

September 4, 2022
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m. Service

Watchword for the Week – Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying Him, and holding fast to Him. Deuteronomy 30: 19,20

Welcome to our service of worship for this thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - the season of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit was sent by the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, to supply the church with everything needed to serve Him faithfully until the day of His return. As we worship today, let us pray for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit upon ourselves, our church, our community, nation and world. May more and more people everywhere hear and respond to the Good News - that Jesus is the Way; the Truth; the Life; the only source of salvation.

If you are visiting with us today we are especially glad you are here. Please take a moment to add your name, address and phone number to the blue Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew. We consider you an honored guest and hope that you will return and worship with us in the weeks to come. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to talk with you about joining the Friedberg church family.

Prelude *Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus* Sellers

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy for Pentecost and Spiritual Renewal (Blue) p. 95
(Afterwards, children may leave for Children's Church)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Prayer
Offertory *What Makes Me Sing?* Schram
Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Blue) # 817

Holy Scripture Revelation 21:3-5

Hymn *Rise Up, O Church of God* (Burg) # 433

Sermon "Let Us Be God's Collaborators In The Change
That He Wants to Make"

Hymn *Renew Us All, O Lord* (Blue) # 674

Benediction

Postlude *Take the Name of Jesus With You* Baxter

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents Jack and Ann Cockerham and our brother Jack Cockerham. They are given by Gail Ketner and Judy Sink.

We are blessed to have Bishop Armando Rusindo from the Moravian Church in Cuba sharing his message with us this morning.

Recently the Board of Elders approved that beginning September 18th, Friedberg will no longer hold an 8:30 a.m. worship services. During the height of the pandemic, the 8:30 service allowed us to offer our members and visitors another option to exercise caution and to feel comfortable during in-person worship. We rejoice in the fact that the pandemic has subsided, and we have more knowledge and better treatments to help us manage. Friedberg has always been rooted in deep community fellowship and we are excited about the return to worshipping together in unison as one body in Christ.

The Women's Fellowship Executive Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

On Thursday, September 8 Senior Friends will travel to Boone for lunch at The Daniel Boone Inn. Then shopping on King Street (Mast General Store, Antique Malls, etc.). Buses will leave promptly at 10:00 a.m. from the lower parking lot. This is a restaurant where we need a reservation so, please notify Carol if your plans change and you will not be able to attend. Seats are available at this time but typically fill up before the travel date. For more information or to register to attend, call Carol at 336-764-1353 or bcknouse@yahoo.com.

All parents who have a child in children's church will be required to physically come down to the AV room on the first floor of the Family Life Center and sign their child out before they are released at the end of worship.

Sunday, September 18 will be Homecoming/Back to Church Sunday at Friedberg. Friedberg is among the thousands of churches across America participating in National Back to Church Sunday. This is a special opportunity for you to invite friends, neighbors, classmates and co-workers to come worship with us at Friedberg. Following worship, we will have a covered dish meal in the Family Life Center. Fix your favorite foods and drop them off in the Family Life Center before Sunday School or Worship and members of the Women's Fellowship will have everything setup on the tables for us to eat immediately following our worship service.

Friedberg's Historical Committee is seeking church members of all ages interested in our church's history. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our extensive church history as we prepare for our 250th anniversary and as we look ahead to the next 250 years. Please contact Jimmie Snyder at (336) 764-3585 or snoopysnyder@triad.rr.com.

Sunday September 4

8:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 9:15 a.m. Band Prelude
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream

Monday, September 5 (Labor Day)

Church office closed for holiday

Tuesday, September 6

6:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Exec. Board Meeting in the Parlor
 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting in the Youth Room

Wednesday, September 7

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 8

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study-Discovery Classroom
 10:00 a.m. Senior Friends leave for Boone
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Sunday, September 11

8:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 9:15 a.m. Band Prelude
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
 5:00 p.m. Youth

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

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MEMBERS

Ed Bradley	J.T. Hopkins	Martha Plyler
Jeannine Bradley	Robbie Joyce	Joy Reich
Amy Canter	Vicky S. Kimel	Merle Scott
Phil Carter	Ana Klejmont	Greg Shouse
Emily Essick	Peggy Lawson	Dawn Sides
Jerry Evans	Yvonne Lemons	Becky Sizemore
Don Faust	Jan Mabe	Bob & Judy Smith
Hazel Fishel	Audrey Mize	Jimmie Snyder
Candy Hammack	Reba Payne	Vicki Stanfield
Evva Hanes	Kolton Pennell	Pauline Steward
Julia Hedgecock	Mary Lou Pitts	Vince Young
Betty Helms		

Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday:

Ashley Blanchard and George Kalmaras

MEMBERS AND RELATIVES IN MILITARY

Dylan Bundy	Andy Greenwood	Alex Kennedy
Dylan Coleman	Jennifer Greenwood	Patrick Mickey
Carly Collette	Dakota Holtzclaw	Daniel Randleman
Ben Greeson	Hunter Jenkins	Ryan Spach

MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM FRIEDBERG

ARMF (Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation)
 Safie Braima - Sierra Leone
 Charlie & Vicki Brent – CRU (Campus Crusade), Texas A & M University
 Michael and Brenda Brent – CRU (Campus Crusade), Croatia
 Keith Graham - Cookies for Christ
 Dusty and Christin Harrison – Intervarsity, Clemson University
 Hoof and Paw Therapeutic Riding and Activity Center
 Phil III & Eunice Raiford, Commission to Every Nation (CTEN) - Mexico
 Michael and Ceci Tesh, Ray of Hope Orphanage – Kenya
 Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry
 Joey Yokely – Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Bishop Armando Rusindo

Founder of Moravian Church in Cuba 1997
Past President of Moravian Church in Cuba 2013-2017
Past official of the Cuban National Council of Churches
Representative Unity Mission Conference
Invitee to many Unity Conferences
Consecrated Bishop Sept. 2017

Armando has dedicated his life spreading the word of Christ not only in Cuba but throughout the world. He has stood up for God's word in many avenues. Although no one wishes the sufferings of Hus, but Bishop Rusindo is certainly a modern-day John Hus.

In 1997, Armando Rusindo, a Catholic Priest from Cuba, met some Moravians in Jamaica and was inspired by the way they worshiped. Upon his return to Cuba, he began to study about the Moravian denomination. The more he studied, the more it became clear that God was calling him to share with his fellow Cubans the Christian faith through the Moravian Church.

As time passed, he began to spread the "Moravian" word from Havana to Guantanamo. People began to hold services in their homes without official approval of the Cuban government. Eventually (after Rusindo's pressure) the government gave official approval for the Moravian Church to be recognized as a sanctioned church on the island.

In 2012 Reverend David Guthrie (president of the Southern Province Moravian Church in America), Jorgen Boytler (Unity Administrator) and Bishop Sam Gray traveled to Cuba to give official recognition to the Cuban Moravian Church by the Moravian Church of North America.

In 2013 Bishop Sam Gray and Joe Jarvis attended the first official National Conference of the Cuban Moravian Church. Fifty delegates from five provinces were in attendance representing all the Moravian Churches across the island. Their Book of Order was approved by the church as well as the Cuban government's official approval and Armando Rusindo was elected the first president. As Rev. Guthrie pointed out "This was a truly historic event for the Moravian Church".

Since that momentous day in 2013, the church has grown faster than anyone could have imagined. The second national conference was held in 2017, where Rev. Tania Sanchez was elected president and Armando Rusindo was elected bishop. Three members of the church participated on the board of the Cuban National Council of Churches. The church in 2019 was worshipping in eight different provinces across Cuba with membership around one thousand.

Although the church is still strong, since 2019 they have suffered a few bumps in the road losing several congregations and membership dropping to around six hundred worshipping in four provinces.

Most importantly, all churches have ongoing projects that are not only supporting their individual congregations, but their local communities as well.

God is truly working in Cuba.



Following Jesus provides wonderful benefits, but also requires sacrifice.

In each blank, write the letter that comes immediately before the letter below the blank, according to the alphabet.

“ _____
 U i p t f p g z p v

 x i p e p o p u h j w f

 v q f w f s z u i j o h

 z p v i b w f d b o o p u
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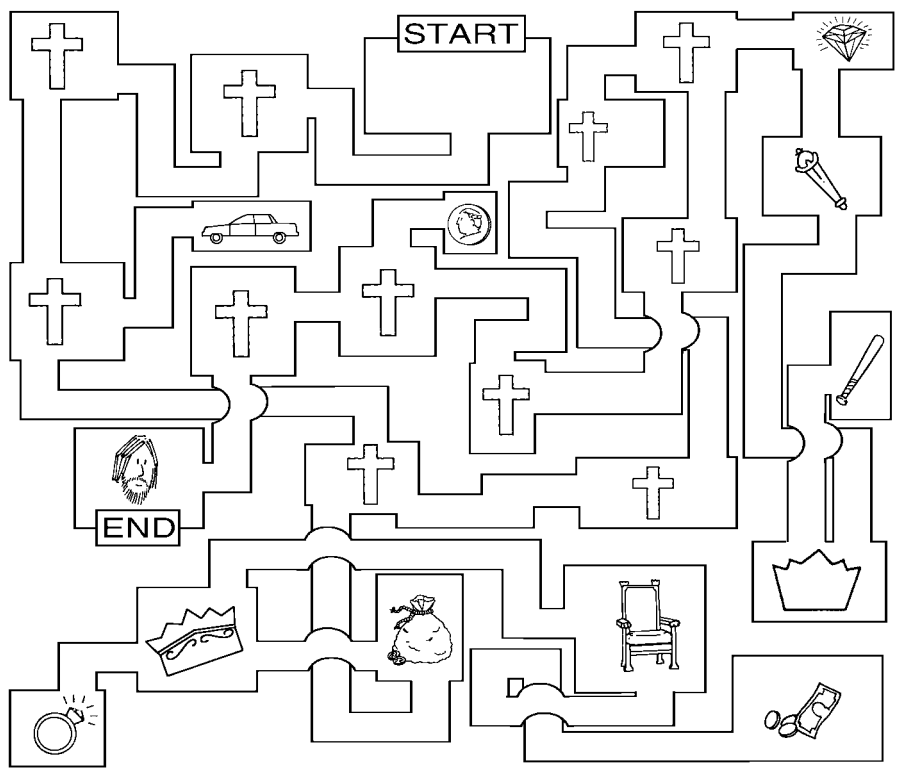
Ages 7+

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The Cost of Being a Disciple

Jesus said that His disciples would have to count Him more important than anything else on earth.

Find the path that leads to Jesus.
 Go over any bridges or under any tunnels if need be.



The Rev. Jim Newsome-Senior Pastor
 The Rev. Dan Nelson-Assoc. Pastor
 Karen Hill-Directory of Youth Ministry
 Heidi Everhart-Director of Children's Ministry
 Debbie Foltz-Music Director
 Jimmie Snyder-Band Director

Jesus wanted them to be aware that following Him would be costly.

Unscramble the letters to provide 15 words that fit in the paragraphs. Short definitions of the words are in parentheses.

Someone who wants to _____

dilbu
(construct)

a _____ should first sit down and

wrote
(tall building)

_____ the _____ to _____

timeteas (guess) **scot** (price) **ese** (determine)

if he has enough _____ to

yomen
(funds)

_____ it. If he is not able to finish it,

meetclop
(finish)

everyone will _____ him.

dicilure
(make fun of)

A _____ who is about to go to _____ should

nigk
(monarch)

awr
(battle)

_____ whether he can _____ a

dinscore
(think about)

sepopo
(go against)

foe who has twice as many soldiers. If not, he will send

a delegation and _____ for terms of _____.

sak
(request)

capee
(harmony)

In the same way, a disciple should consider what it may cost to call Jesus his or her _____.

droL
(Master)

Find and circle the 15 unscrambled words in the wordsearch below. All the letters will be used at least once.

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t	o	w	e	r	k	m	l
e	b	p	a	d	i	o	u
l	c	u	p	r	n	n	c
p	o	a	i	o	g	e	i
m	s	s	e	L	s	y	d
o	t	k	e	p	d	e	i
c	o	n	s	i	d	e	r

