



THE LAMPLIGHTER

YORK FIRST MORAVIAN

It's past 9 o'clock in the evening. It was difficult to get Hadessah down and I knew she would be back up at 11 o'clock for a feeding. But he asked. "Will you read it to me?" "Will you read In the beginning to me?" A huge part of me just wanted to go to bed as quickly as I could. Ok, it was a massive part of me. I was so tired, so worn out, so wearing. But the past couple of days I had started to see a change in both boys. They both had been requesting to watch more faith-based shows. I was starting to see it affect their relationship with each other and they asked more questions about God, Jesus, faith, sin, forgiveness, and heaven. It was even having an effect on how they reacted when we ask them to do their chores or their school work. The effect was profoundly positive!

So, even though my body screamed for sleep. I said yes, I will always say yes when they ask for me to read. I will always answer to the best of my ability at the time they ask the question. And maybe I will also say yes when they ask to watch something I know God has and will continue to use to grow them in their faith.



Have you found the thing that helps you grow in your faith? Those practices that shape your heart and spirit in Christ? Lent is coming. It really is! It is just around the corner. Typically people talk of giving up something for Lent. Like chocolate or caffeine. But what about taking something on? You might say, I have enough on my plate as it is and you want me to take on one more thing. Yes, this Lent try taking on one thing that causes growth in your relationship with Jesus. You may even find it makes all areas of your life better!

Important Dates/Events

Sundays in February

7th-28th 10:30 am Zoom

1st Sunday in Lent Communion February 12st

Meetings in February

January 8th - Elders - Zoom 7 pm

January 15th - Trustees- Zoom 7 pm

Disciplines of Personal Development (Inward)

Prayer - communicating with God (Matt. 6:9) Meditation - focusing on God and his will (Phil. 4:8) Fasting - a reminder of the source of all nourishment (Luke 5:35) Study - careful attention to the reality that God reveals to us, especially through Holy Scripture (Luke 2:46)

Disciplines of Service to the Body of Christ (Outward)

Simplicity - seeking God's Kingdom first (Matt. 6:33) Submission - placing God's will above one's own (Luke 22:42) Solitude - withdrawing from the world to spend time with God (Matt. 14:23) Service - supportive action toward others (Mark 10:45)

Disciplines of Service with the Body of Christ (Corporate)

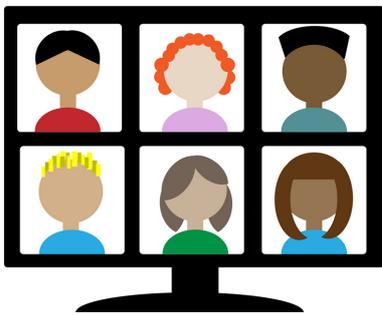
Confession - acknowledging one's sin with and to others in the community of faith (James 5:16) Guidance - giving and receiving direction from others along the journey with Jesus (Acts 15:8) Celebration - taking joy in what God has done (1 Cor 5:8) Worship - giving God glory through attitudes and actions (1 Cor. 14:26)



Elders and Trustees News

Elders

The Elders met on January 11th, John and Heidi were absent. Worship was reviewed, Steve and Jeannette noted that music and messages have been good. Calls will be rotated for the Pastor/Elder's call list. Sayward discussed the Lenten study options, the board chose "Preparing for Easter" by C.S. Lewis. Sayward requested a vacation on March 7th, for her birthday. Options were discussed for coverage on that day.



Trustees

The Trustees met on January 18th. The treasurer's report was reviewed, it was noted that due to a shortfall in funds, a total of \$61,000.00 was withdrawn from the Portfolio in 2020 to help with expenses and payment to Bethlehem. Sayward noted that the parsonage kitchen sink was repaired by Regal. Board members were discussed and Sayward mentioned that a unified board may be needed next year if we are not able to find more volunteers.



Total Income & Offerings from Sundays 1/1/2021 to 1/30/2021:

General	\$8,060.59
(This includes 3 separate private donations of \$1,000.00 each)	
Refurbishing	\$210.00
Flower Fund	\$250.50
Parking Rental	\$100.00
GAP Reward	\$348.00
(from Moravian Church Northern Province)	
Wellness Rebate	\$1,000.00
(from Moravian Church Northern Province)	
TOTAL	\$9,969.09





*Prayer is the
exercise of drawing on
the grace of God.
– Oswald Chambers*



February Birthdays

- 4 Jim Rabine
- 7 Paul Shouck
- 17 Cliff Rowell
- 19 Rev. Norman Prochnau
- 23 Joan Henkelmann
- 24 Myla Robinson
- 27 Jennifer Heffner

February Anniversaries

- 12 Cameron & Sherry Campanella
Timothy & Annette Tyson

Prayer Concerns

- Amy Adrison (Betsy Senft's Sister)
- Jeanne Barshinger
- Pastor Jeff Coppage
- Ann Coppage
- Don Eckert
- Mary Jones
- Peg & John Knaub
- Glenn & Cheri Miley
- Kathie Nicholas
- Sam Pauley
- Stanley Remley
- Karrie Rishel
- Cliff & Elaine Rowell
- Ruth & Clair Seiple
- Wes Senft
- John Knokey
- Wanda Hendricks
- Jim Rabine

Directory Corrections

Please take note to the following corrections for the new directory. If you would like an updated copy of the directory please let Lindsey know at: lindsey.firstmoravian@yahoo.com or 717-965-5552.

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Bridgette Shenberger - should be listed under Church Members, rather than friends.



**Next month the
Lamplighter
will be for both
March and April.**

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2021 Watchword

Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that hovers over its young, the Lord spread his wings and caught his people, he carried them on his pinions. - Deuteronomy 32:11