



***Ardmore Moravian Church Newsletter      No. 10 (October 2023)***

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## *Report from the Board of Elders*

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October 15 – Daniel Dockery  
October 22 – Daniel Dockery  
October 29 – Robert Shackelford  
November 5 – Daniel Dockery  
November 12 – Daniel Dockery  
November 19 – Daniel Dockery  
November 26 – Daniel Dockery

## *Report from the Board of Trustees*

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



The 2022 Christmas Eve offering of \$1,648.00 was sent to be applied to the Debt Jubilee Project. This continues our practice of giving locally, regionally, and globally.



Paint work on the outside woodwork, stucco and wrought iron is completed at a cost of \$30,450.00. The church will receive \$409.64 back as sales tax refund from the state. The project began thinking that a lift would be needed to caulk windows and under the eaves in order to possibly eliminate spaces for bats to enter the building. So far, bats have not been seen in the church building.







## *The Next Step - Replacement of Windows*

Last year the Board decided that the potential long-term savings by replacing windows versus the continuing need to paint them periodically was more economical. The windows are estimated to cost between \$750 - \$800 each. The Board hopes to replace the windows in stages doing a section/area at a time as funds become available. There is a special account for "extra mile" donations to help pay for "delayed until funds are available" maintenance.

## *Report from the Office*

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If you would like to place an 8-inch poinsettia in memory/honor someone during the Advent Season, please notify the church office before October 29<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$14.00/poinsettia.



# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

## Church Council

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Will you serve?



Per Ardmore's rules and regulations, Church Council will be held the second Sunday of November (November 12<sup>th</sup>). Members will be elected to the Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees. HAVE YOU DECIDED TO SAY "YES – I WILL SERVE and to help lead Ardmore Moravian Church to be the church He wants it to be?" Please let the Church Office or a current Board Member know that you are willing to be nominated for a specific Board or if you would like to recommend someone.

**REMEMBER TO SUBMIT** your ministry report to the Church Office by October 31<sup>st</sup> for incorporation in the CHURCH COUNCIL BOOK.

## Men's Fellowship News

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Men's Fellowship meets in Fellowship Hall for breakfast at 8:30 AM on the first Sunday of the month and at 8:30 AM on the third Thursday of the month at Café Arthur's.

## Seniors and Friends

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

October 17 – The Sherwood, 3348 Robinhood Road

November 21 – No Meeting – Thanksgiving Week

December 19 – Carriage House, 1409 S. Stratford Road

## Candle Tea

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Groups are already calling and scheduling a time to come. So - get your "period dress" ready, practice your speech, remember the tour route, practice your baking skills, etc. As usual, the dates will be during the first week of Advent on Wednesday (December 6<sup>th</sup>), Thursday (December 7<sup>th</sup>), and Friday (December 8<sup>th</sup>) and Thursday night (December 7<sup>th</sup>) for the "general public".



# Women's Fellowship News



**CIRCLE MEETINGS:** Women's Fellowship Circle meet monthly for a time of fellowship and Bible study.

Circle # 3 meets at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall

Circle # 4 meets at 1:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

Circle # 5 meets at 5:30 PM in Young Adult Classroom.



Thanks to everyone who contributed to Samaritan's Purse Maui Relief Fund during our Women's Fellowship Blossom Bar & Ice Cream Social. We collected \$1,250 and we pray that this will help some of the people suffering though the loss of their homes and family members during the recent fire.

Approximately 30 women enjoyed fellowship with each other as they enjoyed ice cream.



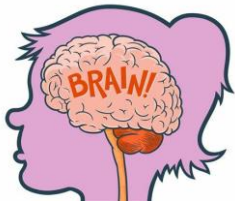
Circle # 4 will be coordinating a congregational collection of "Christmas Stocking Items" for Senior Services and Mental Health Associations. Please place your donated items in the collection box located in Fellowship Hall by November 26<sup>th</sup>. A list of suggested items is posted on the bulletin board.



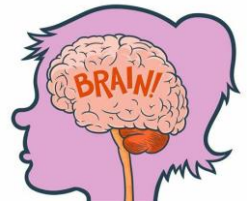
Ardmore Moravian Church's popular community-wide Fall Festival returns **Sunday Oct. 29 from 2 – 5 p.m.** in the parking lot located at 2013 W. Academy St.

Activities include Trunk or Treat, games for children, music, and a contest for a pumpkin decorating contest.. **Does anyone happen to have a kiddie pool? We could use one for a fishing game. Would love to have tents as well.** George & Vic will be grilling so hopefully we can keep them a bit cooler this time! Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided free. Donations will be accepted.

Set-up will begin right after church and lunch will be provided for volunteers. To volunteer, please contact Terri Kessler.



## DO YOU KNOW?



Last month's question – **Why is November 13<sup>th</sup> significant for Moravians?**  
*(The answer is from "Customs and Practices of the Moravian Church" Revised Edition 2003 by Adelaide L. Fries page 76-77.)*

"The synodical conference which met in London that September 16, 1741, had had the wonderful experience of the definite realization that the Lord Jesus Christ, by His own word, was Master, Head, Chief Elder of His Brethren's Church. The conference knew, though, the length of time required to send a message to distant points. It therefore appointed November 13 as the day on which simultaneous announcement should be made to all Moravian congregations of the events of September 16.

In the Moravian congregations of Europe the news was received with proud emotion and humble joy. American Moravians did not hear what had happened until too late for that November 13, but on November 13, 1742, the congregation of Bethlehem observed its anniversary, with Count Zinzendorf in their midst to tell them all about it.

The anniversary of this announcement to the congregations has become one of the great festivals of the Moravian Church.

The purpose of celebrating the historical event with special services, lovefeasts, and the holy communion is to offer to every member the opportunity to realize that Jesus Christ is the Head and Chief Elder of the Church. He is also the Head of each individual believer, and on this day members should consciously renew their pledge of loyalty and confirm in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper their personal fellowship with their Savior."

**This month's question is – Why is the Candle Tea called "Candle Tea" when no tea is served?**



# ***People for Whom We Are Praying***

## **Members**

Marie Adams

Mary Alspaugh

Amanda Bowles

Lee Ebert

Fanchon Funk

Clive Goodson

Adam Lefevre

Ruth Long

Alice Pierce

Jo Spach

Frances Walker

Gerald Walker

Donna Ebert Williams



## **Friends**

Glynn Boze

Brad Brookshire

James Cranford

John Cranford

Brian Haskell

Dwayne Jones

Mary Matthews

Ray Shelton

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



## **October Birthdays**

- 2 Kristen Mabe  
Lauren Mabe
- 4 Ryan Cecil
- 5 Marie Adams
- 7 Kaye Brookshire  
John Clore
- 11 Keelin Mahoney
- 13 Daniel Ebert
- 14 Alan McFadden  
Kristi Walls
- 15 Ian Woo
- 16 Polly Story
- 17 Jason Clore
- 19 John MacMillan
- 21 Dylan Mabe
- 23 Shawn Ingram  
Isaac Woo
- 24 Tommie Gambill
- 28 Michael Woo



## **November Birthdays**

- 1 Sydney McFadden
- 4 Duncan MacMillan
- 7 Terri Kessler
- 9 Marty Haley
- 11 Adam Lefevre
- 15 Michael Williams
- 16 Paige Thomas
- 17 Priscilla Johnson
- 25 Dean Ebert  
Dave Kessler
- 26 Raelynn Ellegood  
Lorraine Withers
- 29 Ashley Welfare  
Bishop  
Nancy Crouse



# MISSIONS

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## Sunnyside Ministries

(From Sunnyside's newsletter)

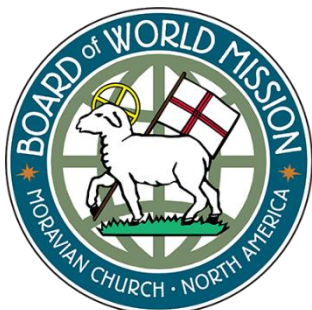
### A review of the statistics for Sunnyside Ministry in September 2023

- We conducted **922** interviews, approving **90%** for assistance.
- Assisted **827 households\***
- Provided **\$117,226.97** in assistance\*\*
- **84** volunteers spent **970** hours at Sunnyside Ministry in August
- **3645** pounds of fresh produce was distributed to our neighbors.

\*some people may receive multiple services, \*\*includes in-kind donated items

The most needed items in the Food Pantry right now are:

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Soup
- Canned Meat
- Crackers



Mission Lovefeast - The Mission Society will host its annual Mission Lovefeast on Sunday, November 5, at 3:00 PM in the New Philadelphia Fellowship Hall. The missionaries and mission teams supported by the Mission Society will share video and slideshow updates throughout the service. There will be special music featuring the New Philadelphia choir and others.




### HISTORIC BETHABARA PARK PRESENTS BOO! AT BETHABARA

Celebrate Halloween by attending Boo! At Bethabara on  
**Saturday, October 28, from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.**

Guests will enjoy hearing spooky tales by acclaimed storyteller Cynthia Moore Brown (recommended for children under 12); listening to some spooky song selections inside the 1788 Gemeinhaus; having their face painted; playing Colonial games;

making a scarecrow; going on a scavenger hunt; and taking a ghostly walk up to God's Acre (recommended for ages 12 and older). **Admission is free.**

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**MORAVIAN HISTORY**  
WITH  
THE REV. DR. CRAIG ATWOOD

OCTOBER 11, 18, & 25 AT 6-7 PM  
CALVARY MORAVIAN CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

THE REV. DR. CRAIG ATWOOD WILL JOIN US FOR A THREE PART SERIES ABOUT MORAVIAN HISTORY. THIS WILL BE HELD IN CALVARY'S FELLOWSHIP HALL IN LIEU OF BIBLE STUDY.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

From Jacob Patrick, Calvary Moravian:

We are so excited to have the Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood join us for a three-part series on Moravian history as part of our Calvary at Table evenings.

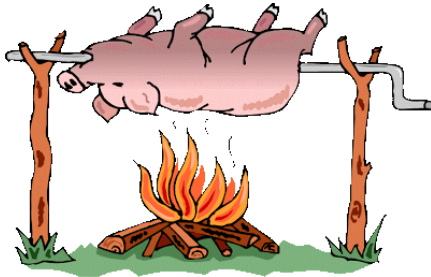
The topics will be:

Week 1- Ancient Unity

Week 2- Zinzendorf

Week 3- The Southern Province.

The evenings are October 11th, 18th, and 25th from 6-7 PM in Calvary's Fellowship Hall. All are welcome from the community to join us!



## All You Can Eat

### Barbecue & Chicken

**Saturday, November 4, 2023**

**4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Take-out Orders Will Be Available**

Adults \$14.00 \* Children ages 6-12 \$6.00 Children 5 and under eat Free

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Good evening and I hope you're doing well today. Thank you for donating to the Debt Jubilee Project: For the Healing of the World! It is with great joy and deep gratitude that we email today to share the latest news.

Our original goal of \$50,000 in 50 days ending on August 13, 2023, was far surpassed. The generosity of congregations and individuals like you continued to flow into the month of September and we are overwhelmed by the outcome.

With the fundraiser now officially complete, we are delighted to tell you the total raised - \$102,424.47. Jubilee, indeed! \$76,818.35 will be used to relieve medical debt in the United States and \$25,606.12 will relieve medical debt at the Ahuas Clinic in Honduras.

A reminder that debt relief in the U.S. will be administered through our partnership with RIP Medical Debt. We are currently working with them to finalize the purchase of medical debt for pennies on the dollar in counties with a Moravian ministry.

As soon as we know the total amount of debt relieved in each county where we can purchase debt, we will share that with you; it typically takes RIP Medical Debt a few weeks to complete this part of their work. However, we know the funds you contributed will be multiplied many times over in the final amount of debt relieved!

Again, thank you for your support of the Debt Jubilee Project: For the Healing of the World.

In Christ,

Laura (on behalf of MMFA, the Board of World Mission, IBOC and the Commission on Congregational Health)



Scouts BSA Troop 749 at Ardmore United Methodist Church is hosting an Open House on Sunday, October 15 at 5pm. The Open House will begin with a Court of Honor where we will award merit badges and rank advancements to our current Scouts. The Open House will continue at 6pm with a Cook Out for Guests, Families and Scouts. During the meal time, there will be time for prospective Scouts to interact with the current Scouts as well as for the parents to meet other Scout parents and ask questions, etc. The purpose of this Open House is to reach out to families with Scout aged children and allow them an opportunity to meet Scouts and their families and have any questions

answered that they might have. Scouts BSA is open to kids aged 11 to 18. Troop 749 is also in the process of establishing a Venture Crew with a focus on High Adventure. Venture Crews are open to kids from age 14 to 21. Once age requirements are met, you may be a member of either Scouts BSA, a Venture Crew or both. We are asking that interested parties RSVP to the Scoutmaster's cell phone either by text or call, 336-918-5507. RSVP's are not required, but they will allow us to plan the amount of food required more accurately. The Court of Honor will be held in Bob Martin Hall at Ardmore United Methodist Church at 630 S. Hawthorne Rd, Winston-Salem. Guests are welcome to attend either or both the Court of Honor and the Cook Out Dinner.

Please contact Kevin Heath, Scoutmaster, Troop 749 if you have any questions.

Kevin Heath  
Scoutmaster  
Troop 749  
336-918-5507



## Winston-Salem/Forsyth County CROP Hunger Walk

**Sunday, October 15, 2023 At Corpening Plaza**

All of the money raised for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County CROP Hunger Walk is used to support hunger alleviation programs. Money raised is split between three organizations. 75% goes to [Church World Service](#) and 25% stays in Forsyth County and is used by [Crisis Control Ministry](#) and [Sunnyside Ministry](#) to help our neighbors in need.



## ***Pray Every Day October 2023***

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Pray for Ukrainian refugees and the Moravian response in the Czech Republic.
2. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Pray for Michael and Naomi Woo and their missionary leadership course.
3. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Pray for disaster relief workers and Moravian Disaster Response.
4. Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
5. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Pray for Joey Yokeley with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
6. The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
7. As you go, preach this message: "The kingdom of heaven is near." Pray for the government leaders and unity in our country.
8. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Pray for short term mission teams.
9. Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
10. Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
11. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother. Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
12. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
13. I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
14. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
15. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
16. I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
17. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news! Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
18. It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
19. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Pray for Robert and Anne Thiessen in Canada.
20. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
21. Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. Pray Anna Faircloth with YoungLife.
22. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
23. I will have mercy on whom I have mercy and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
24. 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 Sunnyside Ministry in Winston Salem.
25. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
26. As surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God. Pray for Dusty and Christin Harrison with Greek Intervarsity.
27. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
28. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. Pray for Alan and DeeDee Iobst in France.
29. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
30. Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
31. Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.

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From Neil Routh:

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

In the wake of this weekend's violence in Israel and Gaza, Churches for Middle East Peace has released a statement condemning the violence against civilians and calling upon the U.S. to support the safety and dignity of all people impacted – Israeli and Palestinian. The Moravian Church in America, Northern and Southern Provinces, are partners with Churches for Middle East Peace and is represented by The Rev. Sue Koenig, Director of Racial Justice and Healing for the Northern Province. CMEP's full statement is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/kvsyatz6>.

In our grief, may we join together to ask for God's mercy in this desperate time by offering the following words:

God of Justice, bless those who work for peace through justice. Strengthen their resolve in the face of seemingly endless violence. Guide the leaders of the people of the Middle East to know your will and to support a just peace for all of your children.

God of Love, lifting up the holy land for all humankind, breathe love and compassion into our prayers with a desire for nothing other than peace: peace in our hearts, peace for all creation, and especially peace in the land that is called holy.

God of Hope, we lift up the city of Jerusalem, distracted and divided, yet still filled with promise as all the cities of the world. Come again into our cities, places of worship, Upper Rooms and Gethsemanes, that we may be given sight to recognize you.

God of Mercy, even as we long to understand that which is often beyond our comprehension, we lay before you the hearts, minds and bodies of all those suffering from conflict in Palestine and Israel and from the ongoing occupation. Shower upon all the people of the Holy Land the spirit of justice and reconciliation.

God of the Nations, give to all our people the blessings of well-being, freedom, and harmony, and, above all things, give us faith in you that we may be strengthened to care for all those in need until the coming of your son, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you. Psalm 9:9-10*

*O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed, so that those from earth may strike terror no more. Psalm 10:17-18*

Rev. Dr. Cornelius (Neil) Routh  
President, Provincial Elders' Conference  
Moravian Church, Southern Province

"For no one has seen God. If we agape-love each other, God remains in us and God's love is made perfect in us." 1 John 4:12

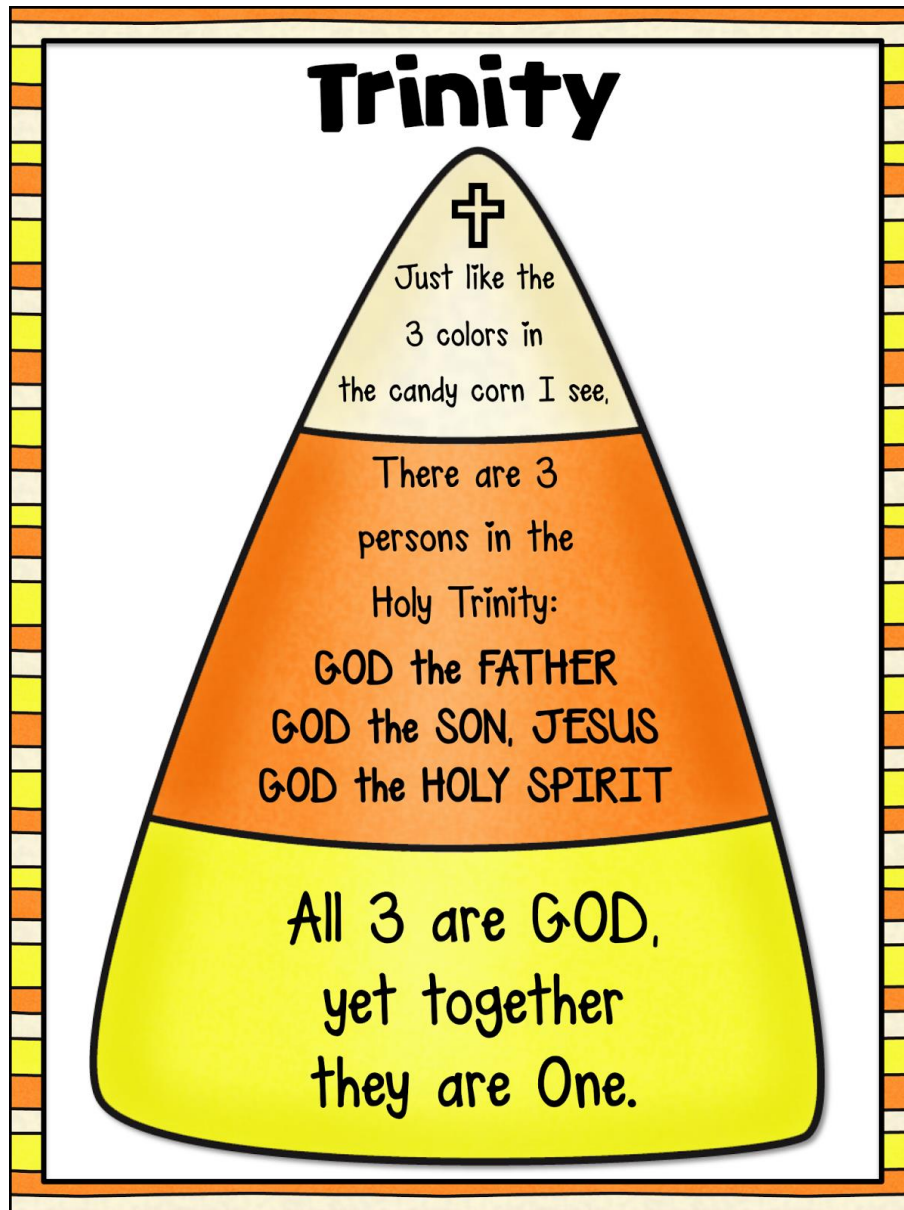
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# RECAP of ACTIVITIES

(All at Ardmore Moravian Church unless noted)

October 10	Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings
October 15	Board of Elders and Board of Trustees meetings
October 15	Crop Walk
October 17	Seniors & Friends @ The Sherwood, 3348 Robinhood Road
October 19	Men's Breakfast @ Café Arthurs'
October 28	BOO! @ Bethabara Moravian Church
October 29	Fall Festival
November 4	ALL YOU CAN EAT Barbecue & Chicken @ Friedland Moravian Church
November 5	Mission Lovefeast @ New Philadelphia Moravian Church
November 5	Remember to turn back the clocks
November 5	Men's Breakfast
November 11	Fall Bazaar – Clemmons Moravian Church
November 12	Church Council
November 14	Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings
November 16	Men's Breakfast @ Café Arthurs'
November 19	Board of Elders and Board of Trustees meetings
November 21	Seniors & Friends – No Meeting – Thanksgiving Week
November 23	Thanksgiving Day
December 3	First Sunday of Advent
December 4	Candle Trimming
December 6-8	Candle Tea for Children Groups
December 7	Candle Tea for the Public
December 12	Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings.
December 14	Mission Fellowship Class Christmas Dinner @ The Sherwood Restaurant
December 16	Christmas Fest – Moravian Archie K. Davis Archive Center
December 17	Breakfast/Christmas Party for the entire church
December 19	Seniors & Friends @ Carriage House, 1409 S. Stratford Road
December 21	Men's Breakfast @ Café Arthurs'
December 24	Christmas Eve Services
December 31	New Year's Eve





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## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.