



Bethania Moravian Gazette For the Week of February 21, 2021

Watchword for the Week of February 21

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Psalm 25:8

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February & March

Saturday, February 20, 3 PM - 5 PM - Boy Scout Drive-By Food Drive

Sunday, February 21, 10:30 AM -- First Sunday in Lent Communion -- Facebook only

Tuesday, February 22, 9:00 AM - Workday in God's Acre (see below)

Wednesday, February 24

4:30 - 6:00 PM - Boy Scout Drive-By Food Drive

6:00 PM -- Board of Elders

Sunday, February 28, 10:30 AM -- Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 7, from 1 PM - 2:15 PM -- Confirmation Class begins and continues through May, except on these Sundays - April 4 and May 9.

Day of Prayer Services are listed on the last pages of this newsletter.

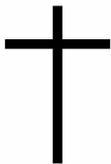
News of the Church....

First Sunday in Lent Communion

We will gather via Facebook Live only for the communion service on Sunday, February 21. Our service will begin with the Lent 1 liturgy and conclude with communion. Please provide your own bread and cup as we partake together.

Flowers in the Sanctuary...

The flowers in the sanctuary for February 21 are given in loving memory of Herman and Addie Oehman, Catherine Canter and Ellen Harvey from Frank and Wilma Harvey.



Prayer Requests for this Week

Craig Bracken; the family of Nancy Corriher; Dawn S. and family (friends of Tonya Bovender); Bob Delp; Jimmy Fearington; Kaye Gough; Paul H. (Dennis and Barbara Ford son-in-law's father); Peggy Holyfield; Jaimee (Carol Brown's daughter-in-law); Jeff Hooks' mother, John Issacs; Frances; Beth K. (friend of Tonya Bovender); Compton Lane;

Jerome Livengood; Brenda M. (Alma Jo Flynn's cousin); Duke and Sarah Marley; Dick and Rosemary Mock and granddaughter, Erica; Betty Moorefield; Rebecca Ogburn; Nancy Patterson; Linda Seeleby; Janet Styers; Peggy Williams; and unspoken requests.

Prayer Concerns will remain on our list unless we hear otherwise. Please contact the church office if you need to update information for the list.

When You Offer Your Prayer Requests

When we or our friends or family are suffering, our natural inclination is to reach out and ask our church family to take our requests to the Lord in prayer. And we receive names and requests, believing prayer is a privilege, and we take the requests to heart. We are glad to add the first name and first letter of the person's last name or full name on both the email prayer list and the Gazette prayer list with the person's or guardian's prior consent. If you are offering someone's name other than your own, please ask the person for permission to share their name, first, and explain that these lists are public, shared in our congregation's newsletter and also posted on our church's website.

Graveyard News

On **Monday, February 22**, there will be a workday in God's Acre to clean up any debris from the ice storm. We will begin work at 9:00 AM. If you have questions, please contact Tom Canter at 336-924-0047.

Boy Scout Troop and Cub Pack 992 Update

February is Scouting for Food month, and the Troop and Pack will participate. However, due to COVID, we are going to sponsor a Drive By Food Drive also. Dried foods, staples, canned foods, and monetary donations will be accepted. Donation receipts will be provided. Drop off will be the Scout Hut from 4:30-6:30 PM, Wednesday, February 24. Other drop off times will be **9:00-11:00 AM and 3:00-5:00 PM on Saturday February 20.** Scouts/cubs along with a parent/leader will be present. All COVID guidelines will be strictly enforced. Help us feed our community.

Moravian Day of Giving

We inadvertently forgot to mention the Moravian Day of Giving on February 16. It is not too late to give to a ministry organization via the Giving Portal on the Moravian Ministries Foundation website (mmfa.info/giving-portal/). Here are some thoughts from **Bishop Lane Sapp** on giving:

The Bible associates giving with receiving, not suffering.

The association between giving and blessings comes on the highest authority. In Acts 20:35, Jesus himself is quoted as saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Likewise, we are reminded of the relationship between giving and receiving in Luke 6:38: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken

together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

This relationship is described in Matthew 10:42, Deuteronomy 15:10, 2 Corinthians 9:10, and many other places.

God dares us to "test" God when it comes to giving.

Malachi 3:10-12 says, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop the fruit before it is ripe, says the Lord Almighty. Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land, says the Lord Almighty."

"Floodgates" and "pour" sound a bit excessive and celebratory--more like Fat Tuesday than Lent.

Our Moravian Covenant for Christian Living describes supporting the Church as a "privilege," and "opportunity," and a "responsibility." Giving is a JOYFUL RESPONSE to God's love. So, we hope you will take a few moments on this February 16 to experience the JOY of giving in this moment before we begin the journey of Lent together.

Consider a gift that is unexpected--above and beyond your tithe or pledge. It can be to your own congregation or fellowship, your district or province, your favorite Moravian agency or ministry. The joy comes from the act of giving more than the amount of the gift.

Last year was tough. Many of our brothers and sisters continue to endure financial hardship and are not in a position to give. Perhaps some will ultimately be the recipients and beneficiaries of ministries supported through our Day of Giving. Some have suffering and continue to suffer physically as well.

But could there also be joy in this moment? If you have been blessed with the privilege and opportunity to endure and recover from these trials, or if you have been spared hardship and illness, praise God! This is the time to express your gratitude with generosity.

Worship Attendance - February 14 Attendance - 55

A New Way of Being: From Confession to Hope
Wednesday Lenten Series
Featuring Moravian Stories and Racial Justice

The Provincial Racial Justice Team is pleased to announce a 2021 Lenten Series called "A New Way of Being: From Confession to Hope." This series builds on the Advent material offered last year. Each session will include a reflection on the lectionary texts for the preceding Sunday, conversations among Moravians as they discuss their

journey toward a growing awareness of racial justice and healing, and discussion questions.

The series is offered on five Wednesday evenings in Lent, starting after Ash Wednesday and concluding before Holy Week.

All sessions begin at 7 PM ET and will be led by:

February 24	Mark Breland and Betsy Miller
March 3	Bevon White and Frank Crouch
March 10	Rhonda and Tracy Robinson
March 17	Amy Gohdes-Luhman and Tim Berry
March 24	Bruce Nelson and Riddick Weber

Participants may participate live, via Zoom, or access the recordings of the material that will be posted at

<https://www.moravian.org/northern/category/racial-justice-and-healing/>

The Zoom link for all five sessions is the same:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85629600721?pwd=VStnYWWhWb1dUNGNyMmUrM2pVNkswQT09>

Meeting ID: 856 2960 0721

Passcode: 734018

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Day of Prayer Services for 2021

All services will be held virtually this year. The Day of Prayer Committee of the Provincial Women's Board would like to thank all the churches for their willingness to work with us during these difficult times. Two churches who regularly hold Day of Prayer Services were not able to do so this year. We would like to thank Grace Moravian (Mount Airy) and Unity Moravian (Lewisville) for taking their place this year. We hope many of you will be able to watch these services if not at the time they are lived streamed but at a time that works best for you. May the Lord Bless You during this season of Lent and Always.

Provincial Women's Board, Moravian Church South

February 17, 2021 11:00 A.M. Home Moravian Ash Wednesday, Speaker: Rev. Victoria Lasley, Music by Alex Helsabeck and Susan Foster. The service will be available live streamed on the Home Church Web page. Click on Live broadcasts to access the service.

<https://www.homemoravian.org/index.php/live-broadcasts/>

February 21, 2021 2:00 P.M. Christ Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Tony Hayworth. The service will be live streamed via Friedberg Moravian's YouTube channel, search for Friedberg Moravian Live Stream.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=friedberg+moravian+church

February 24, 2021 11:00 A.M. Grace Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Neil Routh. The service can be accessed by going to YouTube. Search for Grace Moravian Church.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=grace+moravian+church

March 3, 11:00 A.M. Unity Moravian, Speaker: Rev. John G. Rights. The service can be accessed by going to YouTube and typing in Unity av. The service can also be accessed on Unity's Facebook page.
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=unity+av

March 10, 11:00 A.M. Calvary Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Adam Goodrich. The service will be live streamed via YouTube by typing in Calvary Moravian Church.
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=calvary+moravian+church+winston+salem+nc

March 17, 11:00 A.M. Fairview Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Jeff Carter. The service will be live streamed via YouTube and Face Book on the Fairview website.
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=fairview+moravian+church

March 24, 11:00 A.M. Konnoak Moravian, Speaker: Rt. Rev. Carol Foltz. The service will be available on YouTube as Konnoak Hills Lenten Day of Prayer service beginning March 24.
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=konnoak+hills+moravian+church