

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



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A letter has been sent out to the members and friends of Leaksville Moravian Church with a report on the status of reopening the church. If you did not receive the letter, please contact the church office. We are including an abbreviated version in this newsletter.

Dear Members and Friends of Leaksville Moravian Church:

Greetings from the Joint Board, we hope everyone is doing well.

As you know it has been some time since we have been able to meet as a congregation. The Joint Board however has continued to meet virtually as well as in person to figure out when we can resume Sunday worship as well as other activities. The PEC has provided us guidance and resources that have helped us determine when we can open as well as how to do it safely. Our primary concern at this point is to keep all of our church members safe and healthy. All decisions that we make are based on this goal.

The Joint Board has ordered cleaning and sanitizing supplies and we are hoping to reopen July 19th, provided that North Carolina moves to Phase 3 by then.

We are excited about being able to resume worship. However, in order to protect everyone we will have to implement some rules on how modified worship will work. You will find these rules in this newsletter.

While we are working hard to reopen, we realize that returning to church is a difficult decision for many of our members. We respect anyone's decision that now may not be an appropriate time to return. We will try to provide on-line content for these members. We are working on video recording and presenting the service on-line. As a reminder high risk includes anyone with the following:

- Age 65 or older, especially who have serious underlying medical conditions.
- Anyone who is immunocompromised.
- Anyone with chronic lung disease, moderate-to-severe asthma, serious heart conditions, severe obesity, diabetes, chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis or liver disease.

All members that are planning on attending worship should perform a self assessment prior to leaving home. The self assessment can be found later in this newsletter.

We know that this plan is not perfect and will require adjustment as we move forward. At this point we feel that this is the safest way to provide worship. Please work with us and try to follow these guidelines. Also, please be assured that the boards will continue to monitor and adjust as conditions of this pandemic change. We will try to keep everyone informed.

Yours in Christ,
The Joint Board

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>

Save the Date Virtual Children's Festival & Lovefeast Sunday, August 16, 2020 | 2:00PM

This year, we will be offering our Children's Festival and Lovefeast virtually on Sunday, August 16, 2020 at 2:00PM.

The festival will dive deeper into the tradition of the Moravian lovefeast and will include special, commemorative items! Be on the lookout for more information about this new format of our annual event commemorating the 1727 Moravian children's spiritual renewal in Herrnhut. Our festival will resume its normal format next year at St. Phillips Moravian Church.

More info to come!



Online Worship Opportunities:

Moravian Church Without Walls (MCWW) offers virtual services on their Facebook page. Here is a link to their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/moraviancww/>

Online Services (Livestreaming, Webcasting, Watching Services on Web)

Several Moravian congregations livestream their Sunday morning worship services online and intend to do so for the near future. These services will be geared toward an online audience, using only essential pastoral and music staff. Visit their websites to learn more about how to watch these services. Note that all times are Eastern Standard.

- [Calvary Moravian Church](#) — 11:00 AM
- [Clemmons Moravian Church](#) – 10:30 AM through [Facebook](#)
- [Home Moravian Church](#) – 10:00 AM
- [Friedberg Moravian Church](#) — 11:00 AM
- [New Philadelphia Moravian Church](#) — 10:00 AM through [Facebook](#)
- [Trinity Moravian Church](#) –11:00 am EST

July Birthdays	
2	Will Chriscoe
3	Ezra Charles Young
12	Susan Shoemaker
13	Mel Hall
18	Lynne Young
20	Nila Mericle
23	Mandy Mericle
26	Robert Clark Turner
28	Ben Gullett
29	John Rainey

July Anniversaries	
28	Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Hall

Leaksville Moravian Church Modified Worship Rules:

In order to resume worship at Leaksville Moravian Church and protect everyone as best we can, we will have to implement some rules on how modified worship will work. These rules are as follows:

- Masks must be worn by everyone who enters the sanctuary. They must remain on at all times. If you do not have a mask or forget yours, masks will be provided. The only exception is the Pastor may remove his during the sermon.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance to the sanctuary. Everyone is expected to sanitize their hands as they enter.
- Social distancing rules will be followed. Family groups may sit together otherwise everyone should maintain six feet of distance. Ushers will direct you where to sit and we will fill the sanctuary from front to back.
- Everyone will enter the church through the Main doors through the Narthex. The only exception will be handicap members who can enter through the side door. There will be an usher at this door to open it and help seat anyone who enters.
- Only the Sanctuary is open at this time. There will be no nursery. All other areas of the church will remain closed including the Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Parlor and Sunday School rooms. Bathrooms will be available but should only be used in cases of emergency.
- There will be no Hymnals, Bibles or bulletins provided. You are encouraged to bring your bible from home if you so choose. Please remember to take it when you leave. There is no way to sanitize books or paper.
- The service will not include singing or responsive reading. A designated reader will read the responses for the congregation.
- There will not be a passing of the peace or offertory. An offertory plate will be located at the entrance of the sanctuary.
- At the end of the service Ushers will dismiss by rows from the back to the front. Please do not leave until your row is dismissed.

2020 Communion Services

August 16—August 13th Festival
October 4—World-Wide Communion
November 15—Festival of Christ the Chief Elder

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.

COVID-19 Self-Assessment

All members that are planning on attending worship should perform the following self assessment prior to leaving home:

- Do you have any new muscle aches not related to another medical condition?
- Do you feel like you have an elevated temperature? (greater than 100°)
- Do you have a sore throat not related to another medical condition?
- Do you have a new or worsening cough?
- Do you have shortness of breath not related to another medical condition?
- Do you have a recent loss of smell or taste?
- Do you have a new onset of vomiting or diarrhea?
- Do you have repeated shaking or chills not related to another medical condition?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions please stay home and follow up with your medical provider.

Messages from Pastor John

Pastor John continues to post messages on Facebook at least once a week (video and text). Follow the link below to go to the Leaksville Moravian Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/LeaksvilleMoravianChurch/>

Please continue to check Facebook for further messages from Pastor John.

Remember Your Financial Stewardship

During this time we are not able to meet for worship, it is important to remember that the financial needs of the church will continue. You may mail your offering to the church.

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We urge you to stay safe and pray for our congregation, those who are touched by the virus, those on the front line, and our country as we navigate a totally new condition for us all.

2020 Watchword for Leaksville Moravian Church
***The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love;
teach me your statutes.***
Psalm 119:64

Memorials

In Memory of Quesell Scott..... Kenneth & Anne Bost
Sam & Marsha Law



Caring and Sharing

Please remember in your prayers:

Our prayers are with:

- ...Marie Martin, who had surgery in June.
- ...all Moravian church leaders
- ...our congregation
- ...our families
- ...our neighbors
- ...our medical care-givers
- ...our communities – both near and far



Special Dates this Summer



July 6 marks the anniversary of the martyrdom in 1415 of John Huss, the spiritual forefather of the Moravian Church. Traditionally we observe Holy Communion in commemoration of this date, but since we will not be together on this date for morning worship, we share this excerpt:

Jan Hus (John Huss) was burned at the stake on July 6, 1415. About a hundred years before Luther, Hus was defending the authority of Scripture, and declaring that where the Word is, the true church is. According to legend, when he was about to be executed he said, "*Today you roast a goose.* (Hus is the Bohemian word for goose.) *But in a hundred years a swan will sing whom you will not be able to silence.*"

A few of his prayers from the time of his execution have been preserved for us:

*Lord Jesus Christ, I wish to bear most patiently and humbly for your Gospel's sake and the preaching of your Word, this dire, ignominious, and cruel death.
Have mercy on me, O God, and in you, O Lord, do I put my trust.
O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me.
Lord, into your hands I commend my spirit.*

Cooperative Christian Ministries

April

New 7

Families 38

Adults 70

Children 45

CCM Food Bank

While we can't meet on our traditional Food Bank Sunday, we wanted you to know that the CCM Food Bank is still giving out food on a limited basis, once a week on Thursday. CCM is operating a Drive-Up Food Pantry for its clients. Volunteers meet the clients at their cars and take their information and give them their allotted amount of food. 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 Monday—Thursday from 9:30 am—12:00 pm. Please call before you come and we will meet you outside and take your donations. Items needed at this time are flour, sugar, spaghetti sauce, cookies/dessert, crackers.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can send it to: CCM, P.O. Box 931, Eden, NC 27289

Thank you so much for your support!!



PRAYER LIST



Barbara Calhoun
Darlene Dyer
Rhonda Elliot
Jesse Edwards
Mark Ellis
Roy Kasten
Chris Lyle
Sherrill Malnofski
Charles Marlowe

Anna Martin
Barry, Marie & Butch Martin
Chris Martin
Anne Miley-Bost
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 and click on the Prayer Request icon.

PREVENTING ILLNESS

The Steps to Prevent Illness suggested by the Centers for Disease Control are still important:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wear a cloth face cover when you are around other people.
- Maintain social distancing when in public – 6 feet between yourself and others.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.

Our Graduates



Luke Pennebaker, grandson of Marilyn Pennebaker, has graduated from RCC Early College and will be attending UNC Chapel Hill in the fall to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

Connor Matthews, grandson of Marilyn Pennebaker, has graduated from high school in Greenwood, Indiana and will be attending Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis to pursue a degree in Motorsport Engineering.

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“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; color: red; font-weight: bold;"> 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. </div>						
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5 No Services	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 No Services	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 11:00—Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 11:00—Worship	27	28	29	30	31	