



Bethania Moravian Gazette

For the Week of November 22, 2020

Watchword for the Week of November 22

God says, "I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak." Ezekiel 34:16

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Calendar

Saturday, November 21, 9:00 AM-12 noon, Chicken Pie sale at the Portico

Sunday, November 22, 10:30 AM, Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live
5:00 PM, Community Thanksgiving Service, *Facebook Live ONLY*.

We celebrate our community partnership with Bethania A.M.E. Zion, Mizpah Moravian, and United Baptist Churches. Join us as we offer thanks and praise to our Lord! Our Mission Offering is a cash only offering which will go to the Domestic Violence Shelter in Winston-Salem. Please send your donations to Cindy in Bethania's office.

Sunday, November 29, 10:30 AM, 1st Sunday of Advent Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live

News of the Church....



Advent and Christmas Schedule for 2020

Many of you can probably guess that our Advent and Christmas schedule for 2020 will look very different from previous years. Some of our Bethania Moravian Christmas traditions will be altered or absent this year. However, let us not forget "the reason for the season." We may not be able to gather together on Christmas Eve this year, but that night remains a holy night. A holy night in which we meet the Savior and know Emmanuel--God with us! May we use this season to grow ever closer to Jesus Christ--the Morning Star!

All Services in the Sanctuary will be live-streamed on Facebook Live.

Sunday, November 29, 10:30 AM, 1st Sunday of Advent Worship Service

Sunday, December 6, 10:30 AM, 2nd Sunday of Advent Worship Service

4:30 PM, Band Prelude at the Portico

4:45 PM, Congregational Candlelight Vespers Service in the Church Parking Lot
(No Facebook) * *Inclement Weather Date for the Candlelight Vespers - Dec. 13*

- A short vespers service will be offered with candlelight (wind-permitting), music, scripture, and a short message.
- We will gather in the parking lot. You may bring your lawn chairs or remain in your car for the service.
- All participants will receive a bag with fruit, a lovefeast bun, and a trimmed candle.

Saturday, December 12, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Toy Drive for "Toys for Tots" at the Portico

Sunday, December 13, 10:30 AM, 3rd Sunday of Advent Worship Service

****Inclement Weather Date for the Candlelight Vespers***

- *If it is extremely cold on December 6 or we have rain/snow, then December 13 will be our make-up date.*

Sunday, December 20, 10:30 AM, 4th Sunday of Advent Worship Service

This service will be our "Christmas Service" that will incorporate a mini-Candle Tea service, carols sung by the choir, and a special message. The service will remain between 30-35 minutes long.

Sunday, December 27, 10:30 AM, Christmas Sunday Service with the Story of Christmas

**Throughout the month of December, messages and musical offerings will be posted on our Facebook page. Remember, that you do not need to be a member of Facebook to access the content on that page. The choir will also offer a short carol-sing via Facebook only. A date for that will be posted later.*

Prayer Requests for this Week

Craig Bracken, Bob Delp, Jimmy Fearington, Darrel Flippin, Peggy Holyfield, Jerome Livengood, Duke and Sarah Marley, Dick and Rosemary Mock (daughter, Cindy, and granddaughter, Becca), Betty Moorefield, Edie Rogers' family, Peggy Williams, Cole Wood, and those in Honduras and Nicaragua who continue to be affected by the aftermath of Hurricanes Eta and Iota.

Love Offerings from the Bethania Quilters

Many thanks to the quilters for their creative handiwork given to helping centers in our community! This week six quilts were taken to the Domestic Violence Shelter in Winston-Salem.



From the Board of World Mission

On Tuesday, November 17, 2020, Hurricane Iota slammed into Nicaragua's northeastern coast, making landfall near Haulover, just south of Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, as a category 4 storm with top winds at 155 mph. This is almost precisely the same spot that Hurricane Eta hit just two weeks ago. The Board of World Mission (BWM) has already released \$30,000 in aid to Provincial church leaders in both countries, and food and emergency supplies have begun to arrive. In Nicaragua, residents of the small towns such as Wawa

Bar and Haulover were evacuated to Puerto Cabezas and are being housed in churches and schools. There are over 700 such refugees so far.

In Honduras, villages all along the seacoast such as Ují, Puswaia, Krata, Yauhrabila, Kruta, Irlaya, Benk, Raya, have been evacuated to Puerto Lempira schools. The national government's disaster agency, COPECO, is working in Lempira, and the municipal government is also trying to help, but it is not enough.

Because of his extensive contacts in the region, Brother Rick Nelson is now helping coordinate the BWM relief effort in both countries. The most critical needs continue to be food, clean water, medicine, and materials for temporary shelters and damaged homes. The BWM needs help to bring these needed resources to the people that need it right now.

We ask for your continued support for the Moravian Disaster Response fund, which allows the BWM to respond to disasters immediately with funds for emergency needs, as well as ongoing rebuilding projects. U.S. residents can send donations to The Board of World Mission, 1021 Center St. ,

Bethlehem, PA 18018. To give online by going to www.moravianmission.org/give (please mark your donation, "For MDR.")

Come to the Stable: Bringing Bethlehem to Life!

On Friday and Saturday, December 4-5 from 5:00-8:00 PM, Laurel Ridge Moravian Camp and Conference Center is continuing their tradition of offering a Mountain Christmas event. This year the event is a drive-thru Christmas experience.

Admission is free with a suggested donation of canned food items to support the Laurel Springs community. More information can be found at laurelridge.org

Worship in the Sanctuary

Please be aware of the following guidelines.

- Our worship will begin at 10:30 AM. Please arrive between 10:20-10:30.
- Worship will continue to be offered on Facebook Live, as well.
- **Masks are required inside the church building.**
- **Physical distancing will be in place within the sanctuary.**
- **If you can answer "yes" to any question, please stay home and attend worship virtually that Sunday.**
 - Do you have any of the following symptoms **now**:
 - Fever (100.4 or higher)
 - new loss of taste or smell
 - ***new or worsening*** cough OR ***new or worsening*** runny nose/congestion
 - shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - persistent pain or pressure in the chest
 - diarrhea/nausea/vomiting
 - Chills or muscle aches (not related to exercise or overuse)
 - Unusual or atypical ability to awaken
 - Have you had close contact (less than 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) with a person known to be infected with COVID-19, or received a COVID-19 test result in the past 14 days?
- Hand sanitizer will be available.