



Ardmore Moravian Church Newsletter No. 1 (January 2024)

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Report from the Board of Elders



January 7 – Communion Service for Epiphany – The Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp
January 14 – Rev. Robert Wolf
January 21 – Rev. Robert Wolf
January 28 – Rev. Scott Venable.



Vice Chair – Beth Kiger Mabe
Secretary – Lucille Crouse



On Christmas Eve, we had 179 attend the 2:00 PM service and 303 attend the 3:00 PM service. Thanks to all who volunteered to help provide these special services.



THANKS TO THE MUSICIANS for providing the special and beautiful music. SPECIAL THANKS TO EMERY MABE AND SYDNEY MCFADDEN for singing Moravian Star.

Report from the Board of Trustees



The December 2023 Financial Report for the General Operating Fund is available from the Church Office.



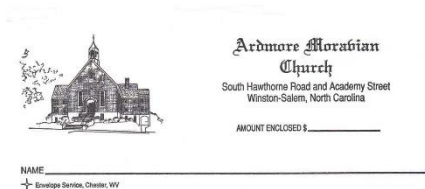
Chair – Deron Mabe
Vice Chair – George Butner
Secretary – Betsy Annese



The Next Step – Replacement of Windows

The Board is contracting with Window World to replace the windows. A special donation from Connie Wester's estate was received and is being applied toward this purchase.

Report from the Office



Please pick up your 2024 offering envelopes. They are located in the Lovefeast Kitchen.



Please notify the church office if you would like to reserve a date in 2024 to donate flowers in memory or in honor of someone and indicate if you would like a \$60 or \$80 arrangement, as well as any flower type or color preference.

Men's Fellowship News



Men's Fellowship will not meet at 8:30 AM on Sunday January 7th but will meet on the third Thursday January 18th at Café Arthur's. Plans are to start the Sunday gathering in February.

Women's Fellowship News



CIRCLE MEETINGS: Women's Fellowship Circles meet monthly for a time of fellowship and Bible study on the second Tuesday of the month.

Circle # 3 meets at 10:00 AM

Circle # 4 meets at 1:30 PM

Circle # 5 will meets at 5:30 PM



Ardmore Moravian Church's 2024 Day of Prayer will be February 28th. Rev. Kelly Moore will be our guest speaker.



On December 4th, members of the congregation gathered and trimmed 400 beeswax candles in preparation for the Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Services.



December 17th, the congregation gathered and enjoyed a Christmas Breakfast.



On December 31st, the congregation joined together enjoying a Potluck Luncheon while thanking Daniel Dockery (and Kristi Dockery) for his dedication and service to Ardmore Moravian Church.

Seniors and Friends



Seniors and Friends meet at 11:30 AM on the third Tuesday of the month. Mark your calendars now to gather on –

January 16 @ Mayflower Seafood Restaurant, 890 Peter's Creek Pkwy

February 20 @ Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 170 Hanes Mall Circle

March 19 @ Mr. Barbecue, 1381 Peter's Creek Pkwy

Candle Tea



We were blessed to have 695 children and 235 adults for a total of 930 to attend the Candle Tea in December. Thanks to all who volunteered to make this happen.

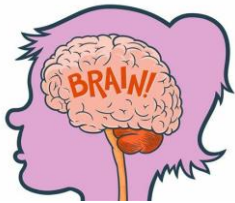
Sorry - It was a busy time and I didn't get pictures taken this year.



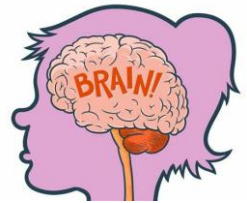
Blessing Box



Terri Kessler and Betsy Anneses were interviewed by WXII. They did an excellent job discussing our Blessing Box and how it impacts the whole community. Not only do people stop at the box to take what they need, people stop at the box to leave items for others to take.



DO YOU KNOW?



Last month's question – How are the scriptural readings for the Moravian Daily Texts selected? (ANSWER From "Our Moravian Treasurers – A Manual of Topics for Theological Education in the Unitas Fratrum" Pages 53 – 54)

"The Old Testament readings are chosen by lot and a New Testament text is then added. This process takes place annually in Herrnhut, on behalf of the worldwide Unitas Fratrum, and from there the texts are distributed to each Moravian province, as well as to ecumenical partners in other countries.

As the different language editions are produced in a form suited to local needs, the physical form of the Watchwords varies considerably from country to country. Some editions of the Daily Texts have a separate page for the verses, hymns, and prayers of each day. Others have texts for several days printed on one page, which makes for a thin, pocket-size volume. Some are beautiful examples of the printing and bookbinding arts. Others are simply mimeographed and stapled together. The strength of the Daily Texts lies in presenting the Scripture unhindered by commentary or illustration. The texts are left to stand alone and to speak to each reader in his or her life. This also allows the Daily Texts to be adaptable to different patterns of devotion and study.

The Moravian Watchwords in their variety of different language editions are probably the most widely read devotional guide in the world, next to the Bible. They form an invisible bond between Christians on all continents, transcending barriers of confession, race, language, and politics. In this quiet way they perform a truly ecumenical service for the whole of Christendom and stand as an expression of fellowship within the Moravian Unity."

This month's question – Since Ardmore Moravian Church is celebrating 100 years this year, I thought we would think about the history of the church, so the question is – **How many charter members can you name and what descendants are still members of the church?**

FROM THE PEC:

22nd December 2023 Liberec

Dear brothers and sisters,

I wish you all a Merry Christmas from the Czech Province

Christmas is seen in our country, as in the Church, as a time of reflection, deeper contemplation and above all peace, harmony and rest from everyday worries and duties. In the same way, people in our country look forward to this time. However, instead of joy and peace, we were all shocked by a senseless act of violence that took place three days before Christmas Eve in the centre of Prague. News of this horrific act has spread around the world and has become the subject of the evening news in many places. Thank you to all of you who responded to this news and sent us words of condolence, of comfort and of encouragement.

The rampage by the crazed gunman left 15 dead and dozens injured at the scene, some of whom are still in critical condition, so it's possible the final death count will be even higher. Although the identities of all the victims are not publicly known at this time, we have no information that any Moravian Church members were among them. However, we remain in mourning with all those who have been personally affected by this event, have either been injured themselves or have lost a loved one. Our entire country is as shocked as we are by this incident, and a national day of mourning has been declared for tomorrow, 23 December, which we also join.

This event gives us a very concrete indication of the times in which we live. Violence is spreading all around us, and it has now reached us. We are aware that this situation is also a great challenge for the Church. Especially in our country, which prides itself on being the most atheistic in the world. All the greater must be our commitment, faith and courage not to remain silent, but to stop the spread of evil, to stand up against injustice and violence, and to tirelessly bring to those around us the good news of peace and love that is offered in Jesus Christ to everyone without distinction. Please pray for us to be faithful in this task.

Thank you for staying with us in these days.

Behalf of Czech Province

Petr Krasny



January Birthdays

2 Peggy Crouse
6 Marty Butner
7 Carol Ann Bowles
8 Glenn Mabe
9 Kate Walls
15 Emily MacMillan
17 Kay Mansfield
18 Ryan Bethea
Anne Thiessen
19 Lee Ebert
23 Samuel Woo
25 Suzahn Ebert
28 Frances Walker
31 Joan Rutledge



February Birthdays

3 Hope Bethea
Fanchon Funk
7 Amelia Taylor
8 Vic Eckard
Lindsay Ebert Egger
9 Meredith Bowles
13 Dennis Adams
14 Ric Ebert
18 Judy Mabe
19 Ashlyn Staley
21 Barbara Blazer
22 Stuart MacMillan
25 Dana Foster
28 Dean Rutledge

People for Whom We Are Praying

Members

Marie Adams

Amanda Bowles

Lee Ebert

Fanchon Funk

Clive Goodson

Adam Lefevre

Ruth Long

Alice Pierce

Frances Walker

Gerald Walker

Donna Ebert Williams



Friends

Brad Brookshire

Don & Dot Hill

Dwayne Jones

Mary Matthews

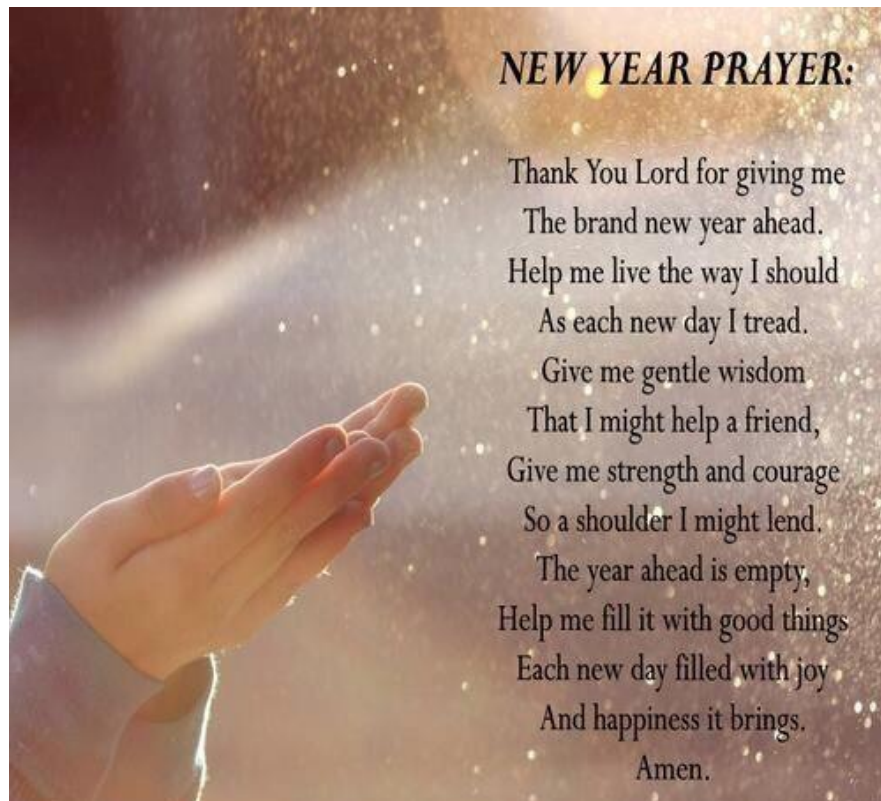
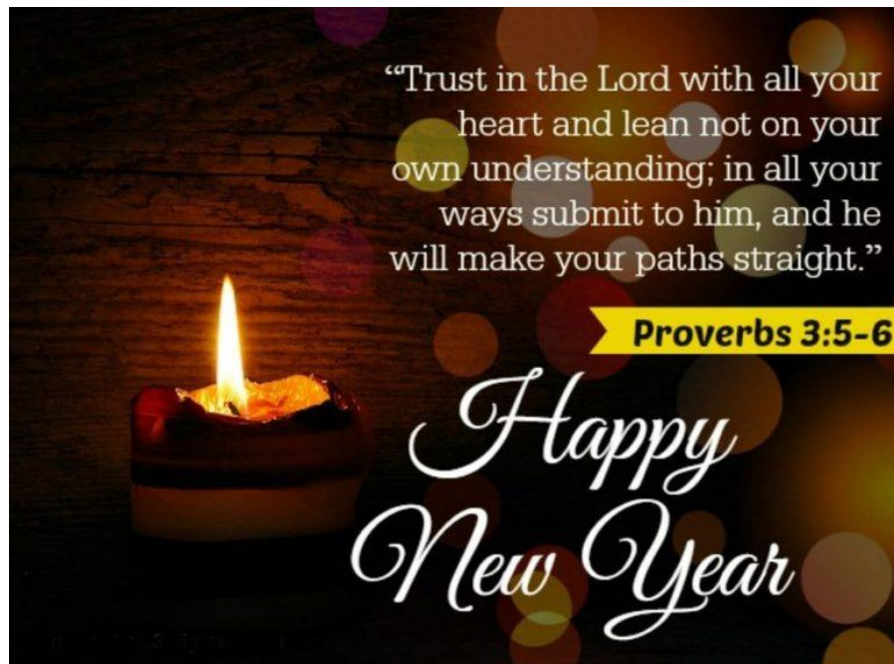
Ray Shelton

Rev. Sandra Thigpen

*Please remember to contact the church office to add or remove individuals from the prayer list.

Pray Every Day January 2024

1. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
2. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Pray for Anna Faircloth with Young Life Ministry.
3. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom he has given us. Pray for Moravians in Nicaragua.
4. But where sin increased grace increased all the more. Pray for Joey Yokeley with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
5. Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
6. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Pray for the Harrisons with Greek InterVarsity.
7. We ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
8. That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
9. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
10. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Pray for PEC members, bishops and other church leaders.
11. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
12. Do not repay evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. Pray for disaster relief volunteers.
13. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
14. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahuas.
15. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. Pray for the Rajpur Foster Child Project.
16. Love is patient, love is kind. Pray for Moravians in Labrador.
17. The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
18. Always give yourselves full to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. Pray for the Blessings Flow project.
19. Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love. Pray for short term mission teams.
20. Therefore do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. Pray for Aaron and Amy Linville in Canada.
21. Therefore if anyone is in Christ; he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! Pray for children's and youth ministries.
22. You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
23. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
24. Let him who boasts boast in the Lord. Pray for Alan and DeeDee Iobst in France.
25. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Pray for Anthony's Plot community.
26. I no longer live but Christ lives in me. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
27. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
28. Let us not become weary in doing good. Pray for your local homeless shelter.
29. For we are God's workmanship, created in him to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
30. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
31. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.



Newsletter Submission Guidelines

If you would like to include any information in the AMC newsletter, please submit it, by email, to the office by the 15th of the month to be included in the next issue. Please make sure your information is "print ready." Items submitted can be event information, announcements, and articles. All items submitted may be reviewed for accuracy and content.