

You shall keep my commandments and observe them: I am the Lord. Leviticus 22:31

# Fairview Moravian Church

## October 2022

# The Pastor's Corner

The Gospel lesson from Luke 17:1-10 used on October 2, which was Worldwide Communion Sunday, is as direct as any Scripture about the obligations and blessings of Christian living. We might often see obligations and blessings as separable—Jesus teaches they come together. The connection is made when we understand that it is God who defines our relationship with Him, our Father in heaven. We understand this not only from Jesus' teaching but also from Jesus' own relationship with His Father. Jesus perfectly understood his role as Son, and so his every response as a loving son was to live according to God's will. Jesus shows us how relationship with God is serving Him, which is itself the greatest reward. A blessing/reward at Fairview this time of year is how congregational life comes back up to full speed with opportunities for faithful worship and service, fellowship, and yes food! The Gospel lesson helps us to know that our lives as blessed when we offer ourselves to God's love, grace, and mercy. Our self-offering must be-as Jesus showed—sacrificial with the servant's heart. To the extent we serve God as a community, making a free offering of ourselves to God rather than to the world, then our relationship with God is active and spiritually nourishing. The Church many chances for us to be together leads to spiritually active Christian living. We can better experience a mutually loving relationship with God by taking many opportunities to be with God who is always present and available to us through our relationship with Jesus.

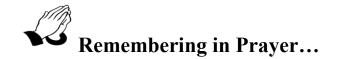
We are God's children and can accept that God loves us when we give ourselves to His care and nurture. Similar to the excitement of young children experiencing life, we too can experience relationship with God with true joy and happiness. How might God create excitement, joy, and happiness in our relationship with Him? <u>By</u> <u>our being present with Him.</u> We are present with God in worship and receive God in Christ Jesus as our Lord offers the Church the gift of real presence from the Lord's Table. <u>We are present with God</u> when we study the Holy Scriptures together with the Holy Spirit's inspiration to the whole group. <u>We are present with God</u> when we set aside time to be Jesus' disciples and follow Jesus wherever and whenever he calls us. When we follow Jesus, we are given spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit which Jesus promised. <u>We</u> <u>are present with God</u> when we use our resources for the common good, ministry and mission of the Church. <u>We</u> <u>are present with God in Christ</u> when we answer the call for mission outreach int the world. This enables us to share Jesus' love as God's Good News of His love, grace and mercy for the world.

Like all relationships of love, being present with our beloved increases capacity for wonder and fulfillment. God desires to love all his children and to bring all people to know and experience the real presence of Jesus in their lives. At Fairview we are living out our faithful response to God. May God bless us to gain a new vision of **God's Biggest Dream**, for all to know his love and purpose as His beloved children. *Pastor Tory* 

#### Worship Summary

Please use the following worship information, which includes the sermon text, as we prayerfully prepare our hearts and minds to praise and adore our Father in heaven.

October 9 Gospel of Luke 17: 11-19 October 16 Second Letter to Timothy 3:14-4:5 October 23 Mission Sunday Guest Speaker from the Rescue Mission: Lou Carrico October 30 Stewardship Commitment Sunday with Celebration Meal, Gospel of Luke 19: 1-10 November 6 All Saints Day, Fairview Day of Remembrance, Gospel of Luke 6: 20-31



#### Our Church Family:

Candice and Rod Back and the Back family, Mary Beard, Doris Brame, Judy Byerly, Anne Collins, Ann Carroll, Bob Dalton, Davis family, Corky and Danny Flowers, Riff Footland, Anne Griffin, Rev. Don Griffin, John Harrold, Jane Hilker, Peggy Hoyle, Jolleen Johnson, Lillie Mae Joyce family, Jean and Harvey Lunsford, Nancy Manuel, Lucy Millikan, Brenda Miller, Tom Nicholson, Doris "DG" Noell, Joanna and Bill Oehman, Harry Sapp, Larry Sprinkle, Frankie Stith, Lindsay Tise, Nancy and Ken Tomberlin, Diane Wright.

#### **Our Family and Friends:**

Drew Mayse (friend of Pam Tatum), Fred McKinney (brother of Linda Mathers), Cele Shaver (cousin of Pam Tatum), Debbie Stone (friend of Brittany Hawks), Chip Van (friend of Pam Tatum).

#### **Pray for our Friends and Family in the Military:**

Jordan Hailey (Navy – son of Jerry Hailey), Daniel Millikan (Army – son of Dianne & Alan Millikan), Jeremiah Millikan (Navy – son of Dianne & Alan), Christian Nixon (National Guard – nephew of Candice & Rod Back,

Eric Tise (Air Force- grandson of Lindsay Tise).

The congregation was saddened by the loss of one of our members, Lillie Mae Joyce, passed into the more immediate presence of Lord and Savior on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Dear Fairview Congregation:

We want to thank you for all the lovely Get Well cards, prayers, and offerings of food during our recent bout with COVID. It has taken us almost three weeks to get our gumption back! This experience has made us more grateful than ever for good health and the love of friends! We are deeply touched by the love and support you continue to show us. In Christian love, Pastor Tony and Laura

#### Wednesday Lunch and Bible Study

Our Wednesday Meal and Bible Study is every Wednesday through November 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Make sure you join us and invite your family and friends to come as we study God's word and fellowship together.



Greetings from the Women's Fellowship!

For our October community project, we are again working with the **Cherry Street Prison Ministry to provide gifts for inmates' children**. They ask that you <u>spend \$15-25</u> <u>on each gift</u>, and suggestions are listed below. If you wish to help but would prefer that someone to buy for you, please contact Linda Mathers. Gifts need to be brought to the church by <u>Sunday, November 6</u>. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile ministry!

#### <u>LIST OF GIFTS FOR FORSYTH PRISON</u> <u>MINISTRY CHILDREN</u> <u>Girls Under 10 yrs:</u>

Baby dolls or Barbies, interactive toys, doll clothing or accessories, dress up clothing, hair bows or accessories, small riding toys or push toys for toddlers, puzzles or games, sweatshirts or coats

#### **Boys Under 10 yrs:**

Trucks or cars, interactive toys, basketballs, footballs, Legos, action figures, small riding toys or push toys for toddlers, puzzles or games, sweatshirts or coats

#### Girls 10 yrs and older:

Hooded sweatshirts, sweaters, socks, scarfs/ toboggans, makeup sets or cases, jewelry box, memo board/picture board, decorative blankets, journals/planner/agenda, art sets, lotion/body wash sets, gift cards to: movies, Game Stop, Walmart, clothing stores, pocketbooks

#### **Boys 10 yrs and older:**

sports team sweatshirts/shirts, tall athletic socks, toboggans/hats, watches, wallets/belts, walkie talkies, portable hammocks, puzzles/games, razor scooter (if available for \$25 or less), Lego sets, remote control, cars, drones, skateboard, gift cards to: Movies, Game Stop, Walmart, Clothing stores

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

We will be trimming candles for Christmas on Monday, November 14, at 10:00. Everyone is welcome!

Our Fall Craft Fare Festival will be on Saturday, November 19m from 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon. it will include a variety of vendors, bake sale, and country store. Plan to join us and invite your friends!

#### Our November project will be the Salvation Army

**Angel Tree**. We will be providing for 15 angels this year. You can pick up a name on Sunday mornings, beginning November 6. These names will be available through November 20, or until they are gone. If you prefer not to come to church, contact Linda Mathers, and she will be happy to provide you with a child's name and gift request. She will also be happy to shop for you if you prefer. All gifts are **due by December 4**.

#### **Fairview Friends**

In response to the many inquiries about the Fairview Friends Fellowship, we are planning a time of food and fellowship; we will also discuss how this vital congregational ministry can be renewed and offered each month for those 55 and older. Please plan to gather in the Fellowship Hall for a **Baked Potato Bar Luncheon on October 27<sup>th</sup> at noon**. After lunch we will have an activity and discuss future gatherings, programs, and events.



### October

Sunday, 10/2	Cliff Venable
Tuesday, 10/4	Susan Hurst, Barry Self
Friday, 10/7	Victor Cannon
	Tom Joyce
	Bill Oehman
Saturday, 10/8	Jeff Barnes
	Lucy Millikan
Monday, 10/10	Sandy Smith
	Katyna Phillips
Tuesday, 10/11	Gary Hope
Wednesday, 10/12	Gabby Byerly
-	Mollie Rascoe
Thursday, 10/13	Carolyn Neal
Friday, 10/14	Anne Collins
Saturday, 10/15	Kiersytn Krause
Sunday, 10/16	Jerry Byerly
Thursday, 10/20	Liz Venable
Monday, 10/24	Linda Mathers
Friday, 10/28	Penny Ratermann

#### **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry**

On Sunday September 25 2022, Pastor Tony prayed a blessing for the shoeboxes that will be delivered **to 105 children in need**.

These shoeboxes filled with our gifts will probably be the only gifts these children will receive.

We are asked to pray for the children that will receive these special shoeboxes. We ask that you continue to pray for the children receiving these gifts, as they are given the opportunity to become a part of the discipleship program. We hope that you can see how your shoeboxes filled with gifts is an opening to a missionary effort to bring people to Christ.

With our sincere thankfulness, we thank each of you for your generous response to this outreach ministry.

We receive up-dates from Samaritan's Purse on a regular basis. This month, the up-date was about Ukraine and that the children there, will receive shoeboxes. We do not know what country our shoeboxes will go to, but we can be assured that needy children will receive our gifts. We hope that you will celebrate the success of this outreach minister, as we strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Thank you again, for the filled shoeboxes, prayers, and monetary donations we received in support of this outreach ministry.

Women's Fellowship Outreach Ministry

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Fairview Moravian is excited to announce the formation of a prayer shawl ministry group. Our first meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m. in the parlor. Feel free to bring your yarn and needles to the first meeting. It is exciting to launch this spiritual ministry which will provide comfort to those who need a special reminder they are loved. Looking forward to seeing you all! Questions? Please email: jaschorer@yahoo.com

#### Stewardship Emphasis "Campaign" 2022

Again this year the Stewardship Campaign will seem to have a slightly different focus from traditional ones of the past. We will attempt to not even talk budget as we make an effort to reveal the many other critical characteristics of stewardship.

Our Moravian Covenant for Christian Living proclaims: "We are called into Christian fellowship by the Lord Jesus Christ." When each of us answers that call in our own way, our whole community of faith becomes stronger. With a focal point of a true relationship with Jesus, we hope to embrace some elements of sharing our faith in Jesus as we work together in 2023. We intend to encourage ourselves and the congregation to shine with willingness as we share our gifts, our testimonies of Christ's impact in our lives, and our continued kindness to one another and the community with an attitude of gentleness and faithfulness to His callings.

We will kick off the Stewardship month with lay speakers sharing their personal witnesses with these components: Discipleship, Evangelism, Missions, and Adoration. We are tentatively planning a catered celebration luncheon for October 30, Commitment Sunday. More details about this will be announced soon.

Please be in prayer for Fairview Moravian Church as we continue to celebrate the joy and privilege that we share within this Christian community. May God bless our ministry as we move forward into 2023. In Christ, The Stewardship Committee 2022 (Tony Hayworth, Dick Joyce, Cynthia Faircloth, Amy Mendenhall, Gwyn Shields, Sandy Smith)

## Meals on Wheels 25th Anniversary!!

On August 24, 2022, a small group of Fairview members and friends gathered in Fellowship Hall for a luncheon Celebrating 25 Years of Serving! This was past and present volunteers of our Meals on Wheels service to residents of Winston Summit Apartments. We are currently a small percentage of the sixty-eight people that have given their time to this outreach mission. The attendance was less than had been hoped for due to COVID and previous plans. Forty past volunteers were remembered. Paige Reilly, Volunteer Coordinator for Meals on Wheels, was present and took a group picture that was posted on the Senior Services Facebook page, along with the comment that we deliver every day of the month. I estimate that we have delivered approximately 55,000 meals in our 25 years.

This is not a closed group, and we will happily accept any one that is interested in joining us. For more information, contact me, Melinda Yarbrough, at (336) 413-1072 or mjyarbrough4@gmail.com.



## Around the Province

#### Provincial Women's Board

Join us at New Philadelphia Moravian Church for the 2022 Fall Celebration and Silent Auction on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00a.m.!

Join us for a morning of shopping, fun, and Bible Study! Call the PWB office to make your reservations today! Book Study Workshop to feature:



# **Body Building**

Empowering Moravian Girls and Women for Global Change— Building the Body of Christ







A Mission Study Sharing the Impact of the Unity Women's Desk 2011-2021 by Julie Tomberlin, UWD