



THE COVENANT MESSENGER

The Newsletter of Covenant Moravian Church

December 2021

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In essentials

unity,

In non-essentials

liberty,

In all things

love.

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

It is called “the most wonderful time of the year,” this time of year that we are entering. There are a lot of things that we celebrate this time of year that inspire wonder and awe. The birth of child has that power too. When a child comes into the world it is a miracle and it is a glimpse of the power of God.

One child born over two thousand years ago came into the world the same way as we all do, but this child changed everything. This child was born among animals and by firelight in a stable. His bed was a manger and hay was his pillow. His mother sang him lullabies while the animals were lowing and this little baby warmed the hearts of all in his company. This baby was Immanuel, God with us and he came into the world to save it. This little boy was a king born in some of the poorest conditions in the town of Bethlehem. This child is the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior, the Son of God born of the Virgin Mary; and he, from the time he was born until the death that he knew on the cross he would live our life, drink our drinks, eat our food, and experience our humanity. He cried with us, laughed with us, worked with us, and cared for us, while he was here. And he still is with us always until the end of the age.

Jesus knows us inside and out and he loves us all, no matter who we are or where we are in life. He came into this world because his Father sent him, because he loved us so much that he wanted to give us a gift... of salvation.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

John 3:16-18

May you all have a Happy Advent, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Jeff

CHRISTMAS EVE LOVEFEAST AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sunday, December 19 - 7:00 P.M.

Please join us on Sunday, December 19 at 7pm for the Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candlelight Service.

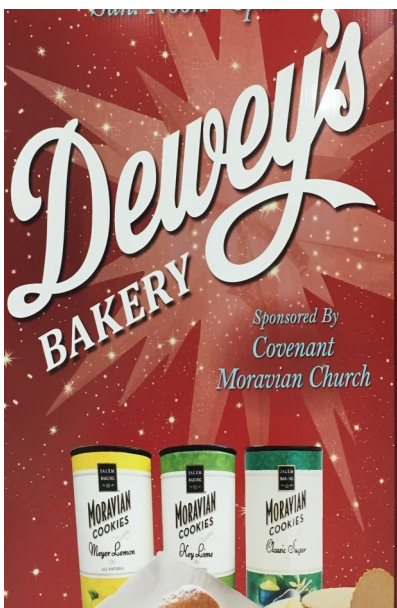
This service will only be for Covenant Members and their families due to Covid restrictions and concerns for keeping everyone safe. We will require that you wear your mask and be socially distanced from others outside of your family unit. To be able to do this safely this will only allow 80 people to be in the sanctuary.

If you plan to attend this service, please call the church office by December 17 and let us know how many in your family will be attending.

For those of you who will not be able to attend, this service will be posted on the CMC Facebook Page on December 24 and also on the website for you to enjoy with your families.



DEWEY'S HOLIDAY STORE/JOINT WORSHIP



Covenant Moravian Church is excited to partner once again with our friends at Dewey's to bring to the Wilmington community a Holiday Store at Mayfaire Town Center.

**859 Inspiration Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405
Across from Barnes & Noble.**

Be sure to pick up some of their world famous baked goods for all of those on your shopping list this holiday season.

**Joint Worship
December 26
10:00 A.M.**

**A Moravian
Christmas
Reading
Service!**



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & PRAYER CONCERNS



Dec 8 Pat Staton

Dec 22 Brittany Holland

Dec 24 John Ellington

Community Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 15

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

At Covenant Moravian Church

Blood donors needed now

Visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment and enter sponsor code:

"Covenant Moravian"

Or call 1-800-733-2767

All donors are welcome!

Please bring your photo ID and be well hydrated.



Brad Jernigan, Lee Higginbotham,
Stella Rae Baron,

Tom Foushee, Deborah Scampvia,

The Family of Suzanne Gamble, John Ormand,
Jeff Bartels, Cheryl Prince, Cheri Mills,

Linda & Bob Flippo,

The Family of Linda McKeown, Sandra Cantrell,

Mac Goodrum, June Brown,

Chuck & Barb Maki, Jiacamo Appice.

End of Year Giving



Christmas is the perfect time to give a "love gift" to CMC in honor of

Jesus' birth. To receive credit for 2021 your gift must be received in the office no later than December 30, 2021.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Dewey's open 10am—6pm	2 Dewey's open 10am—6pm	3 Dewey's open 10am—6pm	4 Dewey's open 10am—6pm
5 Worship 11 am Dewey's open 12pm—6pm	6 <i>Office closed</i> Dewey's open 10am—6pm	7 Dewey's open 10am—6pm	8 Dewey's open 10am—6pm	9 Dewey's open 10am—7pm	10 Dewey's open 10am—7pm	11 Dewey's open 10am—7pm
12 Worship 11 am Dewey's open 12pm—6pm	13 <i>Office closed</i> Dewey's open 10am—7pm	14 Dewey's open 10am—7pm	15 Blood Drive 10am—3pm Dewey's open 10am—7pm	16 Dewey's open 10am—7pm	17 Dewey's open 10am—7pm	18 Dewey's open 10am—7pm
19 Worship 11 am Dewey's open 12pm—6pm	20 <i>Office closed</i> Dewey's open 10am—7pm	21 First Day of Winter Dewey's open 10am—7pm	22 Dewey's open 10am—7pm	23 Dewey's open 10am—4pm	24 Christmas Eve Church office closed	25 Christmas Day
26 Joint Worship 10 am	27 <i>Office closed</i> Dewey's Store Clean up 10am (Volunteers Needed)	28 Church office closed	29 Church office closed	30 End of year donations deadline Church office closed	31 New Year's Eve Church office closed	

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Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday

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COVENANT 2021 WATCHWORD

Happy are those whose help is the
God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord
their God. Psalm 146:5

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