

Christ Moravian Church Weekly Update

December 21, 2017

<u>WEEKLY SCHEDULE</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP</u>	<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>
Sunday, December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:45 am – Opening Exercise 10:00 am – Sunday School 11:00 am – Worship 4:00 pm – Christmas Lovefeast & Candle Service 7:30 pm – Christmas Lovefeast & Candle Service Monday, December 25 ALL DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY – FELLOWSHIP BUILDING RESERVED Tuesday, December 26 ALL DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Wednesday, December 27 8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast (Cagney’s) 1:00 pm – Biking Group (meet Greenway behind Marketplace Mall) 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal	Herman Critz Sam Dixon Jeff Glance Jim Hill Jack Sparks <u>NURSERY</u> Kay Butner Mary Ferguson <u>GREETER</u> N.T. Russell <u>CHILDRENS CHURCH</u> NONE	12/24 – Service of Readings & Carols 12/31 – Matt Pace, Guest Preacher 1/7 – Epiphany Communion (Psalm 29, John 1:1-5) 1/14 – “Will We Respond” (1 Samuel 3:1-20) 1/21 – Matt Pace, Guest Preacher	12/24 – DeEtte Jarrard 12/25 – Lisa Sheppard 12/26 – Howard Chambers 12/28 – Mike Hastings Rosie Sloan 12/30 – Nita Capone Candace Jones

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

Goodness.....what a busy week! We are busily getting ready for Sunday and our Christmas Eve services and we are also packing up our church office and will be moving our offices over to Cedarhurst (at Old Salem). We will sublet an office from our Southern Province Provincial Treasurer, Robin Glance and both Avis and I will be sharing this space. The move will take place sometime the first week of January. We will remain at Cedarhurst while our new church office is being built (6-8 months). Our telephone numbers will also be moved over to Cedarhurst the first week of January. Please bear with us as we make this transition and pray that our move goes smoothly.

PRAYER UPDATES/REQUESTS:

Continued prayers for:

- Marie Talley who has developed pneumonia and is being treated at Oak Forest Health & Rehab.
- Jake Conrad, who had outpatient surgery Tuesday for a torn ACL and is now at home recuperating.
- Prayers for Gene Walker who has been moved to the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home, Room 6.
- Tom Skowronski has been discharged from the hospital and is staying with Bobbie & NT Russell until he moves to Bermuda Commons for rehab.

Continued prayers for all the members and families, friends and relatives on our Prayer Page (attached).

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS:

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF READINGS AND HYMNS – Join us for a Christmas Eve service of Readings and Hymns during the 11 AM worship service on Sunday, December 24.

CHRISTMAS EVE LOVEFEASTS – Sunday, December 24 at 4 PM and 7:30 PM. The luminaries will line the walk and driveway for the 7:30 PM lovefeast on Christmas Eve.

END OF YEAR REMINDER FROM THE TREASURER – In order for your contribution to count in 2017, the contribution must be received or postmarked 12/31/17 or before. Any contributions received or postmarked after 12/31/17 will be counted as 2018.

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING – Sunday, December 31, is our last “loose change” offering for 2017. Our recipient of this offering is the Ray of Hope Ministry. Please bring in your loose change that Sunday to help support this cause.

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS – The Church Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26 for the Christmas Holiday. Avis Gray will be on vacation December 27-29. Pastor Marcus will be on vacation December 27-29 but will be in town to handle any member emergencies. There will be no weekly update nor prayer page sent out that week.

2017 NEW YEAR’S EVE WATCHNIGHT LOVEFEAST – The Salem Congregation Moravian Watchnight Service will be held on Sunday, December 31, 2017 at 11 PM at Trinity Moravian Church, 220 E. Sprague Street, Winston-Salem, NC. The Rev. Jeff Coppage, Pastor at Fries Memorial Moravian Church, will bring the message.

2018 UNITY PRAYER WATCH – The Moravian Church has experienced spiritual renewal and strength through a covenant of prayer. In 1727, the church in Herrnhut, Germany covenanted for an “hourly intercession: which continued for 100 years with great blessing to the entire Moravian Church. As we prepare for observing the prayer watch across our province, please consider opportunities for members and friends to pray at home or coming to the church to pray during the assigned period of prayer. *Christ Church has been assigned the date of Friday, January 5, 2018 from 8 AM – 4 PM as our local observance.* A complete list of 2018 Unity Prayer Watch Topics will be on the counter outside the sanctuary on December 24.

MARVELOUS MORAVIANS – The Marvelous Moravians will meet on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 11 AM in the Fellowship Building for a “Food and Fellowship Kick-Off Meeting.” A meal is being provided. If you plan on attending, a sign-up sheet has been posted on the Church Family Life Bulletin Board in order to get a headcount for the meal.

ADDRESS CHANGE FOR JOHN DENHAM – John has moved to the Babcock Health Center at Salemtowne. His address is: 1000 Salemtowne Drive, Room 7264, Garden Court, Winston-Salem, NC 27106.

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN HOUSE – This Sunday is the last Sunday to come by the church office and place your name upon any furniture items that are available. All items need to be picked up by January 3, 2017.

KEYS – Please turn in any keys to the Church Office that you may have by placing them in an envelope and labeling to the attention of Avis Gray and who they are from and leave them in the Resource Room to be picked up.