

STURGEON BAY MORAVIAN CHURCH

MAY, 2011 - NEWSLETTER

Meaningful Worship

Worship Opportunities for May

May is a month filled with many special opportunities for worship. We will celebrate First Communion, Music Sunday, and Confirmation. These will be wonderful worship experiences you will not want to miss. Just a reminder...we have been pretty packed these days so be sure to come early on Sundays. We would also appreciate your helping our ushers by making room for visitors.

Sunday, May 1 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Please be sure to join us as many of our children will be joining us at the Lord's Table for the first time!

Sermon: *"Doubting"*

Scripture: John 20:19-31

Sunday, May 8 10:30 a.m. Music Sunday

This is our annual celebration of music in worship which lifts up the tremendous talents of our many church musicians. Please be sure to join us.

Sunday, May 15 10:30 a.m. Reception Sunday

Be sure to be with us as we welcome new members into our church community.

Sermon: *"One Flock One Shepherd"*

Scripture: John 10:1-14

Sunday, May 22 10:30 a.m. Confirmation

We will welcome into our church family, through the rite of confirmation, those young people who have been preparing for this important step in their faith.

Sermon: *"Growing Up in Faith"*

Scripture: I Peter 2:2-10

Sunday, May 29 10:30 a.m.

Sermon: "Be Prepared to Give Thanks"

Scripture: I Peter 3:8-15

Sunday, June 5 9:00 a.m. Graduate Sunday

Each year we honor our youth who are graduating from High School. This is an opportunity for us to offer our blessings to a group of very special young adults who have given much to our church through their gifts and leadership.

Confirmation Sunday, May 22

We look forward to a wonderful celebration of confirmation in May. We will be confirming the following members of our Discipleship Program: Juliana Behme, Lily Birmingham, Julia DeMain, Alec Fischer, Brandon Fischer, Mia Gage, Miranda Kroll, Nathan Leonardson, Cooper Meikle, Sophia Pollman, Dana Powers, Jenna Seiler, Nathan Spohn, Steven Tellstrom, Annika VanAlstine, Isabel Vreeke, and Matthew Wiegand. Please be sure to join us as we celebrate these outstanding young people as they take another important step in their faith journeys.

New Date

Graduate Sunday, June 5, 9:00 a.m.

Please note that we are moving Graduate Sunday to the actual Graduation Day in June rather than in May.

We are seeking the names of **members** of our church family who are graduating from high school, tech school, college, or graduate school. We would like to recognize these folks in our June newsletter and the June 5th bulletin. We are especially interested in making sure we acknowledge all our high school graduates and will be recognizing them in worship that Sunday. Please submit the information form to the church office **no later than May 23**.

Complete the form on line at www.sbmoravian.org under registrations/forms, or use the form at the end of this newsletter.



Beginning on June 5 Sunday worship moves to 9:00 am. !!!

Shiloh Summer Services Begin June 2

We will be holding services throughout the summer on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Shiloh Moravian Church. The Shiloh services have grown in popularity over the years, because not only do they offer an alternative worship experience during busy summer schedules, but the experience of worship in the intimacy of the small country church is very special. We will begin services on Thursday, June 2, and they will run each week through the end of August. We are hoping to have some surprising guest preachers joining us this summer!

Safe Harbor

In the Life of Our Church Family

Anniversaries 50+

May 2 Roger & Gail Blasier

Birth – We celebrate the birth –

On April 2nd, of **Hugh James O’Handley**, son of Brian and Jennifer O’Handley and brother to Jacob and Liam. Hugh’s maternal grandparents are Ron and Sandy White, paternal grandparents are Linda and the late Dan O’Handley.

On April 3rd, of **Owen Corr Kramer**, son of Molly and Jonathan Kramer. Owen’s maternal grandparents are Patrick and Becky McKee, paternal grandparents are Jeff and Joyce Kramer. Great-grandparents are Tom and Dorris Glasgow.

Baptism –

On March 20, 2011 we were pleased to bring into our church family, by the sacrament of Infant Baptism, **Bailey Mae Ford**, daughter of Jake Ford and Marie Vanark, born January 28, 2011 in Green Bay. Bailey is the granddaughter of Paul and Margi Ford and Chuck and Kathy Vanark. Her sponsors are Brock Huehns and Alexandra Ford.

Congratulations to –

Andrew “Wolfie” Honold, who received the Eagle Scout award on February 26. The Eagle is the highest achievement one can earn in scouting and is the culmination of years of hard work in service and personal development. Wolfie joins a distinguished list of members of our congregation who have earned the Eagle.

Adult Sunday School

Jonathan Meacham and John Hauser share leadership of a discussion each Sunday about the sermon text for the day. Class begins at 9:10 a.m. in the Adult Ed. Room (across from Treehouse Learning Center). Grab a cup of coffee and a snack at the Coffee Hus and come join in the discussion.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Wednesday Morning Bible study is led by Pastor Reeder. The Spring study is completed and the next session will begin in September with a study of Paul’s Letter to the Romans. Look for details in future newsletters and in the Sunday bulletin.

Fellowship Ministries

Women’s Fellowship

Honor Circle

May 10 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Room

Faith Circle

May 10 1:30 p.m. Pinecrest

Diaspora

Potluck at Carol Hobson’s Home on Sunday, May 15th following worship.

Care Ministry

For the last year a handful of us have been walking on the second Saturday of each month. Spring/summer and fall we walk in the church neighborhood, winter months we walk at the YMCA (passes available for those who aren’t members of the YMCA). This is an open invitation to join us in front of the church at 9:00 a.m. on the second Saturday. It is great exercise and a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another better. If you have any questions contact Carolyn Bridenhagen at 743.6850 or Ginny Nairn at 743.8460.

Stewardship/Fundraising

Patio Dedication -- Sunday, June 26

“**P**” is for “**Patio**” and now, “**P**” is also for “**Party!**” Thanks to generous gifts made in loving memory of Robert Knapp, to fundraising efforts by the congregation and a contribution from the church’s endowment fund, we will have a handsome brick patio to use and enjoy for years and years to come!

The patio will be completed this spring or early summer and will be a place to celebrate, to contemplate and to congregate—to be together as a community. Please join us for a Patio Dedication meal on **Sunday, June 26** following our worship service.

The event will be a **Potluck** (of course!) Please bring anything that starts with the letter “**P**”—**p**asta salad, **p**otato salad, **p**ie, **p**ickles, **p**eanut butter cookies—you get the idea! Be creative. The church will provide “**P**igs in a Blanket” (hot dogs), **p**otato chips and **p**ink lemonade.

More details on the dedication will be available in the weeks to come, but please mark your calendars and join us!

Although we have covered the cost of construction, you may continue to add bricks to the patio bulletin board located outside of the Coffee Hus room. If you find yourself with an unexpected windfall, pocket change or just want to help out, fill out a brick and leave your gift on Vickie's desk or add to the collection plate. All "brick money" will be used to help purchase patio furniture, a heavy duty grill, landscaping, etc.—things to make our new space usable and enjoyable.

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the new patio. It will be a lasting blessing to our congregation.

We Value Children and Youth

Thanks to Rotation Staff

Throughout the year we have been blessed with incredible leadership for our Sunday School program. This is without question the backbone of our youth ministry because it is in Sunday School that our children dig into the Bible and build a foundation of faith. This is a core value of our congregation and one of the greatest responsibilities one can carry in ministry. Please take the opportunity to either personally thank or drop a note to the following people for their incredible service.

3-6 Year Old Class Teachers: Pam Honold was again our lead teacher. A special thanks from Pam to all the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who have pitched in to help.

Junior High: Matt Luders, Beth and Tyler Hubbard.

Rotation Staff: Mary Karsten, Tom Pinney, Gina Newton, Regan Luders, Jennifer Meacham, Laura Mickle, Holly Evenson, Trent Evenson, and Eric and Lisa Van Alstine.

Last Day of Sunday School, May 8

A reminder that the last day of Sunday School will be on Sunday, May 8.

Youth Schedules

As we come to the end of another great season of youth ministry we are so grateful to those who dedicate so much time making our program such a great place for our youth. We have many folks who generously provide the funds to feed all of our young people every week. Our special thanks to Gary and Sue and their entire crew of kitchen volunteers who have kept us fed throughout the year sometimes with three different seating's on a Wednesday Night! Special thanks to Jonathan Meacham and Jackie Birmingham for all of their help.

RAMS

May 4 Carpet Ball Tournament
May 18 Moravian Softball and Cook Out

NAZARITES

May 4 Carpet Ball Championship of the Universe
May 11 Pie Eating Contest
May 18 Season Ending Blowout & Cookout

Senior High Fellowship will conclude on Wednesday May 25

Vacation Bible School 9:00 a.m. – Noon, June 13 – 17

Registration forms are available on line at: www.sbmoravian.org or, if you don't have access to the internet, you may obtain a hardcopy from the displays around the church. Registrations need to be postmarked by no later than June 2, 2011.

Summer Camp Programs – Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center

4M Camp	Completed Grades 1-2	August 15 – 17
Junior Camp	Completed Grades 3-5	June 27 – July 1
Bā6 Camp	Completed Grades 3-5	August 14 – 18
Winmor	Completed Grades 6-8	July 24 – 30
Chetek	Completed Grades 9 – Age 21	July 17 – 23
Plus 50 Camp	Age 50 and up	September 19 – 22

Summer Camping Programs – Everything is available on line!

Look for the informational booklet for registration instructions and scholarship information on our website home page at:

www.sbmoravian.org

There you will find the link to the camp registration website at:

www.wdcamping.com/Western-District-Camps

If you don't have access to the internet hard copies are available for pick up from the displays located around the church.

Things to Note:

- You will no longer need a physician's signature on the health form.
- Send all forms and payments directly to the camp, as listed on the camp brochure, **minus** the SBMC Voucher amount. We will submit the SBMC Voucher amount directly to the camp.
- Notify Sturgeon Bay Moravian of your travel plans. A response form is available on our website under registrations/forms, or contact the church office at 743.6218.

We Value Mission Work

Youth Mission

Mission Watchword, 2011 - "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

Twenty-two high school students and adults from the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church and community continue to prepare individually, and as a team, to travel to Jamaica from June 18-25, 2011. The twenty-two individuals that began this journey together have grown to include innumerable others who may not join the team for the actual travel, but surrounds the team with prayers, words of encouragement, support of fundraising efforts, as well as generous financial gifts to aide with necessary expenses.

As initial plans were being considered for service in Jamaica, a request was made by two of our Jamaican friends, Pastors Phyllis Smith-Seymour and Raymond Seymour. New Works Moravian Church, located in the vicinity of Camp Hope, was able to add a cinderblock addition to its existing sanctuary; however, physical and financial assistance was needed to complete the office, restroom, and adjoining hallway that had been built by Jamaican laborers. In order to assist the New Works congregation with their improvements, the Sturgeon Bay team made a commitment to help raise some of the necessary financial support for Pastors Phyllis and Raymond and the people of New Works Moravian and the surrounding community. Through a bequest from the Endowment Fund of the

Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church, resources previously raised through fundraisers, the generosity of so many of you within the Sturgeon Bay Moravian congregation, as well as the community at large, the commitment will be honored. You can continue to support this endeavor through the purchase of a beautiful hanging basket from Schroeder's Flowers. See order form at the end of this newsletter. (Pictures of the work project are posted on the bulletin board outside the Sturgeon Bay Moravian office. Please stop by and take a look!!!)

The Galatians text calls all of us "to bear one another's burdens," whether we live next door or across the globe. The community that is growing and working together in this global relationship is fulfilling the law of Christ. May God be honored by our collective efforts as we live in community with each other and serve together in God's mission.

Some opportunities for service:

- *Volunteer with Loaves & Fishes
- *Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity
- *Volunteer through the Moravian Mission House in Ocean Springs, Mississippi
- *August 2011, service through Urban Immersion, Minneapolis, MN
(Adult chaperones and 8th grade youth)
- *November 2011, service in New York City
(Adult chaperones & high school young people)
- *February 2012, trip to Kruta Honduras (Adult)

If you have a desire to serve God, through service, with and to others please contact me, Jill Koloedziej, Mission Coordinator at:

jillannk@charter.net

920.559.0508

920.743.6218

Adult Mission

Harvest the Rain

Our Honduras mission team recently returned from the village of Kruta. The last of the 102 water tanks were installed to complete this phase of "Harvest the Rain." The people of Kruta will now have a ready source of potable water for the first time in many years. We plan to continue our partnership with GOAL (an international NGO), the people of Kruta and the surrounding area. Two doctors from the Lititz congregation in Lititz, PA also traveled with our team this year and we look forward to continuing to partner with them. This project has received widespread support from around the Northern Province.

We will be presenting a 10 minute video of the Kruta work done over the past 3 years, and plans for the future, during Sunday School and in the sanctuary after worship on May 15th.

Our Adult Mission Committee is making plans to continue our partnership with GOAL and with the people of Kruta by joining them in the "Healthy School" project which would include improvements in construction, classroom tools and supplies, sanitation and health education.

Administration

June/July/August Deadline

May 20, 2011

Patio Completed!

In May the final phase of the patio project will be accomplished. This will include the placement of a matching patio on the north side of the sidewalk and a low wall across the front between the patio and the street. The patio project was begun in memory of Robert Knapp as a way to further enhance the fellowship of the congregation that nurtured him throughout his life. We have already achieved this goal. The patio has become a gathering place for our congregation, our user groups and our neighbors.

Words of thanks seem inadequate to all of the folks, led by the stewardship committee, who have worked so hard to raise the funds to make the dream of this space a reality. Thanks to those who bought bricks. Thanks to everyone who made soup and those who purchased it. Special thanks to Laurel Hauser, who spent countless hours leading this project and made it fun for everyone who helped with the task.

Building and Grounds

- The Patio Project has been scheduled for completion in May of 2011. This will include all the features shown on the plan (located on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Room) as well as new sidewalk lighting and new signage.
- We plan to begin work on the front sanctuary windows as soon as the weather is warm enough. We will be removing the old window coverings, scraping, painting and caulking and then install new plexi-glas coverings.
- We will also be painting the Quincy Street doors.
- If you would like to help with any of these projects contact George Pinney or Pastor Reeder.

What's New on Our Website

It was time for some spring cleaning and a few new enhancements on our Website.

You will see some areas have been cleaned up and updated with the inclusion of our wedding planner, new items for PATH, and some new forms.

The search function on the website has been activated. Each article was issued key words to help you maneuver through the website.

The biggest area of change is under the category "Registrations/Forms". Where appropriate, interactive versions have been created. The interactive versions allow you to "fill in the blanks" and submit, via email, to the church office. In most cases there is also a pdf copy of the same information which allows you the option to print the form, complete it, and mail or drop it off at the church.

Exceptions to the "interactive forms" are forms which require an actual signature, attachment or payment.

Some of the new forms you will find under Registrations/Forms are:

- Baptism
- Building Use
- Camp Transportation Request
- College & Armed Forces & Prayer Partners
- Communion Workshop
- Discipleship & Explorers
- Graduate Sunday**
- Inquirer Class Registration

New Member Information

Pledge Card

Wedding Information

On the home page you will also find a new interactive form under “contact us”

If you have any comments or suggestions on the website feel free to “CONTACT US”!

Vickie Viste, Admin. Assistant

Support the Jamaica Mission Team

*The 2011 "Youth" Mission Team is
headed to Jamaica in June.*



In an ongoing effort to offset the cost of the work project materials we are providing you with another opportunity. We are offering a variety of 10" Spring Annual Hanging Baskets provided by Schroeder's Flowers. Those of you who have purchased these baskets from Treehouse Learning know they are beautiful plants for a great price! Treehouse decided not to offer this fundraiser this year, which afforded our Mission team with a great opportunity. Plants will be available for pick up Friday, May 6 from 3-6 p.m., just in time for Mother's Day!

A member of the mission team will be available, in the fellowship room following worship today, to accept your orders and payments. Make checks payable to: SBMC

Baskets will be available for pick up on: Friday, May 6 – 3-6 p.m.

Orders must be received by Wednesday, April 27.

BASKET	COST EACH	QUANTITY	\$ TOTAL
Ivy Geranium	\$ 20.00		
Fuschia	\$ 20.00		
Begonia	\$ 20.00		
Impatiens	\$ 20.00		
New Guinea Impatiens	\$ 20.00		
GRAND TOTAL			\$

Name: _____

Phone No.(s): _____

For Office Use:

Paid: _____ Check # _____ Cash _____



GRADUATE SUNDAY, June 5

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GRADUATE SUNDAY, June 5

NAME OF GRADUATE: _____

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Graduated From: _____

Future College/Tech School: _____

Majoring In: _____

Undecided: _____

or/Working At: _____

COLLEGE/TECH SCHOOL/MASTERS PROGRAM GRADS

Graduating From: _____

Received a Degree In: _____

Add'l Education or Future Employment: _____

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*In Essentials, Unity;
In Non-Essentials, Liberty;
In All Things, Love*

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Rev. Reeder Herrick	Associate Pastor
Jill Kolodziej	Mission Coordinator
Robert Nickel	Director of Music
Kimberly Knapp	Director/Children's Choirs
Vickie L. Viste	Administrative Assistant

May, 2011

Opportunities Throughout the Week

Mondays	Meeting Night	
Wednesdays	Youth Activities	End 5/18 – Sr. High Ends 5/25
Sundays	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.Last Day 5/8 (Music Sunday)
	Coffee Hus	9:00 a.m.Last Day 5/29
	Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.Last Day 5/29
	Adult Choir	9:15 a.m.Last Day 5/29
	Worship	10:30 a.m.Changes to 9:00 a.m. on 6/5
	Summer Fellowship	10:00 a.m.Starts 6/5 with Graduate Reception