

# CHRIST'S COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH

May 2018



The Lord speaks to you: "So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10

Pastor Dave and a few others have worked together to draft an initial Breakthrough Prayer for Christ's Community Church. It is designed to target the specific guidance we seek and to become a foundation of our worship service and family prayer.

Pastor Dave's sermon series is focused on *Making Contact with God* and he has led us through the teachings of The Lord's Prayer. He will introduce the Breakthrough Prayer during the June worship services.

On Mother's Day, the congregation participated in a Prayer Walk through the interior of the church, stopping at 6 different prayer stations around the church to pray and recite scripture. You are encouraged to continue the Prayer Walk through the church during the month anytime you are in the building. There is a poster in each of the 6 areas with the related scripture and prayer. You are welcome to leave your mark, a cross, indicating that you have prayed over that in that area. A Prayer Walk guide for all areas is available at the Ushers stand. It will be exciting to see the number of cross marks in each area, indicating the number of people that have prayed at each prayer station.

*"Open the doors to lead us to new vision and vitality  
for ministry and give us the courage to step through  
those doors."*

*Excerpt from The Breakthrough Prayer for Christ's Community  
Church family.*



# NEWS FROM THE BOARD

## CHRIST'S COMMUNITY MISSION

### CORE VALUES

Discipleship  
Come as you are!  
Family  
Community Outreach  
Children / Youth

### CCC VISION

We see Christ's Community Moravian Church as a caring and accepting church, equipping people to serve, reaching out to the community, and sharing God's love as we invite people into the family of God.

### Purpose:

We will start a focus group around our congregational vision.

### Worship:

We will reevaluate and develop our worship volunteer list, including incorporating children as appropriate.

### Community:

We will develop a plan for Elders to make connections with new visitors and guests, in addition to ways the pastor already connects.

### Mission and Service:

We will host a congregational potluck to invite ideas for outreach and growth.

### Leadership:

We will establish and staff a youth program.

### Stewardship:

We will explore grant opportunities for funding a youth director position.

### Spiritual Formation:

We will organize a young adults fellowship group.

## 2018 Congregational Watchword:

"For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face."

1 Corinthians 13:12

Board Meeting Minutes can be found in the box labeled "Board Meeting Minutes" located near the church mailboxes.

Thank you for your Joyful Noise Offering of \$49.75 that was collected on May 13th. Funds support CROSS' KidPack program.

### News from the Elders

Jackson Ziah has made the decision to resign from the Board of Elders effective May 17, 2018. He feels called to worship together with his wife and children at another church. He has many friends at CCC and will worship with us on occasion, as he is able. The Elders fully support Jackson's decision and thank him for his faithful service for Christ's Community Church.

### General Fund/Operating Account

Month	Beg. Bal.	Receipts	Disburse-	Balance
February	\$1,939.92	\$7,398.03	\$9,151.69	\$186.26
March	\$186.26	\$11,942.95	\$10,281.76	\$1,847.45
April	\$1,847.45	\$9,911.04	\$10,517.91	\$1,240.58
YTD	\$1,143.02	\$37,881.43	\$37,783.87	\$1,240.58

### Worship Attendance

Date	Kids	Staff	Adults	Total
May 20, 2018	9	2	34	45

Currently behind \$5,026.67 on District and Provincial Quotas. All other obligations paid.

# INSIDE CCC

## Sunday Worship Information

**May 27**

Worship / Snak & Yak

## Happy Birthday to...

16-Lisa Holtmeier

18-Erik Omberg

21-Corinne Omberg

23-Sherrill Sandell

## Youth Camps

As we all know, our youth are our future and we want to support them as they grow in their faith.

Each summer the youth have an opportunity to attend camp through the Moravian Church. This year we have 2-3 youth that are interested in attending.

We will be hosting a youth art auction to help provide financial support to these kids. If you feel called to offer financial assistance to this faith opportunity, please make a donation or support them by purchasing a canvas painted by our youth artists. **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Art Auction will be held on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> during Snak & Yak.**

## The church office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 28.

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If you would like to contribute to the monthly newsletter, please have materials to Kim by the 20th of the month.

Thank you!

***CCC welcomed Charlie and Judy Ganz into our membership through transfer from Edgeboro Moravian Church, Bethlehem, PA.***

We experimented with the concept of publishing this newsletter on a mid-month to mid-month basis. It was a "hit" for some areas but a "miss" for others.

Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, the newsletter will be published on a calendar month basis. We will expand the purpose of the email distribution, "This Week at CCC," to include current financial information when it becomes available.



## Volunteer Schedule

	May 27
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Karen O.
<b>Ushers / Greeters:</b>	Linda T./Kay G.
<b>Snak &amp; Yak:</b>	Kristi B.

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

For the month of **May** CROSS food shelf needs: Stuffing, diapers size 3 and up

### KidPack Program

On Sunday, May 20th, we said a special blessing over the KidPack snacks to honor the conclusion of CCC's 3-year commitment with CROSS for the KidPack program. Each month during the school year, we have packed 310 snack lunch bags for students at Park Brook Elementary in Brooklyn Center. The \$18,000 3-year commitment was funded by a \$6,000 private designated donation, a \$6,000 grant, various donations from the Joyful Noise offering, and the balance from designated offerings by CCC members.

The Elders have been in contact with CROSS about the 2018-2020 commitment and have been honest that an \$18,000 commitment relying solely on designated funds from our membership will be challenging for CCC. We have suggested alternative ideas such as 1) a 1-year commitment 2) CROSS assist CCC to find another church to partner with and share expenses 3) match us with another grant program for partial assistance.

We ask that our members include the KidPack program and its future with CCC in your family's prayers as the Joint Board will make a decision by mid-June. We intend to poll members for a sense of your commitment of funds and time to help us in the decision making process before we enter into a commitment with CROSS for KidPack.



## KidPack Blessing

### PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

While we at CCC believe that war is never good, we acknowledge that there is a need for our country to have a strong military presence. Below is an area where we honor our brave men and women serving in the military, by praying for them and for peace.

- \* Sean & Kristi O'Rourke: Camp LeJeune, Jacksonville, NC. Nephew and niece of Kelly & Karen O'Rourke.
- \* Chris Muskalla: Air Force Pilot-C17 planes. Active duty in Afghanistan. Nephew of Ross & Deb Hjermstad. Prayers for Chris' family: Nina, Caiden (8) and Brandon (5) while Chris is deployed overseas; then, home in Seattle before the deployment rotation begins another cycle.
- \* Nick Muskalla: Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class. Active duty in Key West, FL. Nephew of Ross & Deb Hjermstad. Prayers for Nick's family: Julie, Matthew (4) and Logan (1.)
- \* Skylar Ellingson: Navy. Son of Steve & Brenda Ellingson. After his training in Meridian, MS., he will be stationed on the air craft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln in Norfolk, VA.

I live near a state capital city, in fact less than ten miles from the Capitol building. In recent months there have been numerous competing rallies expressing the strong convictions of those for and against legislation concerning gun ownership.

A friend who is a pastor in another denomination, among those who favor some limits on guns, went to the Capitol on a recent rally day, primarily to have conversation with those on the “other side,” those defending gun ownership and opposing limits on guns. She reports some conversations and probable future discussions.

Every society has its disagreements and divisions, but in the United States divisions are now stronger than in the past, and at times even hateful, often with a religious dimension.

One of our main callings as followers of Jesus is to listen to and to try to understand one another. You may ask, where do I find this in the Gospels? In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus calls us to love our enemies (Matthew 5: 43-48). In the Gospel this year for April 8, the Sunday after Easter, the risen Jesus says to his disciples, “Peace be with you” (John 20:19-23). That peace may be expressed in different ways, but certainly at this time in history, we need to live that peace that Jesus gives us in our conversation and working with persons who disagree with us.

In March Billy Graham died at age 99. Some Christians supported him, while others questioned his theology or methods. But Billy Graham tried hard to work with Christians who agreed with him and those who did not, at times working even with Roman Catholics when Protestant-Catholic relations were much less friendly than today. J. I. Packer, in an article in the April *Christianity Today*, wrote of Graham’s 1952 visit to England that he was “totally free from the arrogance, dogmatism, and implicit self-promotion that, rightly or wrongly, Brits had come to expect from American evangelical leaders.” Jesus calls us to that spirit of relating to others.

As ecumenical officer of the province, I have met with persons from a great variety of Christian groups, from Eastern Orthodox to African American, and learned much of their perspectives and their understanding of Jesus and of life.

*Lord Jesus, the world has such a wonderful variety of people, both among those who follow you and those who do not. Amid the divisions of the world, make us people of your peace, especially among those who name you as Lord. Amen.*

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Ecumenical Officer

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