
MCDANIEL, Karen	03/16
SCHOENEGER, Howard (Spike)	03/16
BENNER, Trisha	03/18
ROMANSKY, Travis	03/20
LEH, Beatrice	03/24
HARTSHORNE, Jennifer	03/25
THOMAS, Julianne	03/25
KNECHT, J. Frederic	03/26
RICCELLI, Ian	03/28
ROMANSKY, Breann	03/28
ROMANSKY, Paislee	03/28
BOOZER, James	03/30
GREEN, Dawn	03/30
RIZZOTTO, Nicholas	03/31
SIEGFRIED, Elaine	03/31



March Soup Sales

Soup pick up is Saturday March 15th from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday the 16th following both worship services.

Options include

- Italian Wedding Soup made with turkey meatballs. With or without pasta – \$9.00/ quart and \$4.50/pint
- Beef Noodle Soup – \$9.00/ quart and \$4.50/pint
- Carrot Soup – \$8.00/quart and \$4:00/pint

We Remember

We remember those who have passed into the more immediate presence of their Savior in the new year.

Dr. Harold Heckman
Mrs. Peggy Yeakel
Mrs. Myrtle Hoadley

We Rejoice

We rejoice in the baptisms of Maeve Julia Kromar, daughter of Matthew and Shannon Kromar on February 16th and Elijah James Richardson son of Robert and Jennifer Richardson to be baptized March 23.

March Calendar

[\(click here\)](#)

Sunday School and Christian Education News

March begins with an opening in the Chapel on March 2.

March 2nd will also be the start our annual Lent Mission fundraiser, beginning March 2 and ending on April 18.

We are supporting Moravian Board of World Mission and Laurel Ridge Camp Conference & Retreat Center in Ashe County North Carolina. BWM continues to coordinate emergency funding and mission teams seeking to assist residents impacted by severe flooding caused by remnants of Hurricane Helene. BWM has been cooperating with Laurel Ridge located in Western North Carolina, to house and feed those interested in assisting with the rebuilding efforts.

PreK-K weekly activities for March: March 2: In the Synagogue (Scrolls), March 9: By the Sea (Fishermen), March 16: On The hillside (Children follow), March 23: Through the roof (Crippled man) and March 30: Baking Moravian Sugar Cake.

Elementary weekly activities for March: March 2: World Mission (4 mission stations), March 9: Moravian World Mission (4 Misson stations), March 16: review (Special activity), March 23: World Mission Continues (4 more mission stations), March 30: Moravian in Early America (Baking Moravian Sugar Cake).

Confirmands continue moving about the church and learning Moravian ways.

Adults continue to meet faithfully and have thought provoking discussions.

~A look ahead:

April 11 Palm Sunday donkey procession in square
April 19 Great Sabbath, April 20 Easter (No Sunday School)

Palm Sunday/Easter Orchestra Schedule

Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in in Sanctuary balcony.

March 20 March 27 April 3 April 10

Worship Services are at 10:45 a.m. on

April 13 Palm Sunday April 20 Easter Sunday

Please let me know your commitment for both services.

Look forward to seeing everyone! 😊

Blessings,
Ellen Saylor



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Our Greeters for March

02	Brian and Jessica Trauger
09	Tom and Debbie Bross
16	Wayne and Cindy Longley
23	Ken and Amy Godiska
30	Becky Butz

Scripture Readers for March

02	Traci Stocker	Exodus 34:29-35 and Luke 9:28-36
09	Suzanne Curtis	Deut. 26:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13
16	Amanda Duane	Phil. 3:17-4:1 and Luke 13:31-35
23	Pastor Derek	Isaiah 55:1-9 and Luke 13:1-9
30	Barbara Walters	Joshua 5:9-12 and Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Ash Wednesday, 5 March

Lent, the season of the church year dedicated to preparation for Holy Week and Easter begins on the first Wednesday in March with 7:00 pm worship. Each Wednesday thereafter a dinner (6:30 p.m.) and program (7:00 p.m.) will be offered. Schoeneck Moravian Church is hosting this year.



The monthly deadline for submissions to *The Chimes* is the 3rd Friday of each month.
