



THE COVENANT MESSENGER

The Newsletter of Covenant Moravian Church

January 2020

From the Pastor...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that the year of 2019 has come and gone, it seems like it was just yesterday that we were starting the year and now we stand at the threshold of 2020. With another year comes a new opportunity to get a fresh start. This time of year we often like to think of the things that we want to make our New Year's resolutions. Things like making changes that better our health or righting wrongs that we have done are some of the things that people focus on when it comes to resolutions. To me making and keeping a resolution is a hard task. One thing I believe that we all can make a resolution to do and hopefully will be easy to keep is to pray. This is one thing that is sometimes not done enough in our lives and it could never hurt to pray more. There are so many things we can pray for. We can pray for the welfare of our neighbors to the success of our loved ones. We can pray to God just to give thanks for all we have or to pray for the needs of others. We can pray to God just to talk or to make requests that we know only He can help with. Prayer is communication with God. I think He would like to hear from us, no matter the circumstance or situation. He loves us and wants to help us not just in this New Year but always. Remember prayers can be any form of communication between us and God, we just have to do it. So as we enter this Year of our Lord 2020, no matter what your resolution may be, remember to talk with the One who made this time that we have possible.

Happy New Year,

Love in Christ,

Pastor Jeff

Gracious God,

As we enter into this New Year and leave another behind, we pray You journey with us, guiding our steps and minds. Give us courage and strength to leave the old behind and enter into what you have in store for us. Be with us throughout this New Year just as you have in years before. Whatever this New Year brings help us always to find your presence in all we do, say, and see. May this year be one of joy, peace and love. Help us to show your love to those who need it, guide our actions and intentions O Lord we pray. Help us all, your creation, to live in peace this year and forevermore. Lord we pray that your joy surrounds us as we your children pray for this New Year. Thank you for this gift and blessing of time that you provide for us and for all. In Jesus name, Amen.

*In essentials unity,
In non-essentials
liberty,
In all things love..*

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NEWS FROM THE CMC BOARD

Minutes for CMC Board Meeting: 12/18/2019

Attendees: Pam Williams, Lori Bartels, Sheri Holland, Priscilla Donathan, Judy Atkinson, Libby Tamson, Pastor Jeff Jones

Pastor Jeff opened with the Reading of the Daily Text and a prayer.

Old Business: Minutes were approved

Pastors Report: Pastor Jeff received a call from a woman and family in need and helped her with groceries and delivered to her.

New Business: It is a good idea to recognize Volunteers in our Church and all their work, but not to single out a specific volunteer for an award. All volunteers are valuable.

Church Council Meeting will be held with the congregation on 1/26/2020. Nominees for the Board to be voted on at that time

Libby Tamson and Pam Williams will be coming off the Board in January 2020 and will need to replace those two positions. Pat Staton had offered to be a nominee. Still need one other to nominate.

Individual Minister Team reports are due to Pastor Jeff by 1/12/2020.

Christmas Eve candle Light Services to take place at 5:30pm and 7:30pm. There will be a Choir and solos. Libby Tamson has all Deniers lined up and ready and will have food between the services for the servers and choir.

Team Reports:

Hospitality: Lori Bartels- All going good. Cookies and coffee after each church service to continue

Stewardship/Fundraising: Priscilla Donathan-Dewey's Store has been extremely successful. As of 12/16, the store had collected over 6900.00 in cash ONLY, not including credit card purchases. Candle Tea alone had collected 7345.00 in sales

Facilities: Jonathan Allen-not in attendance

Congregational Care and Healing: Sue Gallagher- Not in attendance.

Worship and Music: Sheri Holland- Choir is continuing. Need more people to join. Choir will be singing several music pieces Christmas Eve, with additional special music

Spiritual Formation and Christian Ed: Libby Tamson- Nothing new to report.

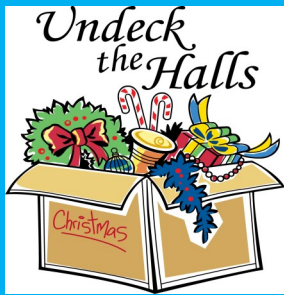
Mission Formation & Outreach: Judy Atkinson- The Dewey's Store and Candle Tea continue to be a GREAT community outreach to all, as well as the two Love Feast Services on Christmas Eve.

Finance: Pam Williams- As of 12/17/2019 there was \$21,088.62 in the bank to CMC. \$2800.00 additional from World Mission Funds. The Financial Books need to be audited by TWO people other than Pam Williams. It was suggested that maybe Jeff Bartels and Cat would be available to help with that after Christmas.

Closing Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:45

UNITY PRAYER WATCH

End of Year Statements



UNITY PRAYER WATCH FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD

12:00 PM ~ 6:00 PM

ON THIS DAY THE CONGREGATION PARTICIPATES IN CONTINUOUS PRAYER THROUGHOUT THIS DAY. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP TO COVER THE 15 MINUTE INCREMENTS POSTED ON THE SIGN UP SHEET IN THE VESTIBULE.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

THE CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS WILL BE GOING OUT BY THE END OF JANUARY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR STATEMENT, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS. WE THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT, TIME AND TALENTS AND GIVING TO OUR CHURCH. MAY YOU ALL HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Removing the Greens Sunday, January 5th

We will be removing the greens from the halls on Sunday, January 5th immediately following the service. Please plan to stay and help if you are able.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, January 3rd ~ Unity Prayer Watch
Sunday, January 5th - Epiphany of the Lord/ Birthday Sunday
Tuesday, January 7th - Women's Fellowship at 2:00 pm
Tuesday, January 14th - Book Club at 1:00 pm
Wednesday, January 15th, ~ Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Monday, January 20th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Sunday, January 27th - Church Council Meeting

Thank You

Thank you to ALL who helped make the Candle Tea a huge success! Many people work behind the scenes and throughout the year to make this wonderful event!

Thanks to all who purchased gifts for our Angel Tree recipients. The women and children had a wonderful Christmas and were very appreciative of your support and generosity!

Thank you to those who volunteered and served during the Christmas Eve Lovefeasts! We had a great turn out and the sanctuary was at capacity! Thanks to all who helped decorate the sanctuary and hang the garland and set up the Christmas Tree.

Thank you to Sheri Holland for all of her hard work throughout the year making the paper stars for Candle Tea and the Dewey's Store. She does an amazing job!

Thank you to Mr. Charles Woodward for his service as Music Director/Organist. He has not missed a service in over 6 years!

Thank you to those who helped with the Dewey's pop up store at Mayfaire. The net proceeds from this fundraiser will be announced on Sunday, January 5th.



DEAR CMC FRIENDS,

Thank you so much for the many and varied ways you as a congregation shared expressions of love for me at Christmas time. Thanks to the Board who on behalf of the congregation gave a generous Christmas bonus! Happy New Year and Blessings to you all! Crystal Baron, Church Administrator

Covenant Moravian,

Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas gift, which I appreciated very much!

Charles Woodward



CMC Church Council ~ Sunday, January 26th (Immediately following worship service)

Members are encouraged to attend on Sunday, January 26th to participate in the business of the church. The board members will be reporting on the ministries and activities of 2019, and objectives for 2020. They will be electing new members for the church board as well. Every year three members cycle off the board and must be replaced. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions. Please plan to attend if possible! One big way we can make a difference in our church is to become involved!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



*Women's Fellowship will meet on
Tuesday, January 7th at 2pm at the church.
All women of the church are warmly invited.
Happy New Year!*

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB



*Women's Book
Club will meet on
Tuesday, January
14th at 1:00 pm.*

*We will discuss
what you have
read over the
holidays and*

*choose a new book for the February
meeting. Bring your lunch and plan to
join us.*



PRAYER LIST

Linda McKeown,
David Bagnal,
Bruce Mock & Family,
Brad Hoss, Reed Kernodle,
Mike Tyler, Brad Jernigan,
Kevin Walker

ON GOING REQUESTS

Jiacamo Appice,
Lori Bartels, June Brown,
Mary Wilson, Lib Schultz

HOMEBOUND

Peg Jolls

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan 3 Donna Wood
Jan 9 Devon Baldwin
Jan 11 Vicky Bartels
Jan 12 Danny Donathan
Jan 18 Charles Woodward
Jan 25 Helena Rojek

With Your Presence, Lord

Moravian Birthday Hymn

With your presence, Lord, our Head
and Savior, Bless us all, we humbly
pray; our dear heavenly Father's
love and favor be our comfort every
day. May God's Sprit now in each
proceeding favor us with his most
gracious leading; thus shall we be
truly blessed both in labor and in
rest.





JANUARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Unity Prayer Watch 12pm- 6pm	4
5 11:00 a.m. Worship Birthday Sunday	6	7 Women's Fellowship 2:00 pm	8 Confirmation Class 5:30 pm Choir 6:00 P.M.	9	10	11
12 11:00 a.m. Worship Church Council Reports Due	13	14 Women's Book Club 1:00 P.M.	15 Choir 6:00 P.M. Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.	16 <u>Mission Group</u>	17 <u>Mission Group</u>	18 CCANA 11am - 4pm <u>Mission Group</u>
19 11:00 a.m. Worship <u>Mission Group</u>	20 <u>Mission Group</u>	21 <u>Mission Group</u>	22 Confirmation Class-5:30 P.M. Choir 6:00 P.M. <u>Mission Group</u>	23	24	25
26 11:00 a.m. Worship Church Council	27	28	29 Choir 6:00 P.M.	30	31	



COVENANT MORAVIAN WORSHIP ACTIVITY

	1/5/2020	1/12/2020	1/19/2019	1/26/2020	2/2/2020
Preacher	The Rev. Jeff Jones	The Rev. Jeff Jones	The Rev. Jeff Jones	The Rev. Jeff Jones	The Rev. Jeff Jones
Lay reader	Don Britt	Charles Baldwin	Don Britt	Jonathan Allen	George Elam
Ushers	Roberta Fitzgerald & Roger Culler	Linda McKeown & Sheri Holland	Jeff Bartels & George Elam	Sheri Holland & John Ellington	Roberta Fitzgerald & Roger Culler
Greeter & Visitor Host	Kathy Britt	Deb Elam	Sheri Holland	Linda McKeown	Deb Elam
Mission Possible Youth	Pat Staton	Pat Staton	Pat Staton	Pat Staton	Pat Staton
Lock-up Duty	Jeff Bartels	Roger Culler	Pat Staton	John Ellington	Jeff Bartels
Offering Team	Jeff Bartels & Kathy Britt	Sheri Holland & George Elam	Jeff Bartels & John Ellington	George Elam & Jeff Bartels	Sheri Holland & Kathy Britt

The Rev. Jeffrey Jones, Pastor

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Charles Woodward, Interim Music Director

Crystal Baron, Church Administrator

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Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

COVENANT 2020 WATCHWORD

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