

Prayer Concerns

Mike Gauldin	Harold Atkins
Linda Kirkman	David Teague
Betty Hollifield	Sandra Heist
Jeannie Rowland	Jean Pierce
Linda Holder	Dick Larrimore
Pray for our Church and our Pastor	Gary & Sylvia Lewis
Josephine Onyemelukewe	Ed Shore
Lee Hewitt	Joe Williard
John Brown	Bill Milstead
Monte Bredal and family	Norma Smith and family
Family of Hilda Richardson	George Nieuwenhuis and family
Steve Lennen and family	Velina Ebert (Please no calls at this time)

Our current active military

ND1 Mark Gignac - 1805 Warbler street, Panama City, FL 32405
Ensign Thor D. Gignac - PO Box 12394, Annapolis, MD, 21412
SPC Charlie Yates - Cmr 490 Box 2276, APO, AE09708

COVID-19, Flu & Illness Prevention

We know that many are anxious about the spread of this new virus, but we want you to remember that this is a respiratory virus very similar in both transmission and symptoms to the Flu. We can prepare ourselves and protect others best by remembering the good practices that are true every year during Flu season. Here is what the Centers for Disease Control recommends:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then toss the tissue in trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.

*Special Stewardship Info during Covid-19 Precautions:

Please remember that even while we are unable to gather in person, there are many aspects of our congregational life that continue on and need the support of our financial tithes and offerings during this time. We give thanks for all who are contributing regularly and remind you that offerings can be mailed in to the church office or dropped off in the gold-painted wooden collection box that has been placed in the Church Street Entry.

We check both the postbox and this collection box daily and secure all contributions. If you bank online, most banks offer a bill pay option and you can request either a one-time check be paid to the church or set up recurring regular payments to be paid on a schedule.

We also have 2 online giving options, through the PayPal link at the bottom of our website www.kernersvillemoravian.org or through the Moravian Ministries Foundation Giving Portal (<https://mmfa.info/kernersville-moravian-church-donation-form/>).

First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 10, 2021



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Transitional Pastor, Christy Clore

Director of Music, Jonathan Williams

2020 Congregational Watchword:

Those who have faith are children of Abraham.

Galatians 3:7

*We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod; yet in his promise we
rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"*

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Christy Clore

Prelude: "We Three Kings" Lyndell Leathermann

Call to Worship:

We meet in this time and space to worship God and to remember, tell, and show God's love.

Like a bright star in the night sky, the life of Christ lights up the whole world.

The star of hope shines on, and no darkness will overcome it.

The light of Christ shows us who we are and what we can be, where we have been and where we should go.

Let us walk in the light and give thanks to God all our days.

Liturgy: Epiphany, pg. 65-69

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Godly Play/Children's Message: Luke 2:21-38

Offertory: "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star" Paul Manz

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Meditation: "Holding on to Hope"

Hymn: #320 "The People Who in Darkness Walked"
verses 1, 2, 3, 6

Holy Communion

Benediction:

Postlude: "Morning Star" Brian Henkelmann

Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6 New Revised Standard Version

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Matthew 2:1-12 New Revised Standard Version

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"
Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Announcements

Unity Prayer Watch - Sunday, January 17 from Midnight to 8am:

In the midst of Covid-19, political unrest, damage from fires and hurricanes both locally and globally, our sharing in the Prayer Watch of our World-wide Moravian Unity is as important as it ever has been. Our congregation has been assigned the time from Midnight until 8am next Sunday, January 17th. Please call or email Jen in the church office to sign up for a half-hour time slot during our congregation's assigned time for prayer. You can request a copy of suggested petitions and areas of concern or celebration from Jen when you sign up or follow the link to this document provided in your Friday Email Update.

Winter Sunday School for Families

The opportunity for families with children or youth to share in our Virtual Sunday School offering starts again this week and continues through March 21st, the 5th Sunday of Lent.

If you haven't received an email from Pastor Christy and would like to be included in receiving information, video content, and an at-home packet, please reach out to let her know of your interest -

christy@kernersvillemoravian.org.

January 10 - Star Words and Epiphany

January 17 - Baptism of Jesus

January 24 - Building Treasure Boxes

January 31 through March 21 - The Lord's Prayer

2021 Giving Envelopes:

Contribution envelopes for 2021 are now available for pickup at the church. We have placed these on a table in the Godly Play room, just inside the Cherry Street Entry. This will be the last week before we mail these out, so we appreciate your help in dropping by to pick them up.

Watchwords for 2021:

While we won't be able to draw annual watchwords during worship this Sunday, we will be drawing watchword texts in coming days and sending them out to all members soon.

COVID-19 Update:

Given the rise in local cases of Covid-19 in Forsyth County and the pressure that is being felt by our local hospital systems, the Joint Board has made the difficult decision to again limit our INDOOR gatherings to 10 persons from now through January 17, when we will re-evaluate this decision. We will notify everyone of our plans for Sunday, January 24th and forward by next weekend.

Don't forget that we have moved to a livestreamed broadcast at 10am each Sunday morning, which can be found on our website or via our YouTube Channel. The recording of this live broadcast will be made available by midday in all the places you have been finding our worship services throughout this time.

Small groups are allowed to continue meeting following the guidelines that have been in place since July.

The church office will continue to be open from 8am until 5pm on Monday through Friday at this time.