

# The Bahnson Buzz

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## Successful CROP Walk

By Christie Melby-Gibbons

The 6-mile Bethlehem Area CROP Hunger Walk was a success! Our team—which consisted of two Moravian College students and two seminarians—raised over \$900 for world hunger relief initiatives.

One fourth of the total amount raised by all of the Bethlehem Area CROP Walkers will be distributed locally to:

New Bethany Ministries, Victory House, Northeast Ministries, West Bethlehem Emergency Food Bank, Salvation Army, South Bethlehem Neighborhood Center, Trinity Episcopal Soup Kitchen, New Jerusalem Community Food Bank, and Nazareth Area Food Bank.



[Pictured from L to R: Shannon Swingle, Matt Krauss, Christie Melby-Gibbons, and Stephanie Boozer.]

## Social Life Stuff By Eric Renner

Trivia is every Tuesday at 8:30 at Beerbelly's (now smoke free!!). Bowling is every Thursday at 9:30 at Jordan Lanes (also smoke free!!) in Allentown. See Josh Viste or Russ Williams for more information.

On Tuesday, November 4th, the Hospitality Committee, in conjunction with Dr. Appler's Bible & Politics class, will be holding an Election Night Watch Party in the Saal. Watch for more details soon.

Friday November 21st, Community Thanksgiving Dinner with members from Otto Dreydoppel's Interseminary Seminar Class.

Also Upcoming: If you liked Family Feud at last year's senior banquet, you will love our next "Game Show Event." Date and details will be coming soon.



## Add a Recipe!

Main Street Moravian Church in Northfield, Minnesota is looking for recipes for their cookbook. They are inviting one more round of recipes with a focus on sides and main dishes. They would love any organic, vegetarian dishes as well.

The recipes can be sent to Iris Lee at [elluskott@gmail.com](mailto:elluskott@gmail.com).



## Table Fellowship Is Where It Is!

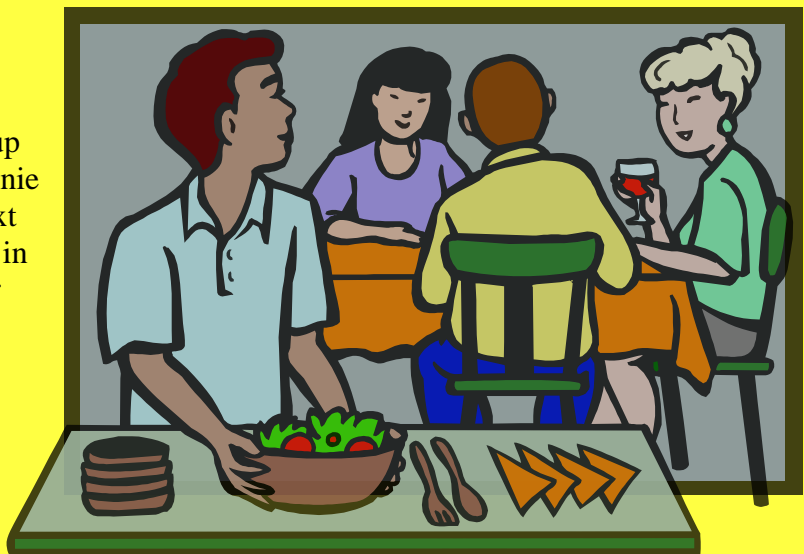
By Hugh Vrablic

Table Fellowship is where it is! We meet Wednesdays in the SAAL around 4:30 to set-up and we break bread at 4:45pm. Last week Bonnie invited us to the library for a fun time. The next few weeks are the hardest for us all. With that in mind, we are going to have breakfast at dinner (Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>)!

Future themes include:

a salute to soup,  
food you love at Christmas, and more.

Additionally, we plan to invite the staff and professors to say thank you for being there when we need them. Hope to see you there!



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## Spiritual Life Activities

By Jeff Jones

As the Advent and Christmas Seasons draw closer we must prepare our hearts and minds for the coming Christ Child...

As it is tradition we decorate, showing our love and praise through symbols and colors of the season. This year the Spiritual Life Committee would like to invite everyone to help make this season bright. Now through the



Christmas Season we are collecting ornaments to decorate our tree.

It is our hope to make a true tree of the community. The theme of the tree is just that: Community. So help us by bringing in ornaments to put on our

MTS Community Christmas Tree. We want to see everyone represented on the tree. So bring one or more, home-made or store-bought, it's up to you. A red collection bucket is on the table across from the kitchen.

In addition to the collection of ornaments this season, we will also have a collection for Live Greenery, for the larger decoration of the Seminary. So, if you have some evergreens that you see might need trimming in the next few weeks keep in mind that we could use it. For the Gathering of the Greens at the Seminary, we'll keep you posted when to bring them in.



In other news from the Spiritual Life Committee: we have made the decision to open the Labyrinth in the Saal once a month. More details coming soon...



## Tuesday Creative Rest

By Steph Boozer

A couple of you have expressed interest in learning to knit so I've started a knitting (and crafting) group at the seminary. It's a great way to relax & produce something with your hands instead of your mind (i.e. all those papers!).



I'd like to meet two (or more) hours each week. It is a casual come-when-you-can type thing on Tuesday afternoons. If you're a new knitter,



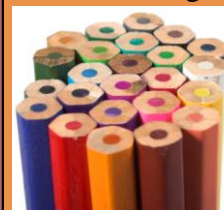
please let me know that so I can get you materials.

Any other crafting is welcome! I can also teach crochet, needle felting, and spinning, but knitting is what I'm best at. I know there are some needle-pointers, cross-stitchers, beaders, (and musicians) out there too.



All are welcome! Doing these things together is a great way to keep ourselves in community with one another!

Even though (some of) these are traditionally



"womenscraft" men are encouraged to come! Knitting was actually first done by fishermen.

“Only 40 percent of Americans can name more than four of the Ten Commandments, and a scant half can cite any of the four authors of the Gospels. Twelve percent believe Joan of Arc was Noah's wife.”

These are the opening lines of Bill McKibben's article *The Christian Paradox: How a Faithful Nation Gets Jesus Wrong*. To read the complete text of this August 2005 article, simply go to: <http://harpers.org/archive/2005/08/0080695>.

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