

Leaksville Moravian Church  
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In essentials Unity;  
In non-essentials Liberty;  
In all things Love.



## Leaksville Moravian Church



**February 2021**

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# February 2021



One year ago Donna and I were on our way to St. Lucia to celebrate our anniversary. The pandemic was just coming into focus and we had our sanitizer and masks ready. The sanitizer was used once on the plane but the masks were not used. Now masks are required and sanitizer is everywhere for our use. Worship has been suspended for almost a year and we look forward for it to resume. Virtual worship is now the norm for many churches. For myself, video messages are the best I can do in this changing world.

Our lives have changed in many different ways - some for the good and some for the bad. I believe one change we have experienced is communication - it has become more complicated. No close encounters, only from a distance or through a Zoom meeting or through any of the social media arenas. This is hard for me, a caveman in a Google world. One form of communication that has not changed is PRAYER. God is always listening so we need to keep talking and God will do the rest.

God Bless,  
Pastor John

## Creating New Spiritual Practices in 2021

Our lives have been transformed during this global pandemic. There is no road map for our journey as we adapt and discern new ways forward together in these uncertain times. But we do have some tools at our disposal, which are steeped in our Moravian heritage. Our early Moravian brothers and sisters found opportunity in challenge. These bold followers of Jesus blazed forward as they grew in relationship with Christ, expressed spirituality in community, and sacrificed nearly everything for their mission. Likewise, our current challenge provides modern-day Moravians opportunities to share faith, love, and hope with the world in new and different ways.

As we move into 2021, you might be interested in growing in your spiritual disciplines, diving deeper into Moravian history, or learning how to take action to live the essentials in the world. The Moravian Experience is the place to start to make these goals a reality!

Amid an overwhelming amount of online content, this collection of resources provides inspiration and challenge for our journey as Moravian Christians. We hope these resources will guide you on your inward journey to deepen your relationship with Christ as well as our outward journey to live with each other like Christ – being relational and loving as we reach out to the world.

You can find The Moravian Experience here;

<https://www.moravian.org/bcm/moravian-experience/>



### Unity Prayer Watch

Thank you everyone who participated in our Unity Prayer Watch assignment on Monday, January 11, 2021, Thank you for participating in this non-stop worldwide effort!

As of the publishing of this newsletter, we are still unsure of our re-opening status for Leaksville Moravian Church. Please continue to monitor the emailed Weekly Greetings that go out each week and listen for One Call Now updates. If you are not on that list and would like an update, please call the church office at (336) 623-9440. Be sure and leave a message.



The first ever Moravian Day of Giving is February 16, 2021. All donors who make gifts on this day through the Moravian Giving Portal will be entered into drawings for more than 100 gifts. In addition, Sister Sallie Greenfield will match dollar for dollar the first \$10K in gifts to the any of the Field

of Interest Funds on the Giving Portal on this date. Field of Interest Funds include: Hunger & Thirst, Health & Healing, Safety & Shelter, Clothing, Prison Ministry, Environmental Stewardship, and Prevention of Violence Against Women.

### Leaksville Moravian Church—Mission Statement

To teach the Word of God.  
To experience the salvation of Jesus Christ.  
To offer Christian fellowship, and  
provide opportunities to serve others.

## Pray Every Day February 2021

1. Pray that our country will turn to God.
2. Enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Pray for governments and leaders.
3. The Son of God has come and has given us understanding. Pray for police and fire fighters everywhere.
4. The Lord is near to the broken-hearted. Pray for all those suffering from the COVID-19 virus.
5. You have delivered my soul from death. Pray for school teachers and first line workers world-wide.
6. I had heard of you by ear, but now I see you. Pray for Adopt-A-Village in Tanzania.
7. Sunday. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power. Pray for Moravian volunteers and Missionaries.
8. May they who love you be like the sun when it rises. Pray for Dr. Benno and Teresa Marx.
9. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
10. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Pray for Jenna and Andrew Craver in Alaska.
11. God did not withhold His own son but gave Him up for us. Pray for Alan and DeeDee Iobst in France.
12. Each one should test his own actions. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx (MAF).
13. From His fullness, we have received grace upon grace. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
14. Sunday. The Lord will bless His people with peace. Pray for Unity Women's Desk.
15. There will be more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than ninety-nine righteous. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek InterVarsity.
16. All people on earth will know that the Lord is God. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx (MAF).
17. Ash Wednesday. Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Pray for Annie B Missions (Star Mountain).
18. My Lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass me by. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach
19. Oh Lord God, you have only begun to show your servant your greatness. Pray for Justin Rabbach (BWM).
20. When He has found the lost sheep, He lays it on His shoulders and rejoices. Pray for Armando Rusindo Foundation and Cuba.
21. 1st Sunday in Lent. Jesus Christ will strengthen you to end. Pray for the clinic in Ahaus, Honduras.
22. My spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Pray for Alas de Socorro in Honduras.
23. We are ambassadors for Christ, who makes His appeal through us. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya.
24. All ate and were filled. Pray for the Theisens in Mexico.
25. The Lord is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior. Pray for Moravians in Peru.
26. The Lord God of Hosts is His name. Pray for Safiatu Braima in Sierra Leone.
27. The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ. Pray for Charlie and Vickie Brent in Texas.
28. 2nd Sunday in Lent. Do not fear, for I am with you. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.



## Church Council / Church Reports 2020

The annual Church Council for 2020 was postponed, but we would still like to create the annual church reports for when we do hold church council and to send to the Province. Please send reports from the following church organizations to the church office email address (leaksvillemoravian@gmail.com): Board of Elders, Board of Trustees, Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship and Mission Committee. Thank you!



## Women's Fellowship



The Women's Fellowship will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. All women should have received a link via email. If you did not receive a link, please email the church office and one will be sent to you.

### 2021 Watchword for Leaksville Moravian Church

*So, let us not grow weary in doing what is right,  
for we will reap at harvest time  
if we do not give up.  
Galatians 6:9*

The 2021 Watchword for the Southern Province is the Old Testament text for December 29:

*I will exalt you, O Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths. Psalm 30:1 NIV*

The accompanying doctrinal or teaching text from the New Testament is:

*The dawn from on high [will] give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1:78-79*

The prayer for the day, as found in the U.S. edition of the Daily Texts is also fitting:

*Bright Morningstar, you came to earth to lift up humanity and light our way to lives of peace. Help us carry that light into the world, so that all can see your goodness and love. Amen.*

## Leaksville Moravian Church Job Opening

Leaksville Moravian Church is now accepting resumes for the position of Administrative Assistant. Leaksville Moravian Church seeks an organized, self-motivated individual with excellent computer and interpersonal skills, basic financial competency, and writing/editing/proofreading ability to staff the church office approximately 12 hours per week (Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-noon). Ability to handle personal information confidentially is essential. Necessary skills include proficiency in Microsoft Office suite and Quicken Financial Management software. Previous experience in a church setting is a plus. Detailed qualifications and responsibilities are available from the church office. Resumes may be sent to the attention of the Chairperson of the Trustees, Jesse Williams, at Leaksville Moravian Church, P.O. Box 35, Eden, NC 27289 or emailed to [jlwilliams0104@gmail.com](mailto:jlwilliams0104@gmail.com).



Jeff and Melissa Mericle have cancelled their home phone number. If you need to reach either of them, please contact them via their cell phones; Melissa (336-613-5922) or Jeff (336-589-4824).

### Online Items of Interest:

While we are all staying home, here are some online resources that might interest you:

**Old Salem Exploratorium:** A series of 5- to 10-minute experiences that will bring you in direct visual (but not physical!) contact with Old Salem master craftsman and educators.  
<https://www.oldsalem.org/calendar-programs/exploratorium/>

**Museum of Early Decorative Arts:** Watch selected videos from the MESDA program:  
<https://mesda.org/programs/program-videos/>

**Moravian Music Foundation:** Click this link for Moravian Music Foundation's YouTube Channel, full of free videos of lectures, music, music education, and concerts.  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/MoravianMusicFndn/playlists>

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**LEADERSHIP FOCUS 2021**

Prepare the Way of the Lord!  
Transforming Spiritual  
Imagination into Action

*In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God. – Isaiah 40: 3*

Beginning February 25, 2021

It's been an interesting season to be the church, at times feeling like we are indeed in a wilderness. We are certainly weary of the ongoing pandemic and the divisions that separate us, so let's focus our energies on doing the important work to "prepare the way of the Lord." What highways can we build? How can we prepare for the church that is even now emerging? And how can we continue to minister to others, whether in our buildings or online, or both?

Beginning February 25th, Leadership Focus 2021 will offer an opening series, a closing series, and a variety of standalone workshops your congregational leaders will find particularly useful right now, as we explore what it means to be Church beyond the pandemic. We are especially happy to announce that we'll be partnering with the Northern Province's Healthier Moravian Congregations Task Force this year to produce this event. The task force facilitates the resourcing of congregations and works on projects to inform the work of developing healthier practices in our congregations.

#### Individual Registration

Individual (Access to ALL recordings and materials) | \$30  
Pastor/Educators (Access to ALL recordings and materials) | \$20  
Live Only (No Recording Access) | FREE

#### Group Registration

Church Bundle with access to ALL recordings and materials  
Up to FIVE Members | \$100  
Up to TEN Members | \$150

With your registration, you can sign up for as many workshops as you would like! Once you register, you will receive all recording/materials from the sessions you select. With the "Live Only" option, you will only be able to view the sessions in real-time, with no access to the recordings.

Visit [MoravianBCM.org](http://MoravianBCM.org) for more information and to register!

# 10th Anniversary Celebration of Full Communion

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Between the Episcopal Church and  
the Northern & Southern Provinces of  
the Moravian Church



**Wednesday, February 10,  
7:30 PM**

Episcopal Church Facebook or YouTube




Coming together for witness and mission

Join the virtual 10th Anniversary celebration of full Communion between the Moravian Church in America, Northern and Southern Provinces, and the Episcopal Church.

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Moravians, Episcopalians and others are invited to gather for a 10th anniversary celebration of the full

communion relationship agreed in 2010, and inaugurated Feb. 10, 2011 in a worship service at Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, PA.

This celebration is a virtual service of worship with leaders from various places where Moravians and Episcopalians live and serve. It will include liturgies, prayers, and music from both churches, a combined virtual choir, and reflections on scripture texts by David Guthrie (Southern Province), The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Miller (Northern Province) and The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Worshipers will pray the Liturgy for Christian Unity (Moravian); and join in a Call to Racial Reconciliation which includes a Litany of Repentance and a Commissioning for the Ministry of Justice and Reconciliation.

Here are links for joining in this time of worship and celebration:

- [Order of Service 10th Anniversary Celebration](#)
- [Information and access via Moravian. org](#)
- [Access via the YouTube channel of the Episcopal Church](#)

Full communion is a significant expression of Christian unity that allows Churches to share in ministry and mission, including the mutual recognition of our baptisms, exchange of ordained clergy, and cooperative work and witness. It helps us live into Jesus' prayer (in John 17) that "they all may be one", to witness to that unity, and to extend Christ's mission in the world.



## PRAYER LIST



Barbara Calhoun  
Renee Carroll & Baby  
Darlene Dyer  
Rhonda Elliot  
Jesse Edwards  
Mark Ellis  
Betty Gatewood  
Barbara Hearne  
Tony Holland  
Roy Kasten

Chris Lyle  
Sherrill Malnofski  
Charles Marlowe  
Anna Martin  
Barry, Marie & Butch Martin  
Chris Martin  
Martha Smith  
Cathy Tucker  
Tony & June Walker  
Boston Yanotti

Please forgive us if we have left anyone's name off of this list. If you would like to leave a prayer request for someone, please fill out a Prayer Request form located in the pew pockets and place in the offering plate or visit our website at [www.leaksvillemoravianchurch.org](http://www.leaksvillemoravianchurch.org) and click on the Prayer Request icon.



## Caring and Sharing



Please remember in your prayers:  
Our prayers are with:

- ...all Moravian church leaders
- ...our congregation
- ...our families
- ...our neighbors
- ...our medical care-givers
- ...our communities – both near and far



## Memorials

In Memory of Robert Simyon ..... Robert and Nila Mericle



# BOARD OF WORLD MISSION

of the Moravian Church • North America



Moravians have always been anxious to support missions, especially in times of great need. It was no different last November when twin category 4 hurricanes assaulted our Central American Brothers and Sisters. With aid from the worldwide Moravian community, Moravian Disaster Response (MDR) sent funds to purchase emergency food in the days immediately following the storms and floods. Additional help paid for the purchase of bean and corn seeds, the distribution of water purification/hygiene kits, well cleaning equipment and temporary emergency shelters. Generous Moravians helped to ensure that people who had lost everything had clean drinking water, seeds to plant, medicines and temporary shelter as they rebuild their lives. North American Moravians -- individuals, women's groups, mission societies, congregations and others -- answered the call. Without your assistance, bean and corn seeds would not be germinating on the Patuca or Coco rivers. If it were not for your generosity, fewer people on Nicaragua's East Coast would have clean water to drink. Were it not for your loving care, many across *La Mosquitia* would be without food. The same Christian faith that has supported these MDR efforts since November will enable it to continue to meet the recovery needs of a marginalized people at a particularly vulnerable time.

[www.moravianmission.org/give](http://www.moravianmission.org/give)

## Moravian Disaster Response (MDR) Fund Helps to Purchase Needed Seeds for Crops

When Hurricanes Eta and Iota hit Nicaragua and Honduras in November 2020, they spread up to 60 inches of rain far inland in a matter of two weeks. This caused catastrophic flooding along the creeks and rivers that provide water and transportation for the many villages that line them. This flooding destroyed many of the farming plots that provide food for each of these communities, leaving as much as two feet of mud and sand on them. The current crops were destroyed, and after hard work they are now ready for the next planting. Thankfully with the funds donated to the Board of World Mission's Disaster Response Fund, seeds were purchased and distributed to many of these villages so that the next crop of beans can begin to bear fruit in a few months. This will go a long way towards providing these Moravian brothers and sisters with a predictable food source well into the future. To date, the Board of World Mission has dispatched \$130,000 to the three Moravian Provinces in the region to help them procure not only these seeds but other needed food and supplies and the

ability to clean out village wells which were contaminated by the flooding. What we have sent so far is a good start, but more is needed. A sack of seeds for beans costs about \$60. Won't you consider helping? We ask for your continued support of the Moravian Disaster Response fund, which allows the BWM to respond to disasters immediately with funds for emergency needs, as well as ongoing rebuilding projects. HOW TO GIVE: BY MAIL: US residents can send donations to The Board of World Mission, 1021 Center St. Bethlehem, PA 18018. ONLINE: Visit [www.moravianmission.org/give](http://www.moravianmission.org/give). Please mark your donation, "For MDR."



## Aging Well in a Pandemic: Rediscovering Our Joy

We have lived in this pandemic for almost a year. There have been times of frustration. We waited for decreasing numbers and a vaccine. Now we are waiting to get the vaccine. Our country is going through tragic times. We have lost friends or family to the virus. The numbers are climbing as our country's situation worsens. We continue to be isolated from family and friends. How do we keep on every single day living joyfully and avoiding depression?

Playing upbeat music can help us to focus on what is good in our lives and helps us to give the sad feelings to God.

If you enjoy contemporary Christian music, K-love radio is a great source. "Old Church Choir" by Zach Williams is one to listen for. This beautiful and upbeat song makes it clear that "there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy." He is so right. This song reminds us to look to Jesus for joy and for comfort. It reminds us to start everyday thanking Him for the joy in our lives.

Continue to try and do things that give you joy. Cooking old recipes and trying new ones, decorating your house for holidays, beginning or completing projects around the house, working on favorite hobbies, staying in touch with family and friends are just some of the ways you can happily spend your time.

For joyful inspiration, read your Bible, the Moravian Daily Text, and/or a favorite devotional each day. Reading the Psalms can be especially uplifting.

Let's not lose our joy...only one of the many gifts from God.

~Your Aging Well Team

## Cooperative Christian Ministries

### November

New 0  
Families 18  
Adults 34  
Children 20


### CCM Food Bank

CCM is operating a Drive-Up Food Pantry for its clients on Thursday mornings from 9:30am-12:00pm. We want to continue to serve the needs of our community as long as possible while keeping our volunteers, clients and church staff safe.

With limited supplies and area shortages, we still need your food donations. If you can donate, you can bring your donations to the church office on **\*\*Thursdays from 9:30 am—12:00 pm.\*\*** Please call before you come and we will meet you outside and take your donations.

**February Birthdays**

2	Colton Curry
9	Micah Christman
9	Rocky Turner
10	JoAnn Barger
11	Jonathan Hall
18	Marsha Law
20	Andy Johnson
21	Mike Hurd
26	Reed Christman



If anyone knows of any additions/corrections that need to be made to this list, please call the church office at 336-623-9440.

# Leaksville Moravian Church - February 2021

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>All events are TBD. We will be following the guidance of the PEC and the NC State mandates. We hope to be together soon! Please watch for weekly email updates.</b>						
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