

FELLOWSHIP MESSENGER

Hello Friends,

One of my favorite songs of this past year didn't actually come out last year. It's almost 40 years old and shot up the music charts and received heavy radio airplay due to being featured in a popular Netflix television series. I'm, of course, talking about "Running Up That Hill" by English singer/songwriter Kate Bush.

The tune, in addition to being immaculately made and sung by Bush, contains some themes that resonate with me as I look back on this past year. Indeed, there were parts of 2022 that felt like an uphill climb, navigating challenge after challenge without any rest in between. Such traversal can put a strain on the body, mind, and soul - it can make us very tired and defeated.

But, in "Running Up That Hill", Bush also sings of a desire to let in both God and someone else that means a great deal to her. She does not want to go through life's trials alone, but instead expresses a need to share her experiences with others. It is in this way that we are meant to journey through this life, with the support of our community and loved ones.

Beloved, there was a lot of change this year at Christ Moravian Church. There was also much to be proud of. It warms my heart when I think of how this church body showed up for each other and for our neighbors in 2022. My encouragement is to build on this gospel foundation for next year. Christ is coming soon, so let us continue to do his work until he gets here.

Have a delightful holiday season, friends. One full year as your pastor has been a wonderful experience, and it has truly been a pleasure to get to know you and serve you during that time. I look forward to what 2023 will bring for all of us.

Peace,

Rev. Reed Lawson, Pastor



Lovefeast Bun Orders

If you wish to order Lovefeast buns for pick up on Christmas Eve, please let Sabrina Maksi know by December 11. Buns are \$7.50 per dozen. You can email at treasurer@christmoravianchurch.org or call or text her at (336) 918-2496.

Dieners needed for Christmas Eve

Our Christmas Eve Lovefeast is at 6:00 pm. If anyone is interested in serving as a diener for this service, please let Sabrina Maksi know. You can email at treasurer@christmoravianchurch.org or call or text her at (336) 918-2496.

Children's Christmas Program

The Children's Christmas program will be during the sermon portion of the service on Sunday, December 11. Rehearsal for the program will be on Saturday, December 10th at 10:00 am in the sanctuary.



Candle Trim Dinner

December 6th @ 6:30 p.m. Please join us for dinner and trimming of candles. All are invited (ladies and men). Bring a guest!

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.

Blue Communion Books

We understand...it's so easy for these to travel to your homes tucked in with your bulletins! Please help us by checking to see if any of these have made it to your home or car. Several of these generously donated books have disappeared, and we want to be sure to have them all in the church for the next communion service. Just place them in the Resource Room or drop them by the church office M-F between the hours of 9-1 p.m.

Please submit newsletter items to the church office by the 20th of the month. Thank you!

City With Dwellings

The collection item for City with Dwellings is currently coffee. You can drop off the coffee in The Resource Center or at the church office.

Toys for Tots Collection

Our Christmas project this year is Toys for Tots. You can bring new, unwrapped toys or books and put them in the collection boxes in the hallway. The last day for collection is Dec. 11th.

Christmas Cards for Sale

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

Advent Hopewell Moravian Band Concert

The final concert of the year will be Tuesday, December 13th at Salem Town Saal @ 7 p.m.



ChristmasFest – A Moravian Advent and Christmas Festival

presented by the Moravian Music Foundation. It will be an opportunity for you and your whole family to enjoy Salem, experience Christmas tastes and sounds, and immerse yourself in German and Moravian Christmas traditions. Modeled after the ever-popular Christkindlmärkte celebrated around the world, the weekend will feature a variety of music, artists and craftspersons, gifts and items for sale, Tannenbäume (Christmas trees), food and drink vendors, fun and festivities, activities for children and Weihnachtsmann (Santa). www.moravianmusic.org/christmasfest
Admission is free. Friday, Dec. 16, 2022 – 5 pm – 9 pm; Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022 – 10 am - 1 pm

Archie K Davis Center (home of the Moravian Archives and Moravian Music Foundation) 336-725-0651. 457 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, NC; **Parking** at Salem College Fine Arts Ctr/God's Acre. Directions:

<https://moravianmusic.org/contact-us/directions-to-the-archie-k-davis-center/>



Notes of Appreciation

Thank you all for the warm welcome I have received at Christ Moravian Church as your new Administrative Assistant. It has been a pleasure meeting so many of you in person. I look forward to serving the Lord in this new position at Christ Moravian Church.
Merry Christmas! --Darla Earnest



Share the Light at Christmas

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 candle service at 6 PM on December 23 and for the Christmas Eve Lovefeast at 6 PM on the 24th. 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 by phone at (336)722-2007 or by email at office@christmoravianchurch.org. All proceeds go to the youth and their mission projects.

In Memory of: _____
Given by: _____
In Honor of: _____
Given by: _____

(Deadline is Sunday, December 18th)

Friday, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Come join us as we worship with our friends at Creekside Terrace. The address is: 3895 Old Vineyard Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27104

Christmas Candlelight Service

Spread the word! December 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Invite your friends and family to this annual tradition on Christ Moravian's beautiful lawn! Come worship our Savior by candlelight along with the band, coffee, and Christmas hymns! Enjoy the warmth of fellowship while providing an equally warm welcome to our West Salem neighbors and visitors.

Christmas Eve Lovefeast Service

This year Christmas Eve falls on Saturday. We look forward to worshipping with you and your loved ones at the Christmas Eve Lovefeast at 6:00 p.m. on December 24th!

Christmas Day Schedule

There will be NO Opening Exercise or Sunday School on Sunday, December 25th, but there will be the regular 11:00 am service with a nursery

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December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				¹ Orchestra Rehearsal @ 7 p.m. in sanctuary	² Creekside Terrace Lovefeast and Candle Service 6 p.m.	³
⁴ Second Sunday of Advent	⁵	⁶ Candle Trim Dinner @ 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Bldg.	⁷ 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Cagney's	⁸	⁹	¹⁰ Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal @ 10 a.m.- Sanctuary
¹¹ Third Sunday of Advent Children's Christmas Program (Last day for Toys for Tots and Card collection)	¹² Leadership Board Mtg. @ 7 p.m. in Fellowship Bldg.	¹³ "Marvelous Moravians" <i>White Christmas</i> @ 2 p.m.	¹⁴ 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Cagney's	¹⁵ Orchestra Rehearsal @ 7 p.m. in sanctuary	¹⁶	¹⁷ "Godly Play" workday @ 9:30 in the church
¹⁸ Fourth Sunday of Advent Leadership Board mtg.-5 p.m.	¹⁹ Women's Fellowship Circle #1 @ 1p.m. in Fellowship Bldg.	²⁰	²¹ 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Cagney's	²²	²³ Candlelight Service on Lawn @ 6 p.m. <i>(Church office closed)</i>	²⁴ Christmas Eve Lovefeast @ 6 p.m.
²⁵ CHRISTMAS! 11 a.m. service <i>only</i> .	²⁶ <i>(Church office closed)</i>	²⁷	²⁸ 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Cagney's	²⁹	³⁰ New Year's Eve Watchnight Service @ 11 p.m.	³¹

Stewardship of Service- December 2022

	Sunday School Opening	Nursery
4	Angie Conrad	Kay Butner E. Corney
11	Orchestra	Jo Brown Avis Gray
18	Jann Holderman & Orchestra	Carol Wade Elizabeth Corney
25	Doug Conrad & Orchestra	Avis Gray Kathy Conrad

Birthdays in December 2022

2	Sherri Buchanan Tracy Holman
3	Don Binkley Ashlee Pace
4	Sarah Pace
5	Matt Pace
6	Becky Hill Betty Jo Johnson Sabrina Maksi
7	Mary Ruth Hill
10	Ken Sparks
11	Sarah Grace Vogler
14	Becky Lanier
16	Sandra Davis
18	Lauren Walker
23	Maryanne Keller Carol Wade
24	DeEtte Jarrard
25	Lisa Sheppard
26	Howard Chambers, Jr.
28	Mike Hastings

November Memorials*In Memory of Donna Tesh*

Band & Orchestra-Christ Moravian Church

Mrs. Jo Brown

Steve, Sharon & Lee Estep

Alma Jo Flynn

Harold & Karen Phillips, Jr.

Anthony & Susan Teague

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Critz

Mr. & Mrs. David Johnson, Jr.

Mrs. Glenda J. Rothrock

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Walker



CHRIST MORAVIAN CHURCH
Treasurer's Report
October 31, 2022

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
YTD Offering	\$ 106,958.82	\$ 153,333.33	\$ (46,374.51) under budget
YTD Expenses	\$ (165,936.95)	\$ (169,140.00)	\$ (3,203.05) under budget
YTD Income (Loss)	\$ (58,978.13)	\$ (15,806.67)	\$ (43,171.46)

Account Balances (Actual Cash in bank or Investments):

	<u>09/30/22</u>	<u>10/31/22</u>
BANK & INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS FOR CHURCH OPERATIONS:		
Operating Cash Account	3,447.86	3,101.69
Ameriprise Investment Account	286,022.18	301,177.96
Money Market Account at First Horizon Bank	71,621.07	68,889.09
Moravian Ministry Foundation Investment Fund	92,434.92	97,424.10
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TOTAL	453,526.03	470,592.84
Less: Restrictions *	(180,317.17)	(179,810.62)
Use/Non-restricted	273,208.86	290,782.22

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

Outreach (Pastor's Discretionary) Account	70.16	175.00
Mission Account	2,147.16	2,147.16
M Tesh Mission Account	4,200.90	8,312.26
Christian Education Account	4,015.90	3,930.05
Youth Account	2,652.14	2,612.16

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 \$23,730.75 in Money Market Fund
- Smaller Funds totaling \$1,308.63 in Operating Account (Choir, Lovefeast, Labyrinth)
- Basement Renovation Fund of \$5,870.46

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURES:

- \$7,704 in 1st quarter

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
- \$5,000 in August from Money Market to Operating Account to cover operating expenses
- \$10,000 in September from Money Market to Operating Account to cover operating expenses
- \$2,500 in October from Money Market to Operating Account to cover operating expenses

Respectfully submitted

Sabrina L. Maksi

Treasurer