# Riverside Moravian



#### FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCH

"A Christ-Centered Protestant Church serving Riverside, Delanco, Delran, and Neighboring Communities"

Denomination Founded March 1, 1457 Congregation Organized December 31, 1865

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At the first Joint Board meeting after Church Council, the new members took time to read through a covenant. We know of the covenants in the Bible, and their importance in the development of the Judeo-Christian religions. We continue this important tradition in our own lives at various points. This is what the Joint Board has affirmed.

## FIRST MORAVIAN JOINT BOARD, LEADERSHIP COVENANT OCTOBER 2021

#### Our Promises to God . . .

We promise to pray, alone and together, in gratitude to God and to ask for God's guidance in our lives and in our work for Christ's Church. We promise to listen for God's voice and direction and remain open to God's leading. We will do our best to do God's work and to act faithfully in accordance with our Moravian motto, "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; and in all things, love."

#### Our Promises to Our Congregation . . .

We promise to support our congregation's pastor, staff, and volunteers so that their efforts will be most fruitful.

We promise to discern what is best for our congregation as a whole, not just what might be best for ourselves or some small segment of our congregation.

We promise to be honest and open-minded, to accept and extend grace, and to communicate to the best of our ability.

#### Our Promises to One Another as Elders and Trustees . . .

We promise to act with respect and care for one another.

We promise to treat our time of board service as an opportunity to make an important gift to God and our congregation.

We promise to listen with an open, nonjudgmental mind to the thoughts and ideas of our fellow board members.

We promise to discuss, debate, and disagree openly in board meetings, expressing ourselves as clearly and honestly as possible, so that we are certain all board members understand our point of view and that we have listened fully to others.

We promise to support the final decision of the board(s), whether it reflects our own view or not.

We promise to remember that we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **Church Hours**

### **Sunday School 10:00AM**

### **Worship Service 11:00AM**

#### **Worship Services on Zoom**

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Meeting ID 852 9437 9849 Password 285008



## **Sunday Scriptures**

3/2	John 10:1-18
3/6	John 11:1-44
3/13	John 13:1-17
3/20	John 18:12-27
3/27	John 18:28-40



Church Office hours – Mon and Wed 9:30am – 12:30 pm

Thurs 12:30pm – 3:30pm

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## **What Happened Last Month**

**Jan 23** - Abbreviated church council was held via Zoom to vote on officers and discuss the 2022 budget. All officers were accepted and voted in.

Budget was postal mailed out to all voting members with ballots returned to the church office by February 5.



**Feb 15** – 2022 budget was voted via ballot and approved. Forty members sent in their votes. Thank you!

Feb 20 – Soup sale

Next Soup Sale is March 20.



**EVERY BATCH** 

IS

MADE FROM SCRATCH

## **Upcoming Dates to take Note**

**Mar 2** – Lent begins – Ash Wednesday service begins at 7pm in person (or on Zoom), here at First Moravian. Palmyra Moravian will be joining us.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Mar 6,13,20 – Sunday evenings with the Palmyra Moravian Church 6PM for our Lenten Study on the *Labenslauf*: *Reflecting on Your Faith Journey* will be held here at First Moravian.

Mar 27, April 3, 10 – Sunday evenings with the Palmyra Moravian Church 6pm for the Lenten Study will be held at Palymra Moravian Church.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85294379849?pwd=dmQ2NVY4amZhZ3lpbGdxWmNKL1hrZz09

Meeting ID 852 9437 9849 Password 285008

Mar 20 – Soup sale

## **Ongoing Events**

• Monday nights

Yoga - The session is in-person or on-line from 8PM-9PM.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88361223222?pwd=bUJsL0k2UmdIS1BQakRrUzBFUUtCUT09

Meeting ID: 883 6122 3222

Passcode: 378178

- Tuesday nights
   Youth Group meets at Dobbins Methodist from 630-8PM
- 3rd Monday of the month
   Joint Board meeting
- 3rd Saturday of the month
   Fishes and Loaves food pantry 9AM 12PM
- 4th Thursday night of the month Loads of Love 6-8PM

#### **Board of Trustees**

In 2021, First Moravian Church was approved for the second round of Payroll Protection loans. We received \$12,400.00, which was used to offset payroll expenses during the year as Covid-19 caused a drop in congregational giving. In January of 2022, that loan was forgiven in its entirety and will not have to be paid back. This is significant for us in 2022 as these loans will not be offered by the Federal Government.

Below, you will find an up- to-date budget analysis for January of 2022. Please note, these numbers do not reflect giving or expenses for the month of February. As you can see, some of the actual numbers are higher than what was budgeted. For example, under telephone, police and fire, the actual is over \$1000.00 than what was budgeted. This is because our annual fire inspection was performed. Over the course of the remainder of the year, that line item should even out. The Office Copier/Computer fund is higher because we are being charged for copies that we were not being charged for last year because the office copier was not used as much as it is currently. Obviously, the snow removal line is higher because we had significant snowfall in January.

As January closed out, monthly giving did not meet expenses and we are currently over budget by \$5,595.00. The third graph shows the amount that we are actually behind on our budget as we enter February.

We will be contacting Comcast to discuss the significant raise in their price for services in an effort to bring that cost down.

During 2022, we will be developing a Stewardship team and would welcome input and participation from any member of the congregation who feels called to this ministry.

Finally, the Trustees will continue to provide these updates and appreciate honest and open conversation, concerns, comments and most of all prayers, as we work together to find ways to meet our budget goals.

However, we need to be aware of our budget shortfalls as 2022 moves forward. And we need to know that now is not the time to panic. However, it is up to us as a congregation to make every effort to sustain this budget as the year progresses.

In Christ's service,

Jason Pippin

President, Board of Trustees

## **Expenses**

		2021			_
		Annual	2022 Budget Approved by	January	January
			Church Council	Budget	Actual
5001	Pastor's Salary	\$39,389.16	\$40,176.88	\$3,348.07	\$3,282.43
5002	Secretary	\$5,769.32	\$6,552.00	\$546.00	\$504.00
5002a	IT Coordinator		\$6,552.00	\$546.00	\$616.00
5003	Organist	\$11,481.48	\$11,701.62	\$975.14	\$956.79
5004	Custodian Service	\$6,164.04	\$6,287.35	\$523.95	\$513.67
5010	Pastor's Medical	\$14,037.83	\$15,200.00	\$1,266.67	\$1,266.67
5015	Pastor's Pension	\$5,547.16	\$7,245.60	\$603.80	\$603.80
5005	Pastor's Car & Mobl Allow	\$0.00	\$2,075.00	\$172.92	
5006	Housing	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
5020	Pastor's Cont. Ed.	\$1,328.18	\$1,375.00	\$114.58	
5050	Employer SSI Tax	\$999.80	\$1,439.00	\$119.92	\$120.00
6010	Custodial Supplies	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$58.33	\$119.96
6020	Choir Music - Senior	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$16.67	
6022	Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
6025	Church Functions	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$12.50	
6030	Church Oper. & Supplies	\$4,441.42	\$2,000.00	\$166.67	\$116.65
6035	Conferences/Synods	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
6040	Copier Maint. Agreement	\$2,031.45	\$2,400.00	\$200.00	\$169.29
6045	Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
6050	Drama Team	\$0.00		\$0.00	
6055	Elevator Maint. & Repair:	\$1,527.50	\$1,750.00	\$145.83	\$124.50
6060	Evangelism/Outreach Mission	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$41.67	
6065	Facility Maint. & Repairs	\$11,859.12	\$3,000.00	\$250.00	-\$6.50

6070	Flowers	\$0.00		\$0.00	
6075	Guest Speaker/Organists	\$600.00	\$450.00	\$37.50	
6085	Insurance Expenses	\$7,900.00	\$7,900.00	\$658.33	
6090	Lawn Service	\$6,212.00	\$3,500.00	\$291.67	
6095	Major Repair Fund	\$3,170.00	\$2,200.00	\$183.33	
6100	Office Copier/Comptr Fnd	\$700.65	\$655.56	\$54.63	\$71.89
6105	Organ/Piano Tuning	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$100.00	
	Payroll Expense	\$700.00	\$732.00		\$51.00
	Petty Cash	\$0.00		\$0.00	
	PSE &G	\$15,893.56	\$16,500.00	-	\$558.95
	Snow Removal	\$2,625.00	\$3,000.00		\$670.00
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	Special Music Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00	-	
6130	Stewardship/FTF Christian	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$20.83	
	Education/Sprirtual				
6135	Formation	\$275.11	\$1,200.00	\$100.00	
6140	Supplemental Education	\$304.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	
6145	Telephone, Police/Fire	\$4,425.70	\$4,200.00	\$350.00	\$1,351.09
6150	Water/Sewer	\$3,015.01	\$3,000.00	\$250.00	\$309.72
6155	Worship Supplies	\$635.26	\$400.00	\$33.33	
	Youth Work	-\$385.00	\$300.00	\$25.00	
	Operating Expense	\$145,294.09	\$155,992.01	\$12,999.33	\$11,499.91
	Common Ministries Commtmnt	\$13,281.96	\$14,212.00	\$1,184.33	\$1,184.33
	District Assessment:	\$4,433.04	\$4,744.00		
	TOTAL:	\$17,715.00	\$18,956.00	-	
	TOTAL COMBINED BUDGET:	\$163,009.09	\$174,948.01		
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			Currently Under	Budget by	1,499.42

#### Income

Cash Review								
	2022 Budget	January						
Annual and Monthly Projected Giving Per Busget	Projected Annual Giving Approved by Church Council	Projected Monthly Giving per Budget						
	\$174,948.01	\$14,579.00						
	Expected per	Budget and Actual Con	gregational Giving	<u> </u>				
	Projected Annual Giving per Budget	Projected Monthly Giving per Budget	Actual January Giving	Over (Under) Budget				
<b>Current Giving</b>	\$138,948.01	\$11,579.00	\$5,984.00	(5,595.00)				
AOG Donation	\$36,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	0.00				
Directed Funds - Budgeted Items	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00				
Directed Funds - Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00				
Total Giving	\$0.00	\$14,579.00	\$8,984.00	(5,595.00)				
Profit and Loss Sta	Profit and Loss Statement  Month Ending January 31st 2022							
	Expected Giving Per Budget	January Expected Giving Budget	January Actual Giving	Over (Under)				
			Cash Basis					
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Directed Funds - Budgeted Items	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00				
Directed Funds - Other			\$0.00	0.00				
Total Giving	\$0.00	\$14,579.00	\$8,984.00	(5,595.00)				
Total Expense	\$174,948.01	\$14,579.00	\$13,079.58	\$1,499.42				
Profit (Loss)			(4,095.58)	(4,095.58)				



Mar 1 – International Compliment day Youth Group meets at Dobbins

Methodist 630-8PM

Mar 2 – **Lent begins** 

Mar 3 – I want you to be happy day

Mar 4 – Hug a GI day

Mar 6 - Sunday School 10am—

Worship 11am

Mar 7 - Yoga Hahle Hall basement or

Zoom 8-9PM

Mar 8 - Youth Group meets at Dobbins Methodist from 630-8PM

Mar 10 – International day of Awesomeness

Mar 13 - Sunday School 10am—Worship 11am

Mar 14 - Yoga Hahle Hall basement or Zoom 8-9PM

Mar 15 - Youth Group meets at Dobbins Methodist from 630-8PM

Mar 19 - Fishes and Loaves

Mar 20 - Sunday School 10am—Worship 11am Soup sale

Extraterrestrial Abductions day

Mar 21 - Joint Board meeting 7PM

**Quilting** day

Mar 22 - Youth Group meets at Dobbins Methodist from 630-8PM

Mar 24 - Loads of Love

Chocolate covered Raisins day

Mar 26 – Everything You do is Right day

Mar 27 - Sunday School 10am—Worship 11am

Mar 28 - Yoga Hahle Hall basement or Zoom 8-9PM

Mar 29 - Youth Group meets at Dobbins Methodist from 630-8PM

## Do you miss camp?

Do you want to help your "home away from home" and "the best place on Earth"?

## Think you've aged out? You're in luck -- you can come for FOUR MORE YEARS!

Join us for...

## YOUNG ADULT MISSION CAMP Ages 18 - 25

Help get camp spruced up for the Summer of 2022

#### Monday, June 13 - Sunday June 19

Come for the entire time or just for a day or two

#### We are looking for people to:

- Rake
- Clean
- Paint
- Chop
- Whack
- Cook
- Cut
- Nail
- Stain
- Mow
- Wash
- Organize
- Create
- And more!

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church, there is no cost to attend this camp!

#### Leadership

Brian and Janet Diehl, Mountainview Moravian Church Rev. Cynthia Geyer, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Scan for more info:



Please register no later than May 16 so we can plan appropriate projects for the number of participants and skill levels available.

#### **Provincial News**

The 2022 Unity Offering has been designated for the Moravian Church in North America to support Refugee Relocation Efforts in their Transition from their Native Homelands to North America. Our very own Board of World Mission is providing significant logistical support for this effort and Moravian congregations have mobilized to resettle families in their communities. Congregations in Bethlehem, PA have welcomed a family to their neighborhood. Here is a Personal Story of this effort and the impact it has on both the refugee family and the congregational members.

Our Afghan family consists of two parents and one child. Both parents are college graduates. Before they arrived, the mother was a translator for the military, which put her on the Taliban list for punishment. The father was an investigative journalist and also owned a WIFI cafe. He was also on the Taliban list for punishment. They were forced to leave their families and flee from the potential Taliban punishment as well as for the safety of their beautiful, baby boy. Taliban punishment was a real threat and was written about in a New York Times article. Two journalists were arrested and severely beaten for daring to write a piece about women's rights. The father knows one of them. The journalists have escaped from Afghanistan. One relocated to the United States with his wife. They have a sponsor, but nowhere to live. The parents of the family that is being sponsored in Bethlehem have discussed future plans. Because of the baby's age and his close ties with this mother, the mother wants to take nursing courses for two years while Dad works to support the family. When she graduates and is hired, he would then like to continue his education for two years in order to learn about a job suitable to life in America.

Please make a special effort to support this important effort.

March 1 is observed as the founding of the Unitas Fratrum and the first Sunday in March (March 6, 2022) is the Prayer Day for Unity Work and the Sunday when the Unity Offering is often received. More information will also be posted on the Unity website www.unitasfratrum.org

## **Please Remember in Prayer...**

Jackie Young	Carol and Rich Stamets	Susan Hackett
Diane Renner	Greg Cole	Pamela McLaughlin
Pat Chapman	Rev. Rick Bruckart	Bob Dowding
Jennifer Allen	John Randle	Russ Wynn
Barbara Wilson	Caitlin DeFlaviis	M. Gehan
Doug Lubbers	Rachael Wilson	Andy Lyons
Beckett Williams	Laura Murphy	Shirley Haran
Penny Ware	Felicia Smith	Glen Opperman, Sr.
Tyler Kohn	Donna and Steve Domalas	Joint Board
Rosemary Randle	Matt and parents	Colleen Bruckart
Pauline Moll	Diane Schroeder	Ethan and Logan Rosato
Fred Denenberg	Commiso family	Joexeas
Reba and Bill Kohn	Catherine Murphy	Family of Sharon's mom
Family of Jackie Clark Mitchell	Family of Richard Rimkunas	Family of Lois Wilkins
Family of Sr. Emma Williams	People of Nepal	People of disasters
COVID patients	Front-line workers	Rescue workers

#### **Our Home-Bound Friends**

Joan Wright - Masonic Home

Assembly of God congregation

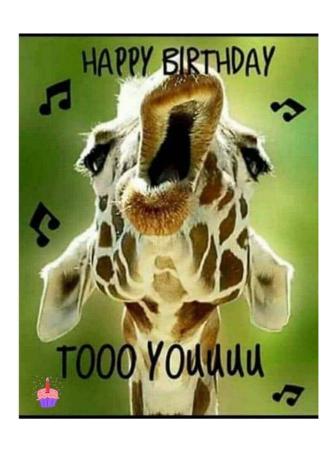
The Eastern District Executive Board

Boards of the wider Moravian Church

The Northern Province Provincial Elders Conference

The Western District Executive Board

The Canadian District Executive Board



4 - Bonnie Neamand 23 - Justine Faust

5 - Stephen Neely 23 - Bruce Summer

6 - Christopher Valentine, Jr. 24 - Lindsay Baker

8 - John Jordan 26 - Al Parente

8 - Bill Kohn 28 - Lisa Baker

9 - Jonathan Shinn 28 - Zachary Wallace

10 - Emerson Lucas 29 - Cheryl Powell

10 - Bill Tilden 30 - Maureen McBrearty

13 - Todd Fynan 31 - Shelby Mollineaux

19 - Rev. George Richmond 31 - Anne Wallace

21 - Kim Parente



#### March 28— Carl & Debra Czarzasty

Please note: If you have additions or corrections to either list for future newsletters please contact Judie Marie Roszek

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# **MARCH 2022**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Youth Group 630-8pm AOG 8-9pm	2 Lent begins  Lenten service with Palmyra Moravian 7pm	AOG youth group	4 AOG 8-930pm	5
6Sunday school 10am Worship 11am Lent – Palmyra Moravian 6pm AOG 6-830pm	7 Yoga 8pm	Youth Group 630-8pm AOG 8-9pm	Girl Scouts 530-730p	AOG youth group	<b>11</b> AOG 8-930pm	12
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Worship 11am Lent – Palmyra Moravian 6pm  AOG 6-830pm	28 Yoga 8pm	29 Youth Group 630-8pm AOG 8-9pm	30	AOG youth group		

Holidays and Observances: 17: St. Patrick's Day

Wiki Calendar

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**Board of Elders** 

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Hope Sanderson, Secretary (2023)

Dale Lucas (2025)

Karen Adams (2025)

Nick Zataveski (2025)

**Board of Trustees** 

Jason Pippin, President [2023]

Rich Dreydoppel, Vice President (2023)

Elsa Lucas (2025)

Pat DeLuca [2025]

Diane Schroeder (2023)

Kathy Shaffer, Treasurer

\*Anne Wallace, Financial Secretary

\*Not a member of the Board

#### **Congregational Watchword for 2022**

Let no evil talk come out of your mouth, but only what is useful in building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. Ephesians 4:29