

YOUth SPIRIT

A Provincial Moravian Youth Newsletter

**Not too late to REGISTER
for LAUREL RIDGE!!**



Junior High 1 - June 5-11, Linda Osborne, Rev. Joe Moore, deans
Junior High 2 - June 26- July 2, Scarlett Dowdy, Rev. Bob Peterson, deans
Camp Theme: "Let's Get Spiritual"

Senior High - July 10-16, Miriam Story, Rev. Neil Routh, deans
Camp Theme: "Extreme Makeover"
Program Leader: Rev. Kerry Krauss, pastor of Hope Moravian in Hope, In.

Registration forms available at your church or at: www.laurelridge.org. There is still space available, but register as soon as possible to assure your spot!

Dear Lord,
We thank you for our lives and for every breath we take. We thank you for the beautiful sunshine and cleansing rain. We ask that you be with us in our walks with you and lead us on the path we should follow. Help our hearts to be strong and willing to serve your purpose. Help us to feel your presence and know you are right by our side. We love you Lord!! Thank you for everything. Amen.

Ali Burcham, Friedberg

Provincial Youth Lovefeast



Approximately 150 Moravian youth came together for the Provincial Youth Lovefeast on Sunday afternoon, March 13, at Friedberg Moravian Church.

Worshippers enjoyed praising God with singing, a variety of choices for the meal, prayers and great fellowship. They also were the receivers of a timely message by the Rev. Neil Routh from Christ Moravian. The theme for the day was "Thank You God." And truly we all have much to be thankful for. The offering of the day went to the Laurel Ridge "Growing For A Lifetime" campaign.

Mission Awareness Dinner

Many youth from various Moravian churches were in attendance during the evening of May 1, 2005, at Bethania Moravian Church. Over 150 people gathered for the Mission Awareness Dinner, an opportunity to learn about Moravian missions in the 21st century. The event began with a "mission fair" as attendees talked to various mission representatives about current mission work throughout the world. The Bethania Women's Fellowship provided a delicious meal, and musicians from Little Church on the Lane led a time of worship and singing. The speakers were Michael Tesh and John Kismwa, who described their ministry to orphans in Kenya. A group of youth and adults from Little Church gave insight into their recent trip to Nicaragua, and another group of youth and adults from New Philadelphia provided highlights of their recent mission journey to Jamaica. The Rev. Sam Gray concluded the evening by sharing how the Board of World Mission is encouraging congregations and individuals to participate in mission. Many thanks to our youth and youth leaders for our continued mission efforts throughout the world, and many thanks to God for the sustaining grace of each new day!

Rev. John G. Rights, New Philadelphia

Mission Camp LR

Summer Mission Camp at Laurel Ridge. What more is there to say? Personally I have never been to Laurel Ridge, but from what everyone says it sure sounds like fun. This summer in June, I will finally experience Mission Camp at Laurel Ridge.

To begin preparing for mission camp my youth group, along with a few others, went to Frank L. Bloom Construction Company to learn the basics about building. We learned about the different kinds of tools and when and how to use them. Each youth group had the opportunity to build something out of the materials supplied. My youth group made a bench that would seat two people. Now that we have been formally trained with the equipment all we have to do is get ready to have an experience of a lifetime.

I understand that Mission Camp is a great experience where you meet new people and have fun (you may also get a little sore from where you haven't used those muscles in a while). You also get to help someone less fortunate than yourself. I have been on other mission trips in the past and I can't wait until I go to Mission Camp at Laurel Ridge this June.

For all of those who attend Mission Camp this year, remember to drive those nails straight and paint like there's no tomorrow. Have fun!

Lizz Thomas, Rural Hall Moravian

New International Website for Moravian Youth

One of the outcomes of the Moravian Unity Youth Conference in Jamaica last summer was the creation of an International Steering Committee that hopes to oversee and enable Moravian youth from around the world to get to know each other. A new website has been launched to help this happen. Visit!

www.moravianyouth.nl

The Afters - *I Wish We All Could Win*

In the vein of Switchfoot, the Afters is one of the latest pop rock bands whose members are Christian to get airplay on national radio. The band's sound is guitar driven pop with an alternative edge to it. The first single and video is the opening cut, Beautiful Love. Both have all the right musical and visual moves to make it a hit. All the music on the album is catchy with good hooks. The lyrics are positive and a few of the songs are explicit in the Christian beliefs of the band members. This cd is a nice alternative to some of the other similar bands out there whom do not offer themselves as very good role models nor offer songs and videos that give helpful messages. This cd is definitely worth a listen.

Rev. Brad Bennett, Home

Senior High Camp 2005

Camp is just around the corner? Have you signed up yet, well if not theirs still time! Senior High Camp this year is July 10th-16th. Hopefully it will be another great year. But some of you will notice some changes. Supposedly most of the cabins have new roofs and siding. Higgins Lodge also is under the process of renovations and additions to it. Laurel Ride is a special place that many of you look forward to each year for only one week in the summer. So hopefully this year will be awesome! As usual the bell will be taken, probably many times, and I'm sure many of you are thinking of ways to hide it right now.



Senior High camp is always a great time to form new friendships and it looks as if it will be a fun adventure again this year. If you have never been before it is definitely a once in a lifetime experience you should try.

Josh Snyder, Olivet

All Her Beauty

All her beauty, this night,
Shining down on us.

All my life I have seen her.
Tonight, something new.

Stars I have seen daily,
On clear nights as this.

This night, cloudless, clear sky.
More beauty never seen.

All this quiet, majesty,
Humbles me quickly.

Her might shows me wonder,
Unfathomable.

Yet her beauty, and might,
Wonder, majesty,

They all show fragileness
Personified.

This fragility gives
More of all to her.

I see her this night,
All her beauty, this night,
Shining down on us.

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RYC Retreat
Of the Mountaintop Campfire

IF YOUR GROUP IS PLANNING TO GO ON A MISSION TRIP (OR DO MISSION ON THE MOUNTAIN AT LAUREL RIDGE THIS SUMMER), LET US KNOW. IF YOUR GROUP IS DOING ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY, WRITE ABOUT IT AND SEND IT TO LIZZ!!



Thanks to Brenda Humphries

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"MAN", THOUGHT CLARENCE ... "THIS STUFF DOESN'T WORK AT ALL"

NEW SONG DEPARTMENT

This song has actually been around for a year or two, and it's slowly making its way into some worship services. It's by a band called: The Rock n Roll Worship Circus. The song is called, *Blessed Tune*. Here are the words:

Blessed are you who are poor in spirit
Blessed are you who are pure in heart

For we will sing forever, one day
Blessed are you who are meek and gentle
Blessed are you who desire right
For we will sing forever, one day

Oh, blessed is he who comes to the feet of the
King

Washed by the blood of the Son
Oh, who are we to kneel before you and sing
Glory, hallelujah

Blessed are you who are full of mercy
Blessed are you with a peaceful heart
For we will sing forever, one day
Blessed are you who defend the helpless
Blessed are you who will lose your lives
For we will sing forever, one day

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[Jesus] said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest for a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. (Mark 6:31-32) - In all your "comings and goings" this summer, don't forget to rest and restore yourselves for the fall! Sabbath time was most important to Jesus and it should be important to us! Take the time to rest. Take the time to pray. Don't forget to worship whether at your church, camp or somewhere else!



Be watching for more issues of YOUth SPIRIt next fall! If you have submissions, contact Lizz Thomas, next year's Publicity Coordinator or Brad Bennett.

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There is a youth page on the Bd of Christian Education Website. Check it once in a while:

www.moravianboardofce.org