

Christ Moravian Church Weekly Update

February 16, 2017

<u>WEEKLY SCHEDULE</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP</u>	<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>
Sunday, February 19 – Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany 9:45 am – Opening Exercise 10:00 am – Sunday School 11:00 am – Worship 12:00 pm – CE Committee Meeting (Church Office) 1:00 pm – Oxford House Meeting (Fellowship Building) Monday, February 20 7:00 pm – WF Circle #1 Meeting (Fellowship Building) Wednesday, February 22 8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast (Cagney’s) 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal Saturday, February 25 5:00 pm – Chicken Stew to Benefit Ray of Hope (Fellowship Building)	USHERS Mark Crater Joey Gray Skip Johnson John Manos Lee Wilmoth NURSERY Debbie Jones Rebecca Rath GREETER Skip Johnson CHILDRENS CHURCH Matt Pace Sarah Pace	2/19 – “Growth in God’s Kingdom” (1 Corinthians 3:1-9) 2/26 – “Balancing Act of Faith” (Matthew 17:1-9) 3/5 – Communion for Lent 3/12 – “We Are A Promise” (Genesis 12:1-4 & John 3:1-17) 3/19 – “God Wants Us To Share” (John 4:5-42)	2/20 – Lois Gray Martha Walker 2/21 – Angie Conrad Rosa Gaddy 2/25 – Thelma Sparks

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

On Friday and Saturday, Anne Frye, Matt Pace and I will be representing our church at an upcoming Intersynodal Conference entitled, “Living The Essentials: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow taking place at New Philadelphia Moravian Church. During our time together we will explore how spiritual growth, community and mission characterize the life, witness and ministry of the Moravian Church. While the conference participants include pastors & educators, congregation and fellowship representatives, young adult and emerging ministry delegates along with Provincial Board and Agency leaders there is an opportunity for you to participate as well. At 7 PM on Friday the general public is invited to attend opening worship and a presentation from The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood. Dr. Atwood is a professor at Moravian Seminary and his presentation will be upon providing a historical perspective on Moravian Congregational Life. We hope you will give some consideration to attending this on Friday. Please keep this conference and your participants from Christ Moravian in your prayers!

PRAYER UPDATES/REQUESTS:

We have no members currently in the hospital. Continued prayers for all the members and families, friends and relatives on our Prayer Page (attached).

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS:

PINE NEEDLE BALES FOR SALE – The Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a pine needle sale to raise money for the Laurel Ridge Summer Camp Scholarship Fund. The cost is \$5 per bale. Dates for the sale are Saturday, March 25 and Saturday, April 1 from 8:30 AM – 12 PM in the church parking lot. Pre-orders will also be taken. You may sign up for pre-orders on the CHURCH FAMILY LIFE Bulletin Board or just call the church office at 336-722-2007 to place your order.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS: (Cont.)

CE COMMITTEE – The CE Committee will meet this Sunday, February 19, after worship in the Church Office.

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP – Circle #1 will meet on Monday, February 20 at 7 PM in the Fellowship Building.

CHICKEN STEW – Join us at Christ Moravian Church in the Fellowship Building on Saturday, February 25th from 5 – 7 PM for a Chicken Stew. People may choose to either dine in or take out. Free will donations will be accepted and also quarts of chicken stew will be sold for \$10 per quart. All proceeds go to benefit the Ray of Hope Ministry in Kenya, Africa.

YOUTH LUNCH – There will be a Youth Lunch on Sunday, February 26 in the Fellowship Building immediately following the service. The menu will be a Pasta Bar and salad. There is no charge but a love offering will be collected to help the youth with their programs and missions. **BINGO** to follow the lunch for all who are interested. Please join us for a time of great food and fellowship.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – During the season of Lent, I will be offering another Lenten Bible Study following worship. This study is based upon the new book by Adam Hamilton entitled, Creed What Christians Believe and Why. Our sessions will be on the 2nd Sunday of Lent, March 12th and continue through Palm Sunday, April 9th. We will once again seek volunteers to provide a lunch for our group participants. I will provide lunch at our first session on March 5th. There also will be a Youth Lunch on March 26th. A sign up sheet is located on the Church Family Life Bulletin Board. We hope you will make plans to participate in this meaningful study during our Lenten Season!

MARVELOUS MORAVIANS – On Tuesday, March 7th the Marvelous Moravians welcomes Joe Jarvis, president of the Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation to speak about his ministry experiences and the work of the Moravians in Cuba. From the very first time Joe Jarvis visited Cuba his heart was touched by the people. Their worship was something that Joe found to be spiritually uplifting and he was impressed by the people’s friendliness and their sincerity regarding their faith. Bishop Sam Gray and brother Jarvis visited other churches and towns during their stay. One area that that really hit hard at Joe’s heart was a hospital for the mentally and physically handicapped. He made a promise that he would never give up on them. We’ve heard the Chinese proverb, “Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.” The folks in Cuba know how to fish. They even know where to fish. They just need the financial help to start their projects so they can reach their goal of becoming self-sustaining. The role of the Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation is to help raise awareness and support for the needs of the people in Cuba. Rather than dictating projects, the ARMF works closely with our mission partners to hear their needs, and develop a plan of action. Joe Jarvis is a member of New Philadelphia Moravian Church and formerly a co-owner of Douglas Battery. He is a member of the Board of World Mission. Our time will begin with coffee and light refreshments at 10:30 AM with Joe beginning his presentation at 11 AM that morning.

DAY OF PRAYER – Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, March 1 at Home Moravian
 10 AM – Coffee Hour
 10:45 AM – Music
 11 AM – Worship (Nursery Provided)
 (CMC Church Bus departs the Fellowship Building Parking Lot at 9:40 AM for Home Moravian. A sign-up sheet is posted on the CHURCH FAMILY Life Bulletin Board.)