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Ardmore Moravian Church Newsletter No. 12 (December 2023)

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Church Council



On Sunday morning, November 12, we gathered to worship the Lord and recognized Him as our Chief Elder. Then we transitioned to our annual Church Council.

- ❖ Carol Ann Bowles, Beth Kiger Mabe, and Jo Spach were elected to serve three years as Elders.
- ❖ The 2024 Budget was ratified by the congregation.
- ❖ The motion to change the Rules and Regulations was not approved.
- ❖ The motion to sell the Hawthorne House was approved.

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.

In appreciation of Daniel Dockery's service, we will gather for a Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, December 31, 2023.



On Christmas Eve, in addition to the 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM Lovefeast and Candle Services, there will be a 10:30 AM Worship Service.

Report from the Board of Trustees



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



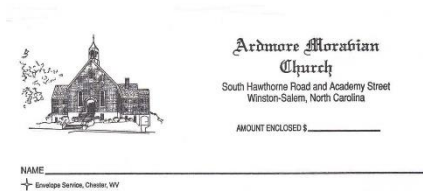
The Next Step – Replacement of Windows

The Board continues to investigate the potential of replacing the windows. Not only will this eliminate the need to paint them periodically but will improve the appearance of the building.

Report from the Office



Mailboxes for Christmas cards are located in the Lovefeast Kitchen. Please check to see if you have any mail.



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 meet at 8:30 AM on the third Thursday of the month (December 21) at Café Arthur's.

Women's Fellowship News



CIRCLE MEETINGS: Women's Fellowship Circle meet monthly for a time of fellowship and Bible study. On Tuesday, December 12th
Circle # 3 will meet at 10:00 AM at the home of JoAnn Goodson
Circle # 4 will meet at 1:30 PM at The Sherwood on Robinhood Road
Circle # 5 will meet at 6:00 PM at the home of Terri Kessler.

FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival was well attended by the congregation and especially by the community. Thanks to Circle #5 for coordinating the event.





Matthew Eckard won the prize for the best “trunk” and Larry Leonard won the prize for the best pumpkin carving.



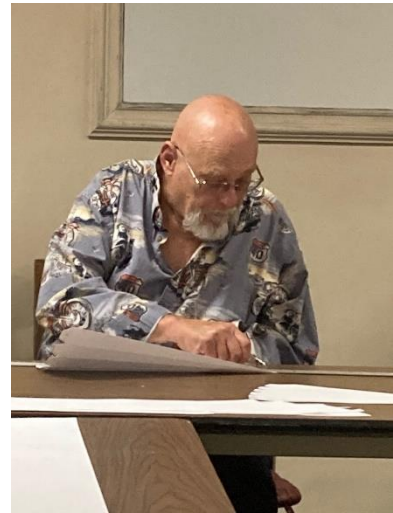
Circle # 4 coordinated a congregational collection of “Christmas Stocking Items” for Senior Services and Mental Health Associations. Thank you to all who donated. Over 400 items were divided between the two organizations.

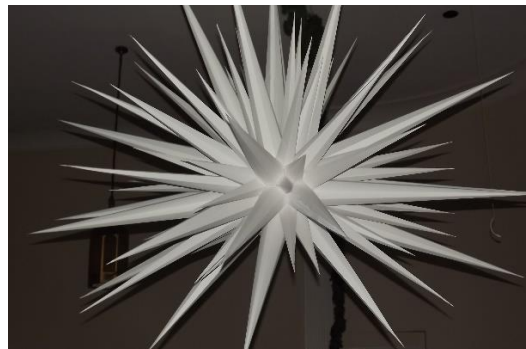
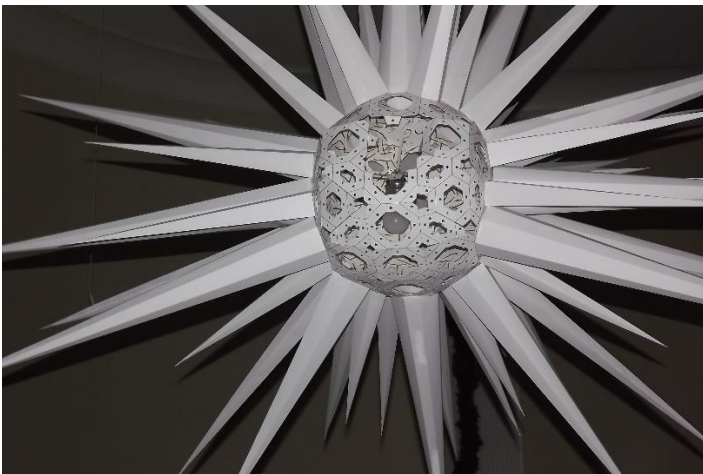
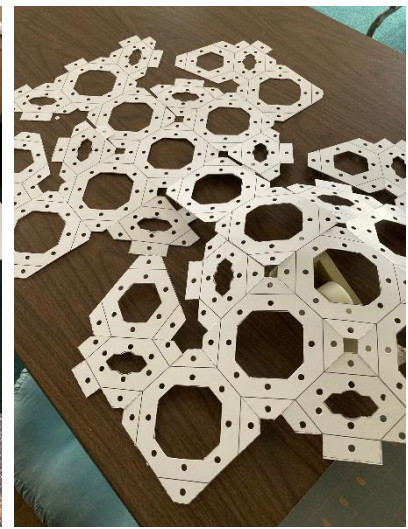


Star Making

A new 110 point star has been hand made this year for the Sanctuary.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED ACCOMPLISH THIS WONDERFUL PROJECT.





Seniors and Friends



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

December 19 – 11:30 AM at the Carriage House, 1409 S. Stratford Road

Candle Tea



Come join the excitement of a “bunch of children of all ages” as they experience our Candle Tea. As usual, the dates will be during the first week of Advent with school children coming during the day on Wednesday (December 6th), Thursday (December 7th), and Friday (December 8th). The “general public” is invited Thursday evening (December 7th). It is not too late to volunteer – volunteers are always needed at the last minute. There will be bake and craft tables.



DO YOU KNOW?



This month’s question – **How are the scriptural readings for the Moravian Daily Texts selected?**

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.

Prison Ministry

Needed: 1200 large Little Debbie Oatmeal Cookies to make Christmas packages for inmates. They can be delivered to Brooke Stoltz at the Cherry Prison office. Deadline for cookies is December 8th.

SALEM BAND CONCERT

DECEMBER 14, 2023, Thursday at 7:30 pm, New Philadelphia Moravian Church

DECEMBER 19, 2023, Tuesday at 7:30 pm, Clemmons First Baptist Church

Join Salem Band for its annual Holiday Concert, *Down-Home Christmas*. Musical selections for reminiscing include *American Christmas Folk Suite*, *When St. Nick Comes Marching In*, *Home for the Holidays*, *Laughing All the Way*, and appropriate for Salem Band, *Christmas on the Town Square*. Hear your favorite traditional songs and carols: *Ode to Greensleeves*, *Silent Night*, *The Holly & the Ivy*, Amy Grant's *Breath of Heaven*, and more. Our soloist this year is Salem Band's own Principal Trumpeter Ken Kline, performing *A Trumpeter's Lullaby* with the band.

FREE concerts at New Philadelphia Moravian Church (donations accepted for our charity partner, Sunnyside Ministry) and Clemmons First Baptist Church. Pre-concert holiday music by Salem Saxophone Quartet on December 14. Overflow attendees will be directed to the Family Life Center at Clemmons First Baptist, with state-of-the-art screens and broadcasting technology.

Salem Congregation

Watchnight Service Moves to 8:00, December 31, at St. Philips Moravian Church

All are invited to the Salem Congregation Watchnight Service, Sunday, December 31, at 8:00 p.m. This service of Holy Communion will be shared at St. Philips Moravian Church in the Salem Historic District (911 S. Church Street) with Craig Atwood preaching. Brother Atwood serves as a professor of Theology and Moravian Studies at Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

FROM THE PEC:

On Sunday, November 19, 2023, The Rev. Russell C. May was consecrated as a Presbyter in the ordained ministry of the Moravian Church.

The Provincial Elders' Conference is pleased to announce that Noah Smith has accepted the call to serve as pastor of Moravia Moravian Church in Summerfield, NC. Noah will be ordained a Deacon of the Moravian Church on Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 pm at Friedland Moravian Church.

The Provincial Elders' Conference is pleased to announce that the Rev. Fran Saylor has accepted the call to serve as Pastor of Raleigh Moravian Church in Raleigh, NC. Fran's last Sunday at the Table will be Sunday, January 7, 2024, and she will be installed as pastor of Raleigh Moravian on Sunday, February 4, 2024.

It is our joy to announce that Amanda Schumpert has been approved as a candidate for the ordained ministry of the Moravian Church. Amanda joins our other candidates currently studying at Moravian Theological Seminary: Josh Folweiller, Caleb Carter, Ethan Smith and David Jackson. Amanda currently serves as Director of Music and Congregational Ministries at Calvary Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, NC.

FOREIGN Missions:



BOARD OF
WORLD MISSION
of the Moravian Church • North America

The Board of World Mission's Blessings Flow Project has provided clean water to over 400 families in the La Moskitia region of Honduras this year through the distribution of household water filters. Through a partnership with local leaders

and an organization called One Atta Time, we have blessed every family in the villages of Tumtum Tara and Warunta, with plans to serve three additional communities in the first stage of the project.

We are offering a special way to engage with this ministry during the Advent season. Our annual Advent calendar offers an opportunity for each of us to count the blessings we often take for granted. Each day, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the Blessings Flow project and turn your own blessings into clean water for a family in need.

Sign up for daily text prompts by texting +1(920)495-8995 or daily email prompts by emailing sylvie@moravianmission.org. Include "Advent calendar" in the text or subject line.

If you would like to support the Blessings Flow project, those in the US can send checks to: Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. Canadians can send checks to: Moravian Church in Canada, 600 Acadia Drive SE, Calgary, AB T2J 0B8. Interac e-Transfer donations may be sent to treasurer@moravian.ca.

Please indicate that your donation is for "Blessings Flow."

Learn more and find the Advent calendar at www.MoravianMission.org/BlessingsFlow

ARMF CONTAINER SHIPMENT PROJECT

Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation
2121 Harper Road Clemmons, NC 27012
336-403-4104
www.armfcuba.org ..

With Thanksgiving behind us and the approaching Advent season to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, I would like to say how blessed we are to have you as our friends and donors.

I am pleased to announce that soon ARMF will be sending a container of humanitarian supplies to support our brothers and sisters in Cuba. We have been working closely with the president of the Moravian Church in Cuba as well as the executive director of the Cuban Council of Churches to put this dream into a reality. Most of the contents will go to assist families in the Moravian communities with the rest to be distributed among other denominations and the unchurched.

Items to be sent will be 20-pound bags each of rice and beans to be delivered to no less than 200-300 families contributing some 10,000 plus pounds to the container. Other items will miscellaneous foods, medical supplies, medicines, clothing, personal hygiene supplies, etc.

If you have specific items to donate such as summer clothing, vitamins, pain meds, and personal hygiene items. Please email or call and we can make arrangements to be picked up if in the Winston-Salem area.

Also, this shipment will contain several of our newly designed water systems that will be installed in several communities over the next year. Each system will serve hundreds of people in each community providing them with clean drinking water. Each area will have a designated individual in charge of installation and maintenance. ARMF will send a trained person down to work with the installation as well. Systems will come complete with a power generator for backup during power outages. Currently we have requests for twelve systems in Cuba. The systems will be at a cost of 3,500.00 each

We promise to keep you updated with pictures and comments from our brothers and sisters as they receive these much-needed gifts.

As you can imagine, this will be a very costly project to undertake. We need your help with a monetary gift of a one-time contribution or a monthly donation to support this much needed and most likely ongoing project as we plan to send more containers down in the future. Please note that each member of our board has agreed to participate financially as well.

Please keep our brothers and sisters in Cuba as well as all those less fortunate in all parts of the world in your thoughts and prayers. I thank you in advance as you prayerfully consider a contribution to ARMF. Blessings to you and your family during the Advent season and the coming year.

To receive mission updates please send your email address to joe@armfcuba.org

Follow us on Facebook or www.armfcuba.org

Donations may be made by check or through the Moravian Ministries Foundation portal.

Checks may be mailed to:

ARMF
2121 Harper Rd.
Clemmons, NC 27012

Blessings Joe Jarvis



December Birthdays



January Birthdays

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

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

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

Pauline Eckard

Don & Dot Hill

Dwayne Jones

Billie Kimel

Mary Matthews

Ray Shelton

Rev. Sandra Thigpen

The Marshall Family

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

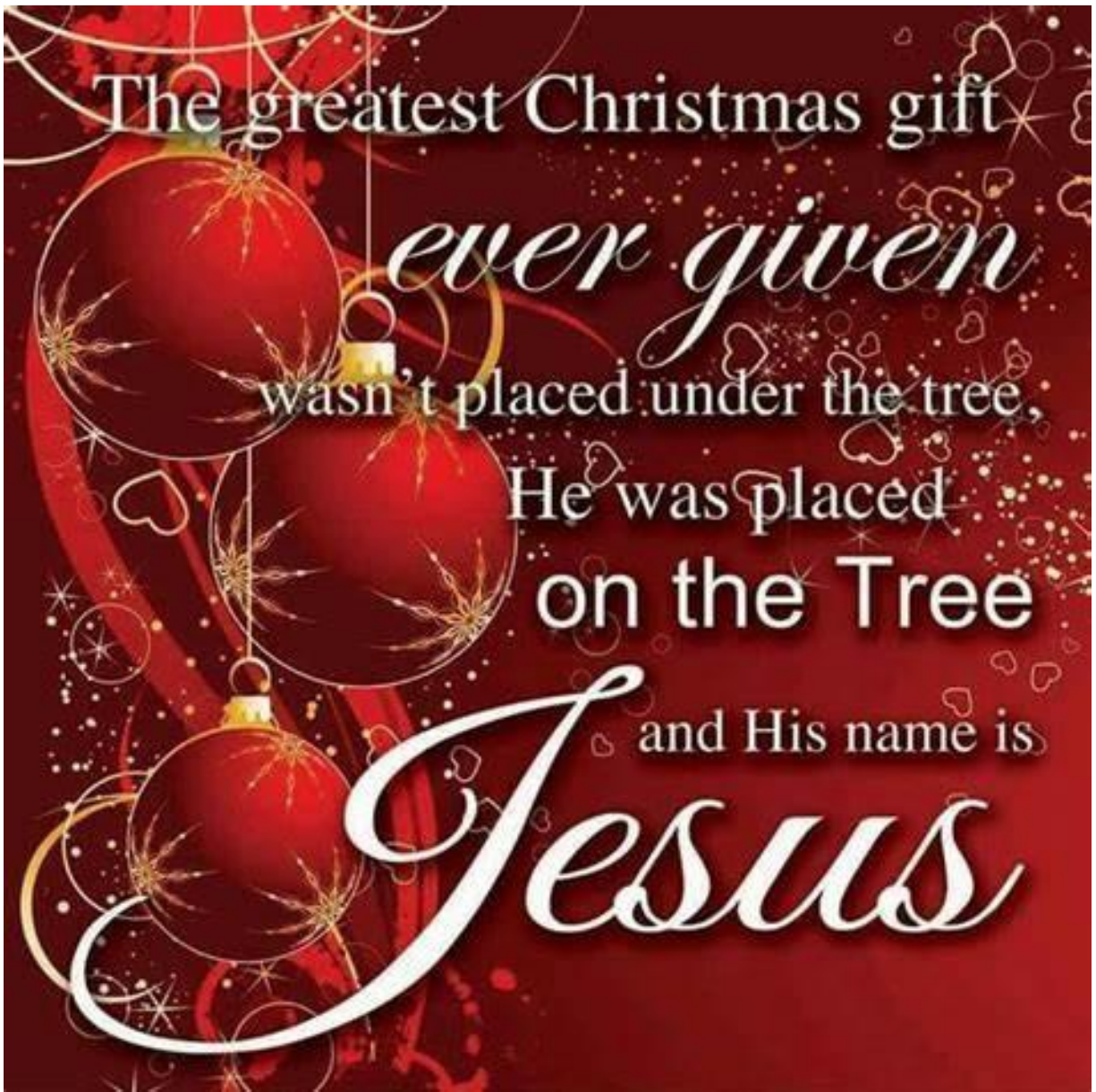
Pray Every Day December 2023

1. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
2. The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
3. When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. Pray for peace in the Middle East.
4. Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
5. When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
6. But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
7. You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet. Pray for the Moravians in Nicaragua.
8. My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
9. In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious. Pray for Joey Yokeley in Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
10. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Pray for the Teshes and Ray of Hope Orphanage.
11. A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord.' Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
12. Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight. Pray for Anna Faircloth with YoungLife Ministry.
13. The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
14. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners. Pray for Alan and DeeDee Iobst in France.
15. In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. Pray for the Board of World Mission and the Blessings Flow project.
16. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and people of every language worshipped him. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
17. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
18. See your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
19. The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous branch a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
20. When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you. Pray for the short term mission team traveling to Jamaica.
21. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
22. For nothing is impossible with God. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
23. Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished! Pray for the Rajpur Foster Child Project.
24. Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Pray for PEC members, bishops and other church leaders.
25. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. Pray for local homeless shelters.
26. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
27. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
28. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. Pray for the Moravian churches in Haiti.
29. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. They saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Pray for disaster relief workers.
30. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Pray for the war in Ukraine and refugees.
31. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.

RECAP of ACTIVITIES

(All at Ardmore Moravian Church unless noted)

December 3	First Sunday of Advent
December 4	Candle Trimming
December 6	Candle Tea – Scheduled for Children Groups
December 7	Candle Tea – Scheduled for Children Groups
December 7	Candle Tea for the Public (Starts @ 5:00 PM)
December 8	Candle Tea – Scheduled for Children Groups
December 10	Second Sunday of Advent
December 10	King Moravian Church Lessons & Carols, 11:00 AM & 4:00 PM
December 10	Youth Christmas Program @ Bethania Moravian Church
December 12	Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings.
December 14	Mission Fellowship Class Christmas Dinner @ The Sherwood Restaurant
December 14	Salem Band Concert @ New Philadelphia Moravian Church
December 16	Christmas Fest – Moravian Archie K. Davis Archive Center
December 17	Third Sunday of Advent
December 17	Breakfast/Christmas Party for the entire church
December 19	Seniors & Friends @ Carriage House, 1409 S. Stratford Road
December 19	Salem Band Concert @ New Philadelphia Moravian Church
December 21	Men's Breakfast @ Café Arthurs'
December 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24	Christmas Eve Services
December 31	Potluck Luncheon – Thanking Daniel Dockery for his service
December 31	Salem Congregation Watchnight Service @ St. Philips Moravian Church
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.