



APRIL 2010

Light from the Belfry

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Lost & Found in Concert!

Lost & Found, the band comprised of two musicians (George Baum on piano & Michael Bridges on guitar, pictured at right), will perform at Emmanuel Church in North Hollywood, CA at 8:30 pm, on Friday, April 23. Emmanuel is at 6020 Radford, North Hollywood, 91606. [It's rare that they play in the Los Angeles area.]



Members of Emmanuel are raising awareness about world hunger through a Thirty Hour Famine on that weekend. If you are interested, you'll be able to find out more about their efforts and what you could do to help those in need around the world.

A group from the Moravian Church of Downey will be carpooling to this concert. If you'd like to go, RSVP to the church office: 562-927-0718 or office@downeymoravian.org by Sunday, April 11th, for this Active Family Life event.

Learn more about them: <http://speedwood.com/about/profile.php>. Hope you can come!



Below is an excerpt from **“Wrecked for the Ordinary: A Manifesto for Misfits,”** by Jeff Goins

“It's time, friends. Time to give back.

Time to step out and risk more than we want.
Time to dream dreams bigger than we imagined.

Time to mourn with those who mourn,
to bring beauty where there were ashes before,
to announce a new season in the world.

This isn't just altruism or compassionate living;
it's something more than a tax write-off
or publicity stunt. It's a shot at living the lives

that we were meant to live,
that we're scared to live,
that the world needs us to live.

And that we need us to live.”

From: <http://changethis.com/manifesto/issue/68.04.MisfitManifesto#view>

Easter flowers

Remember to bring in fresh flowers from your gardens or any flowers that you'd like to purchase, before our 10:30 Easter morning service on Sunday, April 4th. We'll decorate the Easter cross with the flowers you have b(r)ought.

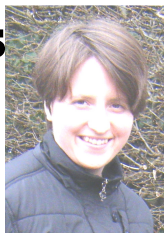


Thanks for helping to add natural beauty to our sanctuary!

“Spring is nature's way of saying, ‘Let's party!’”

–Robin Williams

Musings from Pastor Christie



Gardening is a lovely way to spend the day. David and I have grown our own vegetables and herbs these first 4 years of our marriage. It's so enjoyable holding the tiny seeds—so full of potential—and gently tucking them into soil, and giving them daily drinks. I love when lime green heads pop up through the dirt and tiny tendrils begin to unfurl as if having a *long* stretch in the sunshine. Eating the produce is grand, too!

Are you a garden novice, expert, or just learning, like David & I? No matter your skill, dig around in the soil near your home a bit more this spring/summer. What could you grow? Can you teach someone else how to grow food and plants?

If we each planted one tree in our yards, that'd be 165 more oxygen-producing trees in the world! What a difference that would make!

Let's garden a bit more here around the church buildings, too. Perhaps as our garden grows, our love will grow as well, and, therefore, the church will grow also. Sow love.

Moravian Magazine submissions

As the search process for a new Communication Director is underway (Deanna Hollenbach resigned), the Interprovincial Board of Communication asks that all articles for The Moravian Magazine be emailed to pubs@mcnp.org or mailed to:

Siobhan Young, Communication Assistant
IBOC
PO BOX 1245
Bethlehem, PA 18016-1245

Articles should be 400-800 words in length, include two or three sentences about who the author is, photos in a high quality format (digital or mailed) – including captions and photographer's name.

All congregations are encouraged to tell their story throughout the year. Our readership audience specifically wants news about what's going on in local congregations, and wants articles around issues (social, spiritual, theological, environmental, political, etc).

Letters to the Editor (no more than 200 words) should be sent by email to: pubs@mcnp.org.

Here's the 2010 Moravian Magazine calendar: (These theme topics are tentative. While the theme will be the focus for the issue, the issue will also include articles not related to the theme.)

JUNE 2010 ISSUE (DEADLINE APRIL 23, 2010)

Moravians in Other Lands

JULY/AUGUST 2010 ISSUE (DEADLINE MAY 24, 2010)

Education—Moravian Church Ed. facilities, programs, & future

SEPTEMBER 2010 ISSUE (DEADLINE JULY 23, 2010)

The Moravian Daily Texts & Northern Province Synod Coverage

OCTOBER 2010 ISSUE (DEADLINE AUGUST 23, 2010)

Spirituality

NOVEMBER 2010 ISSUE (DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 22, 2010)

Intentional communities & Southern Province Synod Coverage

DECEMBER 2010 ISSUE (DEADLINE OCTOBER 22, 2010)

Nostalgic Remembrances

Subscription and all other publication orders should be submitted to Deb Swanson, Customer Relations, 800.732.0591, ext. 38 or email: pubs@mcnp.org or use our online ordering system at www.moravian.org/publications/catalog.

**“In the spring, at the end of the day,
you should smell like dirt.”**

—Margaret Atwood

Moravian Women's Corner

The Board Meeting will be held Thursday, April 15th, 10 a.m. in the church library and when that meeting is concluded, we will switch to the Carol Eastman Circle for our monthly Bible Study. The meeting ends at 1 p.m.

You are probably wondering just how well we did with the Enchilada Sale. Well, I haven't checked in the freezer, so I don't know if all of them have been sold or not, but when the total amount of deposits were added and the total disbursements for supplies subtracted, we ended with a balance of \$1, 026.42. We didn't make as many enchiladas as we have in past years, so this is a nice profit for all your labors.

This year we did not have our Lenten Offering which we had hoped to send to Haiti to help with problems there. We are meeting Thursday, April 25th and will discuss if we have a delayed Lenten Offering. Since we did not have a Lenten Brunch, our Lenten Offering was sort of lost with the enchilada sale. We will let you know what our decision will be after our meeting.

Please remember our loved ones with your prayers, as we know God hears us and will give them strength in days ahead. God does not give us what we cannot handle. God helps us handle what we are given. Keep smiling and looking up. Remember God loves you and will take care of you.

*The brilliance of the morning sun, the longer, brighter days,
The gentle pastel blossoms that adorn perfumed bouquets—
These joys announcing Easter are God's gift which we call spring,
The season to enjoy new life in each created thing.*

By, Sharon Valleau

We thank God for the beauty of this world and for the joy of a Happy Easter and a beautiful Spring.

A VERY HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OF YOU! —Kitty Bates

Quarterly Statements

To save on paper and postage, you won't be receiving your quarterly financial giving statements in the mail. However, if you need a copy of your quarterly statement, contact the church office and we'll be sure to send you one.



NYC & Clothes?

Join the Moravians of Staten Island as they undertake their 7th annual clothing distribution August 19-21, 2010. Last year, volunteers served 776 individuals. In exchange for 3 full days of volunteer service and potentially an evening or two sorting clothing, your group will be housed in the Castleton Hill Moravian parsonage and will have the opportunity to spend 2 to 3 days in New York City. Meals during the distribution will be provided. The best reward of all is knowing that as Moravians, we can work together to fulfill Christ's command to serve our neighbors in need. For more information, contact Pastor Lynnette Delbridge at pastorchmc@si.rr.com or 718-442-5215.

Board Member of the Month

Robert Green is board member of the month for April. He'll greet people as they come to worship on Sunday mornings, and he'll share offertory prayers each week. Remember to thank him for his care-full service on our Board of Elders. ☺

New Grand Piano in Hove Hall

All the money came in to purchase the new baby grand piano for Hove Hall! Thanks to all who donated. And thanks to Mike Jamieson who worked on the piano these past few months and sold it to us for 1/6 of the original selling price! What a blessing. This lovely new instrument will be a boon to our upcoming "open mic" nights which Steve Humenski, David Melby-Gibbons, & Dave Senf will coordinate. "Stay tuned" for more...

Massive earthquake hit Chile, triggered tsunami



Disaster has struck yet again. Last month, another devastating earthquake struck our hemisphere. A massive magnitude 8.8 earthquake struck Chile near the city of Concepción, causing a tsunami in the Pacific rim.

Church World Service (CWS) sprang into action immediately, coordinating with their Chilean partners—through whom they assessed the situation and planned their response. Please support their emergency relief efforts.

Times of great need necessitate great response. CWS's continued relief work in Haiti also is not possible without our dedicated efforts. Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do. Learn more about the situation in Chile, and the continued relief efforts in Haiti by going to their website:

www.churchworldservice.org.

Our Operating Financial Accounts for February 2010

	Budget	Income	Expenses	Balance
This Month	\$16,248.79	\$8,408.00	\$5,989.27	\$2,418.73
Year-to-Date	\$32,497.58	\$17,144.50	\$16,044.73	\$1,099.77

Our Restricted Financial Accounts for February 2010

	Budget	Income	Expenses	Balance
This Month	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Year-to-date	\$0.00	\$185.83	\$0.00	\$185.83

Belfry 5K Run/Walk: Sat., June 12th

This is our 3rd 5k Run/Walk to "Help Us Help Others." This year we're "Running for Relief" to support Moravian Disaster Response's (MDR) disaster relief efforts worldwide - including relief efforts in Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua and the continued



clean up from Hurricane Katrina. Moravian Disaster Response is a ministry of Moravian Board of World Mission. We're working with the Province to once again use 5k proceeds (earmarked to MDR) towards our fair share benevolence contribution. As always, your participation and support is needed to make this event a success. We need runners, walkers, volunteers, planners, donors, sponsors and YOU! Visit www.thebelfry5k.com for more information, forms and online registration. Join the fun!

Anniversaries

- 3 Nancy & Tom Von Boeckmann
- 4 Ruth & Dave Senf
- 8 Julie & Shon Grabbe
- 14 Sharon & Jerry Soafer
- 21 Diana & Jay Langlois

Birthdays

- 1 Andrew Clennon
- 2 Dearien Hernandez
- 3 Jose Ponce
- 4 Donna Ackermann
Elizabeth Wilson
- 6 Aldemaro Peña
- 7 Robert Green
- 10 Brian Frank
- 11 Brooke Grabbe
- 13 Gisselle Noguera
Nancy Von Boeckmann
- 14 Julianne Pearce
- 15 Paul Slusher
- 18 Jude Holling
- 19 Stephanie Heddon
- 22 Elena Gonzalez
Jonathan Korn
Natalie Robinson
- 23 Nila Largaespada
- 25 Erika Martinez
- 26 Giselle Curtis
- 27 Alyson Frederick
Mateo McIntosh
- 28 Cherryl Benard
- 29 Irene Parker

Congratulations!

On Sat. April 3rd Derek Jamieson and Ayana Harris will wed in Alhambra. Both are graduates of Cal Poly Pomona. Derek currently teaches music at Huntington Middle School in San Marino Unified S.D. Next year he'll also teach Chorus at San Marino High School. Ayana is working on her doctorate in Psychology and will be teaching at the college level. We wish them a beautiful, long-lasting marriage and God's blessings. Parents of the groom are Mike and Peggy Jamieson.

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Pastor Christie's hours:

Mon.-Thurs.: 9-noon (typical office hours)
1-5pm (visiting & time in the community)

Friday: DAY OFF

(always...unless there's an emergency)

She's free to meet most evenings, too:
office—562-927-0718

christie@downeymoravian.org

**A SPECIAL
INVITATION:**

Together with their families,
Emily Korn & David Niemeyer,
invite you to share with them
a joyous celebration of love
at their marriage.

Saturday, April 10, 2010

at 2pm here in the

Moravian Church

of Downey sanctuary.

A cake reception (in Hove Hall)
will follow the ceremony.



NOTE: > Submissions for the *Light from the Belfry* newsletter should be sent to the office by the 25th of each month.
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