



NOVEMBER 2023

THE LAMPLIGHTER YORK FIRST MORAVIAN

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

"AND DON'T FORGET TO THANK HIM" (PHILIPPIANS 4:6).

IN MY DAILY DEVOTIONAL ONE DAY, THE WORDS OF THE SONG COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, NAME THEM ONE BY ONE WAS INCLUDED. I HAVEN'T SUNG THAT SONG FOR A LONG TIME – THE WORDS ARE TREMENDOUS:

*ARE YOU EVER BURDENED WITH A LOAD OF CARE?
DOES THE CROSS SEEM HEAVY YOU ARE CALLED TO BEAR?
COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS, EV'RY DOUBT WILL FLY,
AND YOU WILL BE SINGING AS THE DAYS GO BY.*

WHAT A WONDERFUL REMINDER TO TAKE THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT WHAT GOD IS DOING FOR US. TOO OFTEN WE FOCUS JUST ON THE HORRID THINGS – THE EVIL, THE HURRICANES, THE FLOODS AND DEVASTATION AND FAMINE.

BUT TAKE TIME EVERY DAY TO VERBALIZE OR WRITE ALL YOU ARE THANKFUL FOR. YOU MAY WANT TO USE THIS OUTLINE. DOING SO WILL REVITALIZE YOUR SOUL.

BEGIN WITH THANKSGIVING

PSALM 100:4 TELLS US,

"ENTER INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING AND HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE."

- THANK HIM FOR HIS PATIENCE AND FORGIVENESS.
- THANK HIM FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF COMING INTO HIS PRESENCE.
- THANK HIM FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE IN AND THROUGH YOUR LIFE IN THE LAST YEAR.

LIST WHAT HE HAS DONE

TAKE TIME TO LIST WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU. BE SPECIFIC. THINK THROUGH EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIFE.

BECOME STILL BEFORE THE LORD. (PSALM 46:10)

- CONSIDER WHO GOD IS. (PSALM 103)
- PRAISE HIM FOR HIS ATTRIBUTES. (PSALM 145)
- REJOICE IN YOUR FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM AND THAT HE DELIGHTS IN YOU.
(PROVERBS 15:8)
- READ PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE AND PRAY THEM BACK TO GOD. (PSALMS 146-150)
- SING TO THE LORD.

LORD I THANK YOU FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE SEASONS. I THANK YOU FOR HEALTH AND STRENGTH. I THANK YOU FOR PEOPLE TO LOVE AND PEOPLE WHO LOVE ME. I LOVE YOU GOD AND THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME FIRST. AMEN.

BY KATHERINE KEHLER



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/26 - MOSS GATHERING AT 2:00 PM
- 12/3 - HANGING OF THE GREENS
- 12/9 - CHRISTMAS PARTY AT 5:00 PM (COVERED DISH)
- 12/10 - PUTZ ASSEMBLY FOLLOWING WORSHIP
- 12/11 - UNITY PRAYER WATCH
- 12/17 - CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT 2:00 PM

ELDERS NEWS

THE ELDERS MET ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM. GUEST SPEAKER ED KNEE FROM LIFEPATH CHISTIAN MINISTRIES PROVIDED INFORMATION ON WHAT THEY OFFER FOR THE HOMELESS IN OUR AREA. SHELTER AND MEALS ARE PROVIDED. WE ARE TO DIRECT HOMELESS TO THEM. THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER ORGANIZATION, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS OF PA WHICH ASSISTS ON THE STREET HOMELESS. (PEOPLE WHO DO NOT WANT TO SHELTER.) THEY PROVIDE ITEMS NEEDED AND HEALTHCARE. THE WORSHIP SERVICES WERE REVEIWED. THE SCHEDULE FOR GUEST PASTORS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS WAS DISCUSSED. THE ELDERS WILL BE KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH OUR SHUT-INS DURING THE INTERIM. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD WILL START OCTOBER 29 AND CONCLUDE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12. WE WILL BE GIVING THE PUTZ DONATIONS TO LIFEPATH TO HELP SUPPORT THEIR MISSIONS FOR THE HOMELESS. IT WAS DECIDED TO HAVE A CHRISTMAS PARTY AGAIN THIS YEAR. A JOINT BOARD MEETING WITH COVENANT'S JOINT BOARD AND MELISSA JOHNSON IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE A JOINT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM.

TRUSTEES NEWS

THE TRUSTEES MET ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM. PARSONAGE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE WERE DISCUSSED. THE REPAIRS FOR THE ANNEX AND CHURCH WERE DISCUSSED. THERE ARE POSSIBLE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT AND NORTHERN PROVINCE THAT WE COULD OBTAIN FOR THE WINDOWS THAT NEED REPLACED AND ELECTRICAL WORK IN THE CHURCH. THE NEXT WORKDAY WILL BE AT THE CHURCH ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2. WANDA HENDRICKS WENT OVER THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH. WE WILL BE WITHDRAWING \$13,000.00 FROM MORGAN STANLEY TO PAY BETHLEHEM IN NOVEMBER. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE A JOINT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM.

TOTAL INCOME & OFFERINGS FROM SUNDAYS 10/1/2023 - 10/28/2023

\$ 5,307.00 GENERAL FUND
122.00 REFURBISHING FUND
105.00 EMERGENCY NEEDS FUND
50.00 PARKING RENTAL
20.00 DONATION FOR USE OF FELLOWSHIP HALL
1,000.00 PARSONAGE RENTAL
200.00 PARSONAGE UTILITIES PAID INCOME

\$6,804.00 TOTAL INCOME FOR OCTOBER
\$5,629.29 TOTAL EXPENSES FOR OCTOBER



November Birthdays

7 Linda Taylor
10 Julia Saylor
15 Gary Paules
17 Aaron Eckert
19 Dynola Kotek
20 Olivia Downs
21 Lindsey Robinson
30 Jacob Sprenkle



November Anniversaries

5 Terrence & Christine Downs



Prayer Concerns

Mary Jones
Kathie Nicholas
Karrie Rishel
Cliff Rowell
Ruth & Clair Seiple
Jemon Grant
Gary Paules

Please contact any of the Elders for Pastoral needs:

Steve Nicholas - 717-755-7412
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Lindsey Robinson - 717-965-5552

November Schedule for Guest Pastors

11/5 - Cliff Bergstresser
11/12 - Terry Folk-communion
11/19 - Rev. Carol Dague
11/26 - Rev. Sanette Fleming

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:

Wanda Hendricks
3715 Fox Chase Drive
Dover, PA 17315

First Moravian Church Christmas Putz

December 15, 2023 through December 31, 2023

Special showing December 24 following the 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Light Lovefeast

No showings December 25th or January 1st

*The story of Christ's Birth featuring a Biblical narrative,
Traditional hymns and creche figures.*

The Christmas Putz at First Moravian Church is a 20-minute sight and sound experience featuring Biblical narrative and traditional hymns with 15 figural scenes depicting the story of the birth of Christ. The presentation begins with Isaiah prophesying Christ's birth and the angel appearing to Mary. The story unfolds with the angelic chorus heralding the birth of Christ, The Wise Men following the star, and concludes with the Holy family's urgent flight into Egypt.

Open to the community

Friday 6 & 6:45 p.m.

Saturday 10 & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday 3 & 3:45 p.m.

Private group showings, or special children's version of this program is available upon request. Please call two weeks in advance to schedule a time.

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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