

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

December 24, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Band Prelude Unity Moravian Band

Welcome and Call to Worship
(Please register your attendance by signing the pew pad)

Lighting the Advent Wreath O'Brien Family
Chase, Hannah and Harper

Prelude: *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* arr. S. Wellman

HEARING GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Liturgy: "Christmas" Pages 59-64

Reading of God's Word Nancy Wonsavage
Romans 16:25-27 New Testament, Page 161
Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Time With Children: Linn Parsons
*Children (preschool through 5th grade) are invited to attend Children's Worship
with Christa Geyer*

***Hymn:** *Lo, How a Rose Is Growing* Hymn 302

Text for the Day: "Luke 1:67-79" New Testament, Page 56

The Message for Today: "Christmas Again" Rev. Barry Foster

Silent Reflection

Pray for our Church Family:

Alex Black, Joe Cox, Evan Huss, Cam Lane, Richard Spong

Remembering Members who find it difficult to attend:

Jennifer Beard, Dot Faircloth, Betty Phillips, Dee Young

Pray for our Family and Friends:

Lisa Allgood (cousin of Berry Sink)
Linda Bean (sister of Anita Hughes and Carol Tatum)
Marty and Ben Beeson (cousin of Allan and Coy Vance, Jr.)
Allen Bradshaw (son of Jerrie Bradshaw)
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)
Nadine Haydon (relative of Kim Felton)
Elliana Helms (friend of Faye and Charles Johnson)
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)
Tommy Long (friend of Ed and Beverly Merritt)
Maude Martin (mother of Joyce Carden)
Steve Parks (son of Bill Parks)
Louise Poindexter (mother of Janet Sowers)
Martha Riddle (friend of Jayne Parks)
Greg Sayers (son of Dottie Sayers)
Katie Schreiber (granddaughter of Joy Cole)
Dick Sheek (brother of Edith Ammons)
Wilson Sparks (brother-in-law of Edith Ammons and Dick Sheek)
Patricia Vance Starbuck (sister-in-law of Kay Vance)
Clark Steed (brother-in-law of Teresa and Art Perry)
Billie Wenzel (cousin of Beth Basta)
Jon Vickers (friend of Lynn Williamson)
Nancy Yerigan (cousin of Kay Vance)

Serving in Missions:

Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide (Bethel, Alaska)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Worship by Giving:

Offertory Anthem: *Angels Are Making Their Rounds*
* Offertory Response - Doxology
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

P. Choplin
Hymn 817

Concerns and Joys for the Community, Nation and World

Prayer of Intercession:

Prayer Response:

*O holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born to us today
We hear the Christmas angels, their great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel*

Hymn 282

FOLLOWING OUR LAMB INTO THE WORLD

Ministry Opportunities

***Hymn:** *From Heaven High I Come to You*

Hymn 306

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude: *Toccata on 'Adeste Fideles'*

D. Hegarty

**(Please stand if able)*



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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Opportunities	
Today, December 24	9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Lovefeast 7:00 p.m. Lovefeast
Tuesday	NO Intergenerational Bells NO Unity Bells
Wednesday	NO Choir rehearsal
Next Sunday, December 31	9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship

Church office closed December 25th and 26th for Christmas holidays.

Annual Reports

All organizations and committees of Unity Moravian Church are asked to have their Annual Reports with a brief synopsis of the year in to the Church office no later than Sunday, **January 14**. Should reports arrive later than Tuesday, there is no guarantee they will be included in the packet that will be placed in mailboxes on Sunday, **January 21**.

Flowers for our Sanctuary for 2018

If you would like to remember or honor someone special by placing flowers in our sanctuary, you may reserve the date of your choice by signing up on the calendar posted in the hall outside the Church office. We can accommodate two arrangements per service.

Thank You!

We had such a good time at our "Bulletin Stuffing Party."

A very special thank you for the contributions of time and treats to: Bari Fort, Faye Johnson, Debbie Hauser, Barbara Knouse, Cam Lane, and Becky Norman.

Statistics Last Week (12/17/17)	
Attendance Sunday Worship	78
Weekly Needs to Meet Our Budget	\$3,305.89
Offering	\$14,625.00

Volunteers for December 31, 2017	
Liturgist:	Frank Wonsavage
Usher Team:	Tim Felton
Greeters:	Ray Wilson, Becky Surratt
Sound Board:	Chuck Tatum
Time with Children:	Shirley Yoder

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.

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship has contributed \$8,000.00 to the operating budget of Unity Moravian Church. Many, many thanks to our members who have supported our fund-raising projects: crafts, bazaar, and chicken pies.

Unity Prayer Watch Schedule
January 1 through January 18, 2018

The time for our Church's participation in the Unity Prayer Watch is **January 6 from 6:00 p.m. until Midnight**. There is a sign-up sheet and lists of prayer concerns on the narthex table. You are invited to sign up for your preference of prayer time.

Foods of the Month

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

A Christmas Eve Request

Would all Unity members, who are able, please park in the lot behind the church for our Lovefeast Services this afternoon. . . Saving the front lot for our guests!

Come celebrate Christmas with Us!
4:00pm Christmas Eve Lovefeast
7:00pm Christmas Eve Lovefeast