

Ardmore Moravian Church Newsletter No. 11 (November 2023)

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Church Council



On Sunday morning, November 12, we will worship the Lord and celebrate Holy Communion recognizing Christ as our Chief Elder. Then we will transition to our annual Church Council at which time we choose new board members to replace the ones rotating off. We will also review the church budget and discuss any other matters that might arise.

Plans are to present the following motions for action.

- MOTION TO CHANGE ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH"S RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP TO DELETE "OUTSIDE FORSYTH COUNTY"
- MOTION TO SELL OR RENT THE HAWTHORNE HOUSE

Church Council is an important occasion as we prepare to move into God's future for our beloved church. Please be in prayer for the Holy Spirit to guide all we do together.

Report from the Board of Elders



Daniel Dockery will be with us through the end of the year including the Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Services.

Report from the Board of Trustees



The October 2023 Financial Report for the General Operating Fund is available from the Church Office. Financial information will be included in the Church Council Booklet.



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

The Church Council booklet, Candle Tea preparations, and other events have consumed more of my time this month. I apologize that this newsletter is an abbreviated newsletter and does not include some of the features normally included.

Men's Fellowshíp News



Men's Fellowship will meet at 8:30 AM on the third Thursday of the month (November 16) at Café Arthur's.

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

Circle # 4 meets at 1:30 PM Circle # 5 meets at 5:30 PM



The Fall Festival was well attended by the congregation and especially by the community. Pictures will be included in the December newsletter.



Circle # 4 is coordinating a congregational collection of "Christmas Stocking Items" for Senior Services and Mental Health Associations. Please place your donated items in the collection boxes located in Fellowship Hall, the Lovefeast Kitchen, and outside the office by November 26th. A list of suggested items is posted on the bulletin boards.

Seníors and Fríends



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

November 21 – No Meeting – Thanksgiving Week

December 19 – Carriage House, 1409 S. Stratford Road



Groups are already calling and scheduling a time to come. We already have 734 scheduled 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 6th), Thursday (December 7th), and Friday (December 8th) and Thursday night (December 7th) for the "general public". VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED.



DO YOU KNOW?



Last month's question — Why is the Candle Tea called "Candle Tea" when no tea is served?

Why is a Candle Tea called a "Candle Tea"? Well, back in 1929, the Women's Auxiliary of Salem decorated with a Putz. Then in 1937 they decorated the Single Brother's House, demonstrated candle making and served sugar cake. In 1941 they combined the two events and charged admission. Fund raising events in Salem were called Teas so they called the event a Candle Tea. Our Candle Tea is a slight misnomer since we consider this as our Christmas gift to the children and community and it is free.



Sunnyside Ministries

(From Sunnyside's newsletter)

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

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Meat
- Crackers

We provide food to more than 650 families each month. These are your neighbors, more than 1800 family members. So anything you can provide is helpful. **Most of the food we distribute comes from donors like you.**

You can bring by donations Monday -Thursday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Friday 8:00 AM - 12 PM. .





November Birthdays

December 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**

- 1 Adelia Bullins
- 3 Amanda Bowles
- 6 Michael Gwyn
- 7 Janice Irwin
- 8 Julie Johnson
- 15 Charles Ebert
 - Mark Ebert
 - **Robert Thiessen**
- 26 Diane Gannaway
 - Claire Flynn Sellers
- 27 Catie Clore
 - Mike Meritt
- 28 Rick Peery
- 31 Pat Seibert

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

Frances Walker

Gerald Walker

Donna Ebert Williams



Friends

Brad Brookshire

Dwayne Jones

Mary Matthews

Ray Shelton

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

Pray Every Day November 2023

- 1. Turn oh Lord and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love. Pray for the conflicts in Ukraine and Israel.
- 2. Keep me safe O God, for in you I take refuge. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
- 3. Hear O Lord, my righteous plea; listen to my cry. Give ear to my prayer. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
- 4. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock in whom I take refuge. Pray for reconciliation for Moravians in Nicaragua.
- 5. You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. Pray for the Blessings Flow water project in Honduras.
- 6. The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
- 7. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
- 8. In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
- 9. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
- 10. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahuas.
- 11. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
- 12. The Lord is my light and my salvation, who shall I fear? Pray for Moravians in Peru.
- 13. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
- 14. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
- 15. O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me. Pray for Joey Yokeley with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
- 16. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leonne.
- 17. Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
- 18. We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. Pray for Ukrainian refugees and the churches in the Czech Republic.
- 19. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
- 20. Your love, O Lord, reaches to the Heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. Pray for Anna Faircloth with YoungLife.
- 21. The days of the blameless are known to the Lord, and their inheritance will endure forever. In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
- 22. O Lord, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God. Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior. Pray for new and emerging ministries of the Moravian Church.
- 23. I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
- 24. Be pleased, O Lord, to save me; O Lord, come quickly to help me. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
- 25. As the deer pants for the streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
- 26. Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
- 27. All this happened to us, though we had not forgotten you or been false to your covenant. Our hearts had not turned back; our feet had not strayed from your path. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
- 28. Rise up and help us; redeem us because of your unfailing love. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
- 29. Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth! Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.
- 30. Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love. Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Pray for disaster relief workers and Moravian Disaster Response.

RECAP of ACTIVITIES

(All at Ardmore Moravian Church unless noted)

November 11	Fall Bazaar – Clemmons Moravian Church
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November 12	Church Council
November 14	Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings
November 16	Men's Breakfast @ Café Arthurs'
November 18	Fall Bazaar and Holiday Sale – Friedberg Moravian Church
November 19	Place food under the Harvest Table to be taken to Sunnyside Ministry
November 19	Board of Elders and Board of Trustees meetings
November 21	Seniors & Friends – No Meeting – Thanksgiving Week
November 23	Thanksgiving Day
November 26	Last collection day for Christmas Stocking Stuffers to be given to Senior Services
	and Mental Health Association.
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



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.