
FELLOWSHIP MESSENGER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hello friends,

One of the things I'm most looking forward to getting for my house is a fire pit. It'll go on the standing deck beside the garage - there's enough room there for folks to congregate, keep warm, eat, drink, and be merry together.

Fire is one of the oldest and most familiar gathering places for humans. As far as we can tell, the first campfires were built more than a million years ago. A million years! That's a very long time for people to get used to sitting around fires. It makes sense that our early ancestors would have been drawn to making campfires - fire provides heat, light, fuel, protection from danger, etc.

More than that, there's something comforting and appealing about a warm, contained fire. It can be a place of refuge, something that reminds us of home and makes us feel safe. It can be awe-inspiring, growing much taller than people and burning bright for hours. It can encourage happiness, bringing camaraderie and fellowship; or it can envelop sadness, if it's used to honor the dead.

Fire plays a key role in the gospel lesson from last Sunday. In John 21, after the resurrection, Jesus reveals himself to a group of disciples by a miracle of them catching large amounts of fish. Next, Jesus offers an invitation - "Come have breakfast." There's a charcoal fire, fish, and bread on the beach waiting for them.

It's a very humble scene for our Lord and Savior - sitting around a beach campfire with his friends, eating a meal. Yet, it is in this humility that Jesus' character shines brightest, in turn setting an example for us even to this day. Fellowship with loved ones, simple and genuine, is part of how the kingdom of God is realized on Earth.

Beloved, it may be getting too warm to make a campfire outside, but it's never the wrong time to be in community with our neighbors and friends. As you cook, eat, drink, clean, and enjoy the company of others, remember the humility and selflessness of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Peace, friends,

Rev. Reed Lawson

News From the Leadership Board

The Leadership Board met on April 4th in the Fellowship Building. Committee reports were given and the following was discussed:

Buildings and Grounds

- A church workday was approved (May 21).
- The structural engineer’s report on the basement water issues identified the gutters as the probable main issue. He also recommends covering the window wells.

Women’s Fellowship News

The Women’s Fellowship General Meeting was held on Sunday, April 24th, after worship in the Fellowship Building. We discussed the following items:

- WF providing baked goods for sale for Community Day
- Special Friends List
- Fall Event – October 22, 2022
- Moving forward with WF circles



The ladies of the Women’s Fellowship will be making chicken pies on Wednesday, May 4 and Wednesday, May 11. They will be making 9” pies (\$10.00) and 5” pies (\$5.00). If you would like to place an order, a sign-up sheet has been posted on the CHURCH FAMILY LIFE Bulletin Board or you may call the Church Office at 336-722-2007 and give them your order. The last day to sign up is Sunday, May 8th. You may pick up your chicken pies after May 11 by calling the church office to arrange pick up.

Women’s Fellowship News – (Cont.)



What a blessing it is to see the community come by the sharing box to drop off donations and also to see the people in need of food or drink take what they need. So far this is a huge success.



MAY 8



An Honorarium will be sent to The Unity Women’s Desk.

Calendar of Events

5/1	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Opening Sunday School Worship: Third Sunday of Easter
5/4	8:00 am 9:30 am	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's) WF makes chicken pies (Fellowship Building)
5/7	8:00 am	Community Day at Christ Church – 8 am (Pop-Up Yard Sale) and 10 am (all other activities) – see flyer
5/8	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Opening Sunday School Worship: Fourth Sunday of Easter/ Mother's Day
5/9	7:00 pm	Leadership Board Meeting (Fellowship Building)
5/11	8:00 am 9:30 am	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's) WF Makes Chicken Pies (Fellowship Building)
5/12	7:00 pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5/15	9:45 am 9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Opening Sunday School Worship: Fifth Sunday of Easter/Moravian Music Sunday
5/16	ALL DAY	FELLOWSHIP BUILDING RESERVED FOR FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OFF ELECTIONS) VOTING SET UP
5/17	ALL DAY	PRIMARY ELECTION – FB RESERVED
5/18	ALL DAY	FELLOWSHIP BUILDING RESERVED FOR BREAK DOWN OF VOTING EQUIPMENT
	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's)
5/21	8:00 am	Church Work Day (Meet Up at the Church)
5/22	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School Opening Sunday School Worship: Sixth Sunday of Easter Youth Lunch – Baked Potato and Salad Bar (Fellowship Building)
5/25	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's)
5/26	7:00 pm	Orchestra Rehearsal; (Sanctuary)
5/28	ALL DAY	FELLOWSHIP BUILDING RESERVED
5/29	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Opening Sunday School Worship: Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday
5/30	ALL DAY	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

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 May

- 1 Damien Ratley & Cameron Winfree
- 2 Karen Phillips
- 5 Ken Gough & Jim Hill, Jr.
- 10 Sheila Newsom
- 11 Marvin Calloway, Jr., Emmett Lawson
- 13 Doug Phillips
- 14 Phil Kane
- 16 Beverly Brown & Linda Hastings
- 17 Adelyn Winfree
- 18 Andrea Bramer
- 19 Bethany Demarest
- 20 Brian Walker
- 22 Lee Critz & Alexis Eaves
- 25 Sharon Estep & Bob Peddycord
- 26 Lou Saunders
- 27 Donna Kowalski
- 28 Theresa Tesh
- 29 Marolyn Sparks

Memorials

<p><u>In Memory of Elise Adams</u> Alan & Jennie Calhoun Catherine Calloway Rosena Sloan HL & Clara Ingle Sandra Stanford Beverly Brown Phil & Pat Kane Scott & Sandra Prillaman</p>	<p><u>In Memory of Keith Jones</u> Bonnie Bumgarner</p> <p><u>In Memory of Toby Phillips</u> Terry Bloom</p> <p><u>In Memory of Harmon L. Crutchfield, Jr.</u> Carol Wade Nita Capone</p> <p><u>In Memory of Harmon L. Crutchfield, Sr.</u> Nita Capone</p>
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Loose Change Offering

Our Leadership Board has designated every 5th Sunday for 2022 as a Sunday for church members to bring in their loose change or make a special offering to support the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Please support this ministry by bringing in your loose change on May 29.

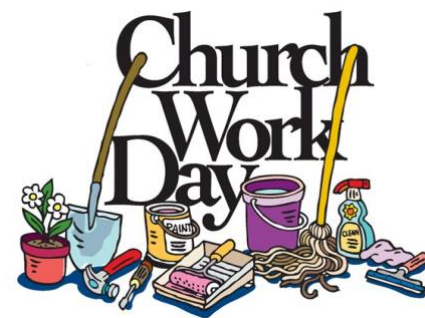
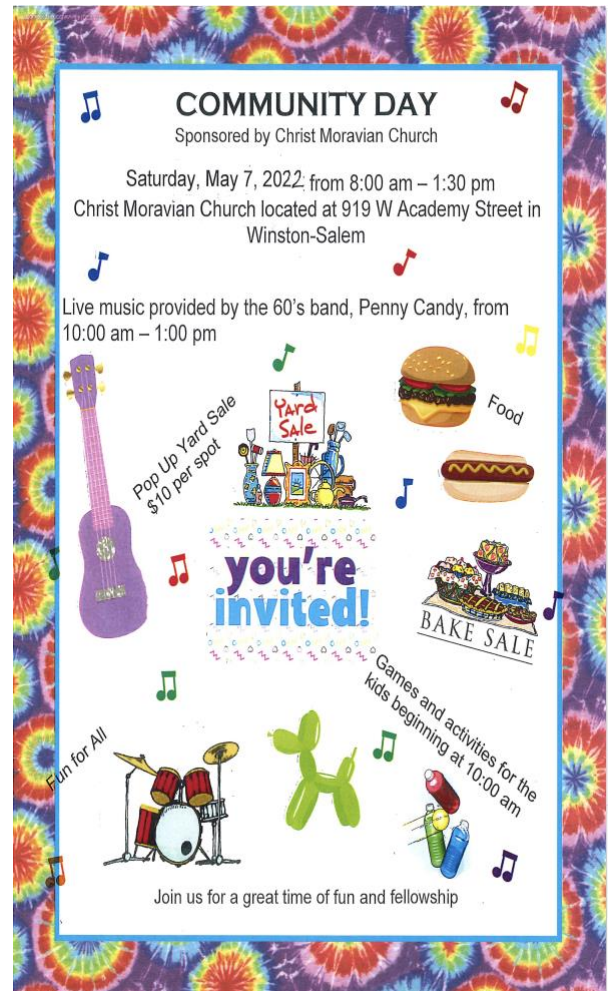


CE Committee Report

The CE Committee met on April 3 in the church office following the service.

Topics of discussion included:

- **GODLY PLAY** - We will be restarting the Godly Play program for K3 to 2nd grade in the Fall. Anyone interested in helping, please see Elizabeth Corney or Sabrina Maksi.
- **YOUTH LUNCH** - The next Youth Lunch will be on Sunday, May 22 following the service. The menu will be a Baked Potato and Salad Bar. A love offering will be collected with all proceeds going to the Outreach (Pastor's Discretionary) Fund.
- **GRADUATE RECOGNITION** - Graduate Recognition Sunday is June 5. Please contact the church office with the names of any high school or college graduates.
- **CONVO 2023** - Convo 2023 for youth ages 16-25 will be a Moravian Heritage Tour to the Czech Republic and Herrnhut in the summer of 2023. Any youth interested in participating, please see Sabrina Maksi for more information.
- The Youth Bulletin Board in the hallway has been updated with pictures from the annual gravestone cleaning (youth cleaned 134 stones) and from the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.
- **COMMUNITY DAY** - Join us for the Community Day on Saturday, May 7 from 8-1:30 sponsored by the CE Committee. There will be a pop-up yard sale, a live band, games for the kids and food. If you would like to volunteer to help, please see a member of the CE Committee. Spaces for the yard sale are \$10 each; see Carol Johnson if interested.
- Next CE Meeting on August 7 in the Office following the service.



SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

8:00 AM UNTIL DONE
(Sign-up Sheet on the
Church Family Life Bulletin Board)

CHRIST MORAVIAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Report

March 31, 2022

<u>Account Balances (Actual Cash in bank or Investments):</u>	<u>02/28/22</u>	<u>03/31/22</u>
BANK & INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS FOR CHURCH OPERATIONS:		
Operating Cash Account	9,044.44	5,292.81
Ameriprise Investment Account	335,961.93	341,967.46
Money Market Account at First Horizon Bank	214,441.52	104,444.25
Moravian Ministry Foundation Investment Fund	0.00	110,282.32
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TOTAL	559,447.89	561,986.84
Less: Restrictions *	(178,567.67)	(179,567.67)
Use/Non-restricted	380,880.22	383,419.17
 BANK ACCOUNTS OF OTHER GROUPS (NOT part of Operating Budget):		
Outreach (Pastor's Discretionary) Account	3,031.71	2,113.02
Mission Account	2,347.16	2,347.16
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Christian Education Account	8,491.81	8,491.81
Youth Account	3,541.74	3,726.74

RESTRICTIONS (Donor-restricted) *:

- Capital Improvement Fund of \$148,900.78 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 \$1,719.68 in Operating Account (Choir, Lovefeast, Labyrinth)
- Basement Renovation Fund of \$4,895.46

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURES:

- \$6,505 to remove shrubbery from church property to aid in finding basement leakage issue (January)
- \$900 to an engineer to help identify the cause of the water issue in the basement (February)

TRANSFER:

- \$12,000 had to be transferred from the Money Market into the Operating Account to cover expenses since January giving was at its lowest levels at \$8,467; however, this looks to be temporary as February and March giving levels are within normal levels.

NEW INVESTMENT:

- The Finance Committee met and decided to move \$110,000 from the Money Market account to an investment fund at the Moravian Ministry Foundation. The MM was only earning \$3-\$4 per month and the committee felt we could grow the money much better if invested. The proposal was presented to and approved by the Leadership Board. In just the few weeks the fund after the fund was started, it has earned \$282.32. We will receive quarterly fund updates from the MMFA.

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 L. 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>May 1, 2022</i>	<i>Joey Gray</i>			<i>Avis Gray Carol Wade</i>	
<i>May 8, 2022</i>	<i>Elizabeth Peddycord</i>			<i>Kay Butner Elizabeth Peddycord</i>	
<i>May 15, 2022</i>	<i>Jo Brown</i>			<i>Jo Brown Elizabeth Corney</i>	
<i>May 22, 2022</i>	<i>Brad Conrad</i>			<i>Avis Gray Carol Wade</i>	
<i>May 29, 2022</i>	<i>Donna Tesh</i>			<i>Kathy Conrad Avis Gray</i>	

Dear Church Family: Clay and I wish to thank everyone for the beautiful and thoughtful Christmas and Easter cards sent to us. Especially, we thank all for the many thoughts and prayers said on our behalf, it is very comforting to be remembered by our church family. We very much miss coming to church and the fellowship with the other members and our hope is to be able to come back before too much longer. We wish everyone the best and our prayers are with our church and congregation. Again, we appreciate so much you remembering us in this special way. In Christian Love, Clay and Nancy

Dear Friends: We appreciated all the Easter cards and Thinking you messages. We miss you all and keep hoping to get me WELL so we can attend again....Love to all...Doug and Roberta

MEMORIAL DAY



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.