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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Each year we dedicate much of our time, energy, and effort into our Easter preparations. We are so eager to receive the miracle of Easter. But have you ever paid attention to our tendency to be in such a hurry to move on the next miracle? We are impatient to have everything the way we want it to be. Because we look around and we see so much in need of transformation, so much in need of a resurrection that is still unfolding around us. While there is a great deal of joy and beauty all around us that we are called to be filled with gratitude for, there is also brokenness in that beauty - shattered pieces of life that we often find ourselves picking up and attempting patch together - longing for things to be made new again. We stand beside Thomas looking into the empty tomb and wanting one more encounter to help us understand what God is calling us to do. We don't quite feel ready yet to live into the newness of what we are becoming in that resurrection life. A modern scholar of John, Karoline Lewis, says, "Thomas reminds us of that part of resurrection we'd like to forget, that place where we find ourselves here and now — peering longingly into the empty tomb all the while believing, fiercely, in the resurrection yet to come." We long for the way of life we have shared with beloved companions, but we are unsure of how to be a part of what that life is calling us to become in the future. What if that future - not what was, not what is right now, but what God is creating new through us - is what we are meant to create?

The disciples aren't ready to leave the safety of their room yet in John 20:19. Once they have encountered the risen Jesus and received the Spirit, the realization begins to dawn on them that everything has changed. They can't go back to what was before. The resurrection has changed everything, so they are now forced to practice resurrection, again and again. How do you go about practicing resurrection? By following the example of the disciples that have come before us: by sitting with our grief, by looking into the empty tomb, and by looking, by letting understanding wash over us about all we, like they, must become now. It is by remembering who Jesus calls us to be, now, that we can learn the ways for us to move forward in this moment. We have to keep practicing resurrection, learning to see the signs that witness to the ways that God is making things new over and over and over. We have to practice having the eyes to see this newness of God constantly at work when we come across it - and to nourish it through our participation in it.

And that's just it, sometimes you find yourself plugging along, but the energy and excitement has waned. A new spark and excitement is needed - so where is God kindling the flame, where is the newness breaking in. A few years ago in a former congregation, I had done one of those hands-on sermon illustrations that I like to do. On the first Sunday of Lent, we planted bulbs in pots in worship. These pots were brought into the sanctuary each Sunday after spending the week under an incubator light on a timer. Most of the pots had green shoots bursting forth and starting to set buds as we headed into Holy Week. As Easter drew near, I truly had given up on one of those pots, I hated to set it out in the Sanctuary on Palm Sunday -

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baren soil without a bit of green. I forgot to give it space to come in God's time; I forgot to practice resurrection - participating actively in the trust that new life will always follow the emptiness of the tomb. And so, I couldn't have been more shocked on Maundy Thursday when I checked on the plants after the Communion Service. I walked over to the pot, not expecting to see any sign of life, and the leaves of a peony had just broken through the soil and were beginning to unfold. By the Second Sunday of Easter, near the end of April (sort of like this year) the pot was full of peony stalks and it bloomed in early June, about a month late. It would have been easy enough to have given up on it, but even in my doubt, I chose to keep watering it, giving it light, being engaged with the care of it - and God showed up.

Where can you engage, where can you participate?

There are more options than I can list here, but there are numerous spots to plug in throughout this month's newsletter. Here are a few spots we wanted to highlight this month!

Ushers - We are in need of rebuilding a team of ushers willing to support the congregation through opening up and closing the church for Sunday Worship, collecting offering (yes, the plates can be passed *with your help*), counting those in attendance, welcoming folks as they arrive and helping to answer questions from worshippers. We'd love to have a few teams of 3-4 ushers - men or women - each week. We'll work with folks based on your comfort level - there is more than one role that you could play to support us in this way. Give Carolyn a call if you can help!

Greeters - We need willing greeters - 2-3 each week. Many have questioned the rosters we've asked folks to mark, but as time has passed these have simply become an easy way to gather information on visitors and to serve the purpose of our friendship register and attendance count each week. Give Carolyn or Sylvia Lewis a call if you can help!

Did you know that for many years Al Singleton collected friendship registers and noted who attended and who was missing each week so that we could offer care to our members by paying attention in this way? Gwyn Grubbs had diligently continued this tradition, via a spreadsheet, as I arrived. While this has been a different sort of time, we still thought it was important to pay attention in this way... those rosters are just a simplified way for us to collect this information as we gradually return to a pattern of reaching out based on this information. Remember, we also report our attendance numbers to the Province - both in-person and online views.

Godly Play & Nursery - We need 2-3 volunteers each week to help make our children's programming for children birth through early elementary years possible as we restore a weekly Godly Play Worship time. Remember that children under 5 cannot yet receive Covid vaccinations, so we do ask for vaccinated adults willing to wear a mask to assist them. Give Marsha Flynt or Melissa Swain a call if you can help!

Be on the lookout for a place where God's newness is breaking forth... and maybe, find a place to nourish the potential for newness with your presence.

in peace,

Pastor Christy

May Unified Board Highlights



- Salemtowne issued \$1000.00 to all Moravian churches in the Southern Province. We are grateful for this unexpected gift.
- The church is working with Pierce Jefferson funeral home in regard to a burial for Lois Merck.
- The roofing for the areas previously mentioned will begin the first week of May.
- Save the date for VBS June 25th - June 29th. Our theme this year is , Noticing God in Creation. We plan on a fun time and a time for learning about God's beautiful creation.
- Godly Play will be starting back for our children this spring.
- During the first week of April an audit of the church budget was completed by the Financial Committee.
- Personnel Committee is working with a hiring team for the Director of Music.
- Women's Fellowship is planning on making chicken pies April 29 and 30th. Place your orders now.
- The Unified Board agreed to an increase in facility fees to offset increase in utility cost.
- Each Unified Board member has been assigned a month on a rotating schedule, to perform building checks on all facilities. This has already started.

Financial Update

March 2022 General Fund:

Contribution Income (offerings) = \$26,994, ↓ 19.5% from 2021

Total Operating Income (unrestricted, all sources) = \$81,967, ↓ 7.4% from 2021

YTD Total Income = \$98,182, ↓ 8% from 2021

Operating Expense = \$41,352 in March, \$117,622 for YTD, ↑ 13.8% from 2021

(Remember we were without a Church Admin from March - May of 2021, affecting our operating costs during this period.)



Godly Play

Our Godly Play program is beginning again! We are blessed with children in our Nursery who are old enough to enjoy the program. At present our second person in

the Nursery has been from the Christian Education committee or one of the parents. However, with Godly Play beginning we will be pulling some Christian Education members who are Godly Play trained to lead the children in worship. In order to cover the Nursery and Godly Play we need for you, our church family, to consider helping out in one of these areas.

To serve in the Nursery as an assistant, you need to be completely vaccinated and will wear a mask. I believe that you will enjoy meeting and playing with our youngest!

Godly Play needs Storytellers and Shepherds for our time. We would love to welcome back any of you who have helped in either of these positions in the past! Also, anyone who is totally new is welcomed to come and sit through the program on Sunday mornings to see how this worship time for the children works. Call Marsha Flynt or Melissa Swain.

2022 VBS Dates

VBS, Noticing God in Creation, save the date June 26, 2022, kick-off at The Enrichment Center in Winston Salem. We are sure to find God in creation as we gather in this lovely location.

We will go on a creation treasure hunt and make birdhouses and enjoy pizza together. The time will be announced as we get closer to this date.

Monday and Tuesday evening at 5:30pm we will meet at our church where we will hear about 2 parables and make something fun to take home.

We will also provide dinner on these nights. Closing night June 29, 2022, at 5:30 pm, we will all meet at Salem Square in Old Salem and enjoy a picnic as we close out VBS.

We are excited to collaborate with 2 other Moravian churches for VBS this year, Come and Worship and Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.



Save the Date

Sunday, August 21st 2022

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

New Philadelphia Moravian Church
Winston-Salem, NC



For the latest info, visit moravian.org/ccd

KMC Preschool

As we enter into the month of May we are preparing for the end of the school year. The time has seemed to go by so quickly. Our students have learned so much this year. We enjoyed a visit from the "Butterfly Lady" from Touch of Heaven Butterfly Farm.

We learned many interesting facts about butterflies and also had a chance to feed them!

On May 26 we will have a preschool graduation. Graduation will be held in the Chapel at 10:30 am.





BOY SCOUT TROOP 944

Troop 944 May 2022 Newsletter

We are loving this warmer weather because that means more activities outside!

- We spread pine needles before Easter Sunday. Thank you for this opportunity to serve!
- Our Court of Honor went well, and we were excited to be able to hold our service inside for the first time since Covid!
- We are selling camp cards! For \$10 each, you will receive a coupon card for discounts at various stores. They will pay for themselves many times over if you use them regularly! See one of our scouts to purchase a card. Matthew and Jonathan Hyde or Blaine Thompson would be happy to help you.
- Put this on your calendar! May 14 from 9-12, we are having a car wash to raise funds for scout camp fees and fees for merit badges and other trips. Remember some scouts rely solely on outside funding in order to attend.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in our future leaders!



Daisies And Girl Scouts



The Girl Scouts are wrapping up the school year as we take a break from meeting at church in the summer. The Daisies are completing their final petals as they learn all ten parts of the Girl Scout Law, and they will have a special end-of-year ceremony later this month.

The Juniors will complete their Social Butterfly badge by practicing their manners and conversation skills at an afternoon tea at the O'Henry Hotel. They also attended the Piedmont Environmental Alliance's Earth Day Fair, where they talked with several community leaders about their Bronze Award project ideas. They will continue to work on the projects over the summer, and several of them look forward to summer camp. Thank you to the congregation for your support of our growing program!

Deniers News

If you missed the Good Friday LoveFeast Service you miss an extra treat!

Carrying the large trays with coffee gets VERY heavy. To help we have gone to using carts in the Sanctuary. The male Denier will roll it to the middle of the aisle and both female Denier will serve from the cart.

For the females we have a new dress code: black pants, white solid shirt with three quarter length or long sleeves, and black shoes.

If you would like to become a Denier call Cletra Wormley or the church office



Widow's Lunch

May 12, 2022
At 11:30 am
Wallburg Grill & Pizzeria
Hope to see you there!
RSVP with Cletra Wormley



Graveyard Announcement

The Graveyard Committee expresses their appreciation for those that came out on our Saturday workday to prepare God's Acre for Easter.

Did you notice some small white caps near headstones when visiting God's Acre this Easter? Please note that the Graveyard Committee have placed permanent flag holders at the graves of all Veterans in God's Acre. This will allow for flags to be placed securely and easily during special holidays to honor our Veterans. If you have any questions, please talk to a member of the Graveyard Committee or call the church office.



Community Outreach News

The Community Outreach Committee is working on our 2nd annual School Supply drive to be held on Saturday, July 30th from 9am – 1pm in the Activity Building where we will receive supplies and organize between schools. This is a joint project with Holy Cross. More specifics to come in the June newsletter.

We are also working on securing a cabinet for the back room of the Activity Building in memory and honor of David Teague. This cabinet will house some activity games for our youth.

This month we are highlighting the Samaritan Ministries which is located at 414 E. Northwest Blvd in Winston-Salem. Their mission statement is "Providing food, shelter and hope through Christian love". Their Soup Kitchen started in 1981 as part of Crisis Control Ministry and they have been serving lunch to 300-400 men, women and children in need. The Samaritan Inn was founded in 1988 by five downtown churches and houses homeless men providing breakfast and dinner each day.

As many of you know we participate in the Annual Penny Campaign and according to The Good Samaritan newsletter, the organization raised \$78,387 in 2021. They offer lots of ways to donate on their website. They also have specific year-round and seasonal needs for the soup kitchen and shelter. Groups or individuals can look on their website for opportunities to sign up to volunteer and can learn more about this ministry. <https://www.samaritanforsyth.org/>

The COC meets again on Tuesday, May 17th at 3:30 in the Activity Building. We welcome all new members.

In preparation for Synod Lovefeast in Celebration of the Holy Spirit

Join us on May 15th for
an outdoor Lovefeast
in celebration of the
Holy Spirit.

2:30-Band Prelude and
children's activities

3:00-Service

Salem Square

LAUREL RIDGE FREE EVENT

LIVE MUSIC, HOTDOGS, AND
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



RIDGEFEST

JOIN US MAY 28TH, 2022
12:00-4:00PM

BANDS INCLUDE: SECOND VALLEY,
MORAVIAN BUNS, SOLO ARTIST
JOSEPH MILLER, AND MUSICIANS OF
MERCY'S CATHERINE STEELE



A New Home!

We want to celebrate with Larry and Patsy Flynt's daughter, Holli! She has purchased her first home! To help her get settled in her new home we would like to have a "Floating Housewarming Shower" for her on May 14, 2022 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Holli could

really use gift cards from Amazon or Lowe's Home Improvement as she works on her home. Please RSVP to Cletra Wormley or Marsha Flynt.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to those that helped wrap and place flowers on the unattended graves for Easter. Thank you so very much!

Don't forget to pick up your preordered chicken pies on May 7 from 9 am - 11 am.

Women's Fellowship wishes all Ladies Happy Mother's Day!



Prayer Concerns for Church Members

Linda Kirkman	Dick Larrimore
Sandra Heist	Joy Shore
Jeannie Rowland	Ed & Louise Fisher
Jean Pierce	Ed & Sarah Shore
Chris Shepard	Harriett Kramer
Amanda Walker	Maggie Gray
our Church & our Pastors	Brenda Teague & Family
Bill Milstead	Tony & Julia Stone
Gary & Sylvia Lewis	John Ford and Family

Prayer Concerns for Friends & Family

Lessie McCauley (Debbie McCauley's mother)
 Joy Dupin (Nancy Smith's daughter)
 Stephen Kirkman (Linda Kirkman's son)
 Donnie Swan (Kathy Osborne's brother)
 Bob Gibson (Dick & Jo Larrimore's friend from Ocean Isle)



May Birthdays

Steve Ballou	05/02	Heidi Markar	05/13	Rene Hutchins	05/24
Beverly Marshburn	05/02	Brooke Edmisten	05/16	Ed Fisher	05/25
Joseph Ammons	05/03	Hampton Grubbs	05/17	Joe Bodsford	05/26
Nancy Sell	05/03	Diane Clifton	05/19	Monica Harbour	05/26
Frances Slade	05/03	Blaine Gauldin	05/19	Emily Ford	05/28
Adam Mitchell	05/04	Dee Holbrook	05/19	Evan Nieuwenhuis	05/28
Hannah Bodsford	05/05	Sara Peterson	05/19	Diane Simon	05/28
Mark Gignac	05/05	Janice Welborn	05/19	Susan Hough	05/30
Norma Smith	05/06	Heather Hilton	05/20	Emma Claire Wolfe	05/30
JoAnn Chatman	05/10	Jason Swain	05/20		
Katie Wilmoth	05/10	Randy Yates	05/20		
Alma Cochran	05/11	Becky Scott	05/21		
Mara Davis	05/12	James Messick III	05/22		
Kay Lawson	05/13	Irving Neal	05/23		



Pray Every Day May 2022

1. Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
2. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Pray for Moravians in Peru.
3. I lift my eyes to the hills where does my help come from? Pray for Moravians in Honduras.
4. My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Pray for the Thiessens in Canada.
5. May there be peace within your walls and security within your cities. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
6. Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy on us. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek InterVarsity.
7. Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
8. Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
9. Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
10. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Pray for PEC members, bishops and other church leaders.
11. He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
12. Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. Pray for disaster relief volunteers.
13. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
14. If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
15. I wait for you Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. Pray for the Rajpur Foster Child Project.
16. O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. Pray for Moravians in Labrador.
17. How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity! Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
18. Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord who minister by night in the house of the Lord. Pray for firefighters and police officers.
19. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord. Pray for short term mission teams.
20. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant. Pray for the refugees from Ukraine.
21. Give thanks to the Lord of lords; to him who alone does great wonders. Pray for summer camps and campers.
22. When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stouthearted. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
23. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
24. The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
25. O Lord you have searched me and you know me; You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
26. You hem me in, behind and before, you have laid your hand upon me. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
27. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
28. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Pray for Moravians in Nicaragua.
29. I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
30. Praise be to the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
31. He is my loving God and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield in whom I take refuge. Pray for Michael and Brenda in Croatia.

May 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 am - AEC 9 am - MBS 9 am - AF 10 am - Worship 11:30 am - Youth 3:30 pm - BP	2 5:30 pm - Music & Worship Meeting 7 pm - NA	3 9 am - Personnel Meeting 9:30 am - Disciple Bible Study 6 pm - GS 7 pm - BS 7 pm - Koinonia	4 1 pm - K&S Circle 7:30 pm - NA	5	6	7 9 am - Chicken Pie Pick Up 10 am - CE Meeting
8 Mother's Day 9 am - AEC 9 am - MBS 9 am - AF 10 am - Worship 3:30 pm - BP	9 7 pm - NA	10 9:30 am - Disciple Bible Study 6 pm - GS Troop Leader Meeting 7 pm - BS	11 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study 7:30 pm - NA	12 5:30 pm - Board Meeting 6 pm - Marine Corp 6 pm - Preschool Meeting	13	14 9 am - BS Carwash
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29 9 am - AEC 9 am - MBS 9 am - AF 10 am - Worship 3:30 pm - BP	30 Memorial Day Church Office Closed 4 pm - NA Cookout	31 9:30 am - Disciple Bible Study 7 pm - BS				

KEY-		
AEC - Adult Enrichment Class	NA - Narcotics Anonymous	CP - Choir Practice
MBS - Men's Bible Study	GS - Girl Scouts	OR - Organ Rehearsal
AF - Adult Fellowship	BS - Boy Scouts	K&S - Kathleen Körner & Eugenia Stafford
BP - Band Practice	HP - Handbells Practice	WF—Women's Fellowship