

November 12, 2023
Holy Communion for Chief Elder Festival

Watchword for the Week – Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. Matthew 25:13

Welcome to this special service of worship held in celebration of the Chief Elder Festival of the Moravian Church. Today we commemorate the decision of Moravian leaders in the year 1741 that Jesus Christ alone is the Master, Head and Chief Elder of the Church. In the earliest days of the Moravian Church, men were elected to the position of Chief Elder (the church's highest office). However, the task of directing the efforts of a growing worldwide body was too great for any man. The Holy Spirit revealed that only Christ Himself was able to perform such a task and, thus, the decision was made. Today as we share this holy meal, receiving the symbols of Jesus' body and blood, may we each renew our pledge of love, loyalty and service to Him as the Head of the Church and our individual lives.

If you are visiting with us today we are especially glad you are here. Please take a moment to add your name, address and phone number to the blue Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew. We consider you an honored guest and hope that you will return and worship with us again. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to talk with you about joining the Friedberg church family.

The Moravian Church practices open communion. All who have been baptized and understand the significance of this holy meal are welcome to receive it. The pastors and acolytes will bring the elements from the communion table and serve the congregation in the pews. All who desire to receive Holy Communion are asked to stand, two rows at a time. To receive the bread, extend your right hand, palm up, and you will be served a small wafer. For the cup, the tray will be extended so that you may take one of the cups. Please wait until all have been served each element so that the entire congregation may partake together.

Attendance at Holy Communion is a very important aspect of your relationship with God and fellow members of the Church. For this reason, we keep record of those who attend our services of Holy Communion. If you plan to receive communion today, please fill out one of the communion attendance cards, located in the pew rack, and place in the offering plate later in the service.

Gluten-free communion wafers. The front row of the section of pews immediately to the right of the pulpit is reserved for those who need to receive gluten-free communion wafers. You may move to that row before worship begins, during the opening hymn or when we exchange the right hand of fellowship at the beginning of the communion liturgy.

Prelude *Lamb of God* Arr Fettke

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name* (Blue) # 403
(Verses 1, 3 and 6)
(Afterwards, children 4-2nd grade may leave for Children's Church)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer
Anthem *Lord, We Come Together Here* Lantz
Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Blue) p. 817

Holy Scripture Luke 7:1-10
(Will be read as part of the sermon)

Sermon "Under Authority –Jesus Is Lord"
(Military veterans will be recognized during the sermon)

Holy Communion for Chief Elder Festival Booklet, p. 3
Today's communion service is found on page 3 in the blue booklet titled *Services for Holy Communion*. Following the service please return the booklets to an usher (or leave them on the pew) so they can be stored for future use.

Benediction

Postlude *All Hail, Our Church's Elder Dear* Choralbuch

This week in Friedberg's History: With the consecration of the Gemein Haus on November 13, 1771, the Festival of the Chief Elder in the Moravian Church, Salem was organized as a congregation. More than a century later it would come to be called Home Moravian Church. Johannes Walk died on November 13th, 1769, just a few months after being baptized. His head stone was missing from Friedberg for many years and was rediscovered in Culpeper VA. His original headstone is now on display in the Historical Room.

All parents who have a child in Children's Church will be required 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.

On behalf of the Women's Fellowship, thank you to everyone who supported our Fall Supper. Thank you to everyone who helped make chicken pies, who came to help on the prep days, those who set up the dining room, those who served our guests, those who worked the serving line, the take-out area, the kitchen, the dishwashing area, our treasurer, those who baked desserts, and those who came to enjoy a meal. Special thanks to our Circle members, Youth Group, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, men's Thursday Night Basketball Group, Media/Advertising Team, and Kevin Bundy. Most importantly, thank you to those who prayed for this event. As a result of your support and participation, we met our goal to share the love of Jesus Christ with our community. To God be the glory!

~Fall Supper Committee

Cherry Street Prison Lovefeast On December 7, our choir, head diener, and coffee makers will be going to serve a Christmas candlelight lovefeast at the Cherry Street Prison. As a part of this annual ministry, the choir collects and takes items that are needed for the men. If you would like to donate any the following items, it would be greatly appreciated! There will be collection bins at the choir room downstairs. Thank you for your help!

- Gently used men's coats
- Ground coffee
- Powdered coffee creamer
- New reading glasses
- Full sized personal care items including:
 - Shampoo
 - Stick deodorant
 - Men's body lotion
 - Toothpaste.

Our Annual Church Council will convene **Sunday, November 19**, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This meeting is of vital importance to everyone in our Friedberg family and all members are encouraged to attend.

Sunday, November 12

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
4:30 p.m. C.R.O.S.S. Kids

Monday, November 13

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

Tuesday, November 14

10:00 a.m. Circle 1
10:00 a.m. Circle 5
6:00 p.m. Circle 2-Discovery Class
6:00 p.m. Circle 3-Willing Workers Class
6:30 p.m. Circle 4

Wednesday, November 15

6:00 p.m. Youth Basketball
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 16

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study-Discovery Classroom
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, November 17

News for December *Folio* Due

Saturday, November 18

8:00 a.m. Youth Fall Bazaar

Sunday, November 19 (Church Council)

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
Church Council
4:30 p.m. Youth Friendsgiving Meal
4:30 p.m. *The Chosen* Bible Study at home of Debbie James

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

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MEMBERS

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

Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday:

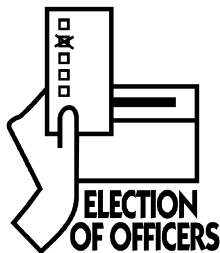
Joe Gates, Al Yow, Will Gossett, Debbie James, Gina Bost

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 Holtzclaw		

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



Nominees for Election at Church Council on Sunday, November 19th

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Thanks goes to each of the six members of the Nominating Committee for their dedication and hard work: David Bryson (Chairman), Gary Fitts (Elder Representative) Gray Stanfield (Trustee Representative), Jennifer MacLeod (Christian Education Board Representative), Pat Atkins (Member at Large) and Tracie Bryson (Member at Large).

Board of Elders (you will elect 4)

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Ronnie Hartman	Marianne Nicholson
Carrie West	Dennis Young

Board of Trustees (you will elect 4)

Hellen Bee	Michael Brann
Ray Lambeth	Brian Little
Lynn Spillman	Karl Stimpson*
Norm West*	

Christian Education Board (you will elect 3)

Amanda Fine*	Jonathan Frank
Andrea Glass	Vicki Jo Kimel
Julie Stone	Chloe Williamson

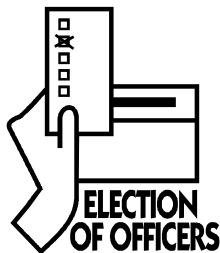
Head Usher (you will elect 1)
Wayne Stanbery*

We are grateful to each of these individuals for allowing their names to be placed in nomination. Not all will be elected, but all are worthy of our prayerful consideration and our thanks for their willingness to be used by God.

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Mission Lovefeast

New Philadelphia Moravian Church Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 5, 3:00 PM



The Mission Society will host its annual Mission Lovefeast on Sunday, November 5, at 3:00 PM in the New Philadelphia Fellowship Hall. The missionaries and mission teams supported by the Mission Society will share video and slideshow updates throughout the service. There will be special music featuring the New Philadelphia choir and others. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Boles at 336-773-1732.

FM Youth are selling fresh, live Christmas wreaths and homemade bows to raise money for families at Christmas.

Name: _____

Price: \$15.00/wreath \$10.00/bow

Phone Number	# Wreaths	# Bows	Pd	Ck #

All orders are due by November 19th. Wreaths and bows can be picked up on Sunday, November 26th (after the service - outside the FLC)



Scan QR code to order online
or place this sheet in the
offering plate.

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Art Sale

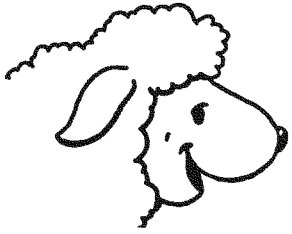


Featuring
commissioned
pieces by Payton
James and Katie Hill.



The Senior Choir is selling packs of note cards and taking orders for 5x7, 8x10, and 11x14 prints. A live auction for the original framed pieces will be held during the Celebration Dinner November 11.

Orders will be taken through Thanksgiving. Contact any member of the Senior Choir for ordering information.



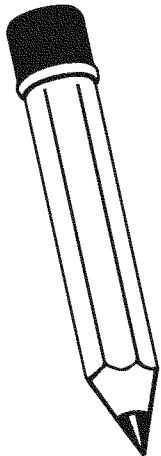
Jesus told His listeners that like the bridesmaids with the bridegroom, no one knows when the Son of Man (Jesus) will return.

On the lines, write the letter that follows the one given.
Find Matthew 25:13.

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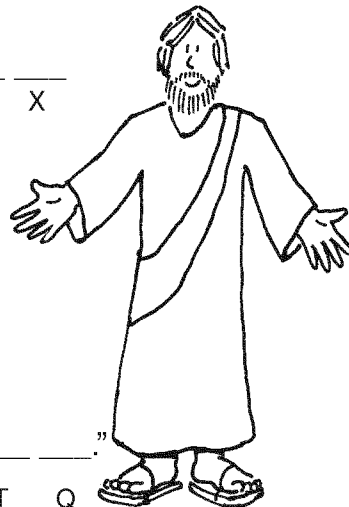
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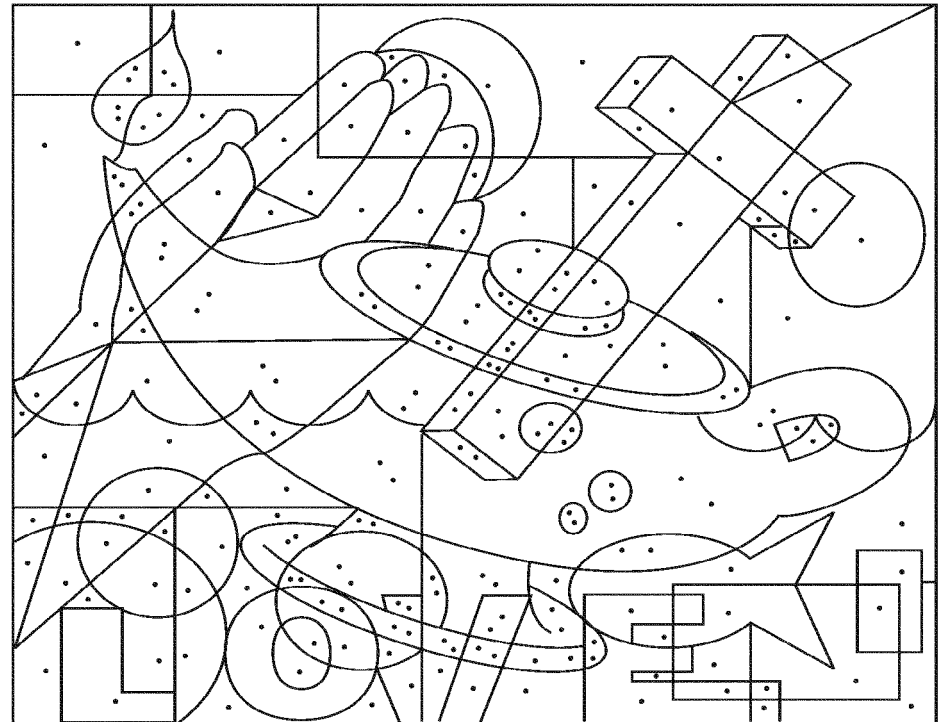
Ages 7+

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The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

Jesus told a parable about 10 young women who were waiting as bridesmaids for the groom to come to the wedding. They didn't know when he would arrive, so they needed to be prepared.

Color in the spaces that have two dots to find what they needed to have with them.



The Rev. Jim Newsome-Senior Pastor

The Rev. Dan Nelson-Assoc. Pastor

Karen Hill-Director of Youth Ministry

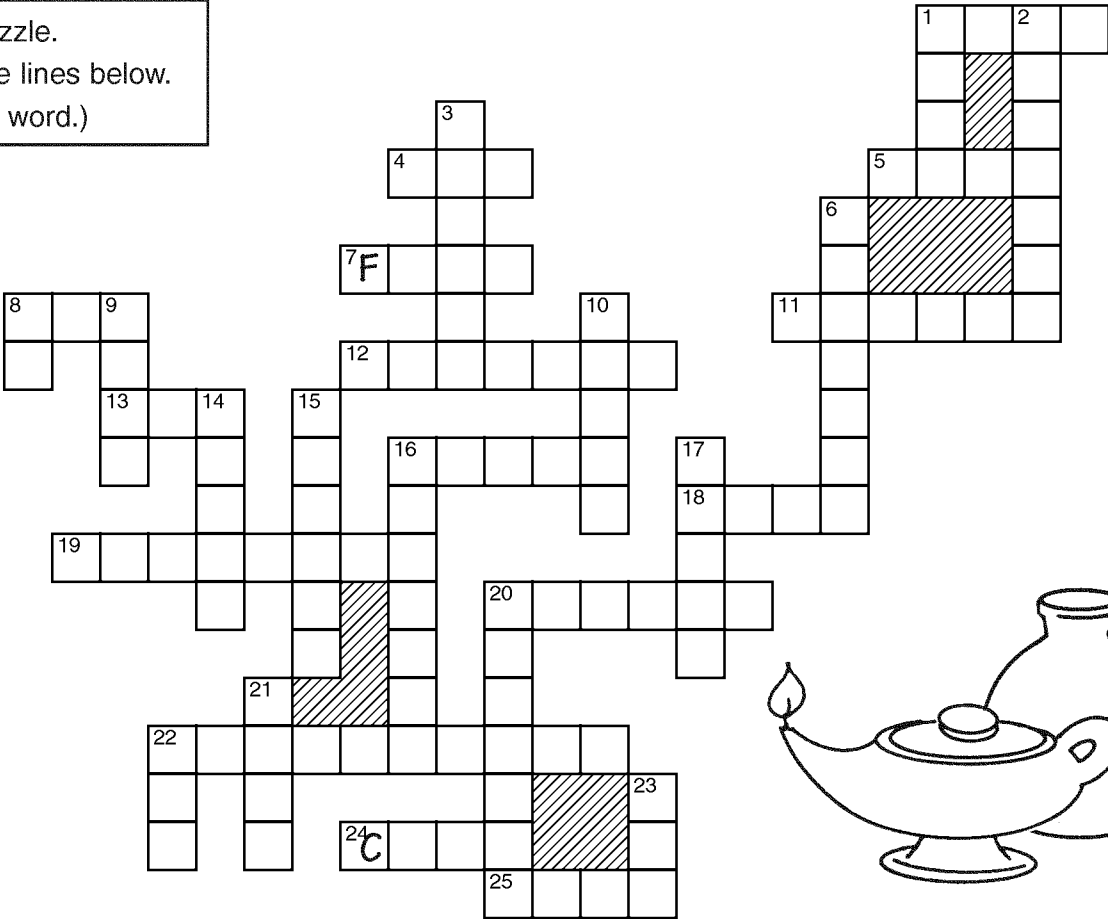
Heidi Everhart-Director of Children's Ministry

Debbie Foltz-Music Director

Jimmie Snyder-Band Director

Fit the words from the list into the crossword puzzle.
 Then transfer the words from the crossword puzzle to the lines below.
 (HINT: Start with either the shortest or the longest word.)

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| no | young |
| ten | lamps |
| oil | asked |
| jar | women |
| buy | heaven |
| not | asleep |
| five | borrow |
| wise | enough |
| late | kingdom |
| fell | foolish |
| left | wedding |
| door | banquet |
| shut | allowed |
| came | prepared |
| took | bridegroom |



The 12)_____ of 3)_____ will be like 4)_____ 10)_____ 16A)_____ who went out to meet the
 22A)_____. 7)_____ were 2)_____ and 9)_____ their 14)_____, but no 13)_____. 7)_____ were 21)_____
 and 9)_____ their 14)_____, plus a 23)_____ of 13)_____. The 22A)_____ was 1D)_____, so they all 5)_____
 20A)_____. When they heard him coming, they 19)_____ their 14)_____. The 2)_____ 16A)_____ had 8D)_____
 13)_____ 1A)_____ and 17)_____ to 15)_____ some. The 21)_____ ones said, "8D)_____! Go 22D)_____ some. We might
 8A)_____ have 11)_____ for both us and you." After they 1A)_____ to 22D)_____ some 13)_____, the 22A)_____
 24)_____. The 21)_____ 10)_____ 16A)_____ went with him to the 16D)_____ 6)_____. The
 25)_____ was then 18)_____. When the others 24)_____ back, they were 8A)_____ 20D)_____ in.