

Unity Moravian Church of Lewisville



Watchword Text for the Year

*"In Jesus Christ you also are being built together for
a dwelling place of God in the Spirit."*
Ephesians 2:22

September 17, 2017
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Marriage Ceremony of
Shirley Atkinson and Allen Yoder

Unity Moravian Church of Lewisville

*Please see an usher if you need equipment
for the hearing impaired or a large print hymnal.*

THE CONGREGATION GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Welcome and Call to Worship

(Please register your attendance by signing the pew pad)

Prelude: *Canon in D*

J. Pachelbel

HEARING GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Liturgy: "Covenant"

(Standing)

The day is coming," says the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt – the covenant which they broke, even though I loved them..."
(Jer. 31:31-32)

Great God of the past and future, out of your deep love for this Earth, You made a covenant with Noah and his family after the flood by putting a rainbow in the sky;

**symbolizing your promise of love and blessing to every living creature,
and to all successive generations.**

Because you love what you've created, you made a covenant with Abraham and Sarah, blessing them and their descendants throughout the generations.

**Your abiding love made a covenant with Moses and the Israelite people to
all generations, giving them the laws by which to live in community,
welcoming the stranger, and providing for the poor and weak
among them.**

Pray for our Church Family:

Evan Huss

Remembering Members who find it difficult to attend:

Edith Ammons, Jennifer Beard, Dot Faircloth,
Betty Phillips, Dee Young

Pray for our Family and Friends:

Linda Bean (sister of Anita Hughes and Carol Tatum)
Allen Bradshaw (son of Jerrie Bradshaw)
Janice Bray (sister of Donna Shore)
Patricia Brown (sister-in-law of Dottie Sayers)
Tommy Brown (nephew of Dottie Sayers)
Larry Cook (friend of Will Smith)
Jennie Cornatzer (sister of Nancy Jackson)
Pam Cregger (sister of Teresa Perry)
Frank Foster (friend of Faye and Charles Johnson)
Polly Fishel (aunt of Lynn Williamson)
Family of Phyllis Grunewald (cousin of Beth Basta)
Richard Hartz (friend of Jim Basta and Dennis Fort)
Nadine Haydon (relative of Kim Felton)
Brooke Hollar (niece of Beverly Merritt)
Tami Kipple (cousin of Beth Basta)
Mary Lamar (cousin of Henry Pearce)
David Langill (friend of Henry and Jean Pearce)
Bonnie Lawrence (daughter of Dee Lawrence)
Maude Martin (mother of Joyce Carden)
Jeanette Norfleet (friend of Becky Surratt and Kay Vance)
Steve Parks (son of Bill Parks)
Louise Poindexter (mother of Janet Sowers)
Family of Matt Reinstein (nephew of Wayne and Rachel Yancey)
Martha Riddle (friend of Jayne Parks)
Dick Sheek (brother of Edith Ammons)
Miriam Spangler (friend of Hilda Vestal)
Wilson Sparks (brother-in-law of Edith Ammons and Dick Sheek)
Billie Wenzel (cousin of Beth Basta)
Clark Steed (brother-in-law of Teresa and Art Perry)
Ron Willard (friend of Dan and Brenda Pugh)

Serving in Missions:

Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide (Bethel, Alaska)

Service of Holy Marriage for Shirley Atkinson and Allen Yoder

Pages 175-176

Choir Anthem: *Laudamus Te*

N. Sleeth

Declaration of Intention

Exchange of Vows

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

Solo: *The Summons*

J. L. Bell/G. Maule

Carolyn Coram; Stephanie Rehm, Clarinet

Prayer

Declaration of Marriage

Blessing

FOLLOWING OUR LAMB INTO THE WORLD

***Recessional Hymn:** *Hear Us Now, Our God and Father*

Hymn 429

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

Postlude: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

arr. Hustad/Hopson

**(Please stand if able)*

(Allen and Shirley will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.)

Hymn: *God of the Sparrow*

*God of the sparrow, God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise*

*God of the hungry, God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life*

In your love, you sent us Jesus, who invites us to enter into a new covenant, to follow his way of forgiveness, healing, and sacrificial love.

**Today we join in this loving covenant.
Your covenant, O God, of faithfulness and love that extends
to the whole of creation.**

“But this is the new covenant that I will make with my people on that day,” says the LORD. “I will put my instructions deep within them – I will write them on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” (Jer. 31:33)

Hymn:

*God of the rainbow, God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks*

*God of the neighbor, God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace*

In the colors of the rainbow, in the tablets of stone, in the love shared by Christ, and in the healing power of love shown in the lives of the faithful of every generation, we see and experience this powerful covenant, gifted to us by God.

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God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
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Reading of God’s Word

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Frank Wonsavage
Old Testament, Page 162

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Time With Children:

Rick Madison
(Children (preschool through 5th grade) are invited to attend Children’s Worship)

***Hymn:**

We Covenant With Hand and Heart

Hymn 209

***Text for the Day:** “Deuteronomy 29:10-15, 29”

Old Testament, Page 184

The Message for Today:

“Covenant Living”

Rev. Barry Foster

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Worship by Giving:

Offertory: *Fairest Lord Jesus* with *Moonlight Sonata*

arr. M.. Reimer

* Offertory Response - Doxology

Hymnal 817

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye Heav’nly hosts;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Prayer

Concerns and Joys for the Community, Nation and World

Prayers of Intercession:

Prayer Response: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

V. Thomson

Ministry Opportunities

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What's Happening at Unity Moravian Church

Welcome! May God's blessings be yours and the fruits of regular worship bring peace and joy in your heart. We are grateful that you have chosen to share in our worship experience today. Our church is a family committed to the promise of God that Jesus Christ is Lord of life, and that His love unites us in spirit and truth. We are glad you are with us today and we invite you into our fellowship. For more information, speak with our pastor.



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Nursery	Brittany Alexander Amy McKay

Opportunities	
Today, September 17	9:45 a.m. Church-wide Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship - <i>Wedding</i>
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Crafts 11:00 a.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Building & Grounds 6:30 p.m. Intergenerational Bells 7:30 p.m. Unity Bells
Wednesday	7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Saturday	8:00 a.m. Unity Men - (<i>Smoked Meatloaf</i>) 8:30 a.m. Highway Clean-up
Next Sunday, September 24	9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship

Deadline for submitting Newsletter information is **September 19.**

Children's Worship Volunteers

Many thanks to Audrey Hayes who has taken full responsibility for Children's Church for some years. She is resigning from this responsibility effective the end of September and will be devoting her time to other areas.

Worship Bags are prepared for our children (preschool-2nd grade) each Sunday by Shirley Atkinson. The activities are begun in worship service and completed during Children's Worship. Shirley would like at least **six people** to volunteer who would form a team of leaders for Children's Worship.

Please contact her at shirleyatkinson2@aol.com to volunteer for this service or call/text her at 336-575-8468.

QUARTERLY HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP
Saturday, September 23, at **8:30 am**, Weather Permitting
Please join us!!

Congregational Council

Our Congregational Council will be held on Sunday, **September 24** during worship. We will be voting to:

- 1 Elect three new members to our Church Board, and,
- 2 Elect one new representative for the Regional Conference of Churches

The following nominees have been submitted for consideration:

Church Board: **Scott Culbertson, Henry Fansler, Brendan Garcia, Scott Geyer, Dinah Howell, Bob Morrell**

RCC Representative: **Dottie Sayers, Deeje Culbertson**

This information has been placed in your mailboxes for consideration. Please plan to join us!

Smoked Meatloaf

Unity Men are planning to smoke their *Specialty Meatloaf* on **September 23**. They will sell for **\$10.00 each** (including a container of glaze).

There will be no storage available in our freezers due to our Fall Bazaar. You must **pre-order** your **meatloaf** and pick up on Saturday (23rd) after lunch or Sunday morning (refrigerated) at church.

There is a reservation sheet on the table in the narthex.
Reserve Yours Today!!

Unity Friends
September 30, 2017

Everyone is invited to the *Surratt's Farm (rain or shine)*. Bring a dish to share and a chair. Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. Come early and stay late!

Maps to the farm are located at the mailboxes.

Activities: hiking, rocking, *eating*, swinging, fellowshiping, *eating*, four-wheeling, observing wild animals, reminiscing, *eating*, relaxing, story telling, and music.

Make Your Plans!!

Chicken Pie Workday Schedule
October 20

There are a few \$10 pies available for sale. They are in the small freezer by the door of the building.

However, when this supply of pies has been sold, there will be **no more pies available until the Bazaar** on Saturday, **October 28**.

Christmas Trees and Crafts
Tuesday - **9:00 a.m. - 11:00 am**

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join the fun and fellowship!

Friends of Laurel Ridge

Don't miss the 14th annual dinner! Sunday, September 24, 5:30 p.m. at Friedberg Moravian Church. RSVP to Teresa Cude **today**, September 17, teresa@laurelridge.org or call 888-831-5922

Statistics Last Week (09/10/17)

Attendance Sunday Worship	85
Weekly Needs to Meet Our Budget	\$3,305.89
Offering	\$2,470.00
Peanut Butter	\$74.00

Plastic or Paper Bags?

Sunnyside needs paper bags with handles and/or plastic grocery bags. If you have extra and are willing to donate them, they can be placed in the Sunnyside donation box.

Thank you for your support of this worthy cause!

Volunteers for September 24, 2017

Liturgist:	Allen Yoder
Usher Team:	Ernie Hughes
Greeters:	Louis Baumann, Jayne Parks
Sound Board	Chuck Tatum
Time with Children:	Rev. Barry Foster
Children's Worship	Audrey Hayes
Mower (9/23)	Ed Merritt

Team Leader for Crop Walk

We are looking for someone to lead us this year in the Annual CROP WALK, which will be held **Sunday, October 15, 2:30pm at Corpening Plaza** in downtown Winston-Salem.

If you would like to take the lead in this ministry for our congregation, please call the church office and we will get you the information you need. Thanks!!

Foods of the Month

Sunnyside Ministries: Donations
Samaritan Ministries: Hotel-sized toiletries

Prayer Concerns

Anyone who has prayer requests or concerns to be shared during worship or to be placed in the bulletin, please complete one of the pink forms in the narthex and give to an usher.