
FELLOWSHIP MESSENGER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today, while driving to the church, I thought of a movie that I've enjoyed watching in the past. Its title is *Gladiator*, starring Russell Crowe as the Roman general Maximus Decimus Meridius. At the beginning, while preparing his soldiers for a battle against an enemy army, Maximus gives a speech to inspire them and lift their spirits. During that speech, he says a line that has become a classic movie quote - "What we do in life, echoes through eternity."

I can't help but think of Jesus when meditating on this quote. What Jesus has done has indeed echoed through eternity, both through his earthly ministry, accounts of which are still told, studied, and used for inspiration to this day, thousands of years later, and also his promises to us, which include eternal hope and peace.

Maximus' speech to his troops was meant to rally them for earthly victory and glory, but Jesus offers us something different. His glory is spiritual, cosmic, far more impactful and wide-ranging. Roman rule was imperial and built on peace through violence and subjugation. Jesus' rule is built on peace through love of neighbor and cooperative community building. The Roman empire, as with all other empires and nations, was temporary. Jesus and his promises last forever.

In last Sunday's sermon, we talked about how Jesus is the source of our wisdom, and how the Son of God, the divine being who walked on Earth as a man, holds us together as a community of believers. The community in the ancient city of Colossae strived toward this goal of being united in Christ Jesus, but often struggled due to the competing influences around them, people and groups that promised the secrets to the universe and the answers to all of life's difficult questions.

Friends, there are many things I do not know, many mysteries and wonders of life and beyond that I cannot even begin to explain. But, I encourage myself and I encourage you all to keep your eyes fixed upon Jesus, that amid the uncertainties of life you may find peace and inspiration in his example.

Beloved, I hope you are well, and I pray that the peace of Christ be with you all,

Rev. Reed Lawson, Pastor

News From the Leadership Board

The Leadership Board did not have a regular meeting in July. A called meeting was held after worship on July 17th to approve a breakfast fundraiser on July 30th. Our next meeting will be Monday, August 8, at 7 PM in the Fellowship Building.

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Women’s Fellowship News

CHICKEN PIES



The ladies of the Women’s Fellowship will be making chicken pies on Wednesday, August 3 and Wednesday, August 10. 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. The last day to sign up is Sunday, August 7. You may pick up your chicken pies after August 14.

GENERAL MEETING – A General Meeting was held on Sunday, July 10, in the Fellowship Building. We worked on finalizing plans for our October Fall Event and Yard Sale.

FALL FESTIVAL AND YARD SALE – Our Women’s Fellowship Fall Festival and Yard Sale will be October 22. We are needing vendors for our country store. If you know of anyone who might be interested in being a vendor, please have them contact Kathy Conrad at 336-983-5979.

Also, please begin cleaning out cabinets and closets to begin collecting your donations for the yard sale. We will provide you with the dates we are accepting donations soon.

A BAND NOTE



FALL BAND CLASSES RETURN on Tuesday September 6, 2022, at Home Moravian Church. Sponsored jointly with Salem Congregation, Beginning Band Classes as well as Second- and Third-Year classes will once again be offered under the leadership of Robah Ogburn and Connie Merritt. Each Tuesday night, the beginners’ class will meet at 6:30pm for all ages 6th grade and up (we have had students starting in their 80’s). Second and Third Year players meet for class at 7:30pm. The classes are held in the Rehearsal Room on the lower level of the Rhondthaler building. If you do not know what instrument you want to learn, the leaders will help you make that decision on first the night. Please contact [Connie \(kapwing@triad.rr.com\)](mailto:kapwing@triad.rr.com) or [Robah \(RobahOgburn@Yahoo.com\)](mailto:RobahOgburn@Yahoo.com) if you have questions or need additional information.

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SHARING BOX - The Sharing Box needs to be replenished with ready to eat food for the homeless as well as non-perishable foods and bottled water, hygiene products. We continue to reach out to the West Salem community.

Calendar of Events

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| 8/3 | 8:00 am 9:00 am | Men's Breakfast (Cagneys) WF Makes Chicken Pies (Fellowship Building) |
| 8/7 | 9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm | Sunday School Opening Sunday School Worship: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost CE Meeting (Church Office) |
| 8/8 | 7:00 pm | Leadership Board Meeting (Fellowship Building) |
| 8/10 | 8:00 am 9:00 am | Men's Breakfast (Cagneys) WF Makes Chicken Pies (Fellowship Building) |
| 8/14 | 9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am | Sunday School Opening Sunday School Worship: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost/Communion |
| 8/17 | 8:00 am | Men's Breakfast (Cagneys) |
| 8/19 | 10:30 am | Carolina University Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| 8/21 | 9:34 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm | Sunday School Opening Sunday School Worship: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost / Children's Lovefeast (Mady White – guest preacher) Children's Festival (New Philadelphia Moravian Church) |
| 8/24 | 8:00 am | Men's Breakfast (Cagneys) |
| 8/26 | ALL DAY 10:30 am | FELLOWSHIP BUILDING RESERVED Carolina University Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| 8/27 | ALL DAY 9:00 am | FELLOWSHIP BUILDING RESEVED End of Summer Event Sponsored by the Youth |
| 8/28 | ALL DAY 9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm | FELLOWSHIP BUILDING RESERVED Sunday School Opening Sunday School Worship: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Youth Lunch (Fellowship Building) – Taco Bar |
| 8/31 | 8:00 am | Men;s Breakfast (Cagneys) |

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. Also, please check expiration dates on food you bring to donate. There are two collection boxes: one is in the Church Office and one is up at the church.

Birthdays in August

- 4 Devon Eaves
- 8 Joy Lester
- 9 Lilah Lawson
- 11 Hunter Riddle & Lee Wilmoth
- 12 Emma LaBella
- 13 Rick Chitty
- 14 Adam Conrad & Trish Gray
- 15 David Elliott & Tinley Riddle
- 17 Kay Butner & Kaitlyn Conrad
- 18 David Holman & Donna McCarn
- 20 Caleb Stephens
- 21 Zoe Parker
- 22 Cathey Calloway
- 23 Jess Howell
- 24 Austin Ferguson
- 27 Amy Denham, Katie Hovevar, Austen Ratley
- 31 Kathy Conrad

MEMORIALS

| In Memory of Cackie Rollins |
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| Bonnie Bumgarner David & Eileen Johnson Wayne & Martha Walker Joey & Avis Gray |



CE Committee Report

The CE Committee did not meet in July, The next meeting is scheduled for August 7, after worship in the Church Office.

Youth Lunch

The next Youth Lunch will be Sunday, August 28 following the service. The menu will be a Taco Bar with all the fixings. The love offering will go to youth projects and missions.

End of Summer Event on August 27

Come and join us for an End of Summer Event on Saturday, August 27st from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm sponsored by the Youth. There will be games, a bouncy house and a dunking booth. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served for lunch starting at 11. Join us for a fun time!!

City With Dwellings

City With Dwellings summer water donations will be starting up again this June. There will be a collection box in the resource room for monetary donations to go towards buying the water. If you wish to bring water to the church, please leave it in the church office or see Carol Johnson on Sundays after church. This mission project will go through September. The water will be delivered monthly. Please consider helping monthly with this project. City With Dwellings is a great outreach project for our congregation. They do a wonderful job of helping people help themselves. Water is a basic need the homeless community needs desperately. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help those in need.

Daily Texts:

TIME TO ORDER 2023 DAILY TEXTS - The order sheet for the 2023 Daily Text is posted on the CHURCH FAMILY LIFE Bulletin Board in the hallway. Payment is not due until the books come in. Deadline to order is August 7. Prices are:

- \$15.00 Hardcover
- \$10.50 Paperback
- \$13.00 Large Print
- \$16.00 Journal
- \$ 7.75 Directory of Statistics ONLY
- \$ 5.00 Directory of Statistics if ordered with a Daily Text
- \$ 8.00 Desk Calendar & Planning Book



END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

THE YOUTH INVITE KIDS OF ALL AGES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2022, FROM 9:00 AM – 1:00 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!

CHRIST MORAVIAN CHURCH
Treasurer's Report
June 30, 2022

| | <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>DIFFERENCE</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| YTD Offering | \$ 61,636.82 | \$ 92,000.00 | \$(30,363.18) under budget |
| YTD Expenses | \$(100,245.13) | \$(101,934.00) | \$ 1,688.87 under budget |
| YTD Income (Loss) | \$ (38,608.31) | \$(9,934.00) | \$(28,674.31) |

Account Balances (Actual Cash in bank or Investments):

| | <u>05/31/22</u> | <u>06/30/22</u> |
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| BANK & INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS FOR CHURCH OPERATIONS: | | |
| Operating Cash Account | 2,894.58 | 14,245.50 |
| Ameriprise Investment Account | 321,301.92 | 298,663.14 |
| Money Market Account at First Horizon Bank | 92,847.53 | 86,349.03 |
| Moravian Ministry Foundation Investment Fund | 110,282.32 | 110,282.32 |
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| TOTAL | 527,326.35 | 509,539.99 |
| Less: Restrictions * | (180,638.17) | (180,638.17) |
| Use/Non-restricted | 346,688.18 | 328,901.82 |

BANK ACCOUNTS OF OTHER GROUPS (NOT part of Operating Budget):

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| Outreach (Pastor's Discretionary) Account | 1,398.85 | 765.16 |
| Mission Account | 2,147.16 | 2,147.16 |
| M Tesh Mission Account | 8,661.81 | 7,680.83 |
| Christian Education Account | 8,123.56 | 8,003.06 |
| Youth Account | 3,639.52 | 3,796.64 |

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 \$1,815.18 in Operating Account (Choir, Lovefeast, Labyrinth)
- Basement Renovation Fund of \$5,870.46

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)

TRANSFERS:

- \$12,000 in January from Money Market to Operating Account (\$6,505 for shrubbery removal & remaining \$5,495 for operating expenses)
- \$3,000 in April from Money Market to Outreach Account to cover disbursements during month
- \$4,100 in April from Money Market to Operating Account to cover operating expenses
- \$4,000 in May from Money Market to Operating Account to cover operating expenses
- \$6,500 in June from Money Market to Operating Account to cover operating expenses

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>August 7, 2022</i> | <i>Doug Conrad</i> | <i>None</i> | <i>None</i> | <i>Kay Butner Elizabeth Corney</i> | <i>None</i> |
| <i>August 14, 2022</i> | <i>Angie Conrad</i> | <i>None</i> | <i>None</i> | <i>Carol Wade Avis Gray</i> | <i>None</i> |
| <i>August 21, 2022</i> | <i>Joey Gray</i> | <i>None</i> | <i>None</i> | <i>Jo Brown Elizabeth Peddycord</i> | <i>None</i> |
| <i>August 28, 2022</i> | <i>Elizabeth Peddycord</i> | <i>None</i> | <i>None</i> | <i>Kathy Conrad Avis Gray</i> | <i>None</i> |



MORAVIAN YOUNG ADULT CONVO BRAZEN AND BLAZIN' ...BEING BOHEMIAN IN 2023

July 3 – 11, 2023

A Spiritual Pilgrimage following in the steps of the early Moravians. The past was wide open, and the future still is...

Young Adults ages 18 to 25ish from the Northern and Southern Provinces are invited to be bold in faith, following in the Brazen and Blazin' steps of the early Moravians at Young Adult Convo 2023. Travel, July 3 -11, 2023, to the Czech Republic to experience Bohemian life in Prague – the home the original Bethlehem Chapel, then on to Husinec – the birthplace of Jan Hus, and Tabor – where the Hussite movement began. Engage in mission outreach with Czech Young Adults in Kunvald – the birthplace of our church, worship at Chalice Rocks, walk the Moravian path of spiritual renewal in Herrnhut, sing your favorite Moravian hymns in Dresden and so much more.

Join this unique Moravian spiritual journey. Make Moravian History a catalyst for Moravian Ministry today and in the future as you gather in large and small groups, tour important Moravian historical sites, engage in mission outreach, meet young adult Moravian from all over the world to cultivate community. Brazen and Blazin' Young Adult Convo 2023 will take place in the summer of 2023, beginning July 3rd and concluding July 11th. The per person cost of Young Adult Convo 2023 is \$2,650.00 and includes your flight from designated regional locations in the US and Canada, Housing beginning, July 4th through July 10th, Most Meals (two meals will be on your own), In Country Travel and Transit (Czech Republic, Poland, and Germany), Program, Mission Outreach, Convo T-shirt and Flight Insurance. A valid passport, one with an expiration date more than six months from the date of travel, is required.

Online registration opens July 15, 2022 at <https://www.moravian.org/ccd/2023-young-adult-convo/>. Most information may be found at this location. Please note, at this time there is limited registration availability for Young Adult Convo 2023.