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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Jacob Patrick

At this point, you've probably noticed that the communications and publications at Calvary have changed quite a bit! The staff and I have worked hard to find a balance of electronic and printed news forms that both help get the word out as well as enable us to be better stewards of the church's resources. As we all know, in Galatians, Paul identifies Patience as one of the Fruits of the Spirit. We are so grateful to the congregation's patience and kindness as we work out the kinks in switching over to our new strategies.

Over this last year, Amanda and I have been working on moving our email communications to the Flocknote system. Flocknote enables us to send out much more robust emails that include links, pictures, and a nicer layout. With the continued growth of the church membership, it truly was the right time to move to a new system.

We've also moved many things from the previous edition of the monthly newsletter into this weekly email. Make sure you're checking it for updates about events, mission donation opportunities, birthdays, and board updates.

On the other hand, we know that many of you have felt frustration over suddenly and surprisingly not getting church wide emails. We encourage you who are in that boat to email us or call the church office and let us know. We can figure out what's going on together or otherwise add you to our physical mailing list that gets the bulletin and all church-wide announcements each week. We absolutely want you to know what's going on and to continue getting vital information about the life of the church.

One of the largest changes was moving to a quarterly system for our magazine, Calvary Connections. Giving the staff three months between issues provides us the time to write longer-form articles and generally have a heartier newsletter for you all. In this edition, we talk about many of the changes that have happened at Calvary over the pandemic year. We also go into detail about the lovely, growing relationship between the congregations of Calvary and Salem Presbyterian. We really hope you enjoy the enriched newsletter this month!

A NEW SONG

The Rt. Rev. Lane A. Sapp

O sing to the Lord a new song! - Psalm 96:1

“Why do we have to sing those new songs in the blue book? I like the old red one!” Yes, I’ve said it before and so have you! Even though the 1995 hymnal is 26 years old, we still refer to it as the new hymnal! That ought to tell us something about how we Moravians respond to change! Yet we all know that change is an important part of life.

An old adage says there are only two things in life that are certain: death and taxes. I would add a third component to this adage: change! Whether we like it or not, change is inevitable, and frankly change is healthy. Change challenges our assumptions and helps us see things in a new light and from a different perspective. As Psalm 96 reminds us, we are called to sing to the Lord a new song, to be creative and to look for new and exciting ways to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Throughout the ages, the Church has had to adapt. The early Church had to grapple with how to admit Gentiles into a Christian movement that was predominantly Jewish in ethnicity. Medieval leaders like John Hus and Martin Luther felt called to challenge corruption and abuse in the church and bring about reform which led to the Protestant movement and the birth of our church. Recognizing that God makes no distinction between male and female, Moravians began ordaining women as early as the 1730’s, renewing the practice in 1957. By the 1970’s most major Protestant denominations followed suit. The 1960’s marked another turbulent period of change in the Church as our nation grappled with the issues of Civil Rights for black Americans, integration, busing and our own participation in racism.

Today, the church continues to deal with many issues, but we seek to be vital and relevant, depending always on the Holy Spirit to guide us as we deal with changing needs and changing times. The COVID-19 pandemic has and will continue to challenge us to rethink how we are the church. It’s exciting to think about the many ways we have had to adapt in these last 18 months, but God has helped us continue to communicate his love in ways we never thought possible before. Who would have ever thought that the word ZOOM would become a regular part of our vocabulary? In many ways COVID has taught us again that the church is not a building. The Church is and will continue to be the PEOPLE! In closing, the author of Hebrews reminds us there is one thing that remains unchanging: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever! (Hebrews 13:8)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

During the last few months Calvary Moravian has been blessed to receive new members into our church family. It is such a joy and pleasure to welcome each one!

By Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith:

Meredith Clark

Stewart Stimson

Yunior Caballero

Caleb Carter

Betsy and Neil Oerter

John Oerter

Pete and Jerusha Oerter

Aviel Oerter

Aidan Oerter

Mike and Meda Pearsall - Winston-Salem

Allison and John Pratt

Laura Shelton Aaron

Frank Kane

By Adult Baptism

Jackson Childress

By Infant Baptism

Emerson Clark



DISCIPLESHIP 2021

Elaine Palmore & Susie McCollum

“Illuminating Lord, You are the source of all that is good in this world.

When we are lost, we turn to You to light our way.”

Moravian Daily Texts 2021

The Discipleship Committee desired a stewardship theme for 2021 that illustrates the feeling that many of us have of “light at the end of the tunnel”; the tunnel, of course, being Covid-19. We feel we reached that goal with our logo for this year, designed by Adam Pristas, and we hope you will agree.

Calvary Moravian Church is truly blessed to have a staff with the leadership skills and the willingness to think creatively and implement changes to keep our church community viable and connected. Without skipping a beat, the Calvary staff has led us through that tunnel. Not only has Calvary maintained through the pandemic, we have grown both physically and spiritually. We have welcomed new members since in-person worship resumed, and many more have joined globally through our livestream outreach.

Stewardship has remained strong, as well, not only financially, but in so many other ways. Members of our Calvary family have discovered new avenues through which to give of their time and talent and to serve our community. Calvary has established a much bigger presence on social media through Facebook, YouTube, and podcasts. These steps will propel us forward as our world continues to change rapidly. In order to keep up, we will need to remain flexible and open to making changes; changes that do not compromise our beliefs or our mission of loving and caring for others after the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior.



CALVARY at the Table

Beginning **Wednesday, September 8**, Calvary at the Table is back!

5-6pm: BYODinner!

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall or outside on our beautiful lawn to have dinner together - the only difference is bring it with you!

5:45-7:15pm: Nursery will be available for our littlest members

6-7pm: Ministries for all ages!

- Adult Bible Study with Pastor Lane, meeting in the New Life Class
- Men's Fellowship with Pastor Chaz will resume at Footnote Cafe
- Women's Bible Study will meet in the 2nd Floor Parlor
- Children's Choir and Programming for ages PreK to 5th Grade will meet outside as often as possible on the playground for Story and Stretch and some American Sign Language choir singing
- Youth Ministry with Melanie Nance and Michaleh Snider will meet in the 3rd floor Youth Room and outside as often as possible

CALVARY IN THE COMMUNITY

The Rev. Chaz Snider

As part of our quarterly newsletters, we will highlight a different ministry partner in each issue. This month we start the series by telling you a little more about our partnership with Salem Presbyterian Church which meets in our sanctuary every Sunday evening at 5 p.m.

Salem Presbyterian is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). In 2004, Redeemer Presbyterian (Miller Street) decided to host a 5 p.m. service as part of their ministry. By 2009, Redeemer believed the Lord was calling this group to begin a new congregation and by 2013, Salem was organized as an independent congregation.



Sensitive to the need to minister in a part of the city that was not already heavily churchied, Salem was led to the West Salem/Washington Park area.

Looking for a place in their neighborhood to worship and serve, Salem was housed for several years in Green Street United Methodist Church where they continued their 5:00 p.m. service. In 2016, when Green Street discovered asbestos in their building, Salem was informed that they would have to find an alternative worship space for the summer during the abatement process.

One of Salem's members had a Moravian connection, so Austin Pfieffer, Salem's Associate Pastor called Pastor Lane one day and asked if there was a possibility of Salem temporarily meeting in our sanctuary for the summer.



Austin and Lane had lunch at Mellow Mushroom downtown and began discussing the possibility. Then he gave Austin a tour of the building and he still remembers walking into the Calvary sanctuary for the first time. "It took my breath away," he said. After that meeting, Lane took Salem's request to our Board of Elders who approved their use of our sanctuary that summer.

As summer ended, Salem so appreciated our sanctuary and campus, that they asked if we would consider allowing them to use the space as their worship home. After prayerful consideration and consultation between Elders and Trustees, Salem Presbyterian and Calvary Moravian entered a formal space usage agreement in the fall of 2016. This beautiful relationship has continued to grow into what is now our 5th year of ministry together.

I say “ministry together” because the relationship with Salem is more than landlord and renter - it is a true partnership in the gospel as both congregations work in the downtown area to share the message of the love of God in Jesus Christ. Our congregations are both unique with different ministry priorities, but we have one thing in common: both congregations love and serve Jesus Christ.

Because of our faith in a common Lord we have been able to work together and iron out all the issues that come when two groups are using the same space. Calvary’s relationship with Salem is a witness to our community of how two groups meeting can work together and share a commitment to ministering to our downtown area.

The Moravian Church has been known as an “ecumenical” church - a church that works with other Christians to help build the Kingdom of God. As Moravians, we have never insisted that we have an exclusive right to the truth; instead, we have always tried to discover what we have in common with other Christians and to work with them to be a positive witness for our Lord. This is why our relationship with Salem is so important to our ministry because in sharing our campus we are a living witness to the words of our Lord: *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this, all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.* (John 13:34-35)



PREPARATION

Amanda Schumpert

Preparation.

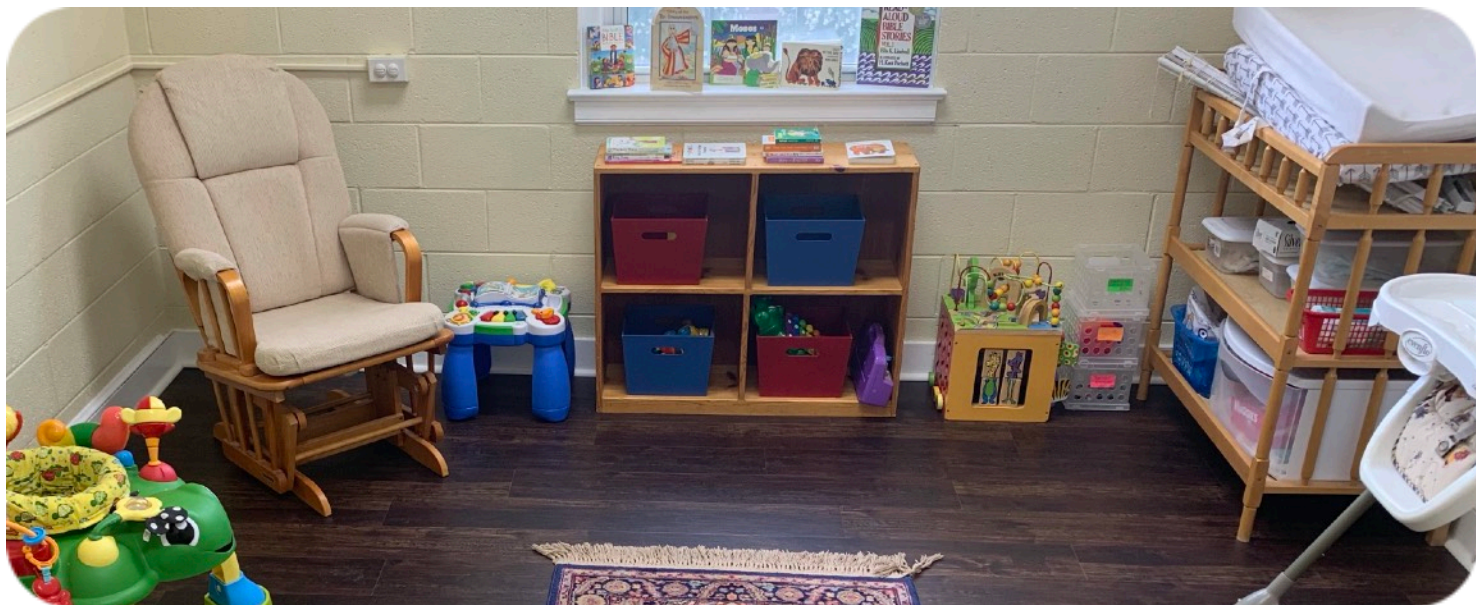
That word has taken on a whole new meaning these last 17 months. Each one of us had to prepare in new and sometimes exhausting ways to do the simplest, most mundane tasks - and we did so and continue to do so not only to protect ourselves, but to protect our loved ones and our neighbors - whomever they may be. Sometimes we do it begrudgingly, and other times we do it now without even thinking. This is what we are called to do - to love neighbor as ourselves. No matter how inconvenient, frustrating, or easy it is to do.

It is in this spirit that we want to share with you some of the things we have done to prepare ourselves, our building, and our congregation over these past 17 months. All of it in anticipation and excitement for the day that we can all gather together again as protected as we can possibly be. We haven't done it all perfectly (if that's even a thing!) nor have we checked off every box - but we're doing the best we can each and every day in an ever changing landscape.

In this spirit of Preparation: we have successfully updated the four rooms in our 2nd Floor Nursery and Education Wing with new flooring (no more carpet!), new cabinets, sinks, vanities, and freshly painted walls and trims. This has been sorely needed for years, but with the new cleaning needs for our youngest members, we knew we wanted to start off fresh this fall. You will also see different spaces used for different classes this year- with the need



for larger spaces for many kids and to spread them out as best as possible, we'll be using the parlor on the second floor for our very large (yay!) Catechism class. And our cleaning procedures will be a bit more intense after each use.



We are working to renovate our former Church Library space in the west lobby to house our beautiful collection of archive material and pictures. We hope this provides a great space to show our history where we can all enjoy it! Additionally, we are working to create a fellowship space in the west lobby that will include a coffee ministry each week and a place to enjoy each other's company before or after worship. Many of the books that used to be in our library space have been relocated to the bookshelves in the Burke Conference room on the first floor - so feel free to continue to borrow those anytime!



We have installed IWave air purification systems on 7 of our HVAC units. They are designed to filter and clean the air we breathe continuously. They are in the following areas of our building: Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, the 2nd Floor Nursery and Education Wing, 2nd Floor Parlor and restroom, the 3rd floor Youth Fellowship classroom and the Children's Chapel that we use for our Godly Play ministry.

The playground equipment saw its final days earlier this summer and we are excitedly collaborating with our friends from Salem Presbyterian to work towards new playground equipment and a layout that can support play and learning space for both children and adults as we get outside a bit more in the future.



Also, in this spirit of Preparation, we have prepared materials as we look toward the fall and the resuming of more regular activities in safe ways. The bulletin each week will continue to include needed hymns and liturgies so we can make sure you have all the worship components whether you are worshiping in person or via livestream. Our New-to-the-Pew bags are family specific - they have your name on them! Visitors? We've got one for you, too! Our children and youth Sunday School and Catechism classes will also have individual materials for each child and ones for any visitors.

We have been working constantly and diligently to upgrade, secure, and stabilize our website, network, server, cameras, connections, and church databases to make sure we are as reliable and as up to date as possible. And, that we can provide hybrid opportunities for Sunday School, meetings, bible studies, worship services, and other activities. All of these measures are time and cost saving for us, but take time to implement. We appreciate your continued patience.



From outdoor worship services, to private baptisms, and virtual acceptance of members; from small music ensembles and guitar duos, singing in masks, to worshipping in lawn chairs, and serving Lovefeast with cookies and lemonade - we've done our best to be the church together as best we could. And we look forward to more opportunities in the future!

We hope through these quarterly enhanced newsletters, your weekly e-blasts, bulletins, and news updates you'll continue to see how we're moving forward with our youth and children's ministries, community partnerships, mission opportunities, activity calendars, small groups, and many other ways we continue to be church inside and outside of these walls. Everything may not "look the way it always has" or "work the way we used to do it", but we hope that you view these changes, updates, and improvements, as working toward the good of all of us in our Calvary family. And feel free to ask questions, offer suggestions, provide constructive criticism, and, most importantly, love each other through the crazy!



BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Gordon Cranfill, Jr. & Spencer Bullins

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 3:9-11

Our trustees and facilities staff have been busy, using the pandemic to prepare for the return from pandemic restrictions. Here's a list of all the improvements we've made to the building and facilities since the pandemic has started:

2020

March

Installed electrical outlets for buffet line in Fellowship Hall

Installed new "deadbolt" in front door of Sanctuary

Installed Electronic Lock on Pastor's office door

Duke Energy replaced our old fluorescent lights with modern, energy saving LED lights

April

Installed a new Key box in the 2nd floor office

Brought on John Rogers on as a contractor IT expert for assistance when needed, and "mapped" all rooms for the IT wiring diagram

June

Changed over to YouTube as our Streaming service

July

John Rogers changed out our old, problematic IT network server with a new unit

August

Changed our fire and security alarm service over to Carolina Alarm Company

September

Installed new back door entry system with a new key fob based system.

Added new mulch on playground

Plumbed the dehumidifier in the candle room to a drain pipe

2021

January

New Heat Exchanger for 3rd floor offices

Installed new grounded electrical outlets in Parlor and Lane's office

Replaced oil seals in Elevator lift

February

Did Cost Evaluation of Duke Energy "electrical" and PNG "gas" units savings as a result of the new JACE energy management computer system

Replaced PTAC Heating and AC unit in elevator equipment room

Installed new Network cables as well as new electrical outlets in streaming control room

March

COVID 19 signs and decals placed in facility

Assembled and installed new desk addition in 2nd floor office

April

Installed 7 new windows at 632 Holly rental property in the old WGHP space

Cleaned out 3rd floor closets and donated old books to the Shepherd's Center

Re-installed all sanctuary cushions

Returned Bibles, Blue Hymnals, and Red Hymnals to the sanctuary

Playground closed and old swings disassembled for safety

Contracted Carolina Alarm Service to take over all alarms for 600 and 632 Holly

May

Began new floor installation in 3rd floor nursery rooms

June

Completed nursery floor installations with plumbing and cabinet replacement continuing.

Trustees approved installing I-WAVE air purifiers

July

New HD cameras were installed for the livestream

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All tributes received after that date will be included in
the next Connections.

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