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**KERNERSVILLE MORAVIAN
CHURCH**

November 2019 Newsletter

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Brothers and Sisters, it has been a fast two weeks in the office since my arrival on October 15. Thank you for a good welcome as our shared ministry together has begun!

It has been wonderful to begin meeting with folks and hearing your stories, your hopes, your concerns, and your loves about this congregation. I give thanks for the nearly 20 people with whom I've been able to have in-depth conversations and the many of you that I've had more brief chances to chat with around the church. I look forward to being with the many of you who are already on my calendar in coming weeks, as I am pretty well booked with appointments into mid-November. Don't despair, if you haven't scheduled yet, please know that Jen and I are coordinating on calendar opportunities to meet with me on into the new year. You can schedule ahead, but please know this is an important part of the discovery phase in our transitional journey.

Many of you may remember Pastor Mims' invited your participation in a survey process. These conversations that I'm seeking with you all is a different and relational way to identify the key themes and topics that we will need to explore together when we begin moving into the small and large group gatherings of a discernment phase. Every conversation I share with one of you offers me more insight into who Kernersville Moravian has the potential to be and what some of the both the strengths and challenges are for that to happen.

In this thanksgiving season, I give thanks for the shared stories that have been bringing this household and family of God together for 152 years. I also celebrate the ways your stories are woven together from the different ways that you have entered into this family and all of the experiences and perspectives each of you uniquely bring to it. It reminds me of the community of Herrnhut, made up of a variety of perspectives and understandings after a century of underground practice in house churches and other religious refugees seeking a place that felt right to them. It was through a time of intentional sharing and reflection that they came together across their varied perspectives and felt the Spirit move among them, giving birth to a renewed and shared focus for their life together.

In the grace and peace of Christ,
Pastor Christy

October Trustee Meeting Highlights

- Chuck Long has resigned his position of Trustee.
- Financial records indicate that year to date expenses exceed receipts by approximately \$5,600.00.
- Christmas Stocking applications will be taken October 11th and 12th.
- Crop Walk will be October 20th.
- Personnel Committee will be interviewing applicants for the organist position.
- Vicky Yates will be the Trustee rep for Preschool Committee for the rest of 2019.
- All bills for the Chapel renovation have been paid. Total cost was \$185,000.00.
- The sanctuary roof will need to be replaced very soon. One bid has been obtained and two additional bids will be obtained.
- The large tree in the front yard of the parsonage will have to be removed. One bid has been obtained and two additional bids will be obtained.
- The old shrubbery in front of the parsonage will be removed and replaced.
- Large potholes and large crack in the rear parking lot will be repaired.
- The 2020 budget will be reviewed on October 8th.

October Elder Meeting Highlights

- Received updates from Personnel committee about the search process for an Organist/Choir Director and that personnel reviews have been conducted for 2019
- CE committee lifted up the need for additional Sunday School teachers to respond to several teachers who are stepping down for family health or caregiving reasons. They shared good news on launch of a new younger adult Sunday School gathering for members in the 25-45 year old range. Questions regarding direction of one class were posed and Rev. Clore was asked to follow up with the teaching team reflective of the Elder conversation.
- Jason Grubbs has asked to step down as Head Male Diener and we are seeking someone to step into that position. If you are interested, please contact Mike Jenkins. It would be ideal if someone could shadow Jason in this Christmas season.
- A desire to celebrate our oldest members has been expressed, in particular hosting a Birthday/Appreciation party for them, and we will seek to implement a prayer day for older adults, using Provincial resources for it and including a celebratory lunch, in future.
- Discussion of strategies for keeping the Blessing Box stocked with shelf stable (and heat tolerant during hot weather months) items was begun.

Remember to change your clocks back one hour this Sunday, November 3rd.

Our annual Church Council meeting will be Sunday, November 17, and we will be electing officers to our boards as well as members of the Graveyard Committee.

Community Outreach Committee - On Sunday, November 17 will have free hot sausage biscuits between church services for everyone. All donations will go to help the Christmas Stocking Fund. Please come and enjoy a sausage biscuit and a cup of coffee. See you there!

November 27 we will celebrate our Thanksgiving Lovefeast at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary



Troop 944 has been busy! We held our Brunswick stew fundraiser in October and the Troop worked all night on the stew and camped out at the church. The boys completed the staining of the shed at the church and got the roof replaced. November brings a Spencer Rail Camp trip to earn the railroading merit badge. We are getting prepared for the annual Klondike competition by practicing all things Boy Scout such as knot tying, water rescue, fire starting and orienteering. Any 5th grader who is interested in Boy Scouts is invited to join us. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Scout Hut. As always, we thank Kernersville Moravian Church and its family for the continued support of Troop 944.

Main Street Neighborhood Town Of Homes, Historic Landmarks, & Interesting Places Sunday, December 15, 2019 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. - With Carriage Rides from 1:30-5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 each in advance or \$20.00 each at the Community House door on the day of the tour.

George has found a grill in the maintenance shed. If anyone knows who it may belong to, please contact George Nieuwenhuis. It will be removed at the end of November. Thanks! 336-993-8982

A Big Thank You! - Dear Kernersville Moravian Church Family, My family and I would like to thank all of you for your love, prayers, and support during J Van's illness and death. This congregation, that J Van loved so much, has been so kind to me with your visits, cards, telephone calls, food and memorials. It has been a comforting blessing to the whole family. God Bless you, Ruth Williard

Please note: We will be combining the December and January Newsletters. If any committee has a specific date or function happening in those two (2) months, please make sure to get all information to Jen by the newsletter deadline, which is the 21st of the month. Thanks so much for your cooperation!

Friendly reminder: Any donations given to the church for the 2019 calendar year must be post marked by December 31, 2019.

Save the date - Vacation Bible School Bible Alive 2.0, from the Old Testament but which character/characters will it be?



From the desk of Barbara Carter



So many of the communicable disease are rapidly coming back in many ways. Recently there has been a spread of mumps. We need to know how mumps are spread and what we can do about it. To begin with, the mumps virus is found in saliva and in respiratory droplets in the throat, nose and mouth. The virus spreads in lots of ways: by sneezing, coughing, talking or kissing; by sharing cups, bottles and eating utensils; by taking part in sports, dance in other close-contact activities; and by touching things with unwashed hands that contagious people with unwashed hands have touched before you. We can definitely keep the spread of mumps down.

- Washing your hands often with soap and warm water.
- Cover your mouth when you cough. Use your sleeve or elbow, not your hands.
- Don't share eating utensils.
- If you show signs of symptoms, get some rest and try to stay away from people for five or more days.
- Get a third dose of the MMR vaccine. The CDC recommends a third does if you live in a community where a mumps outbreak has occurred-such as a college campus-and you've had a close contact with an infected person.

A side note to communicable diseases, I want to thank all who came out to support KMC's Flu Clinic in October, we had a great turn out!



As always, if you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to call me at any time. Many thanks, Barbara Carter - Parish RN

Attention: If you have any crutches, shower chairs, braces or wheelchairs that you want to donate to the church, please give me a call. I am restocking the church supply.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns - Friends & Family

Kristin Halbert
Laura Smith
Marie LeCompte
Lilly Tyson
Evelyn Stafford
George Johnston
Syretta Simmons
Priscilla Baumgardner
Mike Long
Tonia Crews
Crystal Laverde
Janith Martin
Evan Cooke
Herman James
Tabatha Kavalew

Lessy McCauley
Claire Coffey
Jeannine Buffey
Mike Stone
John D. Gignac
Bobbie Hendrick
Donna Lynn Schinneck
Sailor Moses
Brad Sherrill
Mac McInville
Will & Lauren Lewis
Amanda Cochrane
Ronnie Yow
Bethany Smith
Mark Hoppe
Joshua Brent



Thanksgiving Prayer: Where did the idea come from?



For a way to express their thankfulness for survival and the first harvest, the deeply religious Pilgrims looked to the Bible. They found the celebrated Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot), or Feast of Ingathering. The ingathering of Israelites (delivered from the desert of Sinai) and their harvest were celebrated in this feast and is the most joyous of all feasts still today (Leviticus 23).

Another reference to giving thanks is found in the account of 'setting' what Samuel called *the Ebenezer Stone*. This was a memorial to remind them to be grateful for God's help during an attack from the Philistines (1 Samuel 7:10-12). Actually, the Bible speaks of giving thanks nearly from cover to cover. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says "No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."

All early celebrations had one common theme -- God. Thanksgiving was directed toward God, their Creator, Protector, and Provider. They believed that all good things ultimately came from Him as they do today. Other verses that include thanks can be read in Psalm 100:4, Psalm 105:1 and 1 Corinthians 15:57.

Thanksgiving History - The Day - Proclamation Establishing Thanksgiving Day October 3, 1863

"The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle, or the ship; the axe had enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years, with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and voice by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the independence of the United States the eighty-eighth." -Abraham Lincoln



LONG, Charles 11/01
MANRING, Ronnie 11/03
SMITH, Sybil 11/04
BODSFORD, Justin 11/05
MARTIN, Charles 11/05
O'BRIEN, Kathleen 11/05
VESTICH, Sarah 11/05
NEAL, Paula 11/06
MANRING, Debbie 11/07
ELLIOTT, Nick 11/09
LONG, Elizabeth 11/09
SHORE, Ed 11/09
SMITH, Ron 11/09
DANIELS, Doreen 11/10
WEBB, Jimmy 11/10
ATKINS, Harold 11/12
FLYNT, Patsy 11/12
OSBORNE, Blair 11/12
SURRETT, Charlene 11/12
WILLIAMS, Autumn 11/12
PARRIS, Christopher 11/13
STEELMAN, Preston 11/13
MARSHBURN, Bud 11/14
FORD, Sylvia 11/17
RICHARDSON, Hilda 11/17
FLORANCE, Jonathan 11/18
MARTIN, Holden 11/18

SHOUSE, Richard 11/18
SMITH, Andy 11/18
PRICE, Blaze 11/19
SMITH, Janet 11/19
GAULDIN Jr, Brent 11/20
NIEUWENHUIS, Lois 11/20
TURNER, Jordan 11/20
BULLOCK, Paul 11/21
COLE, Shirley 11/21
GAULDIN, Shay 11/21
GENTRY, Gail 11/22
ZIMMERMAN, Peter 11/22
OERTER, Aidan 11/24
ALLEN, Kamdyn 11/26
MASTEN, Rick 11/27
ENGLAND, Cynthia 11/28
HILTON, Bryson 11/28
SMITH, Vickie 11/28
IDOL, Jeff 11/29
KINCAID, Kimberly 11/29
ROBERTSON, Greg 11/29

Community Outreach News and Upcoming Events

Thank you to all KMC members who donated and participated in the **2019 Crop Hunger Walk** on Sunday, October 20th. With almost a dozen walkers, we joined Holy Cross Catholic Church for the walk and raised over \$350.

Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund interviews were held on two days in October with 145 applications received. Thank you for all the members who participated with the interviews. This year's Christmas Stocking Fund is being dedicated in memory of J Van Williard, a longtime supporter of this project.

On Friday, November 22nd, we are planning to feed the East Forsyth Football team if they make the playoffs. Go Eagles!! We'll need assistance in making chicken casseroles and serving. Please reach out to any of our Community Outreach members if you want to participate.

Samaritan Ministries Penny Campaign is underway to raise funds for their Samaritan Soup Kitchen and Shelter guests. Please continue to bring your change to church as we collect funds for this great cause.

Hallway Basket Donations:

Sunnyside Ministry

Any non-perishable food items

Next Step Ministries

Paper Towels, Napkins & Pillows

Crisis Control

Macaroni and cheese, crackers and hamburger helper

School Supplies for KMC Preschool

Laminating Sheets or donations for sheets

November Volunteers

Greeters

November 3

10:00 - Carol Rowley, Sarah Vestich

November 10

8:45 - Pete & Lynn Zimmerman

11:00 - Kathy Osborne, Don & Carol Vance

November 17

8:45 - Vernon & Susan Butler

11:00 - Ronnie & Bobbie Roberts, Sandra Jennings, Kristi Roberts

November 24

8:45 - Liddy Jenkins, Kathy Dumoulin

11:00 - Gary & Sylvia Lewis, Diane Tatum, Rose Dixon

Nursery

November 3

10:00 - Open for a volunteer

November 10

8:45 - Marsha Flynt

11:00 - Melissa Swain

November 17

8:45 - Open for a volunteer

11:00 - Open for a volunteer

November 24

8:45 - Open for a volunteer

11:00 - Open for a volunteer

Ushers & *Sound

November 3

10:00 - Andy Smith, Randy Yates, George Nieuwenhuis

*No Sound Needed

November 10

8:45 - Ron Smith, Pete Zimmerman

11:00 - Kim Scott

*Steve Mann

November 17

8:45 - Mike Jenkins, Tommye Echols

11:00 - Vance O'Brien

*Steve Ebert

November 24

8:45 - Ed Fisher

11:00 - Steve Lennen, Jim Boitano

*Steve Ebert

Godly Play

November 3 - No Godly Play

November 10 - No Godly Play

November 17 - Renet Parris

November 24 - Sherry Evans

Flowers

November 3 - Open for a volunteer

November 10 - Open for a volunteer

November 17 - Open for a volunteer

November 24 - Open for a volunteer

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