
FELLOWSHIP MESSENGER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Have you ever looked very hard for something and not been able to find it? Something that you thought you knew where it was or figured for sure that would be around nearby, but ended up not being close by at all?

That's a pet peeve that I think many of us share. It happened to me recently. I was preparing the elements to take for a home communion when I realized I could not find any grape juice. I looked everywhere for it. I looked in places where I thought it might be. I looked in places where I would have been very surprised to find it. Ultimately, no grape juice. So, I had to improvise. On my way to my location, I stopped at a gas station and bought a travel-sized bottle of grape juice (and some lunch, too). I can confirm that that's the first time I've used gas station grape juice for a communion service. Who knows, it might not even be the last!

What did I take away from this experience? I think that we often can find the presence of Jesus in the most unexpected places. Often, meeting Jesus where we are can come in spite of our own attempts to find him. We sometimes have to improvise, step outside of our comfort zones, embrace doing new things for the first time. This isn't always easy, but it can be rewarding. Jesus was present during that home communion, after all. Jesus was present in the gas station grape juice, in the Moravian wafer, in the washing of the communion cups before and after the meal, in the conversation, laughter, and fellowship that occurred that day.

Where are you finding Jesus in your daily lives? How is your search for him going? Let's think about these questions, and let's go easy on ourselves in the process. It is my hope that you be at peace with what you find.

Beloved, may you find the presence of Jesus where you least expect it. God bless you, and peace be with you.

Rev. Reed Lawson

News From the Leadership Board

The Leadership Board met on August 8th in the Fellowship Building. Our next meeting will be Monday, September 12th at 7 PM in the Fellowship Building.

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Women’s Fellowship News

CHICKEN PIES - The chicken pies are available for you to pick up. You may pick up your chicken pies after church on Sundays by talking to Kathy Conrad or by calling the church office at 336-722-2007, Monday-Friday to arrange pick up. Large pies are \$10 and small pies are \$5.

Our women have been working hard to be sure our special friends are receiving lots of cards and visits when possible. We are continuing to make chicken pies for sale. Large pies are \$10.00 and small pies are \$5.00. We are planning our Fall event for October 22 from 8 AM – 1 PM in the Fellowship Building (upstairs and downstairs). We will have a yard sale, baked goods, vendors with various crafts chicken pies, vegetable beef soup, baked spaghetti and pecans. We will be serving breakfast biscuits and hot dogs and pintos for lunch. Be sure and mark your calendar.

Circle #1 will meet on Monday, September 19th at 12 PM in the Fellowship Building. Please remember to bring a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

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.

FALL FESTIVAL

The Women’s Fellowship Fall Festival is fast approaching. We need bakers for our country store to provide baked goods, canned items or fresh vegetables from your garden. Please let us know if you can help!



WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP YARD SALE DONATIONS

The Women’s Fellowship will be accepting donations for the Fall Yard Sale (October 22) on the following dates from 1-3 PM in the Fellowship Building Basement manned by Avis Gray and/or her helpers:

Tuesday, September 20	Thursday, September 22
Tuesday, September 27	Thursday, September 29
Tuesday, October 4	Thursday, October 6
Tuesday, October 11	Thursday, October 13
Tuesday, October 18	Thursday, October 20

We are NOT accepting CLOTHES, SHOES, APPLIANCES, TV’S OR COMPUTERS OR PRINTERS. If you are unable to come on any of these dates, you may call the church office at 336-722-2007 and arrange a time with Avis Gray to drop off your items.

Calendar of Events

9/4	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Opening [NO SERVICES TODAY] Sunday School Worship: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9/5	ALL DAY	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
9/7	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Cagneys)
9/9	10:30 am	Carolina University Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9/11	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Opening Sunday School Worship: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9/12	7:00 pm	Leadership Board Meeting (Church Office)
9/14	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Cagneys)
9/16	10:30 am	Carolina University Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9/17	9:00 am	FELLOWSHIP BUILDING RESERVED (Ann Frye)
9/18	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School Opening Sunday School Worship: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Youth Lunch (Fellowship Building)
9/19	12:00 pm	WF Circle #1 Meeting (Fellowship Building)
9/20	1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Drop off Yard Sale Item (FB Basement) Mission Society Meeting (Fellowship Building)
9/21	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Cagneys)
9/22	1:00 pm	Drop off Yard Sale Items (FB Basement)
9/23	10:30 am	Carolina University Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9/25	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Opening Sunday School Worship: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9/27	1:00 pm	Drop off Yard Sale Items (FB Basement)
9/28	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Cagney;s)
9/29	1:00 pm	Drop off Yard Sale Items (FB Basement)
9/30	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Carolina University Worship Service (Sanctuary) FELLOWSHIP BUILDING RESERVED

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 September

- 2 Karen Knox
- 4 Shannon Lyons
- 7 Wayne Walker
- 8 Evan LaBella, Caylin Perdue
- 9 Jack Crater
- 10 Doug Conrad
- 12 Sara Mastrogianakis
- 13 Jessica Jarrard
- 14 Kelly Wade
- 16 Jennifer Pace
- 18 Tripp Russell
- 21 Sandy Crater
- 22 Annie Fry
- 25 Bradley Conrad, Mary Ferguson
- 29 Cali Ferguson, Melinda Trevorrow



CITY WITH DWELLINGS summer water donations have started up again. 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.



School Supply Project

The CE Committee is sponsoring a school supply drive for Diggs-Latham Elementary School. There will be a collection box in the back hallway from August 14 - September 18. Here is the list we have so far, but teachers may be adding to it and we will let you know when that happens. **REVISED LIST OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES (SUPPLIES ADDED ARE HIGHLIGHTED):**

CE Committee Report: The CE Committee met on August 7, 2022 in the Church Office.

Youth News:

During the Children's Lovefeast, children assembled 12 shower kits for The Dwelling and decorated 12 reading glass cases with stickers to give to City With Dwellings along with 15 rain ponchos. The items were given to Madi White at the end of the service for her to take to both organizations.

The Youth will be going to SeaLife Aquarium at Concord Mills on Saturday, September 17th. If you are interested in going, please let Sabrina Maksi know.

The next Youth Lunch will be Sunday, September 17 following the service. The menu will be Brunch. A love offering will be collected to help the Youth with their missions and programs.

CE Committee News:

In the fall, we plan to start Godly Play for children ages 4 through 2nd grade. Anyone interested in helping, please let Elizabeth Corney or Sabrina Maksi know.

The Marvelous Moravians are planning some upcoming events. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Crayons - 8, 10 or 24 count	Package of cap erasers
Colored pencils	Dry erase markers - black (Fat or Fine)
Composition notebook wide ruled	5 subject spiral notebook wide ruled
Tab index dividers	Index cards 3" x 5"
#2 pencils	Box of facial tissue
Hand sanitizer	Hand wipes
Two pocket folders	2" 3 Ring Binders
Kids Scissors	Posted Notes
Straws	Baggies: sandwich, quart, & gallon size
Sheet Protectors	

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FALL BAND CLASSES

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.

CHRIST MORAVIAN CHURCH
Treasurer's Report
July 31, 2022

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
YTD Offering	\$ 80,391.82	\$ 107,625.00	\$(27,233.18) under budget
YTD Expenses	\$(120,406.18)	\$(118,923.00)	\$ (1,483.18) over budget
YTD Income (Loss)	\$ (40,014.36)	\$(11,298.00)	\$(28,716.36)

Account Balances (Actual Cash in bank or Investments):

	<u>06/30/22</u>	<u>07/31/22</u>
BANK & INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS FOR CHURCH OPERATIONS:		
Operating Cash Account	14,245.50	4,412.52
Ameriprise Investment Account	298,663.14	317,149.02
Money Market Account at First Horizon Bank	86,349.03	86,350.49
Moravian Ministry Foundation Investment Fund	110,282.32	97,424.10
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TOTAL	509,539.99	505,336.13
Less: Restrictions *	(180,638.17)	(180,638.17)
Use/Non-restricted	328,901.82	324,697.96

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

Outreach (Pastor's Discretionary) Account	765.16	80.16
Mission Account	2,147.16	2,147.16
M Tesh Mission Account	7,680.83	6,906.60
Christian Education Account	8,003.06	5,344.28
Youth Account	3,796.64	4,292.69

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>September 4</i>	<i>Jo Brown</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Kay Butner Carol Wade</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>September 11</i>	<i>Brad Conrad</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Sabrina Maksi E. Corney</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>September 18</i>	<i>Donns Tesh</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Avis Gray Jo Brown</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>September 25</i>	<i>Jann Holderman</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Kathy Conrad Avis Gray</i>	<i>None</i>

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