

Christ's Community Moravian Church

Newsletter

June 2019

Dear Christ's Community families

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus! I have been glad since I got a Call from Christ's Community Church. It is the grace and blessing of God for me and my family. As you know, it is a Cross-Cultural/Cross-Denomination appointment for us. It seems like a big challenge, but exciting for all of us. However, I believe that God is God. We believe in the living God. God is with us when we have faith.

Since I got a Call, I have prayed about what the church is going to be because if we do not know the definition of church, we are going to lose our faith. The basis of this definition in Ephesians 2:19, "You are a member of God's every own family and you belong in God's household with every other Christian." Out of this verse we gather some very important keys about the Bible and what the Bible says about the church.

1. The Church is a family.

It says, "God's household". It doesn't say the church is like a family. It says the church is a family. It's a spiritual family. In fact, your spiritual family is going to outlast your physical family. The Bible says there isn't marriage in heaven but there are Christians in heaven. So we're all going to be related in heaven – together – and this family will actually outlast the blood family that you have here on earth. Some families are sick, some are strong, some are weak, some are small, some are big, etc. The same is true with church families.

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Christ's Community Moravian Church
Breakthrough Prayer

Prelude to Prayer

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 (NIV)

Breakthrough Prayer

God of perfect love, power and justice, we put our complete trust in You. Break through our limitations, our failures, and our fears to show us Your Way. We lift up Christ's Community Moravian Church. Open the doors to new vision and vitality for ministry and give us the courage to step through those doors. Use us to love others as you love them, to encourage them to follow Jesus, that we would be instruments of Your Kingdom. Break through our lives and into Your Church.

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)



Daily at 1:25pm, members of the congregation are invited to recite the Breakthrough Prayer, wherever you are, with other CCC members and family. Why 1:25pm? It is 13:250 military time; 13250 is our church address, an easy time to remember and a breakthrough connection to our church family.

NEWS FROM THE JOINT BOARD



2019 Congregational Watchword

“I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us.”

~Isaiah 63:7

Our Mission

Statement

To glorify God as we love and serve others

Core Values

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

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 (currently under revision)

Our purpose statements will be revised as part of our Phase 2 consulting sessions with Susan Nienaber.

If you or a member of your family is in need of Pastoral Care, please contact an Elder, Deb Hjermstad, Bob McIlveen, or Brad Carlson.

Board of Elders:

Pastor Jonathan will begin his Appointment from the United Methodist Church to CCC on July 1st. He will lead worship on July 14th and will be installed by Rev. Bruce Nelson on July 21st. You are all invited to a Fellowship luncheon following the service to celebrate Pastor Jonathan’s installation with Diane, Nathan and Caleb.

Pastor Jonathan would like to introduce himself and get to know you one-on-one! Kim will be calling each church family to schedule a time in July with Pastor Jonathan to meet with you, either at church, your home or a location convenient for you.

Board of Trustees:

The carpets are scheduled for cleaning the first week in June.

The parsonage lease has been renewed with the current tenants for another year.

Moravian Daily Text

The Moravian Daily Text App is available on the App Store for Apple iOS devices and Google Play for Android devices for \$1.99. Search “Moravian Daily Texts 2019” to find the App in each store.

General Fund/Operating Account				
Month	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
March	\$7,281.29	\$6,920.06	\$6,633.75	\$7,567.60
April	\$7,567.60	\$10,385.80	\$7,173.72	\$10,779.68
May	\$10,779.68	\$14,611.45	\$8,092.37	\$17,298.76
YTD	\$21.67	\$53,857.99	\$36,580.90	\$17,298.76

Current on all other monthly obligations except denominational quotas.

The Joyful Noise special offering for the KidPack Fund collected \$95.13 on May 19th. Thank you!

May 2019 Worship Attendance				
Date	Kids	Staff	Adult	Total
May 5	3	2	27	32
May 12	1	1	24	26
May 19	5	2	32	39
May 26	2	1	26	29

Fund Receipts				
	Balance 3/31/2019	April Receipts	April Expense	Balance 4/30/2019
KidPack Fund	\$254.44	\$81.01	-----	\$335.45
Mission Fund (Simpson Sandwiches)	\$1,504.81	-----	\$97.55	\$1,407.26
Parsonage Rental Fund	\$5,678.00	\$1,911.00	\$580.54	\$7,008.46

INSIDE CCC

Worship Information

June 2 **Ascension Sunday**

9:30 am: Worship
 -message by Theresa Henry, "The Significance of Pentecost"
 10:30 am: Snak & Yak

June 9 **Day of Pentecost**

9:30 am: Worship
 -message by Dan Behrend, "Understanding the Holy Spirit"
 10:30 am: Snak & Yak
 10:45 am: Simpson Shelter sandwich making

June 16 **Father's Day**

9:30 am: Worship/Joyful Noise Offering
 10:30 am: Snak & Yak

June 23

9:30 am: Worship
 10:30 am: Snak & Yak

June 30

9:30 am: Worship
 -message by Dan Scharnhorst,
 Executive Director at Mount Morris
 10:30 am: Potluck

July 7

9:30 am: Worship/Holy Communion
 -message by Rev. Judy Ganz
 10:30 am: Snak & Yak

July 14

9:30 am: Worship
 -message by Pastor Jonathan Lee
 10:30 am: Snak & Yak
 10:45 am: Simpson Shelter sandwich making

July 21

9:30 am: Worship/Installation/Joyful Noise Offering
 -message by Pastor Jonathan Lee
 -Installation of Pastor Jonathan by Rev. Bruce Nelson,
 Western District Executive Board (WDEB)
 11:00 am: Fellowship luncheon

Happy Birthday

2-Cathy Holtmeier
 5-Bev Jarvis
 8-Linda Thielen
 10-Evageline Langseth (6)
 16-Brandon Kalland
 16-Marian Mortenson
 23-Breann Robinson
 23-Beth Glasser
 28-Donna Buchta
 28-Jayne Phelps

Happy Anniversary

28-Mike & Katie Newman

Connect with Us

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CCC's app
 1. Download The Sharefaith App
 2. Search for CCC Maple Grove MN



Facebook Page
 Christ's Community Moravian Church

June Volunteer Schedule					
	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
AV Support	Greg J.	Karen O.	Brad C.	Pat J.	Brad C.
Usher/Greeter	Brenda E./Barb K.	Linda T./Kay G.	Kristi B./Barb K.	Ross H./Deb H.	Brenda E./Karen O.
Snak & Yak	Kristi B.	Deb H.	Brenda E.	Linda T.	Potluck

The volunteer schedule is also posted on the bulletin board above the water cooler.

Contact Kim as soon as possible if you need to reschedule.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

YOUTH

CROSS

For the month of June, CROSS food shelf needs
Pancake Mix and Pancake Syrup

You may place your donation items in the grocery cart
near the fellowship room entrance.

Christians Reaching Out in Social Services
serving the Maple Grove, Osseo, and Rogers areas



Our KidsZone! program has concluded. We give a heartfelt Thank You to Pastor Dave and Jimmy for leading the Youth in bible lesson, song, and fun. They had a great time.

Pastor Jonathan and the Board of Elders are in the planning phase for a Fellowship program for our youth.



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Listed below are opportunities to *serve*, to *pray* and to *give* this month.

Serve:

Reverend Richard Lwali of *Tanzania* is extending invitations to interested individuals who would like to serve with the staff of two Moravian boarding schools, *Bishop Kisanji Girls Secondary School* or *Lusangi Junior Seminary*, (both female and male students). Volunteers will be primarily involved with the teaching of English in the classrooms but also participate in sports and games with the students and staff. If you can commit to one month or longer of service between January and November, Please contact Jill Kolodziej, Director of Mission Service, at jill@moravianmission.org for more details of this service.

Pray:

Sister Habona Kisamwa of Kenya requests prayer for the Ray of Hope boarding school in general and, in particular, 10 Masai children who will be joining the school. Please pray for the students and the staff as they provide a home and an education for the young people.

Give:

The Mission Grants that are provided to global partners (Mission Areas, Mission Provinces and Unity Provinces) help to support projects all around the world. Recently, funds were granted to two projects in Tanzania: The Sukuma Outreach Ministry and a workshop for Leadership Capacity Building. Grant proposals have been received for the expansion of a medical clinic in Tabora and for publication of Sunday School materials. Your gifts can help to make more funds available for more projects and ministries like these. www.moravianmission.org/give



Year-End Choir Celebration for Choir Members, past and present
Wednesday, June 5, 2019 7:00pm - ???

Kristi Bergstrom's home , 8274 Oakview Court N, Maple Grove
Please bring a dessert or snack

Spouses/Significant Others are welcome

A flyer with additional information is available on the Usher's Table



To Greg Jones for fixing our leaky roof.
To the Board of Elders and Trustees during
the Call Process.

2. God expects me to be a member of a family.

Notice he says, “You are a member of God’s very own family.” That says it’s God’s will. It’s not optional. Every Christian needs a church family. A Christian without a church family is like a person who says, “I want to play MBA baseball but I don’t want to be a part of any team” or “I want to be in the army but not serve in any platoon” or “I want to play an instrument but not be in an orchestra.” The fact is we need each other to be strong in our Christian faith.

Once you become a believer you are automatically a part of the universal church of God – automatically, the moment you gave your life to Christ. But you don’t become part of a local church until you make that choice. It’s like when you were born physically, you were automatically entered into the human race. You don’t have a choice. You became a part of the human race the moment you were born. But you didn’t become a part of any local family until somebody chose to take you home from the hospital.

What makes the Christ’s Community Church a family?

We come from all different kinds of backgrounds, shapes, intellect, etc. We’re different in so many different ways. What makes Christ’s Community Church a family? I believe it is commitment. When we decide that we will commit ourselves to Christ and to Christ’s Community Church, we will be a family.

Since I and my wife, Diane, had two sons – Nathan and Caleb, I have thought especially about what the family is. As a father, I have more responsibility for my family. However, it is not a burden. It is my pleasure and willingness because I love my sons – Nathan and Caleb and my wife, Diane. I can see Nathan and Caleb are growing up through my commitment. When we have commitment for church, our church will be growing up like your children. I am looking forward to meeting all of you soon.

In peace,

Pastor Jonathan Lee

From the Ecumenical Officer

June 2019

Three Moravian clergy met April 5-8, at the Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD), held yearly just outside Washington, DC. Judy Ganz, retired executive of the Board of World Mission, Sue Koenig, pastor of Graceham Moravian Church, Thurmont, MD, and Tammie Rinker, pastor of Trinity Moravian Church, New Carrollton, MD, share a bit of their experiences at this powerful event and encourage clergy and lay leaders to consider attending Ecumenical Advocacy Days in 2020, April 17-20. The plenary and other speakers included representatives from Baptist, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Disciples of Christ, Lutheran, United Church of Christ, Methodist, Mennonite, and other churches.

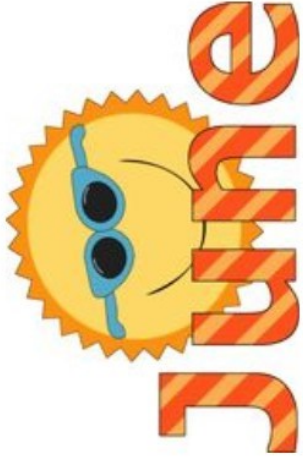
The theme this year was “Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the World.” Plenary speakers spoke passionately to a wide range of issues troubling our nation and the world: racism, poverty, climate change, violence, and other manifestations of injustice that harm us, especially the most vulnerable in our society. At EAD, Christian denominations come together to be equipped to work for justice and transformative change in their congregations and communities, as well as at the national level. On April 8 participants visited their congressional representatives to discuss issues of voting rights and global fragility.

The keynote speaker, the Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta (where Martin Luther King Jr served), called us into authentic and transformative relationships with the biblical text and with each other. He cited Isaiah 40:3-5: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” He challenged us to understand poverty, racial discrimination, sexism, and homophobia as “rough places” in our society that need to be lifted up. Places of challenges, places of difficulty, are places God calls us to do our best work—lifting up, making smooth, and creating a way. He also pointed out that there are many “crooked places” in our society, that we are all subject to the law, and that neither wealth nor station at birth exempts us from justice. He reminded us that when we work on lifting up the low places and straightening the crooked places, the glory of God is revealed. Moreover, we will see it together.

Rev. Warnock closed with a list of needs: “Our country needs voices of faith and moral courage to rise together. We need to work together to save our nation from becoming the worst version of itself. We need a spiritual revival that takes place in the public square, to continue the work of MLK. We need prophetic voices that speak about God’s vision, lifting up the lowly and troubling the waters where there is excess.”

Having been aware of the difficulties for the people in Honduras that often led them to flee their country, Judy Ganz was especially drawn to workshops around immigration. Workers in Mexico shared about their efforts to help the migrants. Sister Magda, a presenter who runs a women’s shelter, said that the countries they come from are poor and corrupt. When they ask the families why they left their homes, they answer that rather than die there, they prefer to die in the intent to find safety. They come not just for a better life, but to save their lives. She calls it a worldwide humanitarian crisis. Judy met with other denominations, like the Mennonites, who are working in Honduras to try to address the root causes of this migration. This might present an opportunity for our churches to link to help our brothers and sisters in Honduras continue to address the difficult issues before them.

On the final day Bishop W. Darin Moore of the AME Zion Church preached, inspiring and encouraging us, as he reminded us what God requires: to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Doing justice is first on the list, because if justice is done well, there is less need for mercy. Bishop Moore called us to stand against the forces that work to divide us and to stand together in our ministry for justice.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:30 am: Worship -message by Theresa Henry, "The Significance of Pentecost" 10:30 am: Snak & Yak	3 9:30 am: Flourish Team Meeting	4 7:00 am: BNI <i>United 2</i> <i>Prosper</i>	5 7:00 pm: Choir End-of-Season Party	6	7 5:00 pm: Piano Recital	1 ----- 8 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast at Lynde's Restaurant in Osseo
9 Day of Pentecost 9:30 am: Worship -message by Dan Behrend, "Understanding the Holy Spirit" 10:30 am: Snak & Yak 10:45 am: Simpson Shelter sandwich making	10	11 7:00 am: BNI <i>United 2</i> <i>Prosper</i> 10:00 am: Silver Sneakers	12	13 10:00 am: Silver Sneakers	14	15
16 Father's Day 9:30 am: Worship/Joyful Noise Offering 10:30 am: Snak & Yak	17	18 7:00 am: BNI <i>United 2</i> <i>Prosper</i>	19	20 6:30 pm: Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm: Board of Elders Meeting 7:30 pm: Joint Board Meeting	21 1st Day of Summer	22
23 9:30 am: Worship 10:30 am: Snak & Yak	24	25 7:00 am: BNI <i>United 2</i> <i>Prosper</i>	26	27	28	29 Celebration of Life
30 9:30 am: Worship -message by Dan Scharnhorst, Executive Director at Mount Morris 10:30 am: Potluck						