

Christ Moravian Church
Pastoral Letter for the weekend of November 8th, 2020
Sunday Worship Theme: *Remembrance Day and Praying for Peace*

Greetings Friends in Christ:

Those warm and wonderful days of a second fall offered a lovely time for some outdoor enjoyment. Walks through the leaves, tidying up the gardens, distanced visits under the stars on a warmish evening. How lovely of a gift that is during these anxious days.

As was shared earlier, this Sunday's worship focus includes reflections for the hallowed experience of Remembrance Day and an expression and prayer for peace. This was highlighted by the reading from Isaiah 65:25 saying: "The wolf and the lamb will feed together, the lion will eat straw like the ox...They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord." As this reading was offered to be recorded for this week's worship, my eyes filled with tears. A prayer quietly offered in my thoughts and ponderings for a world desperately needing to dwell as one. For the wolf and the lamb to exist in peace. I believe this will be an ardent prayer for our world in this next season of life. May we each hold this prayer in the hollow of our heart!

How about some announcements and information!

This past week there's been fun and melodic activity in the sanctuary of CMC as Marty Antonini, his friends of lovely voice (Darlene Roach and Heidi Gohdes), and myself have been recording the Music for Mission Concert. This will be delightful and a special extension of our church's music and mission life. Get ready to sing along, to get lost in the words of a tune, and to hear the renewed invitation of God to support two important mission causes of CMC. This concert will be offered freely on our email service and website as our worship services have been, with the trust that all will generously support the needs of the Calgary Mustard Seed, and the Moravian Church's Board of World Mission. We all can only imagine the stark needs found within the ministry and mission needs of these two important entities of love for people in need. So, Steve Blackwell will be editing this concert in the next week, and in mid-November you'll be able to imagine filling the sanctuary for another special CMC Music and Mission fundraising event...but only in the safety of your home! Special thanks to all who are making this possible!

The Good Shepherd Moravian Church virtual Christmas Craft Fair catalogue is attached to this email and will be found on the CMC website as well. Let's join our partner congregation at Good Shepherd in supporting this yearly event. Check out those vendors on the catalogue and add some Christmas decorations and niceties to your home this year.

A number of CMC folks are enriched by the daily devotional "Our Daily Bread" as supplied these years by Don and Cathy Niefer. Because we aren't gathering at CMC, we would be happy to mail a copy to you, or you can pick it up at the church (please contact us when you are coming so we will be prepared.). If you desire a copy, email Andrea at

our email: Moravian@nucleus.com or phone the office at 403-271-2700, and we will get you a copy.

Keep returning your recycling to the church as Indranie Perera will use these donations in the support of the dire needs of Sri Lanka relief. Thanks.

See the attachments for other our other regular info and links.

May peace dwell in your heart and within the world God has created.
Pastor Steve Gohdes

Worship & Event Links for November 8th, 2020

Topic: CMC Bible Buddies

Hi Everyone,

Attached is this week's (Nov 8) lesson: Living in Hope – Matthew 25: 1-13.

Link to join zoom is below;

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87298628465?pwd=T0UxcnpQd0w0SzR6NVFEY2dia1Jvdz09>

Meeting ID: 872 9862 8465

Passcode: 877404

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Let's take the next step and get our feet wet.

Barb: -)

Children's Activities

<https://kidsupfront.com/kidsathome/>

You could be happily busy!

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Links to Online Worship:

Christ Moravian

<https://www.christmoravian.com>

Good Shepherd

<https://www.goodshepherdmoravian.org>

Millwoods

<https://www.mcchurch.ca/>

Rio Terrace

<https://www.rioterracechurch.org/live>

Moravian Church Northern Province

<https://www.moravian.org>

for details of events happening within the wider Moravian Church

Parable of the Bridesmaids

Matthew 25:1-13

Word Search Puzzle

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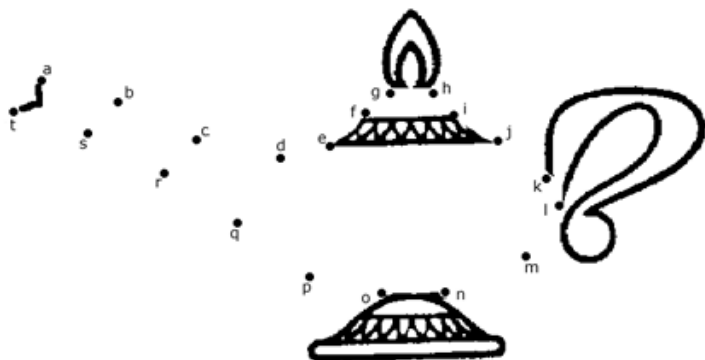
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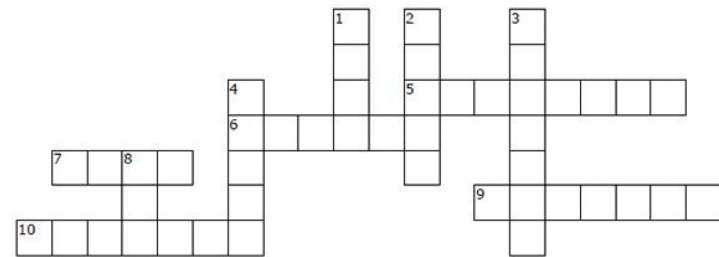
The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids
Matthew 25:1-13

Multiple Choice Quiz

- ___ 1. Ceremony in which a man and a woman are married.
A. wise B. wedding C. oil D. lamps
- ___ 2. Where God lives
A. watch B. come C. heaven D. lamps
- ___ 3. Devices used to produce light
A. lamps B. asleep C. banquet D. foolish
- ___ 4. Not awake
A. asleep B. heaven C. oil D. lamps
- ___ 5. Made a sound like a bell
A. rang B. asleep C. lamps D. oil
- ___ 6. A feast or meal held in recognition of some person or occasion
A. come B. midnight C. wedding D. banquet
- ___ 7. To arrive at a particular place; the opposite of go
A. door B. come C. midnight D. heaven
- ___ 8. To observe or look at something
A. wise B. midnight C. watch D. wedding
- ___ 9. Someone who has good judgment and makes good decisions is _____.
A. watch B. wise C. rang D. door
- ___ 10. Someone who does not use good judgment is _____.
A. asleep B. oil C. midnight D. foolish



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

5. 12 o'clock at night
6. Not awake
7. A swinging or sliding cover over the place where someone usually enters a room
9. Ceremony in which a man and a woman are married.
10. Someone who does not use good judgment is _____.

DOWN

1. Someone who has good judgment and makes good decisions is _____.
2. Devices used to produce light
3. A feast or meal held in recognition of some person or occasion
4. To observe or look at something
8. A liquid that is often used to make fuel.

MIDNIGHT	LAMPS	WATCH	OIL	FOOLISH
ASLEEP	DOOR	BANQUET	WISE	WEDDING



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Focus on Matthew 25:1–13

WHAT is important to know?

— From “Exegetical Perspective,” Thomas D. Stegman, SJ

Matthew’s parable of the Wise and Foolish Maidens thus sets forth the assurance that Jesus, the Son of Man, will return in glory to usher in the full coming of God’s reign. It also exhorts Christians to the appropriate stance they should take in the present. Two extremes are to be avoided. On the one hand, we ought not to be lulled into thinking that there is no sense of urgency in preparing for the Lord’s coming. On the other hand, the prospect of the end should not produce panic and anxiety. Christians can have the peace of mind that results from being faithful to putting Jesus’ teaching, as set forth throughout the Gospel, into action.

WHERE is God in these words?

— From “Theological Perspective,” Mark Douglas

This text, at least, remains theologically silent about the attitudes we should inhabit or the viewpoints we should inculcate while we await the coming of the kingdom of God. So how are we prepared to wait? Though answers vary from tradition to tradition within the faith, the text at least hints at some of the following: Gather with others who also wait—and stick with them. Avoid communities that are caught up in prognosticating about God’s timing. While it is wise to fill our lamps with good things, we should remember that those things are for use this side of eternity. There is already more than enough light at the banquet.

SO WHAT does this mean for our lives?

— From “Pastoral Perspective,” John M. Buchanan

Christian hope is as big as the whole sweep of human history, but also as small as each individual. Ultimate issues have been resolved for the human race, but also for each of us individually. In every congregation are faithful people genuinely frightened about where human history seems to be headed. Freedom, justice, and compassion seem fragile in the face of the forces of oppression, injustice, violence, and torture. Living in hope does not mean immunity to the harsh realities of history. On the contrary, it means living confidently and expectantly, trusting that the Lord of history continues to come into life with compassion and redemption and hope.

NOW WHAT is God’s word calling us to do?

— From “Homiletical Perspective,”

Lindsay P. Armstrong

As with so many things in life, the essence is in the timing. There is a timeliness of faith and love. There are people who wait for timely attention, who need us to live our faith without procrastination. In Matthew, the wise are those who know and tend this. With good works and acts of faith in God, they prepare for an unknown but secure future. The foolish assume a bright future but do little to prepare for it.

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Living in hope



GSC's Christmas Craft Fair is a go!

BUT WITH A PEPPERMINT TWIST THIS YEAR, as we reshape plans to keep all safe during this pandemic season—**we are going virtual, November 1 – 30 !!**

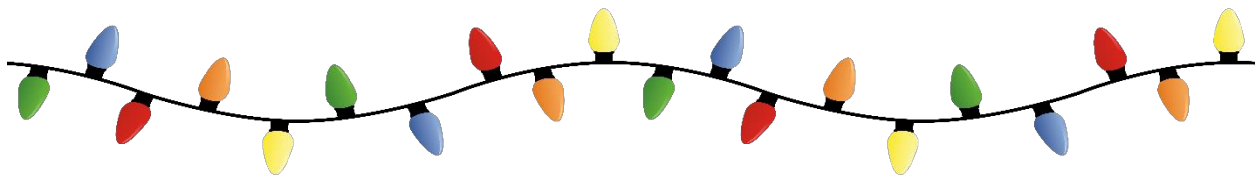
*Plan to **TAKE PART** in this much-anticipated annual event and have some festive fun, shopping from the comfort of your home as the Christmas season approaches.

*Watch for your email with **MINI CATALOGUE** showcasing several vendors from previous GSC craft fairs, plus a description of their wares and other pertinent information. The mini catalogue will be emailed to congregation members at both GSC and CMC so all can join in the fun!

***LET THE SHOPPING BEGIN!** After viewing the mini catalogue, if you are interested to check out an item and possibly make a purchase, you are invited to contact the vendor directly, engage with the vendor and request photos of an item. Your vendor will clearly state final cost, terms of payment and arrange pick-up or delivery--curbside, and contact-less wherever possible with both you and your vendor masked and 2-m physically distanced. Know that these vendors sincerely appreciate your business!

Though things look a little different this year, some things don't change. Like the true meaning of Christmas and why we celebrate the season. Think Advent, beeswax candles, Morning Star, twinkly lights, the gift of giving AND receiving... it's Christmas!

Jean Hergert
(403) 275-7961



GSC Virtual Christmas Craft Fair

November 1-30, 2020

YOUR MINI CATALOGUE

Time to get festive and check out these many creative and unique gift ideas. Enjoy shopping from the comfort of your own home. And treat yourself to something special this Christmas season too!



Mommy Sweat Shop

Sleep Masks - Made with cotton and a super soft, minky backing these come in two sizes. A smaller kids/youth size and a regular adult size. Great stocking stuffers, perfect for naps and are great for both kids and adults in the summer months when going to bed when it's lighter out can be hard. \$10 each

Hot/Cold Packs - Made from soft flannel, these come in two sizes and are good for injuries, warming fingers/toes and are just fun to play with. The mini size are perfect for inside mittens or heating boots before some outside fun. The regular size is great for sore muscles or injuries and warming up your toes in bed. Both sizes can also be kept in the freezer to be used as cold packs.

Minis 2 for \$4; Regular \$5

Embroidered Pillows - Small decorative pillows with inspirational words to spruce up any space. Pillows are made from linen in a variety of colours, and come in various shapes and sizes, find some words that speak to you! \$10 each

Baprons - A longer style bib that fits under the arms and ties in the back for secure wearing and extra coverage. They come in two sizes. Small fits approximately 6M-18M and large fits approximately 18M-4T. Made from cotton and have a soft flannel backing, wash and wear! Small \$10, Large \$12

Starbucks Cups - Reusable Starbucks hot cups that are customized with fun labels. Hand wash only for best longevity. Only a few on Erin's site currently but she is open to custom orders or multiples, upon request. \$10 each

www.facebook.com/MommySweatShop

Contact: Erin Buckingham mommysweatshop@gmail.com

- ✓ Please type **GSC Craft Fair** in your subject line
- ✓ Terms of Payment: Cash, e-Transfer
- ✓ Pick-up (NW or SW location available)

Faith Creations

Innovative Textile Gifts

- * Hand Knitted Hat and Scarf sets – *prices vary* depending on yarn; adult size average price \$35/set
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Contact: Cheryl Shea mavenshea@shaw.ca

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- ✓ Delivery; online orders Shipped Direct

Under the Bridge - Women's Clothing & Accessories; Eclectic Giftware

So many one-of-a-kind fashions and hidden treasures at UTB Specialty and Fashion Shop. GSC's own Ursula Wegen has regularly brought her delightful boutique experience directly to our craft fair, featuring the talent of local artisans. You are invited to visit Ursula's shop online at www.facebook.com/Underbridgefashions

Then: 1) Click PHOTOS; 2) click SHOP; 3) WAIT for photos to download; 4) CLICK directly on a photo of interest to enlarge image and see description displayed; 5) message via Facebook OR phone (403) 508-2033 OR email underbridge@shaw.ca – remember to use *GSC Craft Fair* in the subject line.

- ✓ Terms of Payment: e-Transfer; VISA, Mastercard; Debit (in-store only)
- ✓ Pick-up or Delivery

** Ursula is again donating 10% of pre-tax sales to Women's Fellowship Groups, divided equally between GSC and CMC. Thank you, Ursula!*

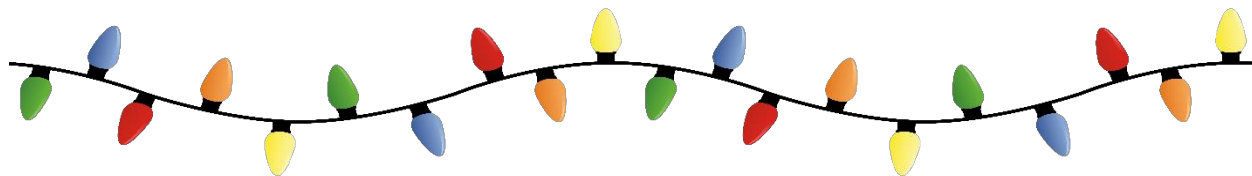
Living Books

Check out this wonderful variety of Christian publications and giftware with something for everyone, including books for adults and children, inspirational devotionals, Bibles, Christmas cards, cookbooks, CDs, children's activity books and much more. Great stocking stuffers including children's books that speak to the true meaning of Christmas and of course the beloved Berenstain Bear series, following the cubs as they learn valuable life lessons through the lens of scripture. Living Books is a Canadian company www.livingbooks.ca.

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HōKō Studios

Delightful, colorful art prints in various sizes, printed on high quality 100-lb. cover stock (\$5-\$10). These cute and detailed illustrations feature fanciful woodland characters, including the adorable bunch from Rain World. And add some fun to laptops, water bottles and notebooks with Eska's weather-resistant vinyl stickers (\$4-\$10). Clever, brightly colored pencil bags, suitable for your small device cables too. (\$20). <https://houkouart.tumblr.com/catalog>

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Scentsy

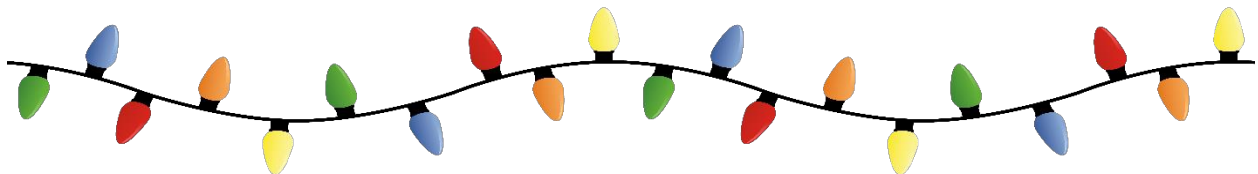
What better way to warm up your home this holiday season than with aromatic fragrances—plus some for those special people on your shopping list! Try Christmas Cottage in our Gingerbread Man Mini Warmer. Diffusers, oils, sprays and laundry products for your home and now personal care items like delicious Butter Pecan Sugar Scrub! Visit Allison's website to check out all the cozy delights and find your favorite NHL-themed warmer too!

www.allisonscents.scentsy.ca

Contact: Allison Nichol allisonscents@gmail.com

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- ✓ Terms of Payment: All Types
- ✓ Pick-up (daytime only, arranged night before) or Delivery; online orders Shipped Direct

** Allison is donating 10% of her craft fair pre-tax sales to GSC. Thank you, Allison!*



Exquisite Knitting, Sewing & Quilting by Dorothy

Quality, style and attention to detail all come together in these many attractive creations and unique gift ideas. Shopping for those on your gift list has never been easier and... why not treat yourself too?!

For those winter days ahead:

- * Knit Hats \$15
- * Knit Scarves \$15
- * Knit Cowls \$15

Beautifully stitched, pretty and practical too, these little gems will delight and surprise on Christmas morning! Made of 100% cotton and available in assorted colors and patterns. And just like snowflakes, no two are alike:

- * Assorted Face Masks \$5 (the *must-have* gift of 2020!)
- * Tissue Holders \$5
- * Mug Rugs \$5
- * Zippered What-Not Bags \$10
- * Burp Cloths for Baby \$10
- * Eyeglass Cases \$10
- * Pin Cushions \$10
- * Hot Bowl Cozy \$8

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Autism Awareness & Understanding – Show Your Support!

Do you have a child with autism or do you know of a child with autism? Together, Melodie and her younger, autistic son Enny have authored a real-life book series for children that addresses everyday situations and triumphs through the eyes of autistic Enny Bear. Check out these touching stories and join the movement to raise awareness and understanding about autism through creative T-shirts, bookmarks, keychains, mouse pads and more. www.ennyaautism.com

Also - beautiful soaps, bath bombs, candles and jewellery are for sale via www.blisscious.com —all proceeds help finance the work of Enny Autism.

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Pampered Chef

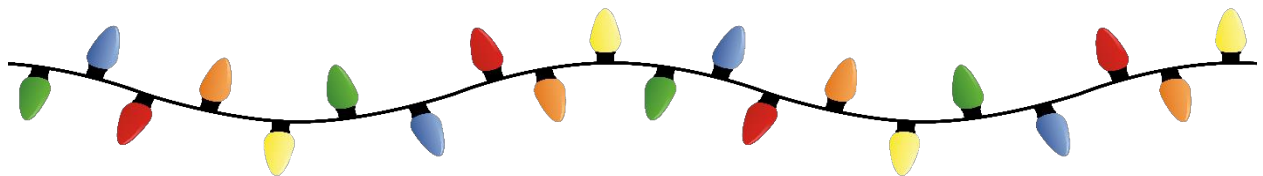
Basic kitchen tools, small appliances, stoneware, enameled cast iron... explore the endless possibilities with this impressive selection of everything needed for the well-stocked kitchen. With 40 years in business, Pampered Chef continues to lead the way with innovative and practical culinary solutions, plus the recently introduced dietary supplement, *Enrichables*. New this holiday season: the popular unglazed pizza stone (\$60), enameled cast iron baker (\$65), party pan and decorator set (\$85) and much more. View the full catalogue, including smartly priced stocking stuffers for under \$30: www.pamperedchef.ca/pws/kristinejeffels

Contact: Kristine Jeffels kjeffels4@gmail.com ; (403) 616-7388 phone/text

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