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# FELLOWSHIP MESSENGER

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Thoughts on July 4th

I remember when I use to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> by going to Salem Square, when in the morning we read the Declaration of Independence and sang our country's hymns. In the evening there would be the band playing and people in costume would lead us around the square two or three times. When I think back, I remember most how secure I felt it was to be a citizen of the United States.

I am much older and perhaps less trusting now. And like you, I approach this 4<sup>th</sup> of July, which seems to see our nation struggling with deep division, the effects of the Corona virus and a troubling realization that in the last years divisions have sprung up. Divisions between the well to do and those who struggle. The division between different colors of people and differences between sexual orientation. In other words, the common confession that all of us are created equal and endowed by our creator to pursue the idea of that we are due life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Somewhere along the way we have forgotten where we came from.

Lord have mercy this has been a long introduction to the point I want to share. We are Exodus people. The second book in the Bible shows a group of people who have almost nothing in common except they are hard pressed and desperately want to find the fresh air of a new life. They receive that through the plan of God. They are called to journey to the Promised Land and they leave the old country and join a great pilgrimage to that great promised land. They are African, Asian, European sailing to the land with hope or sometimes dread. This grand mixture arrives and builds their promised land.

What can I do to refresh my thoughts for our country? Maybe I can become a bit kinder, less judgmental. Maybe I can put aside some of my parent's naughtier thoughts and capture that ideal that is God's people. The promised land is not yet a task completed.

### News From the Leadership Board

The Leadership Board met on June 14 in the Fellowship Building.

The board continues to work with the PEC on the call process.

The CE Committee reports that Sunday school is scheduled to resume on September 12.

Sam Dixon presented a proposal on behalf of the Youth for a neighborhood block party on August 21. This proposal was approved by the Leadership Board.

The Leadership Board will not have a meeting in July unless we hear from the PEC regarding a pastoral candidate.

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### Women's Fellowship News

Our leadership board decided to have a Pop-Up sale on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. The intend was to offer this event to our congregation and community. It was not meant to be a fund raiser, just a day to join together. With that some type of food would be nice. Our board asked our ladies if we would provide some snack food which we were happy to do. Many people helped make this day a success from putting up tables, making signs, preparing sausage biscuits, coffee and tea, cookies, slices of cake and, of course, available were chicken pies, and spaghetti casseroles. You can see that it was a busy time when we had the opportunity outside of our worship services to interact with church members, neighborhood people and others who lived further away. We want to thank all who helped, set up a table of their wares and those who made a purchase or simply came by to enjoy a biscuit and coffee. A day well spent!

The Women's Fellowship General Meeting will be held July 18 after worship in the Fellowship Building.



### END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

THE YOUTH INVITE KIDS OF ALL AGES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021, FROM 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM AT CHRIST MORAVIAN CHURCH. THE PARKING LOT WILL BE CLOSED OFF TO MAKE A SAFE PLAY AREA.

JOIN US FOR GAMES, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS. THERE WILL BE GAMES FOR THE YOUNGEST TO THE OLDEST KIDS; EVEN ADULTS CAN PLAY!



## Calendar of Events

7/2	ALL DAY	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
7/4	10:30 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Opening (led by Joey Gray) Worship: 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Communion
7/7	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's)
7/8	7:00 pm	Orchestra Practice (Sanctuary)
7/11	9:30 am	Worship on the Lawn (bring your lawn chairs)
7/14	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's)
7/18	10:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School Opening led by (Elizabeth Peddycord) Worship: 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Women's Fellowship General Meeting (Fellowship Building)
7/21	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's)
7/22	7:00 pm	Orchestra Practice (Sanctuary)
7/25	10:30 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Opening (led by Joy Lester) Worship: 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
6/30	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's)

### FOOD COLLECTION FOR SUNNYSIDE MINISTRY

*Please continue to bring your food donations for Sunnyside Ministry to each church service and place it in the collection bins. The need is great. Also, please check expiration dates on food you bring to donate.*

## Birthdays in July

- 3 Bonnie Edwards & Joey Gray
- 5 Logan Newsom
- 7 Bonnie Bumgarner & Marsha Ross
- 8 Betsy Vogler Pope
- 10 Rebekah Wright
- 19 Joshua McCarn
- 11 Bobby Saunders
- 14 Todd McCarn
- 15 Skip Johnson
- 17 Ken Sheppard, Jr., Adam Spaugh
- 17 Fred Howell
- 18 David Hill & Ronnie Lanier, Jr.
- 21 Janet Fulton
- 26 Keith Jones, Kyra Smith, Kiley Smith
- 27 Freddie Meadows
- 28 Courtney Rath
- 29 Janet Baker
- 31 Almon Carr

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### MEMORIALS

(May 24 – July 2)

#### In Memory of Midge Markus:

- Jo Brown
- Beverly Brown
- Mr. & Mrs. Skip Johnson
- Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Walker

# Outdoor Worship Service



**Sunday, July 11, 2021**

**9:30 a.m.**

**(Please remember to bring your lawn chairs.)**



## A BAND NOTE

***Orchestra practices are back. We will be having orchestra practice twice a month. The dates are as follows:***

***July 8  
July 22  
August 5  
August 19  
September 9  
September 23  
October 7  
October 21  
November 4  
November 18  
December 2  
December 16***

***All practices will be @ 7:00 pm. All practices will be in the Sanctuary.***

***Look forward to seeing you there!***

***Carol  
(336-414-4295)***

CHRIST MORAVIAN CHURCH – Treasurer’s Report  
May 31, 2021

**As of May 31, 2021**

	<u>Actual for Month</u>	<u>Actual for Year</u>
Offerings/Plate*	16,115.00	69,197.00
Expenses	12,255.09	68,953.51
Overage/(Shortage)	3,859.91	243.49

\*Does not include memorials

**Account Balances (Actual Cash in bank or Investments):**

	<u>04/30/21</u>	<u>05/31/21</u>
<b>ACCOUNTS FOR CHURCH OPERATIONS:</b>		
Operating Account	13,547.27	13,955.99
Ameriprise Investment Account	336,542.18	338,651.60
Money Market Account at Capital Bank	226,375.62	226,385.23
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>576,464.07</b>	<b>578,992.82</b>
<b>Less: Restrictions *</b>	<b>(168,459.09)</b>	<b>(167,217.53)</b>
<b>Use/Non-restricted</b>	<b>408,004.98</b>	<b>411,775.29</b>

**ACCOUNTS OF OTHER GROUPS (not part of Operating Budget):**

Outreach (Pastor’s Discretionary) Account	1,905.71	1,905.71
Mission Account	2,147.16	2,147.16
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Christian Education Account	7,567.95	7,717.95
Youth Account	5,899.40	5,899.40

**RESTRICTIONS (Donor-restricted) \*:**

- Capital Improvement Fund of \$140,775.58 is spread among the Operating Account, Ameriprise Account (\$23,545.28) and Money Market Account (\$12,000)
- Organ Fund of \$24,804.91 in Money Market Fund
- Smaller Funds totaling \$1,637.04 in Operating Account (Choir, Lovefeast, Labyrinth)

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURES:**

- Repair leak in Sanctuary roof = \$2,000 (March 2020)
- New A/C unit at Fellowship Bldg. = \$6,074.77 (January 2021)
- New sign (all costs including electrical, permits, etc.) = \$15,257.01 (to date)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you give a cash donation (even if just a couple dollars), please put it in an offering envelope (located in the pews) with your name on the outside to receive credit for the contribution. The Leadership Board periodically reviews membership status which includes all 3 types of stewardship: time, talent, and treasure.

Respectfully submitted

*Sabrina L. Maksi, Treasurer*

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING</i>	<i>GREETER</i>	<i>USHERS</i>	<i>NUTSERY</i>	<i>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</i>
<i>July 4, 2021</i>	<i>Joey Gray</i>	<i>NONE</i>	<i>NONE</i>	<i>Donna Tesh Jo Brown</i>	<i>NONE</i>
<i>July 12, 2021</i>	<i>NONE</i>	<i>NONE</i>	<i>NONE</i>	<i>Kay Butner Carol Wade</i>	<i>NONE</i>
<i>July 18, 2021</i>	<i>Elizabeth Peddycord</i>	<i>NONE</i>	<i>NONE</i>	<i>Avis Gray Alisa Rothrock</i>	<i>NONE</i>
<i>July 25, 2021</i>	<i>Joy Lester</i>	<i>NONE</i>	<i>NONE</i>	<i>Kathy Conrad Elizabeth Peddycord</i>	<i>NONE</i>



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