



# THE LAMPLIGHTER YORK FIRST MORAVIAN

## FROM ONE SEASON TO THE NEXT

ECCLESIASTES 3:1 SAYS, ***“FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME FOR EVERY MATTER UNDER HEAVEN.”*** THE WORD “SEASON” IN BOTH SECULAR AND BIBLE DICTIONARIES IS DEFINED AS “AN APPOINTED TIME.” FOR EXAMPLE, WE SAY IT IS “BASEBALL SEASON” MEANING THAT THESE MONTHS OF THE YEAR ARE THE “APPOINTED TIME” TO PLAY BASEBALL, WHEREAS OTHER MONTHS OF THE YEAR ARE DESIGNATED FOR THE PLAYING OF OTHER SPORTS. IF BASEBALL WERE PLAYED YEAR-ROUND — WHICH SOME OF US WOULDN’T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH — THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO CALL IT A “BASEBALL SEASON” BECAUSE THERE WOULD NOT BE A TIME WHEN THE SPORT WASN’T PLAYED. IN SHORT, FOR SOMETHING TO BE A SEASON, IT MUST HAVE A BEGINNING AND AN END.

AS WE ENTER THE MONTH OF JUNE, WE ARE COMING UPON THE END OF ONE SEASON AND THE BEGINNING OF A NEW SEASON IN THE LIVES OF COVENANT MORAVIAN CHURCH AND FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCH OF YORK. THE APOSTLE PAUL ALSO TALKS ABOUT SEASONS IN HIS MINISTRY. HE SERVED IN THE CHURCH IN EPHESUS FOR THREE YEARS. AFTER THOSE THREE YEARS, HOWEVER, HE FELT THE SPIRIT COMPELLING HIM TO MOVE ONWARD TO JERUSALEM. HE SAID TO THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH, ***“AND NOW, BEHOLD, I AM GOING TO JERUSALEM, CONSTRAINED BY THE SPIRIT...”*** (ACTS 20:22). GOD CALLED PAUL TO BE WITH THE CHURCH IN EPHESUS FOR A SET TIME, AND EVENTUALLY THAT TIME WAS UP.

HIS LEAVING ALSO PROVIDED A GROWTH AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH OF EPHESUS. IT WOULD NOW BE UP TO THEM TO LEAD THE CHURCH. PAUL EXHORTS THEM, ***“PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO YOURSELVES AND TO ALL THE FLOCK, IN WHICH THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS MADE YOU OVERSEERS, TO CARE FOR THE CHURCH OF GOD...”*** (ACTS 20:28). WHILE THE LEADERS OF THE CHURCH IN EPHESUS WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT THEIR PASTOR, PAUL, COULD HAVE STAYED, GOD NONETHELESS USED THE TIME THAT THE CHURCH IN EPHESUS WAS WITHOUT A PASTOR TO CALL EXISTING LEADERS IN THE CHURCH TO GREATER ROLES OF LEADERSHIP AND TO DEEPER LEVELS OF FAITH.

IN THIS IN-BETWEEN TIME IN WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN WITHOUT A PASTOR, THE LORD HAS CALLED YOU TO STEP UP AND WE WILL HONOR AND NURTURE THE GIFTS OF LEADERSHIP GOD HAS STIRRED UP IN YOU. AGAIN, THE LORD DOES NOT WASTE OUR EXPERIENCES, AND NEITHER WILL WE, BY HIS GRACE AND MERCY. JUST AS THIS SEASON IS ENDING, WE SEE THAT ANOTHER IS JUST BEGINNING. IN JUST A FEW SHORT WEEKS ON JUNE 18, WE WILL BE INSTALLED AS YOUR NEW PASTORS. AGAIN, LOOKING TO THE BIBLE FOR EXAMPLES, WE SEE THAT GOD DID EVENTUALLY SEND THE CHURCH IN EPHESUS A NEW PASTOR TO LEAD THEM. HIS NAME WAS TIMOTHY (1 TIMOTHY 1:3). WHILE THE ELDERS IN EPHESUS HAD A PIVOTAL ROLE TO PLAY, GOD USED TIMOTHY SPECIFICALLY TO REPROVE, REBUKE, AND EXHORT THE PEOPLE HE WAS CALLED TO SERVE (2 TIMOTHY 4:2). THE CHURCH IN EPHESUS NEEDED THIS. THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE TO TIMOTHY AND ENCOURAGED HIM NOT TO GIVE UP IN THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY: ***“PERSIST IN THIS, FOR BY SO DOING YOU WILL SAVE BOTH***

**"YOURSELF AND YOUR HEARERS"** (1 TIMOTHY 4:16). GOD KNEW WHAT THE CHURCH IN EPHESUS NEEDED, AND HE SENT THEM THE RIGHT PERSON TO FULFILL THAT NEED.

WE ARE NOT PAUL, WE ARE NOT TIMOTHY, BUT WE DO BELIEVE **THE ALMIGHTY GOD, IN JESUS CHRIST**, HAS GIVEN US SOMETHING TO SHARE WITH YOU. HE HAS GIVEN US A ROLE TO FULFILL AS YOUR PASTORS IN THIS NEW SEASON WE ARE ABOUT TO ENTER TOGETHER. SEASONS ARE HOW GOD WORKS, USING HIS SERVANTS IN PARTICULAR TIMES, AT PARTICULAR PLACES, FOR PARTICULAR REASONS. OUR SEASON WITH YOU, **BOTH FIRST MORAVIAN OF YORK AND COVENANT**, IS ABOUT TO BEGIN, AND WE ARE EXCITED!



## BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

REVERENDS GARRITT AND SANETTE HAVE BEEN LABORING FOR THE LORD AS MINISTERS WITHIN THE MORAVIAN CHURCH SINCE 2015. FROM 2015-2017, REV. GARRITT SERVED THE FREEDOM MORAVIAN CHURCH IN FREEDOM, WI AND REV. SANETTE SERVED THE EBENEZER MORAVIAN CHURCH IN WATERTOWN, WI. AFTER FIRST MEETING DURING THEIR TIME IN SEMINARY, REVS. GARRITT AND SANETTE LATER JOINED TOGETHER IN MARRIAGE IN 2017. IN 2018 THEY BEGAN SERVING AS HUSBAND AND WIFE IN TEAM MINISTRY AT SCHOENECK MORAVIAN CHURCH IN NAZARETH, PA WHERE THEY MINISTERED PRIOR TO COMING TO YORK, PA.

REV. SANETTE WAS BORN AND RAISED ON THE BEAUTIFUL ISLAND OF JAMAICA. SHE ATTENDED CHURCH AS A CHILD, ALTHOUGH SHE WOULDN'T HAVE DESCRIBED HERSELF AS A TRUE BELIEVER

AT THIS TIME IN HER LIFE. SHE DOES, HOWEVER, REMEMBER OBSERVING SOMETHING "DIFFERENT" ABOUT THE CHILDREN WHO WERE TRUE CHRISTIANS, AND SHE RECALLS DESIRING TO HAVE WHAT THEY HAD. REV. SANETTE LATER MIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES DURING HER TEENAGE YEARS, SETTLING FOR A TIME IN BROOKLYN, NY. IT WAS HERE THAT SHE ATTENDED JOHN HUS MORAVIAN CHURCH AND WHERE SHE MET TWO SPIRITUAL SISTERS WHO DISCIPLED HER IN THE FAITH AND HELPED LEAD HER INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST. REV. SANETTE GAVE HER LIFE TO CHRIST AT THE AGE OF 21, AND SHE SOON AFTER FELT THE LORD CALLING HER INTO MINISTRY. SHE ANSWERED THAT CALL, ENROLLING IN JOHN WESLEY UNIVERSITY IN HIGH POINT, NC, WHERE SHE GRADUATED IN 2011 WITH DEGREES IN PASTORAL MINISTRY, BIBLE THEOLOGY, AND A TEACHING DIPLOMA IN BIBLICAL EVANGELISM. FOLLOWING HER UNDERGRADUATE TRAINING, REV. SANETTE OBTAINED HER MASTER OF DIVINITY DEGREE FROM MORAVIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. SHE IS CURRENTLY PURSUING HER DOCTOR OF MINISTRY DEGREE IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP & SPIRITUAL RENEWAL AT REGENT UNIVERSITY. REV. SANETTE IS ALSO SERVING PART-TIME AT AN APOLOGETICS MINISTRY, WHICH SHE STARTED IN 2018. THIS APOLOGETICS MINISTRY IS FOCUSED ON EQUIPPING EVERYDAY BELIEVERS TO ARTICULATE AND DEFEND THE INERRANCY AND AUTHORITY OF THE WORD OF GOD.

REV. GARRITT GREW UP IN EASTON, PA AND ATTENDED PALMER MORAVIAN CHURCH DURING HIS CHILDHOOD AND TEENAGE YEARS. HE ATTENDED COLLEGE AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, WHERE HE GRADUATED IN 2011 WITH A BACHELORS IN PSYCHOLOGY AND A CONCENTRATION IN JOURNALISM. IT WAS DURING COLLEGE THAT REV. GARRITT EXPERIENCED A DEEPENING OF HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST. STRUGGLES IN COLLEGE MADE JESUS VERY REAL TO HIM — NO LONGER WAS JESUS JUST A WORD ON A PAGE OR A PAINTING ON A WALL BUT A REAL, LIVING, AND PERSONAL SAVIOR. IT WAS ALSO DURING THIS TIME THAT REV. GARRITT FIRST SENSED A CALL TO MINISTRY. AFTER AN EARNEST TIME OF DISCERNMENT, REV. GARRITT FELT A TRUE CALL FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO THE MINISTRY, AND HE THEN BEGAN HIS STUDIES AT MORAVIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, WHERE HE GRADUATED IN 2015. IN ADDITION TO HIS CALL TO MINISTRY WITHIN THE MORAVIAN CHURCH, REV. GARRITT ALSO SERVES AS A MINISTRY TEAM MEMBER IN THE APOLOGETICS MINISTRY STARTED BY HIS WIFE, REV. SANETTE.

OUTSIDE OF THEIR WORK WITHIN THE CHURCH AND THEIR STUDIES, REVERENDS GARRITT AND SANETTE ENJOY TRAVELING AND EXPERIENCING DIFFERENT CULTURES. THEY ARE GRATEFUL AND BLESSED PARENTS OF THEIR THREE-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER, WHO IS ALREADY A SEASONED TRAVELER HERSELF. REVERENDS FLEMING ALSO HAVE A PASSION FOR REDISCOVERING THE JEWISH ROOTS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, SUCH AS WHAT IT MEANS TO HONOR THE SABBATH, AND APPLYING THESE PRACTICES TO THE WAY THEY LIVE OUT THEIR FAITH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THEIR HOME. IN HIS SPARE TIME, REV. GARRITT LOVES BAKING, SPENDING TIME OUTDOORS, AND PLAYING TROMBONE AND GUITAR. REV. SANETTE ENJOYS ANYTHING CRAFT-RELATED: JEWELRY MAKING, SEWING, PAINTING TO NAME JUST A FEW. SHE ALSO CHERISHES TIME OUTSIDE IN THE GARDEN AND COOKING FOR HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

SUMMER IS INDEED UPON US — THE START OF A NEW SEASON — AND SO IS THIS SEASON OF OUR MINISTRY WITH YOU AS YOUR NEW PASTORS. MAY THE LORD ALWAYS GO BEFORE US AS WE TOGETHER SEEK HIS WILL AND STRIVE TO BRING HIM GLORY WITH OUR LIVES. IN THE WORDS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL, LET US ***“ALWAYS GIVE [OURSELVES] FULLY TO THE WORK OF THE LORD, BECAUSE [WE] KNOW THAT [OUR] LABOR IN THE LORD IS NOT IN VAIN”*** (1 CORINTHIANS 15:58).

IN HIS SERVICE,  
REVS. GARRITT AND SANETTE FLEMING



## HOW WILL THINGS WORK WITH OUR NEW PASTORS?

IT HAS NOW BEEN TWENTY MONTHS SINCE PASTOR SAYWARD LEFT TO SERVE LITITZ MORAVIAN CHURCH. DURING THIS TIME WE HAVE HAD A VARIETY OF PASTORS FILL OUR PULPIT AND THE ELDERS HAVE TRIED TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR ABSENT MEMBERS IN PERSON AND BY TELEPHONE. OUR BOARD MEMBERS ARE DELIGHTED THAT A FINE PASTORAL COUPLE WILL BE COMING TO SERVE US AND COVENANT MORAVIAN CHURCH. SINCE WE HAVE NEVER BEFORE SHARED PASTORS WITH ANOTHER CONGREGATION, THIS MEANS WE WILL NOT DO THINGS AS WE ALWAYS HAVE. MANY OF THE DETAILS HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATED BY A COMMITTEE FROM FIRST MORAVIAN AND COVENANT MORAVIAN. HOWEVER NOT ALL THE FINE DETAILS HAVE BEEN SETTLED AND THE TWO CHURCHES ARE BEGINNING THIS EXPERIMENT UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WILL REVIEW HOW IT IS WORKING AND WILL MAKE NEEDED CHANGES.

PASTORS GARRITT AND SANETTE FLEMING HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO WORSHIP AS A FAMILY WITH THEIR YOUNG DAUGHTER, ESTHER. THIS MEANS THAT BOTH PASTORS AND ESTHER WILL COME TO FIRST AND COVENANT EVERY SUNDAY. COVENANT IS CURRENTLY WORSHIPPING AT 10 A.M. AND FIRST GATHERS AT 10:30 A.M. IF OUR PASTORS WISH TO BE TOGETHER IN WORSHIP, THEN WE WILL NEED TO ADJUST OUR TIME FOR WORSHIP. TO GET STARTED, COVENANT HAS AGREED TO MOVE THEIR WORSHIP TO 9:30 A.M. AND FIRST WILL MEET FOR WORSHIP AT 11:15 AM. WE WERE PLEASED THAT COVENANT AGREED TO GIVE US THE LATER TIME FOR WORSHIP BECAUSE WE HAVE MANY ELDERLY FOLKS WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY COMING EARLY AND WE HAVE MEMBERS WHO LIVE FAR FROM THE CHURCH AND NEED TO TRAVEL. IN SEVERAL MONTHS BOTH WE AND COVENANT WILL REVIEW THIS ARRANGEMENT TO SEE HOW IT IS WORKING. FIRST MORAVIAN WILL CONTINUE TO SEND OUR WORSHIP OVER ZOOM FOR THOSE WHO ARE SHUT-IN AND CANNOT PHYSICALLY ATTEND.

IN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION, OUR NEW PASTORS WILL BE INSTALLED DURING A JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT, THE REV. MELISSA JOHNSON. THE INSTALLATION WILL BE HELD AT 10:30 A.M. IN A NEUTRAL LOCATION, ROCKY RIDGE COUNTY PARK IN THE CHIPMUNK PAVILION. THERE WILL BE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE. IT IS CUSTOMARY THAT THE NEW PASTOR DELIVER THE SERMON AT HIS OR HER INSTALLATION. HOWEVER, IN THIS CASE WE HAVE TWO NEW PASTORS, AND EACH WILL BRING A BRIEF MESSAGE SO THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THEM BOTH.

SINCE THIS IS A NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR SHARING A PASTORAL COUPLE WITH TWO MORAVIAN CHURCHES IN YORK, WE HAVE SOME DETAILS STILL TO BE WORKED OUT. OUR BOARDS WILL ALSO REVIEW HOW THINGS ARE WORKING IN A FEW MONTHS AND WILL MAKE THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS. THE FLEMINGS WILL LIVE IN THE FIRST MORAVIAN PARSONAGE IN DOVER AND USE THE CHURCH OFFICE AT COVENANT AS THEIR PRIMARY OFFICE. THEY WILL ALSO HOLD OFFICE HOURS IN FIRST MORAVIAN OFFICE. THERE WILL BE A LOT MORE NEWS TO COME AS WE BEGIN THIS EXCITING AND UNPRECEDENTED ARRANGEMENT FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP AND CARE AT FIRST AND COVENANT MORAVIAN CHURCHES IN YORK.

IN HIS SERVICE,  
FIRST MORAVIAN JOINT BOARD



## **INSTALLATION SERVICE**

**JOINT INSTALLATION SERVICE WITH COVENANT  
FOR THE FLEMINGS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY,  
JUNE 18 AT ROCKY RIDGE PARK IN THE  
CHIPMUNK PAVILION AT 10:30 AM WITH LIGHT  
REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW.**



\*SOME FOLKS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT ENTERING AND EXITING THE ENTRANCE OF ROCKY RIDGE PARK FROM MT. ZION ROAD. THERE IS AN ALTERNATE ENTRY/EXIT AVAILABLE. AS YOU ARE ASCENDING MT. ZION ROAD FROM RT. 30 AND AS YOU ARE APPROACHING THE CREST OF THE HILL YOU CAN TURN RIGHT ONTO POSES PLACE AND THEN TAKE THE NEXT LEFT ONTO SPANGLER CIRCLE. THIS WILL BRING YOU OUT ON DEININGER ROAD. TURN RIGHT ON DEININGER AND PROCEED TO ROCKY RIDGE PARK. CHIPMUNK PAVILION IS AMONG THE FIRST PAVILIONS ON THE RIGHT. YOU MAY FIND IT ESPECIALLY HELPFUL WHEN LEAVING TO TURN ON SPANGLER CIRCLE, THEN RIGHT ON POSES PLACE WHICH WILL TAKE YOU BACK TO MT. ZION ROAD.

### **Elders News**

The Elders met on May 8, 2023, along with the Trustees. Worship services were reviewed, and pulpit supply was planned for May and June.

Calls and visitations that were made to our shut-ins were shared. A subcommittee that was formed and has been in contact with a subcommittee from Covenant's boards gave an update regarding the arrival of the Pastors Fleming. The Installation service and worship details were given. All details are shared in the article on the previous page. The next Joint Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

### **Trustees News**

The Trustees met on May 8, 2023, along with the Elders. Maintenance/repairs for the annex, church and parsonage were reviewed. Many items on the repair list have now been completed. The Treasurer's report was given by Wanda Hendricks. Income and expenses for the month were reviewed. The organ was tuned up. A new cordless mic was purchased to replace the one that no longer works. Bethlehem payments for March and April need to be paid. The next Joint Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

### **Total Income & Offerings from Sundays 4/30/2023 - 5/28/2023**

General Fund	\$ 5,275.00
Refurbishing Fund	187.00
Memorial Fund	425.00
(all donations in memory of Elaine Rowell)	
Parking	50.00
AT&T Dividends	96.58
Visa Rewards Check	27.50

**Total Income** **\$ 6,061.08**

**Total Expenses** **\$ 6,183.70**

### **Upcoming Guest Pastors**

June 4 - Rev. Ed Turner

June 11 - Rev. Steve Nicholas

June 18 - Revs. Garritt & Sanette  
Fleming (Installation Service at  
Rocky Ridge Park)

June 25 - Rev. Terry Folk

**Church Picnic** - June 3 at Musser's Grove

**Summer Worship** - Starts June 4 downstairs  
in Fellowship Hall. It will continue through  
September 4.



## June Birthdays

7 Carol Zeigler  
15 Kellie (Swartz) Ford  
17 Kathie Nicholas  
18 Carolyn Bailey  
Denise Eckert  
19 Kasi (Tyson) Steinbrenner  
21 Ronald Eckert  
29 Heidi Robinson  
30 Lloyd Purswell\*

## June Anniversaries

12 Terry & Carol Zeigler  
14 David & Karrie Rishel  
26 Rev. Terry & Julia Folk



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### Prayer Concerns

Amy Ardison (Betsy Senft's sister)  
Pastor Jeff Coppage  
Ann Coppage  
Don Eckert  
Mary Jones  
Kathie Nicholas  
Karrie Rishel  
Cliff Rowell and Family  
Ruth & Clair Seiple  
Jemon Grant  
Gary Paules

Did you know...

We have an online giving portal! If you prefer to worship via Zoom you can send your offering online!

Just go to:

- mmfa.info
- click Giving Portal at the top
- Click 'F' and select First Moravian Church - York, PA

If you prefer to mail your offering, you can send it direct to:

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## **2023 Watchword**

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will  
guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:7