

Pray for our Church Family:

Alex Black, Ken Carden, Tim Felton, Dinah Howell, Kay Huneycutt, Evan Huss, Judy Johnson, Don Matney, Bill Parks, Brian Parks, Henry Pearce, Jerry Seivers, Terry Sink, Richard Spong, Richard Williamson, Allen Yoder

Remembering Members Who Find It Difficult to Attend:

Jennifer Beard, Jere Dailey, Dot Faircloth, Lou Utt, Dee Young

Pray for our Family and Friends:

Edith Ammons (friend of the church)
Linda Bean (sister of Anita Hughes and Carol Tatum)
Freida Belcher (friend of Judy Duke)
Janice Blackburn (friend of Linn Parsons)
Cara Clarke (friend of Scott and Christa Geyer)
Larry Cook (friend of Will Smith)
Jackie Cregger (niece of Teresa Perry)
Pam Cregger (sister of Teresa Perry)
Frank Diehl (friend of congregation)
Margo Ehlers (neighbor of Judy Duke)
Polly Fishel (aunt of Lynn Williamson)
Sam Freeman (neighbor of Judy Duke)
Nadine Haydon (relative of Kim Felton)
Ron Johnson (son of Bob and Judy Johnson)
Tami Kipple (cousin of Beth Basta)
David Langill (friend of Henry and Jean Pearce)
Maude Martin (mother of Joyce Carden)
Tyler, Staci and Easton Matthews (friends of the Wonsavages)
Angela Mishoe (sister of Christa Geyer)
Jackson Mishoe (nephew of Scott and Christa Geyer)
John Nofle (brother of Randy Nofle)
Dan Parker (friend of Dan and Brenda Pugh)
Steve Parks (son of Bill Parks)
Mary Pearce (aunt of Henry Pearce)
Louise Poindexter (mother of Janet Sowers)
Brenda Proffitt (friend of Becky Surratt)
Martha Riddle (friend of Jayne Parks)
Martha Russell (grandmother of Scott Geyer)
Katie Schreiber (granddaughter of Joy Cole)
Linda Stanford (friend of Maynard and Becky Surratt)
Patricia Vance Starbuck (sister-in-law of Kay Vance)
Clark Steed (brother-in-law of Teresa and Art Perry)
Kimberly Stewart (friend of Ashley Garcia)
Sadie Taylor (sister of Maynard Surratt)
Phyllis Wilcox (neighbor of Judy Duke)
Frank Wolfe and family (friend of Garcia family)
Nancy Yerigan (cousin of Kay Vance)

Serving in Missions:

Andrew Craver & Jenna Nodine (Bethel, Alaska)

Christmas Lovefeast Offering = \$2,817.00



Sunnyside Ministries \$939.00
Lewisville Elementary Backpack Food Program \$939.00
Friends of Moravian Jail and Prison Ministry \$939.00

Upcoming Events

Saturday 01/11	Community Blood Drive @ Harmony Grove	9:00 a.m.
	Church Board Retreat @ Lewisville Library	10:00 a.m.
Friday 01/17	Chicken Pie Workday	9:00 a.m.
Sunday 01/26	Congregational Council	11:00 a.m.

MORAVIAN SOUTHERN PROVINCE

**Unity Prayer Watch Schedule for the
Moravian Denomination
January 1 through January 18, 2020**

The "Prayer Watch" in which Moravians around the world participate, was reestablished in 1957, the 500th anniversary of the Unitas Fratrum. The "Prayer Watch" means prayer is being offered somewhere in the World-wide Unity 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The 62 Southern Province churches and fellowships are invited to pray during the first 18 days of January 2020. Lists of the ministries, leaders, and congregations throughout the world are available for those who offer prayers.

The time designated for Unity Moravian Church is **January 6th from midnight to 8:00 a.m.** There is a "sign-up" sheet in the Narthex for those who will devote time to pray for the Moravian Church and its mission for Christ in the world. May God continue to bless the Moravian Church in the coming year.

What's Happening at



8300 Concord Church Road
Lewisville, NC 27023
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Epiphany Sunday

Holy Communion

Installation of New Board Members

Scripture Text: Matthew 3:11-17

Message: "Jesus, Baptism and the Kingdom"

Next Week: Sunday, January 12, 2020

First Sunday After the Epiphany

Scripture Text: Ephesians 3:14-21

Message: "The Soul of the World"

Watchword Text for the Year

Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. II Corinthians 4:15

Staff

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		Nursery	Brittany Alexander Amy McKay
		Interim Music	Leaders: Dennis Fort Ruth Burcaw Randy Nofle

This Week's Calendar

Opportunities for the Next Two Weeks

Today, January 5	9:45 a.m. Sunday School
Epiphany Sunday	11:00 a.m. Worship
Holy Communion	
Installation of New Board Members	
Monday (01/06)	12:00 a.m. Prayer Watch begins 11:00 a.m. Prayer Partners
Tuesday (01/07)	11:00 a.m. Tai Chi
Wednesday (01/08)	7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Saturday (01/11)	9:00 a.m. Community Blood Drive @ Harmony Grove 10:00 a.m. Church Board Retreat @ Library
Next Sunday, January 12	9:45 a.m. Sunday School
First Sunday after the Epiphany	11:00 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Scouts
Monday (01/13)	6:30 p.m. Believers
Tuesday (01/14)	9:00 a.m. Christmas trees & crafts 11:00 a.m. Tai Chi 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Night Bible Study
Wednesday (01/15)	7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Thursday (01/16)	6:30 p.m. Scouts
Friday (01/17)	9:00 a.m. Chicken pie Workday

Worship Volunteers

January 5
 Liturgist: Allen Yoder
 Usher Team: Randy Nofle
 Greeters: Carol Tatum, Anita Hughes
 Sound Board: Chuck Tatum
 Time with Children: Shirley Yoder
 Children's Worship: Ashley Garcia

Worship Volunteers

January 12
 Liturgist: Shirley Yoder
 Usher Team: Mark Robinson
 Greeters: Joyce Carden, Louis Baumann
 Sound Board: Brendan Garcia
 Time with Children: Rachel Yancey
 Children's Worship: Shirley Yoder

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Evan Huss
- 5 Joan Wimmer
- 6 Jim Basta
- 7 Donna Shore
- 9 Audrey Parsons
- 10 Bob Johnson
- Nancy Wonsavage



UNITY FAMILY



Unity Church Board Planning Retreat

Saturday, January 11, 2020

10:00am – 1:30pm

Lewisville Library Conference Room

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 12**. 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 19**.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY



Hilda Vestal, Barbara Knouse, and Shirley Yoder have received concerns with the quality of the floral arrangements and billing charges from Walker's Florist. We scheduled two meetings for anyone to attend to hear the concerns and results of our investigation of other florists (Wilson's and Dahlia's) in Clemmons. In January, Dahlia's will provide flowers for the sanctuary and, if all goes well, we will continue with Dahlia's. The charge for flowers and delivery will be \$50.00. If two arrangements are ordered for any given Sunday, there will only be one delivery charge. Your feedback is welcome on the flowers we will have in the sanctuary in the month of January.

UNITY FRIENDS

Monday, January 27 at 6:00 PM



We will gather at the church for BINGO, SALAD, AND PIZZA. Lettuce for the salad will be provided as well as tea and coffee. A sign-up sheet will be on the narthex table. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you will bring "fixings" for the salad or a dessert. Remember to bring a prize for bingo. Mark your calendar now for an evening of fun and fellowship **Monday, January 27 at 6:00 PM**. Everyone is welcome to come for this fun evening. Talk with Beverly and Ed Merritt if you have questions.

OUR WATCHWORD FOR 2020:

II Corinthians 4:15 - *Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.*

It is accepted among New Testament scholars that St. Paul's longest ministry relationship is with this new Christian congregation he started in Corinth. Today, we have two surviving letters that he wrote to this congregation. Biblical scholars have noted that within these two letters are references to five letters that Paul wrote to them and one that the congregation wrote back to Paul. Archaeological scholars have found fragments of three of those five letters.

The city of Corinth is within 50 miles of both Athens and Delphi – the religious centers of ancient Greece. To think that it was a difficult place to plant a "new religious community" is an understatement. Not only is Paul "re-defining" Judaism and the prominence of the Torah, he is also presenting a new idea of faith in "God's Messiah" – who is none other than Jesus, a lowly traveling rabbi who gathered a following for his cause of bringing in a new "kingdom" or new "understanding of God's intent," and was falsely accused, condemned, and crucified. Yet, he came back from death and inspired his disciples to continue the cause, and even appeared to Paul and commissioned him to go spread this new religious idea to the Jews who would hear and accept it, but mostly, Paul saw his mission as the messenger to the Gentiles (in this case, Greeks) who would embrace God's mighty work of redemption for humanity through Jesus, his Messiah.

Earlier in chapter four, Paul describes his own troubles and sufferings as an accepted part of his calling. He infers this because he saw a connection with the sufferings of Jesus. And yet, for Paul, it is through suffering, it is through weakness, it is through risking one's own future for the sake of the "cause" that God's grace is received.

Here in chapter four, verse fifteen, we have Paul's affirmation that those who enter into this endeavor of bringing the gospel of Christ to as many neighborhoods as possible, will experience this result: *Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.*

It seems that extending grace to more and more people is our calling. This is the essential purpose. All others are ministerial – important for fulfilling needed tasks – but not our main goal.

God's blessing be upon us as we enter the two thousand and twentieth year of our Lord; and the fortieth year of our congregation.