

FELLOWSHIP MESSENGER

From the Pastor's Desk

Hello Friends,

It's finally starting to get chilly outside. It feels good to have a cool breeze as our morning companion to get us ready for the day. Signs of fall are all around us - the turning of the leaves, the cooler weather, the ever-shortening periods of daylight, the arrival of pumpkin-spiced goods and Halloween candy sales. It's my favorite time of the year.

The blowing wind and arrival of a new season can also bring something worrisome - change. From season to season, year to year, our lives never stay the same, and that can bring much anxiety and stress. It can be hard enough to do what we have to do when we have some idea of what lies ahead, let alone when we are amidst the shifting tides of change.

My life, for instance, has undergone much change lately. In this one year alone, I have graduated seminary, completed an internship, welcomed my daughter into the world, and had the privilege of being called as your pastor. At times, it has felt like a whirlwind - I can often hardly keep up with all that has happened.

What brings us comfort and guidance during seasons of change? What can help keep us rooted and grounded as everything shifts around us? In the Gospel of John, Jesus offers these words to Nicodemus: "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

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If we listen closely, Beloved, we can hear the sound of the wind guiding us through the changing tides of life. Jesus is never far away from us, and the Holy Spirit he sent to be our guide and companion is always there to help and comfort us.

Friends, I am humbled by your hospitality and kindness as my family and I continue to get settled in here at Christ Moravian Church. I look forward to continuing to meet and get to know you, and I am excited for what the future holds for us

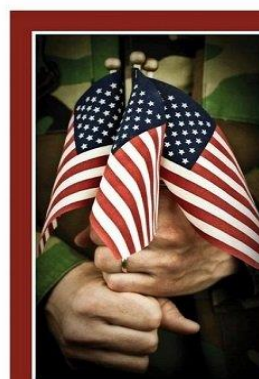
I invite you to join me - let us listen closely to the wind together, and follow wherever it leads.

In Christ,

Rev. Reed Lawson, Pastor

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VETERAN'S DAY - NOVEMBER 11, 2021



**Honoring All
Veterans on
Veterans Day**

*We thank you for
your service and
sacrifices. We are
forever grateful!*

News From the Leadership Board

The Leadership Board met on Monday, October 11, in the Fellowship Building. This was the first meeting with our new pastor, Reed Lawson, leading the meeting.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 8 at 7 PM in the Fellowship Building.

Women's Fellowship News

Thanks to all the women and men who helped with the Women's Fellowship Fall Festival and thanks to all who provided baked goods to be sold.

We still have chicken pies (both large and small) available to sell and pinto beans (qt.) for \$5.00 each.

Pecans (halves and pieces) are still available for purchase in the church office and Church Resource Room at \$11 per bag.

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NEED VOLUNTEERS

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to do Opening Exercise, staying in the Nursery during the 11 AM service, or being a Sunday school teacher. Please let Avis Gray know if you are interested in volunteering.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



The Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a FOOD DRIVE. Beginning November 7 through November 21 you may bring canned foods or non-perishable food items and place them in the boxes in the sanctuary around the communion table. All food items will be donated to Sunnyside Ministry on November 22 to help with their food giveaway for Thanksgiving.

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The youth and children will be taking a trip to see "Disney on Ice" at Greensboro Coliseum on Saturday, December 4th. The show will begin at 7 PM. If you know a child that might be interested in attending, please contact Sabrina Maksi. Children of all ages are welcome!

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CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

The youth have available for sale the Moravian Star Christmas cards, the Church Snow Scene cards as well as the Star note cards for \$10 per pack. The cards will be located in the Resource Room.

Calendar of Events

11/3	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's)
11/4	7:00 pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
11/5	10:30 am	Carolina University Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11/7	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Opening (Jo Brown) Sunday School Worship: 24 th Sunday after Pentecost
11/8	7:00 pm	Leadership Board Meeting (Fellowship Building)
11/10	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's)
11/12	10:30 am	Carolina University Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11/13	ALL DAY	FELLOWSHIP BUILDING RESERVED
11/14	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Opening Sunday School Worship: 25 th Sunday after Pentecost / Christ the Chief Elder Communion / Church Council
11/17	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's)
11/18	7:00 pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
11/21	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Opening Exercise (Elizabeth Peddycord) Sunday School Worship: Reign of Christ Sunday
11/24	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's)
11/25	ALL DAY	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
11/26	ALL DAY	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FORR THANKSGIVING
11/28	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Opening Exercise (Joey Gray) Sunday School Worship: First Sunday in Advent

Birthdays in November

- 3 Samuel Dixon
- 4 Casey Clayton & Todd Gray
- 7 Liam Pace-Jurado
- 8 Louise Calloway
- 10 Robyn Glance & Cyndy Smith
- 12 Sydney Bitancor
- 13 Roberta Stutts & Donna Tesh
- 14 Stacy Farmer
- 17 Nicholas Foil
- 18 Gavin Bramer
- 19 Brent Walker
- 20 Chris Vogler
- 22 Adam Ferguson
- 27 Bobbie Russell

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ANNUAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Our annual Church Council is Sunday, November 14, during worship. We will not be voting for new Leadership Board members because the board has been frozen for an additional year.

We will be voting to select two delegates to the 2022 Synod. If you are interested in having your name added to the ballot, please see a current board member or Pastor Reed.

We will be voting to approve the 2022 budget. We hope to see you here!





CE Committee Report: The CE Committee met after the service on Sunday, October 24 in the Church Office. Topics of discussion included: special Thanksgiving food drive for November 7-21; discussed the Christmas card boxes which will begin on November 14; Share the Light at Christmas which begins on November 21; Children’s Christmas program on December 12 during worship service. The next meeting will be in January 2022.

MEMORIALS

KEITH JONES	LYNN SWAIM
Ann Frye Phil & Pat Kane Clay & Nancy Reid Beverly Brown David & Eileen Johnson	Diane Holleman
JEAN BARBER	MARTHA KINNEY
Patricia Labbe	Diane Holleman



Moravian Star Magnets: Moravian Star Magnets are still available for sale – only \$5 each. Please see Carol Johnson or Sabrina Maksi if you would like to purchase one or see Avis Gray in the church office.

CHRISTMAS CARD BOXES FOR SPECIAL FRIENDS

Christmas is a time for getting in touch with friends and family and letting them know that you are thinking about them. Once again there will be decorated boxes for our Special Friends and you may put Christmas cards in the boxes. The boxes will be set out beginning November 14th. The boxes will remain out until December 19th.

Elise Adams	Marvin & Louise Calloway	Ruth Cheek
Polly Davis	Clay & Nancy Reid	DeEtte Jarrard
Rosie Sloan	Eileen & Skip Johnson	John Dernham
Toby Phillips	Richard & Jean Spaugh	Thelma Sparks
Cackie Rollins	Ken & Marolyn Sparks	Freddie Meadows
	Doug & Roberta Stutts	
	Bill & Melinda Trevorrow	

SHARE THE LIGHT AT CHRISTMAS

(Sign up for luminaries beginning November 21)

It is time again to purchase a luminary in memory or in honor of loved ones or special people. The luminaries will line the walk and driveway for the lovefeast on Christmas Eve. The luminaries are \$3 each. There is a box in the Resource Center to put your luminary list and money in or you can contact the church office at 722-2007. All proceeds go to the youth and their mission projects.

In Memory of: _____
Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____
Given by: _____



DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Christ Moravian Church
Treasurer's Report**As of September 30, 2021**

	<u>Actual for Month</u>	<u>Actual for Year</u>
Offerings/Plate*	14,106.00	131,391.00
Expenses	13,658.62	123,257.53
Overage/(Shortage)	447.38	8,133.47

*Does not include memorials

Account Balances (Actual Cash in bank or Investments):

	<u>08/31/21</u>	<u>09/30/21</u>
ACCOUNTS FOR CHURCH OPERATIONS:		
Operating Account	25,233.92	29,471.99
Ameriprise Investment Account	354,174.47	341,378.96
Money Market Account at Capital Bank	226,413.75	226,422.86
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TOTAL	605,822.14	597,273.81
Less: Restrictions *	(196,594.64)	(195,163.08)
Use/Non-restricted	409,227.50	402,110.73

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

Outreach (Pastor's Discretionary) Account	1,731.71	1,731.71
Mission Account	2,147.16	2,147.16
M Tesh Mission Account	9,856.57	8,611.15
Christian Education Account	6,848.69	7,099.81
Youth Account	4,481.69	4,632.06

RESTRICTIONS (Donor-restricted) *:

- Capital Improvement Fund of \$164,587.34 is spread among the Operating Account, Ameriprise Account (\$23,545.28) and Money Market Account (\$12,000)
- Organ Fund of \$24,051.75 in Money Market Fund
- Smaller Funds totaling \$1,728.53 in Operating Account (Choir, Lovefeast, Labyrinth)
- Basement Renovation Fund of \$4,795.46

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURES:

- New A/C unit at Fellowship Bldg = \$6,074.77 (January 2021)
- New sign (all costs including electrical, permits, etc) = \$17,740.13 (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 in order 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 Maksi - Treasurer

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sunday School Opening</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Nursery</i>	<i>Children's Church</i>
<i>November 7, 2021</i>	<i>Jo Brown</i>	<i>NONE</i>	<i>NONE</i>	<i>Donna Tesh Carol Wade</i>	<i>NONE</i>
<i>November 14, 2021</i>	<i>Donna Tesh</i>	<i>NONE</i>	<i>NONE</i>	<i>Jo Brown Avis Gray</i>	<i>HONE</i>
<i>November 21, 2021</i>	<i>Elizabeth Peddycord</i>	<i>NONE</i>	<i>NONE</i>	<i>Kay Butner Elizabeth Peddycord</i>	<i>NONE</i>
<i>November 28, 2021</i>	<i>Joey Gray</i>	<i>NONE</i>	<i>NONE</i>	<i>Kathy Conrad Avis Gray</i>	<i>NONE</i>

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP


November 7, 2021

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 14, 2021

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**Christ the Chief Elder Communion / Church Council**

November 21, 2021

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

November 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT