

FELLOWSHIP MESSENGER

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK (Rev. Richard Spaugh)

Christmas and Easter are two of the most notable celebrations in the Christian year – the beginning and conclusion of the earthly life of our Lord. It’s the preparation for the celebration I want you to think about. Now the preparation for Christmas when God comes in the form of Mankind, (you know all about that), you have your own rituals and cherish them. Miss one and the preparations are a bit askew.

Easter is different. It calls upon us to give thanks for something that none of us have experienced -- and that is death and resurrection.

Lent, the 40-days before Holy Week, beckons us for extra involvement in our inner selves. One thing we can all do is spend time reading from the account of our Lord’s ministry. Following is a suggested list of readings:

Ash Wednesday 2/26 – Matthew 3:1-3,13-17	2/27 – Matthew 4:1-11	2/28 – Matthew 4:18-23	2/29 – Matthew 5:1-11
3/1 – Matthew 5:14-20	3/2 – Matthew 5:21-32	3/3 – Matthew 5:38-48	3/4 – Matthew 6:1-18
3/5 – Matthew 6:19-34	3/6 – Matthew 7:1-12	3/7 – Matthew 7:21-28	3/8 – Matthew 8:5-13
3/9 – Matthew 8:23-34	3/10 – Matthew 9:1-13	3/11 – Matthew 11:1-8	3/12 – Matthew 12:1-13
3/13 – Matthew 13:1-9,18-23	3/14 – Matthew 13:24-33	3/15 – Luke 15:1-10	3/16 – Luke 15:11-32
3/17 – Matthew 14:22-33	3/18 – Matthew 15:29-39	3/19 – Mark 5:1-17	3/20 – Mark 5:21-43
3/21 – John 3:1-21	3/22 – John 11:1-6,17-27	3/23 – John 11:28-44	3/24 – Luke 18:31-43
3/25 – Matthew 15:13-20	3/26 – Matthew 16:21-26	3/27 – Matthew 17:1-8,14-21	3/28 – Matthew 18:1-5
3/29 – Matthew 18:21-35	3/30 – Matthew 19:16-22	3/31 – Matthew 20:1-16	4/1 – Matthew 21:1-17
4/2 – Matthew 21:1-17	4/3 – Matthew 23:1-12	4/4 – Matthew 26:20-29	4/5 – John 14:1-4, 25-31
4/6 – Matthew 26:20-45	4/7 – Matthew 26:20-45	4/7 – Matthew 26:57-75	4/8 – Matthew 27:11-31
4/9 – Mark 15:16-32	4/10 – Matthew 27:45-54	4/11 – Matthew 27:57-66	4/12 – John 20:1-18

The Moravian Church gives us a unique opportunity to travel through the last week of our Lord’s life. I urge you to make the commitment to be in church Monday through Friday at 7 PM on Holy Week, if that is not already a part of your Easter observance. Above all, fix in your mind that you are better than you give yourself credit for. Pray, meditate, be still for a period of time, two to five minutes each day and let the grace of our Lord affirm you.

Dernit! Do it!

Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 8, 2020

Spring forward

Don't forget to set
clocks ahead
one hour
at 2 a.m.
Sunday.



News From the Leadership Board

The Leadership Board met on February 10 in the Church Office. Committee reports were given. A special community event was discussed to be held in May and was approved. More details to follow in the bulletin.

Our next meeting will be held Saturday, March 14 at 9 AM in the Fellowship Building to discuss the Congregational Survey.

Women's Fellowship News

Circle #1 will meet on Monday, March 16 at Noon in the Fellowship Building.

Pecans for Sale – We have Pecans available for sale in the Resource Room at \$11 per bag. It's a perfect time to stock up for your upcoming Easter baking.

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LENTEN PROJECTS – The CE Committee is excited to announce our upcoming Lenten projects (February 26 – April 5)

- **CITY WITH DWELLINGS** is a non-profit organization that works with our community members who are homeless. In the winter months they work with the overflow shelters to get these individuals inside during the cold nights (November through March) for a warm meal and a place to sleep. Our own Petersbrook RCC group helped prepare and serve a meal at the Augsburg Lutheran Church overflow shelter. During Lent we ask that you consider donating supplies to help their facility. They offer counseling, job search and placing the homeless in housing. We will have a collection box out in the hallway behind the Sanctuary. Some items to consider: ground coffee, sugar, creamer, antiseptic wipes, paper towels, disposable coffee cups. A newspaper article about City With Dwellings is posted on the bulletin board.
- A food drive for **SUNNYSIDE MINISTRY**. Please consider donating non-perishable food items for this cause. A collection box will be out in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.

Petersbrook Regional Conference of Churches (RCC) Update - BREAKFAST

Mark your calendar! On March 21, your Petersbrook RCC (Christ, Ardmore and Fries Memorial congregations) will host breakfast in our Fellowship Building. This 8 – 10 a.m. event will feature your favorite breakfast items and good fellowship. Proceeds will support the Moravian Prison Ministry. Breakfast will cost you just \$8 if you're over the age of 10 (\$4 if younger), and additional donations will also be accepted for this good cause. Invite your friends and neighbors to share breakfast with you on the 21st.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – A Bible Study for 5 Tuesdays in Lent – The Beatitudes: Complex, subversive, beautiful, revolutionary. What will you find in this 5-part study of Matthew 5:1-10? We meet at 10 AM in the Fellowship Building for an hour. This is an open group; no sign up needed.

March 10 – Openness to God
 March 17 – Thirsting for What is Right
 March 24 – Living Transparency
 March 31 – Peacemaking
 April 7 – Citizens of the Kingdom



A BAND NOTE

Band Schedule for Lent

Band Practices at Christ Moravian Church:
 Thursday, March 19 – 7:00 PM
 Thursday, March 26 – 7:00 PM
 Thursday, April 2 – 7:00 PM
 (All practices will be held in the Sanctuary.)

Band Rehearsals at Home Moravian Church:
 Sunday, March 22 – 2:15 PM
 Sunday, March 29 – 2:15 PM
 Sunday, April 5 – 2:15 PM
 (Meet at Home Moravian Sanctuary at 2:00 PM)

Calendar of Events

3/1	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 2:00 pm	Sunday School Opening Sunday School Worship: First Sunday in Lent/Communion Lunch for Day of Prayer Workers CMC Day of Prayer Lovefeast (Sanctuary)
3/2	ALL DAY	FELLOWSHIP BUILDING RESERVED
3/3	ALL DAY	FELLOWSHIP BUILDING RESERVED FOR VOTING
3/4	ALL DAY 8:00 am 10:30 am 7:00 pm	FELLOWSHIP BUILDING RESERVED Men's Breakfast (Cagney's) Depart for Day of Prayer Service at Trinity Moravian Church Choir Rehearsal
3/5	9:00 am	FELLOWSHIP BUILDING RESERVED (9AM-1PM)
3/8	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	Sunday School Opening Sunday School Worship: Second Sunday in Lent Thunderbirds Hockey Game
3/10	10:00 pm	Bible Study (Fellowship Building)
3/11	8:00 am 9:30 am 7:00 pm	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's) Depart for Day of Prayer Service at Ardmore Moravian Church Choir Rehearsal
3/14	9:00 am	Leadership Board Meeting (Fellowship Building)
3/15	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School Opening Sunday School Worship: Third Sunday in Lent Youth Lunch (Fellowship Building)
3/16	12:00 pm	WF Circle #1 Meeting (Fellowship Building)
3/17	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Bible Study (Fellowship Building) Mission Society Meeting (Fellowship Building)
3/18	8:00 am 9:30 am 7:00 pm	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's) Depart for Day of Prayer Service at Calvary Moravian Church Choir Rehearsal
3/19	7:00 pm	CMC Band Practice (Sanctuary)
3/21	8:00 am	Petersbrook RCC Breakfast (CMC Fellowship Building)
3/22	ALL DAY 9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 2:15 pm	FELLOWSHIP BUILDING RESERVED Sunday School Opening Sunday School Worship: Fourth Sunday in Lent Jack Sparks 90 th Birthday Party Celebration Band Practice (Home Church)
3/24	10:00 am	Bible Study (Fellowship Building)
3/25	8:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's) Depart for Day of Prayer Service at Fairview Moravian Church Choir Rehearsal
3/26	7:00 pm	CMC Band Practice (Sanctuary)
3/29	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 2:15 pm	Sunday School Opening Sunday School Worship: Fifth Sunday in Lent Band Practice (Home Moravian)
3/31	10:00 am	Bible Study (Fellowship Building)

Birthdays in March

- 1 Jane Moore
- 8 Ruth Cheek & Michael Tesh
- 10 Garrett Phillips
- 11 Wes Conrad & Ann Frye
- 12 Jo Brown & Pat Sheppard
- 15 Gibb Cobb
- 19 Kendall Wright
- 21 Phyllis Walker
- 22 Martha Compton, Clay Reid & Jack Sparks
- 23 Forrest Ader & Ronnie Lanier, Sr.
- 25 Robbie Disher & David Tesh
- 26 Richard Ferebee
- 29 Jennifer Knox & Lori Sheppard

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EASTER CARD BOXES FOR SPECIAL FRIENDS BEGINS MARCH 8 – Easter is a time for getting in touch with friends and family and letting them know that you are thinking about them. There will be decorated boxes for our Special Friends and you may put Easter cards in the boxes. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the CHURCH FAMILY LIFE Bulletin Board if anyone would like to volunteer to deliver a box or boxes. The last day to bring cards is Palm Sunday, April 5. Our list of Special Friends is:

Elise Adams	Lydia Brown
Marvin Calloway	Lucille Coker
John Denham	Jake & Polly Davis
Rosa Gaddy	Martha Kinney
Toby Phillips	Sunnie Hoffman

Loose Change Offering

Our Leadership Board has designated every 5th Sunday for 2020 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 March 29.



CE Committee Report: The CE Committee met on February 16, 2020 in the Church Office to discuss items for our flyer for the upcoming Community Day on May 2. The next meeting will be in March.

Youth Fellowship: The Youth Leaders will put a schedule together for upcoming events. Watch for details and upcoming items in the bulletin and on the CMC Youth Facebook page. Projects include grocery shopping for a food pantry; work on and around the labyrinth; painting project in the basement hallway; a youth-sponsored Game Night; cleaning grave stones on Good Friday; a Youth Retreat; fund-raiser for the Laurel Ridge Summer Camp Scholarship Fund; some fun outings.

Youth Lunch: There will be a Youth Lunch following the service on Sunday, March 15. A love offering will be collected to help the youth with their programs and missions.

Hockey Game: The CE Committee is planning a group outing to a Thunderbirds hockey game on Sunday, March 8 at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$16 per person and will include admission, popcorn, hot dog and soda. Parking is free. There is a sign-up sheet on the Church and Family Life bulletin board. Family and friends are invited. Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Community Day: The CE Committee is organizing a Community Day on Saturday, May 2 from 8:00 am – 1:30 pm. This will be a great time for our neighbors to get to know us and vice versa, as well as others. There will be a Pop-up Yard Sale, a bake sale, food, games and activities for everyone and live music performed by the 60's band, Penny Candy (Jan Holderman is the drummer for the group) and tours of the church. More details will be shared periodically via email, the bulletin and newsletter. There will also be flyers available if you want some for friends and family or to post at work. This event is sponsored by Christ Moravian Church, so we need your help. We will need volunteers for the various activities and areas. If interested, please see Diane Holleman or Sabrina Maksi. If you would like to rent a space for \$10 in the parking lot for the Pop-up Yard Sale, please see Carol Johnson.

Remaining 2020 Days of Prayer

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 - TRINITY MORAVIAN

Speaker: The Reverend Chris Thore
11:00 AM Worship
Luncheon
(Church bus departs 10:30 AM)

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 - ARDMORE MORAVIAN

Speaker: The Reverend Daniel Dockery
9:45 AM-Coffee Hour
10:45 AM- Music
11:00 AM- Worship, Nursery provided
(Church bus departs 9:30 AM)

Wednesday March 18, 2020 - CALVARY MORAVIAN

Speaker: The Reverend Adam Goodrich
9:45 AM-Coffee Hour
11:00 AM- Worship, Nursery Provided
(Church bus departs 9:30 AM)

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 - FAIRVIEW MORAVIAN

Speaker: The Reverend Zachery Dease
10:30 AM Band Prelude
11:00 AM Worship with Communion, Nursery Provided
(Church bus departs 10:00 AM)

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 - KONNOAK HILLS MORAVIAN

Speaker: The Rt. Reverend Carol Foltz
11:00 AM Lovefeast
(Church bus departs 10:30 AM)

Bus service will be provided from Christ Moravian Church to each of the churches as long as 6 or more people sign up to ride. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the CHURCH FAMILY LIFE Bulletin Board.

Treasurer's Report

January 31, 2020

As of January 31, 2020

	<u>Actual for Month</u>	<u>Actual for Year</u>
Offerings/Plate*	10,114.00	10,114.00
Expenses	14,310.13	14,310.13
Shortage	(4,196.13)	(4,196.13)

*Does not include memorials

Transfers to cover expenses:

- NONE

Account Balances (Actual Cash in bank or Investments):

	<u>12/31/19</u>	<u>01/31/20</u>
ACCOUNTS FOR CHURCH OPERATIONS:		
Operating Account	3,765.60	8,096.27
Ameriprise Investment Account	284,315.26	283,019.02
Money Market Account at Capital Bank	238,867.49	238,907.95
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	TOTAL	526,948.35
	Less: Restrictions *	(187,317.84)
	Use/Non-restricted	339,630.51
		530,023.24
		(187,357.84)
		342,665.40

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

Outreach (Pastor's Discretionary) Account	649.71	949.71
Mission Account	1,747.16	1,947.16
M Tesh Mission Account	14,997.02	11,262.52
Christian Education Account	5,207.69	5,607.69
Youth Account	3,781.58	4,213.58

RESTRICTIONS (Donor-restricted) *:

- Capital Improvement Fund of \$162,557.40 is spread among the Operating Account, Ameriprise Account (\$23,545.28) and Money Market Account (\$12,000) (NOT affected by any monies from parsonage sale or office construction)
- Organ Fund of \$23,614.94 in Money Market Fund
- Smaller Funds totaling \$1,195.50 in Operating Account (Choir, Lovefeast, Labyrinth)

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 that includes all 3 types of stewardship: time, talent and treasure.

Respectfully submitted,

Sabrina Maksi, Treasurer

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

Date	Sunday School Opening	Greeter	Ushers	Nursery	Children's Church
March 1, 2020	Joy Lester	Ronnie Lanier	Page Crater Annie Fry Avis Gray Trish Gray Nancy Reid Lou Saunders	Carol Wade Kay Butner	Sabrina Maksi Robbie Disher
March 8, 2020	Joey Gray	Carol Wade	Bradley Conrad Phil Kane Bob Peddycord N.T. Russell	Jo Brown Debbie Jones	Donna Tesh Rebecca Rath
March 15, 2020	Doug Conrad	Martha Walker	Mark Crater Skip Johnson Joey Gray Lee Wilmoth	Avis Gray Nancy Reid	Matt Pace Sarah Pace
March 22	Angie Conrad	Joey Gray	Herman Critz Sam Dixon Jim Hill	Donna Tesh Rebecca Rath	Donna Tesh Debbie Jones
March 29, 2020	Donna Tesh	Sam Dixon	Youth & Adult Volunteers	Kathy Conrad Jennifer Pace	Sabrina Maksi Robbie Disher

Dear Christ Church Family: Thank you for your birthday cards to Elise Adams for her 100th birthday. Elise commented as she read each of your cards, "That's so nice!" When asked, she says being 100 years old feels good and she feels good! Her positive outlook continues to be an inspiration to family, friends and caregivers alike. (Linda Hastings)

NEW PHONE NUMBERS FOR DONNA TESH

Cell – 743-999-0389 Home – 336-955-1057



The Christ Church congregation is invited to a 90th birthday celebration (floating) for Jack Sparks on Sunday, March 22, from 12 – 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Sarah Huddleston at 336-978-5960.