November 13, 2022 The Chief Elder Festival Church Council Sunday

Watchword for the Week – Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. 2 Thessalonians 3:13

Welcome to this special service of worship held in celebration of the Chief Elder Festival of the Moravian Church. Today we commemorate the decision of Moravian leaders in the year 1741 that Jesus Christ alone is the Master, Head and Chief Elder of the Church. In the earliest days of the Moravian Church, men were elected to the position of Chief Elder (the church's highest office). However, the task of directing the efforts of a growing worldwide body was too great for any man. The Holy Spirit revealed that only Christ Himself was able to perform such a task and, thus, the decision was made. Today as we share this holy meal, receiving the symbols of Jesus' body and blood, may we each renew our pledge of love, loyalty and service to Him as the Head of the Church and our individual lives.

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 again. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to talk with you about joining the Friedberg church family.

The Moravian Church practices open communion. All who have been baptized and understand the significance of this holy meal are welcome to receive it. The pastors and acolytes will bring the elements from the communion table and serve the congregation in the pews. All who desire to receive Holy Communion are asked to stand, two rows at a time. To receive the bread, extend your right hand, palm up, and you will be served a small wafer. For the cup, the tray will be extended so that you may take one of the cups. Please wait until all have been served each element so that the entire congregation may partake together.

Attendance at Holy Communion is a very important aspect of your relationship with God and fellow members of the Church. For this reason, we keep record of those who attend our services of Holy Communion. If you plan to receive communion today, please fill out one of the communion attendance cards, located in the pew rack, and place in the offering plate later in the service.

Gluten-free communion wafers. The front row of the section of pews immediately to the right of the pulpit is reserved for those who need to receive gluten-free communion wafers. You may move to that row before worship begins, during the opening hymn or when we exchange the right hand of fellowship at the beginning of the communion liturgy.

Prelude Join We All with One Accord Kunwold

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory (Blue) # 751

(Verses 1 and 4)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer

Anthem Hymn Medley

Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Blue) p. 817

Holy Scripture Will be read during the sermon

Sermon "Serious Business"

Holy Communion for Chief Elder Festival

Booklet, p. 3

Today's communion service is found on page 3 in the blue booklet titled *Services for Holy Communion*. Following the service please return the booklets to an usher (or leave them on the pew) so they can be stored for future use.

Benediction

(Visitors and friends may leave following the service of Holy Communion. Members are asked to stay as we prepare to start our annual Congregation Council)

There will be NO Children's Church Today.

NOTE
Church Council Agenda
Is On a Separate Page

Church Council Agenda November 13, 2022

Call to Order

Establishment of Quorum

Prayer

Reading of 2021 Minutes

Signing of The Moravian Covenant for Christian Living

Members who have not yet had an opportunity to publicly affirm their agreement with this important set of principles by which we live and bear witness to our faith are invited to come forward and do so at this time.

Presentation of Ballots and Nominations from the Floor PLEASE DO NOT MARK YOUR BALLOTS UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.

It is important to wait until all ballots are distributed and nominations are closed before marking your ballot. This is done in fairness to those who may be nominated from the floor. Please hold on to your ballot until everyone has voted. We will then pass all ballots in.

Voting

Presentation of 2023 Budget

Reports from Ministry Groups

Floor is Open for Comments and Motions

Any member in good standing who would like to present a motion for consideration or would like to address Church Council with words of praise or concern regarding the life and ministry of the congregation is invited to do so at this time. All who speak are asked to keep in mind the Moravian Covenant of Christian Living and these words of Holy Scripture:

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God with whom you are sealed for the day of redemption.

(Ephesians 4:29-30, NIV)

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

Sunday November 13 (Holy Communion/Church Council Sunday)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream

4:30 p.m. C.R.O.S.S. Kids

5:00 p.m. Youth

Monday, November 14

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, November 15

7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

6:30 p.m. Circle 2-Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 16

6:30 p.m. Circle 4 Friendsgiving-Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

News for December Folio Due

Thursday, November 17

9:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m.	Bethel Bible Study
7:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball

Saturday, November 19

8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Youth Bazaar

Sunday, November 20

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9:20 a.m.	Prayers Partners in Parlor
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
12:15 p.m.	Morning Star practice in sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	C.R.O.S.S. Kids
5:00 p.m.	Youth Friendsgiving

Band Prelude

The <u>2023 Moravian Daily</u> Texts are here. If you have preordered a large or regular print edition, they are available for pick up in the church office. There are a few extra books that will be available on a first come basis.

Our Thanksgiving Eve Lovefeast is Wednesday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m. (band prelude at 7:00 p.m.). Please bring canned food items and non-perishable items for Sunnyside Ministry. We will receive a love offering during our service and 100% of the money collected will be passed on to ministries and helping agencies in our community for distribution to people in need. Invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to join us during this special service of worship.

You are invited to a night of music by the Advent Hopewell Band on Sunday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. You don't want to miss the music and the fellowship!

Open Hands Ministry October and November Project!

We are collecting items for the children and house parents at Ebenezer Christian Children's Home, a home for children that have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. You may order some of the items through an Amazon Wish List at the following link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/A7NUKHVQSIY5?ref =wl_share. You can put donations of twin sheets and gift cards in the Open Hands bins located behind the sanctuary and in the narthex. Please let Jennifer Boles or Marcia Reich know if you have any questions. Twin Bed Sheets (25 sets needed), BP Gas Gift Cards, Sam's Club Gift Cards, Visa Gift Cards, McDonald's Gift Cards, Fandango Movie Theater Gift Cards

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

November 13, 2022

MEMBERS

Martha Berrier	Julia Hedgecock	Reba Payne
Valerie Burchette	Betty Helms	Kolton Pennell
Amy Canter	Joanne Hill	Mary Lou Pitts
Phil Carter	J.T. Hopkins	Martha Plyler
Franklin Clark	Andy Jackson	Joy Reich
Melissa Davis	Alvin Johnson	Merle Scott
Jill Ebert	Robbie Joyce	Greg Shouse
Emily Essick	Vicky S. Kimel	Bill Sides
LeAnne Essick	Bobby Knouse	Betty Sink
Jerry Evans	Peggy Lawson	Becky Sizemore
Don Faust	Yvonne Lemons	Bob & Judy Smith
Hazel Fishel	Carolyn Mason	Jimmie Snyder
Candy Hammack	Rebecca Mickey	Vicki Stanfield
Evva Hanes	Audrey Mize	Amanda Traigle

Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday: Loretta Beck, Lily Craver, Mark Craver, Larry Fadley, Sheila Kertesz, Jonathan Reece, Alicia White, and Jim Yow

MEMBERS AND RELATIVES IN MILITARY

Dylan Bundy	Jennifer Greenwood	Colton Scott
Dylan Coleman	Dakota Holtzclaw	Ryan Spach
Carly Collette	Alex Kennedy	Brandon Thompson
Ben Greeson	Patrick Mickey	Aidan Wheeler
Andy Greenwood	Daniel Randleman	

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

3. A (koinonia)

a. With Christ

[Jesus said,] "For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them." (Matthew 18:20, NIV)

b. With other believers

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

(1 Corinthians 10:17, NIV)

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

(1 Corinthians 12:12-13, NIV)

4. A (kaine diateke)

a. Of the Lordship of Christ and our commitment to do His will.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20, NIV)

b. Of our belief that He will fulfill His promise to come again.

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

(1 Corinthians 11:26, NIV)

Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

(Revelation 22:12-13, NIV)



Serious Business

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

(1 Corinthians 10:16, ESV)

...a person who eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in a way that is not worthy of it will be guilty of sinning against the body and the blood of the Lord. Look into your own hearts before you eat the bread and drink the cup, because all who eat the bread and drink the cup without recognizing the body eat and drink judgment against themselves.

(1 Corinthians 11: 27-29, NCV)

What is Holy Communion?

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For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread and when He has given thanks He broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me. (1 Corinthians 11:23-25, NIV)

2. A (eucharistia)

And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (Matthew 26:27-28, RSV)

BUILDING BRIDGES BLESSINGS

TURKEY CHALLENGE November 6th-27th



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