

November 19, 2023
Church Council Sunday

Watchword for the Week – So teach us, O God, to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Psalm 90:12

Welcome to our service of worship on this glorious Sunday morning! How wonderful to know that in the midst of life's many changes our God is always the same. His love is strong; His wisdom is perfect; His grace is sufficient to cover all our sins. He is worthy of all glory, honor, thanksgiving and praise. As we worship Him today, let us pray for a fresh outpouring of His Holy Spirit, upon ourselves, our church, our community, nation and world. May more and more people everywhere hear and respond to the Good News -- that Jesus is the Way; the Truth; the Life; the only source of salvation.

If you are visiting with us today we are especially glad you're 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 you will return and worship with us often in the weeks to come. If you are looking for a church home – a place where you can share Christian fellowship, learn, serve and grow as a follower of Jesus – we would love to talk to you about joining the Friedberg church family.

Prelude *Give Thanks* Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy for Thanksgiving (Blue) p. 159

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Prayer
Anthem *Jesus, You Alone are King* Arr. Larson
Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Blue) # 817

Holy Scripture Romans 11:33-12:21

Sermon "Sacrifices Pleasing to God"

Hymn *Join We All with One Accord* (Blue) #525
(Visitors and friends may leave during the singing of this hymn as we prepare to begin our annual Church Council)

Church Council Agenda
November 19, 2023

Call to Order

Establishment of Quorum

Prayer

Reading of 2022 Minutes

Signing of *The Moravian Covenant for Christian Living*

Members who have not yet had an opportunity to publicly affirm their agreement with this important set of principles by which we live and bear witness to our faith are invited to come forward and do so at this time.

Presentation of Ballots and Nominations from the Floor

PLEASE DO NOT MARK YOUR BALLOTS UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.

It is important to wait until all ballots are distributed and nominations are closed before marking your ballot. This is done in fairness to those who may be nominated from the floor. Please hold on to your ballot until everyone has voted. We will then pass all ballots in.

Voting

Presentation of 2024 Budget

Reports from Ministry Groups

Floor is Open for Comments and Motions

Any member in good standing who would like to present a motion for consideration or would like to address Church Council with words of praise or concern regarding the life and ministry of the congregation is invited to do so at this time. All who speak are asked to keep in mind the Moravian Covenant of Christian Living and these words of Holy Scripture:

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God with whom you are sealed for the day of redemption.

(Ephesians 4:29-30, NIV)

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

There will be NO Children's Church Today.

Sunday, November 19 (Church Council Sunday)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
Church Council
4:30 p.m. Youth Friendsgiving
4:30 p.m. C.R.O.S.S. Kids
4:30 p.m. *The Chosen* Bible Study at home of Debbie James

Monday, November 20

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

Tuesday, November 21

7:00 p.m. Hopewell-Advent Band Christmas Concert

Wednesday, November 22

7:00 p.m. Band Prelude
7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Lovefeast

Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving)

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 24

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 26

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

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

November 19, 2023

MEMBERS

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

Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday:
Kelly Harvey, Chad Wallace & family of Robyn Campbell, Rick Beasley, Eddie Johnson

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

The Advent-Hopewell Moravian Concert Band will be in concert on **Tuesday, November 21st** in the Friedberg Family Life Center. The concert will begin at 7:00 pm. This is the band's annual Christmas concert. **Admission is free. Everyone is invited to attend.**

First Friday Breakfast, December 1, 7AM - Join us for fellowship, inspiration and breakfast as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Pastor Jim Newsome will speak.

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.

This week in Friedberg's History: The Moravian star (Herrnhut star) originated in Saxony, Germany, in the two towns of Niesky and Kleinwalka in the 1830s. The stars were used as craft projects to help demonstrate geometry lessons to young boys attending Moravian school. The stars were quickly adopted by the Moravian Church as a symbol of the birth of Jesus and represented the star of Bethlehem. Traditionally, the star is hung the first Sunday of Advent and remains up until Epiphany, January 6. The star reminds us of God, who caused the light to shine out of darkness and of the light which is the life of humanity. It reminds us of the promise of Abraham that his descendants would be more numerous than the stars; we are reminded of the star that pointed to the "great and heavenly light from Bethlehem's manger shining bright." The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Commissioning of Mission Teams

Beginning on November 24th, four Friedberg Moravian Missionaries will be participating in a mission trip to the villages of Chapi and Bajo Canampa in Peru. The missionaries will be surveying the villages and surrounding areas for specific needs of a medical clinic team to travel in Peru in 2024. They will also fellowship with fellow Moravians and demonstrate our support of the worldwide unity of the Moravian Church.

Today it is our privilege and joy to commission them as representatives of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, and their congregations.

At this time, I would ask all members of the Mission Team to please come forward.

(Addressing the Mission Team Members)

You have been called from among us to serve God and the people of the Peru in a special way – to help alleviate human suffering; to touch lives in a loving and compassionate way as exemplified by our Lord Jesus Christ; to use your gifts and abilities to strengthen yours and others relationship with our Lord and Savior; and to let God's Light shine through you for the glory of God. We recognize God's call on your life and today as your home and sister congregation, we commit ourselves to support you with our prayers as you serve in Jesus' name.

Members of the Peru Mission Team, will you faithfully carry out this ministry to the glory of God and to the benefit of your team and the people you will be serving along the way?

If this is your desire, then respond by saying: ***I will.***

(Addressing the Friedberg Congregation)

Members of the Friedberg Congregation, as we send these brothers and sisters in Christ on their journey with our love and support, will you pledge to pray for them daily until their safe return to us?

If this is your desire, then respond by saying: ***We will.***

(Prayer)

Gracious Heavenly Father, Your Son, our Savior, and Lord Jesus Christ, before He ascended to glory, declared that Your people would receive power from the Holy Spirit to be His witnesses to people everywhere. So, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who go forth in Jesus' name to serve in Peru. Protect them throughout their journey and bring them home safely. Fill them with Your Spirit and let Your love shine through their words, attitudes, and actions so that everyone they meet and everyone they serve may see Your glory and be drawn closer to You. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

(Receiving of the Commission)

In the name of the One True God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I declare you to be duly commissioned as ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ and missionaries of this church. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God. On behalf of the Friedberg congregation, I commend you for this work and pledge to you our prayers, our encouragement, and our support.

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Members of the Mission Teams

Missionaries: Karen Hill, David Hopkins, Katie Hill, and Karyn Burkhart.

Following Christ by
Empowering Others for
45 years



Sunnyside Ministry turns 45 years old today!

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit.” Luke 12:35, is the watchword for the day Sunnyside Ministry was dedicated. We have lived this message as a place where all Moravians have “let their light shine” for 45 years!

It is what Moravians do. Mission, service to our neighbors, loving those we have called “the least, the last, the lost” since the birth of our church.

In 1978, the Southern Province went into a high poverty neighborhood and started to feed the hungry and clothe our neighbor needing decent clothing. We then added help with rent and utilities. Our service grew.

We did not know that the small ministry we created in 1978 would be feeding families in all parts of Forsyth and Davidson Counties, that Sunnyside Ministry would grow into one of the largest crisis ministries in Forsyth and Davidson Counties.

Sunnyside Ministry was described by one Moravian minister as a “God Thing” and truly God has been with the ministry since before it started. Sunnyside Ministry has served as the hands, feet and heart of Christ in a community that is among the most depressed in the entire state of North Carolina.

Today, Sunnyside Ministry provides food, clothing, financial assistance, financial literacy education and scholarships. Serving one out of every four people living in southern Forsyth County.



Sunnyside Ministry's first building on Devonshire Street

The next 45 years!

After 45 years, you might think we would want to take a break and relax, but the need is still there. The need is even greater than it was in 1978, even 1998, or 2018. Since 2018, we have provided help to one out of every four people in Southern Forsyth County.

We have made it through a global pandemic, which tested our resolve and resources. As we look to our 46th year, which begins November 27, we are feeding more families than ever and the requests for rent and utilities are higher than ever before. We do an average of 60 interviews each day for services.

In order to continue to be the ministry the Moravian Church created us to be, we need your help.

We need your time, talent and treasure:

- We need your help as a volunteer. We have many openings and can find a place for you. Helping our neighbors find clothing, helping our neighbors with food or interviewing for financial assistance.
- We need talented people to serve on committees.
- We need help with your donations of food, clothing and money.

These gifts help insure the ministry the Moravian Church created 45 years ago is able to help our neighbors for the next 45 years.



Stocking shoes in Clothing Center



**Scan to
learn more**

“Let Your Light Shine”

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.



The master was displeased with the 3rd servant who had hidden the money. He took it from him and gave it to the servant who had the most.

Write the words from the coins on the correct lines.

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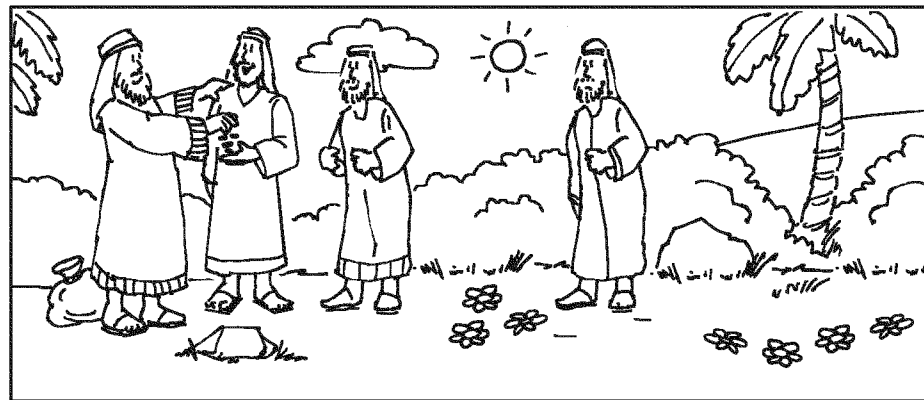
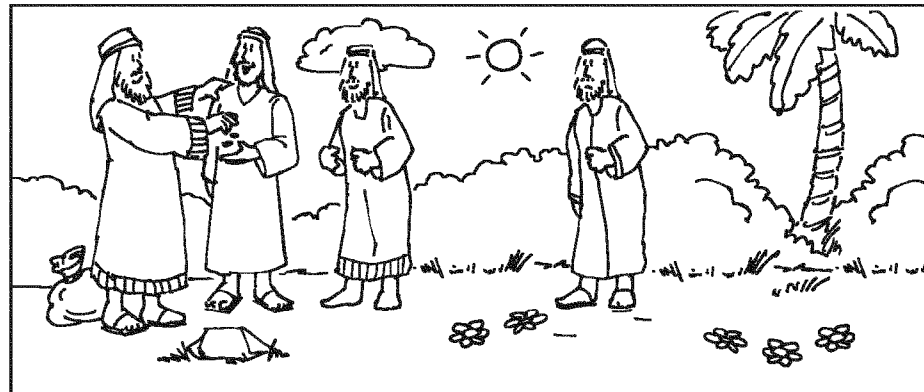
Ages 7+

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The Parable of the Talents

Before he left on a journey, a master entrusted his servants with some talents (a type of money).

Find 15 things that are different in the bottom picture.



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

He distributed the money to them in a certain manner.
What did they do with it?

Use the code to finish this story.

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⊕ = B	□ = F	✈ = J	✕ = N	ℓ = R	✱ = V	✱ = Z
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When the master returned, he called his
servants to him to settle his accounts.
His words to the first two servants are below.



Circle the underlined words in the puzzle.

“Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in

charge of many things. Come and share

your master's happiness!”

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