# October 8, 2023 Married People's Covenant Lovefeast

**Watchword for the Week –** The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. Psalm 118:22,23

**Welcome** to our service of worship on this glorious Lord's Day! Today we celebrate Married People's Covenant Lovefeast - giving praise to God for the sacred institution of marriage. As we worship today and share in our Lovefeast may God fill us with His Spirit -- enabling us to fulfill the vows and promises we have made to Him and one another.

About Moravian Lovefeasts: Early Christians met and broke bread together to signify their fellowship, love and unity in the Lord Jesus Christ. In 1727, the Moravian Church revived this practice, and it has established the custom of celebrating the great church festivals by partaking together of a simple meal known as a Lovefeast. The first lovefeasts of the Moravian Church in North America were held at Savannah, Georgia, during the years 1735 to 1740. The first Lovefeast in North Carolina was held on the evening of the arrival of the first Moravian colonists in Bethabara on November 17, 1753.

If you have never been to a lovefeast the following explanation may be helpful. Following the opening prayer, the pastor will announce the hymn *O Thou in Whom We All are One*. While everyone sings, female dieners (servers) will come out with baskets of lightly sweetened Moravian Lovefeast Buns. They will pass the baskets down each pew allowing each person to take one of the buns. After all have been served, the dieners will exit the sanctuary and return with trays of Moravian coffee, sweetened with sugar and milk. Cups will be passed down each pew until all have been served. After the dieners leave the sanctuary, the pastor will stand and invite everyone to pray together the Moravian blessing. Then, while the choir sings, we will take part in the coffee and buns. Afterwards, the dieners will return to collect the cups and napkins (please put the napkins and any leftover buns into your cup). The service then continues at the pastor's direction.

If you are a guest today we are especially glad you're here. Please take a moment to add your name, address and phone number to the Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew. We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth and service to others offered throughout the week and hope that you will return and worship with us again next Sunday. If you are looking for a church home — a place where you can share Christian friendship, learn, serve and grow as a follower of Jesus — we would love to talk to you about joining the Friedberg church family.

**Prelude** Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place Wolfe John Dyer, soloist

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Hymn** O Thou in Whom We All are One Lovefeast Ode (Children ages 4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade may leave for Children's Church)

**Joys and Concerns** 

**Pastoral Prayer** 

Holy Scripture Luke 6: 46-49

Serving of Lovefeast Ode

Lovefeast Music Come to the Table Frey, Glover, McDonald

Joe Boles, soloist

As the Deer Nystrom

#### Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer

Anthem Nearer, My God, to Thee Mason

Tommy Williamson, trumpet

Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Blue) p. 817

**Sermon** "Building a Strong Marriage"

**Hymn** Praise the Lord Lovefeast Ode

Benediction

Postlude Jesus Is All the World to Me Thompson

This week in Friedberg's History: On October 8, 1753, fifteen Moravian Brethren traveled from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, heading towards North Carolina. Over 40 days they traveled 520 miles down the Great wagon road with 6 horses and a wagon full of supplies and arrived at the northern border of Wachovia on the afternoon of November 17, 1753. They then followed a road to the boundary of their tract, then cut the new road the remaining two and a half miles to a cabin built and abandoned by a hunter named Hans Wagner on land that would soon come to be known as Bethabara. Here they celebrated their safe arrival with a Lovefeast.

**Everyone is invited to eat lunch** immediately following our worship service today. The Youth will be hosting a baked potato and salad luncheon in the Family Life Center. All donations for this luncheon will go toward the Youth Fall and Winter retreats. After lunch, families and youth are welcome to attend a kickball game on the baseball field beside the parsonage.

**Sunnyside Ministry will celebrate their 45**th **anniversary** with a Lovefeast at Friedland Moravian Church, this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

Friedberg's Car, Truck, & Tractor Show is right around the corner (October 14), and we need your help to make our event a success! This year's event will include a silent auction and we are seeking individuals and groups to donate themed baskets for our attendees to bid on! Some ideas for theme baskets include Bird Watcher/Feeder, Arts and Crafts, Games, Car Wash, Christmas, Gardening, Date Night...anything your creative minds can conjure up! We'll need them in hand by Thursday, October 12th. If you are interested in donating a basket or would like to find out more, contact Laura Overcash via email at <a href="mailto:shagpop@hotmail.com">shagpop@hotmail.com</a> or 336-817-6016.

**Friedberg will be hosting a blood drive** on Sunday October 15th from 12:30 to 5:00. The blood drive schedule is available at <a href="https://www.redcrossblood.org">https://www.redcrossblood.org</a>. You can call Chuck Stone at (336)978-5537 or call the church office at (336)764-1830 during business hours to schedule an appointment.

"Cookies for Christ" – What can God do when the "Body of Christ" gives from the heart for Christ? He can use the "Body of Christ" at Friedberg to reach out and share the love of Christ to encourage and build others up. From your gifts of love, we will purchase Moravian sugar cookies and attach a message of love and thanks to each bag. Each bag will be hand delivered to those serving this nation. It is amazing to see how God can take a simple bag of cookies with a message attached, and touch lives in a way we can never imagine. We will have a special collection period through October 29. Checks should be made please payable to Friedberg Moravian Church and reference "Cookies for Christ" or indicate on your offering envelope the amount you would like to give for "Cookies for Christ."

**All parents** who have a child in Children's Church will be <u>required</u> to physically come down to the AV room on the first floor of the Family Life Center and sign their child out before they are released at the end of worship.

#### Sunday, October 8 (Lovefeast)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream

12:15 p.m. Youth Fundraiser Lunch

#### Monday, October 9

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

#### Tuesday, October 10

10:00 a.m. Circle 1-Discovery Classroom

10:00 a.m. Circle 5-Parlor

6:00 p.m. Circle 2-Discovery Classroom

6:00 p.m. Circle 3-Willing Workers Classroom

6:30 p.m. Circle 4

#### Wednesday, October 11

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, October 12

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study-Discovery Classroom

7:00 p.m. Bethel Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

#### Saturday, October 14

9:00 a.m. Car, Truck & Tractor Show

#### Sunday, October 15

9:15 a.m.	Band Prelude

9:25 a.m. Prayer Partners-Parlor

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream

12:30 p.m. Blood Drive until 5:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m. C.R.O.S.S. Kids

4:30 p.m. Youth

4:30 p.m. The Chosen Bible Study at the home of Debbie James

#### FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

October 8, 2023

#### **MEMBERS**

Phil Carter	J.T. Hopkins	Kolton Pennell
Sandra Chambers	Larry Jarvis	Mary Lou Pitts
Hal Cockerham	Robbie Joyce	Martha Plyler
Brenda Dennis	Irv Keck	Joy Reich
Emily Essick	Yvonne Lemons	Betty Sink
Jeff Essick	Jennifer MacLeod	Bob & Judy Smith
Jerry Evans	Rebecca Mickey	Jerry & Gail Tolley
Don Faust	Stamie Moore	Amanda Traigle
Janie Foltz	Reba Payne	Philip Whitney

Caleigh Hauber

# Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday:

Ronnie Lewis and Rachel Vernon

#### **MEMBERS AND RELATIVES IN MILITARY**

Dylan Bundy	Alex Kennedy	Jon Eric Spaar, Jr.
Dylan Coleman	Patrick Mickey	Ryan Spach
Ben Greeson	Daniel Randleman	Brandon Thompson
Jennifer Greenwood	Colton Scott	Aidan Wheeler
Dakota Holtzelaw		

# MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM FRIEDBERG

ARMF (Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation)
Safie Braima - Sierra Leone

Charlie & Vicki Brent - CRU (Campus Crusade), Texas A & M University

Michael and Brenda Brent - CRU (Campus Crusade), Croatia

Anna Stewart Faircloth - Young Life

Keith Graham - Cookies for Christ

Dusty and Christin Harrison – Intervarsity, Clemson University

Hoof and Paw Therapeutic Riding and Activity Center

Phil III & Eunice Raiford, Commission to Every Nation (CTEN) - Mexico

Michael and Ceci Tesh, Ray of Hope Orphanage - Kenya

Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry

Joey Yokely – Fellowship of Christian Athletes



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# **Bringing Desserts:**

Contributing desserts to the Fall Supper which will all be shared with meals. Desserts can be brought to the church beginning on **Friday**, **November 3**<sup>rd</sup> and need to all be available by noon on **Saturday**, **November 4**<sup>th</sup>. Please complete the sign-up sheet and put in in the offering collection plate.

## **Helping with the Supper Event:**

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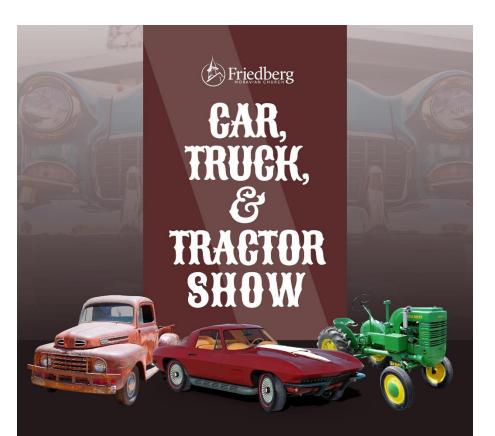
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The landowner would bring those tenants to their end and give the vineyard to new tenants.

Jesus said,

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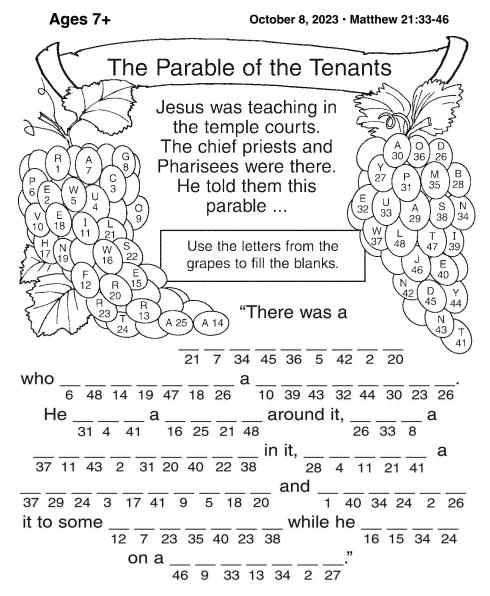
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The chief priests and Pharisees knew Jesus was talking about them.









The Rev. Jim Newsome-Senior Pastor
The Rev. Dan Nelson-Assoc. Pastor
Karen Hill-Director of Youth Ministry
Heidi Everhart-Director of Children's Ministry
Debbie Foltz-Music Director
Jimmie Snyder-Band Director

# When the time for the harvest came, the landowner sent some servants to collect his fruit. What did the tenants do?



Fit these farming words on the lines, then transfer the letters to the numbered spaces in the story.

pitchfork hoe shovel plant spreader seed combine

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Then the landowner decided to send his son to the vineyard. He thought that the tenants would respect him. How did the tenants treat the son?

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