

# 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 24, 2017**  
**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

## 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)*

#### Church Council Meeting

#### Ballot for Board Member Election

Distribution of ballots  
Collection of ballots

#### Council recess for Worship

#### Prelude: *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

Spiritual/arr. M. Ham

### HEARING GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

#### Liturgy: "A Liturgy for Serving" by Jessy Burcaw

I feel called. Something like the voice of God is stirring in me. I have heard the stories of people in need. They need someone to care about them, someone like me. There must be something I can do to help, even if it is just listening, or teaching. My thoughts are occupied with the decision to go help. Repeatedly I ask myself, "Should I? What can I expect? Am I strong enough?"

**Lord, hear my prayer. You are near to those who call to you, who call to you with sincerity.**

Then I realize that with God's help, I can do this. God heard his people in Egypt and sent Moses. Moses was hesitant, because he thought Pharaoh and the people might not listen to him. Sometimes I feel scared too. Now God is calling me to fill a need in our world.

**We thank you, Lord, for calling us to serve you. You provide strength and wisdom for each day and hope for the journey.**

The work might not be easy. Like Moses, I am not perfect, but I can love and I can serve. God has given me gifts to share.

\*Text for the Day: "Matthew 20:1-16" New Testament, Page 21

The Message for Today: "Our Truck Driving God" Rev. Barry Foster

Silent Reflection

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

#### Worship by Giving:

Offertory: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

arr. M. Hayes

#### \* 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: *Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart*

(stanza 1) Hymn 490

### FOLLOWING OUR LAMB INTO THE WORLD

#### Ministry Opportunities

#### Results of Board Member and RCC Election

\*Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Hymn 460

#### \*Benediction

#### \*Choral Response

Postlude: *The Fanfare Fugue*

J. S. Bach

\*(Please stand if able)

**We thank you, God, for the gifts you have given all of us to share. Give us the will and commitment to do the hard work that lies ahead.**

With God's help I can sacrifice my own comforts and time to serve someone else. I can hear God calling me in the pictures and stories of the people of Nepal. God's burning bush is glowing before me:

#### Hymn:

*Here I am, Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

#### Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

**Prayer:** Prepare us Lord, for what lies ahead as we answer your call. Give us the strength and dedication that we need in order to serve others. Give us the energy we will need to follow through with our task. Open our ears and our hearts and eyes so that we can sustain other and enable others to become the best they can be. Lift up those who need you most. In your name we pray, **Amen.**

#### Reading of God's Word

Psalms 145

Readers' Theater  
Old Testament, page 569

**Anthem:** *Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem*

Dennis Fort, solo Tenor

J. H. Maunder

#### Time With Children:

*(Children (preschool through 5th grade) are invited to attend Children's Worship)*

Rev. Barry Foster

\*Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Hymn 530



# 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

<b>Opportunities</b>	
<b>Today, September 24</b>	9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship – <i>Congregational Council</i>
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Crafts 11:00 a.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Intergenerational Bells 7:30 p.m. Unity Bells
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Potluck & Program - <i>(Bethel, Alaska)</i> 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Thursday	10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship - Evening
Saturday	12:30 p.m. Unity Friends-Surratt's Farm
<b>Next Sunday, October 1</b>	9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship - <i>Communion</i> 12:15 p.m. CE Committee- <i>(bag lunch)</i>

**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!!**

**Congregational Council**

Today our Congregational Council is being held 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**

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

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

**Bethel, Alaska Mission**  
**September 27, 2017**  
**Potluck - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Program - 6:30 p.m.**

The Mission Team to Alaska will present their experiences and blessings from their journey in July. We hope everyone will join us for this uplifting report.

**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.

They are also in need of large-sized toiletries. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause!

**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 Yoder. 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](mailto:shirleyatkinson2@aol.com) to volunteer for this service or call/text her at 336-575-8468.

**Senior Adults** are encouraged to attend the **Aging Well Fall Rally** (formerly Senior Friends Fall Rally)

**Tuesday, October 10, 2017**  
**12:30 p.m.**

Hopewell Moravian Church - Christian Life Center.

Cost is \$10 for Baked Potato Bar, Salad bar, Dessert and Drink. The entertainment will be provided by The Moravian Buns. Tickets available through our liaison (Dottie Sayers) after worship today in the narthex or from the Board of Cooperative Ministries by October 1.

**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.  
**No more pies available until the Bazaar on Saturday, October 28.**

**Meetings Scheduled**

- *Wednesday*    *September 27*    *6:00 p.m. Alaska Mission - Potluck & Program*
- *Thursday*    *September 28*    *10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship*  
*7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship-Evening*
- *Sunday*    *October 1*    *12:15 p.m. CE Committee*

**Foods of the Month**

**Sunnyside Ministries:** Donations  
**Samaritan Ministries:** Hotel-sized toiletries  
**LCAP:** Toilet Tissue

The beautiful flowers given by **Scott and Christa Geyer** are in celebration of their 15th wedding anniversary.

**Statistics Last Week (09/17/17)**

<b>Attendance Sunday Worship</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>Weekly Needs to Meet Our Budget</b>	<b>\$3,305.89</b>
<b>Offering</b>	<b>\$2,191.00</b>

**Volunteers for October 1, 2017**

Liturgist:	Shirley Yoder
Usher Team:	Randy Noftle
Greeters:	Dottie Sayers, Will Smith
Sound Board	Chuck Tatum
Time with Children:	Shirley Yoder
Children's Worship	TBD
Mower (9/30)	Will Smith

**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.

**Pray for our Church Family:**

Alex Black, 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)  
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Mary Lamar (cousin of Henry Pearce)  
David Langill (friend of Henry and Jean Pearce)  
Bonnie Lawrence (daughter of Dee Lawrence)  
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Jeanette Norfleet (friend of Becky Surratt and Kay Vance)  
Steve Parks (son of Bill Parks)  
Louise Poindexter (mother of Janet Sowers)  
Martha Riddle (friend of Jayne Parks)  
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**Serving in Missions:**

Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide (Bethel, Alaska)

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