

CHRIST MORAVIAN CHURCH

In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love

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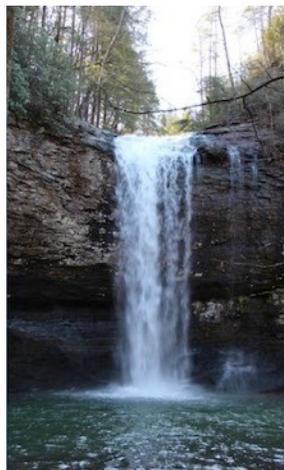
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Pastor's Summertime Note

Water! It's an essential for life. It doesn't take long in paging through Scripture to recognize that God's "fingerprints" upon life are saturated with the moistness of all sorts in waters of faith.

Beginning in mid-July we will touch on seven prominent themes of God's "Living Waters of Faith" offered in Scripture. In conjunction with this theme in worship, you are invited to receive one of the empty "water jars" available at church. And as you have a special holiday getaway, fill the jar with water from that special spot. It may be at the lake where you swim. It may be from the pump at the ol' family farm. It may be water from the river at your best fishing spot. It may be filled with water from Camp Van Es.



Jesus said
whoever
drinks the water
that I shall give him
will never thirst again.
It will become a well of water
springing up within him for eternal life
John 4:14

Then at the Kick-Off Sunday Worship (Sept. 9th) we will return our special water jars and pour them into the font, and celebrate the presence of God in the "Living Waters" which have been a part of our summertime.

Enjoy the summer. Return renewed. Splash in God's waters of faith!

Shalom,

Pastor Steve Gohdes

NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Events

Sundays

Bible Study: 9:00am
 Worship Service: 10:30 am
 Communion: 1st Sunday
 Noisy Offering: Last Sunday

July 2018

- 4 - 7 Junior Camp
- 8 - 14 Intermediate Camp
- 8 Stampede Sunday 1, 7th Heaven
- 11 Southwood Chapel, 9:45am
- 12 Canasta, 1 pm
- 15 Stampede Sunday II
- 15 - 21 Jr. High Camp
- 22 - 28 Sr. High Camp
- 26 Canasta, 1 pm

August 2018

- 8 - 9 Cardston Theatre Group
- 9 Canasta, 1 pm
- 23 Canasta, 1pm
- 25 Picnic at Tedrick Ranch, 1pm

Stampede Sunday

July 8, 10:30am



featuring **Marty Antonini and Seventh Heaven**

As one of the highlights of our church year, Stampede Sunday features music for the soul intertwined with scripture using a Stampede theme. A Stampede lunch will be served following the service,



Proceeds from the lunch will go to support a mission team from Christ Church heading to Labrador in August to conduct a Vacation Bible School in the Moravian community of Nain

Join Us and Bring a Friend!



The Plus 55 group invites everyone to join them for two days of musical theatre in Cardston, Alberta on Thursday August 8th and Friday, August 9th to enjoy the Tony Award winning plays, Newsies and Oklahoma. During the day on Friday, you may want to take in the sites around Cardston, including Waterton Lakes National Park or the Remington Carriage Museum.

Participants are required to book their own theatre tickets and accommodations, as well as make carpool arrangements. Accommodations at the South Country Inn are recommended. Book your hotel room before ordering theatre tickets as accommodations are limited. A sign up sheet is available in the foyer or contact the church office. All are welcome, including friends.

Theatre tickets can be booked at: www.thecarriagehousetheatre.com.



Church Picnic

Bob and Lil Tedrick have once again extended an invitation to join them for a potluck luncheon at their ranch near Millarville.

Plan to arrive early so that all of the food can be served at 1pm.

Games and activities such as volleyball, horseshoes, and beanbag toss will be held from 3-5 pm. At 5 pm we will gather for s'mores and a campfire sing-a-long. Don't forget your lawn chairs!



A map and signup sheet for food will be available at the front foyer or contact the church office.

NEWS & EVENTS

Board Briefs: The Executive Board at Christ Moravian welcomes its newest members, Bernard Amiot, Jody Gorai, Don Kawchuk and Cathie Queen. They join returning Board members, Alan Bartlett, David Bennett, Martin Driver, Donna Gordon, Roger Lohrey, Pat Holm and Rev. Gohdes.

Clergy are often considered the heart of the church while lay leaders are the pulse and blood that flows through it. A sign of a healthy and vital church is the strength of its lay leadership. We ask that you pray for our Board, as well as other church leaders, as they begin working together to serve God and our church family while overseeing the spiritual and operational aspects of church life at Christ Moravian.

We also invite interested members to join with the Board in serving on Committees, such as Outreach & Mission, Church Operations and Congregational Nurture. If you are interested in serving on these committees, please speak with Pastor Gohdes or Board Chair Alan Bartlett.

Mission to Nain, Labrador



In August members of Christ Moravian Church will travel to Nain, Labrador as we seek to build relationships with our Moravian brothers and sisters living in this isolated Inuit community. Nain has a population of around 1,125, almost half of them under the age of 30. It is a close-knit community, most of whom are Inuit or descended from Moravian missionaries who for almost 250 years lived alongside and intermarried local Inuit. Like many other Native communities in the far north, Nain is plagued with a litany of social ills that have resulted from years of colonization. Alcohol abuse, suicide and child welfare issues touch many of the families.

In 2016, Marilyn Gurnsey had the opportunity to meet Sarah Leo, a member of the Moravian Church in Nain. Sarah had travelled to Calgary as a chaperone with a high school student from Nain coming to experience Camp VanEs. Sarah told Marilyn that the Moravian Church in Nain was having difficulty connecting with their youth. There was no Sunday School and the Vacation Bible School that was offered by a Pentecostal group spoke only of damnation and not of God's enduring love. Because this type of teaching frightened the children, Marilyn, a longtime counsellor at Camp VanEs, was inspired to travel to Nain with a group from Christ Church to teach the children from the Moravian philosophy, "In All Things, Love".

The logistics of this mission have required extensive planning and consultation due the difficulties of travel and sensitivity to cultural differences. Led by the pragmatic Marilyn Gurnsey, the team will take along supplies to leave behind for future programs as it is difficult and costly to obtain such items in Nain. Four folks from Labrador will travel to Camp VanEs in July to work with Marilyn and her team at the Intermediate Camp and take part in planning the program to take place in Nain. The soon to be finalized mission team is looking forward to providing a VanEs-like experience for our Moravian brothers and sisters in Nain.

You can participate by joining us for the Stampede Sunday BBQ and Fundraiser on July 8 and by contributing financially to the success of this mission. We are also in need of crafters to make lambs to for the children in Nain. Watch for an announcement of the "work bee" to make these fluffy little treasures.

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SCRIPTURE AND WORSHIP

July 1

[Lamentations 3:22-33](#)
[Psalm 30](#)
[2 Corinthians 8:7-15](#)
[Mark 5:21-43](#)

July 8

[Ezekiel 2:1-5](#)
[Psalm 123](#)
[2 Corinthians 12:2-10](#)
[Mark 6:1-13](#)

July 15

[Amos 7:7-15](#)
[Psalm 85:8-13](#)
[Ephesians 1:3-14](#)
[Mark 6:14-29](#)

July 22

[Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)
[Psalm 23](#)
[Ephesians 2:11-22](#)
[Mark 6:30-34, 53-56](#)

July 29

[2 Kings 4:42-44](#)
[Psalm 145:10-18](#)
[Ephesians 3:14-21](#)
[John 6:1-21](#)

August 5

[Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15](#)
[Psalm 78:23-29](#)
[Ephesians 4:1-16](#)
[John 6:24-35](#)

August 12

[1 Kings 19:4-8](#)
[Psalm 34:1-8](#)
[Ephesians 4:25-5:2](#)
[John 6:35, 41-51](#)

August 19

[Proverbs 9:1-6](#)
[Psalm 34:9-14](#)
[Ephesians 5:15-20](#)
[John 6:51-58](#)

August 26

[Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18](#)
[Psalm 34:15-22](#)
[Ephesians 6:10-20](#)
[John 6:56-69](#)

WORSHIP THEMES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- July 1** Canada Day brings us together as One Community
Worship Voice: The Rev. Michael Ward
- July 8** Stampede Sunday with Marty Antonini and 7th Heaven
Scripture and Music for the Soul; BBQ Brunch
- July 15** A Second Stampede Service
Special music from Marty Antonini and friends.
- July 22** A seven part series begins... **Living Waters of Faith**
Waters of Promise - Noah's Ark
Kathy Peppers, Accompanist
- July 29** Second Sunday of *Living Waters of Faith*
Waters of Stillness - Psalm 23
Kathy Peppers, Accompanist
July Birthday Sunday/ Noisy Offering
- August 5** Third Sunday of *Living Waters of Faith*
Calling Waters- Jonah and the Whale
Holy Communion
- August 12** Fourth Sunday of *Living Waters of Faith*
Waters of Love - Jesus' Baptism
- August 19** 13th Sunday of Pentecost
Worship Voice: The Rev. Mike Jones
- August 26** Fifth Sunday of *Living Waters of Faith*
Waters of Peace - Jesus Stills the Storm
August Birthday Sunday/ Noisy Offering
- September 2** Sixth Sunday of *Living Waters of Faith*
Healing Waters - Jesus Heals the Blind Man
Holy Communion
- September 9** KICK-OFF SUNDAY, Last Sunday of *Living Waters*
Waters of Life - Samaritan Woman at the Well
Everyone is invited to bring their water from their "source"



MORAVIAN MISSION MOMENT

History of Moravians in Labrador

Originally known as the Unitas Fratrum (Unity of Brethren), the Moravian Church traces its roots to 15th century central Europe, in what is now the Czech Republic. A Protestant episcopal church, it suffered severe persecution during the 17th century. However, in the 1720s a number of families which had continued the church's original traditions were given refuge in Saxony by Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf. Here, at a new community named Herrnhut, the Unitas Fratrum was renewed and revived. In the process it merged its older practices with Zinzendorf's Lutheran Pietism. Under his leadership, Moravian influence spread across Protestant Europe.

It was Count Zinzendorf who turned the renewed Moravians into a missionary church. Through his connections at the Danish court, the first Moravian missionaries went to the Danish possessions of St Thomas in the West Indies (1732), and Greenland (1733). Twenty years later, working with the understanding that the Labrador Inuit spoke the same language as the Greenlanders, a group of Moravians from London, England funded a trading and missionary voyage to the Labrador coast.



A mission house was built at Nisbett's Harbour, but the expedition ended in tragedy when its leader, Johann Christian Ehrhardt, and six companions, were killed by Inuit. The idea of a Labrador mission was taken over by another Moravian, Jens Haven. After the end of the Seven Years War in 1763, Haven met the governor of Newfoundland, Sir Hugh Palliser, who believed that the Moravians might be very useful in putting an end to the Inuit's frequent raids on European fishing stations in southern Labrador. In 1771, with permission to "occupy and possess 100,000 acres at Esquimaux Bay," Jens Haven and thirteen other English and German missionaries established their first settlement at Nain.

Two more stations were soon erected: to the north at Okak in 1776, and to the south at Hopedale in 1782. Each station consisted of a communal dwelling house, a church, a trading store, and various outbuildings. The annual visit each August of the supply and trade vessel – usually named Harmony – was the only link with the outside world.

The initial years of the mission were difficult but by the early 19th century the conversion of the local Inuit was essentially complete. During the 1800s there were 30 to 40 missionaries on the coast at any one time, most of them German. All had learned Inuktitut, which was the language used in church and school, and they usually remained in Labrador for long periods of time, with some of the men eventually marrying Inuit women. The mission expanded over the century, establishing an important station further north at Hebron in 1830. The largely settler community of Makkovik received a mission in 1896.



Moravians in Labrador, cont'd

For a long time, the Inuit people continued to live in dispersed settlements from late spring to late fall while leading a more sedentary existence around the mission station between Advent and Easter. The relatively settled life of the winter months enabled them to participate more actively in church events and schooling for their children.

Labrador Moravians worship with a great sense of celebration and music. As in other Moravian missions, music was central to both worship and community life. The Inuit were taught in their own language, and instruction included the singing of chorales (of which some 200, in the original German, have been preserved in manuscript at Nain). Chorale texts were used for practice in reading and writing. At weekly 'singing meetings,' an Inuit equivalent of Zinzendorf's Singstunde, a Bible lesson was contemplated solely through the singing of related hymn verses. A harmonium was brought to Nain in 1828 and string and brass instruments soon followed.

Inuit church leadership, male and female, was made up of "chapel servants" or "helpers," who took care of the external church work and assisted the minister in the spiritual work of the congregation. In the second half of the nineteenth century, Labrador settlers joined the Moravian church as it responded to the spiritual needs of the visiting Newfoundland schooner people.

Significant challenges came with the twentieth century. The station at Okak was closed in 1919, its population decimated by the Spanish influenza epidemic ironically introduced by the annual visit of the Harmony that year. After World War II, the Labrador church headquarters moved from Nain to the flourishing community of Happy Valley. After Newfoundland's entry into Canadian Confederation in 1949, the provincial government took over the Moravian schools, changing the language of instruction from Inuktitut to English. In a highly controversial move, the community of Hebron was closed in 1959 and its population moved to the remaining settlements.



Church Building in Nain

Today there are active Moravian congregations in Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik, and Happy Valley, with the first two being principally Inuit congregations. Of the 2,500 Labrador Inuit living on the north coast, approximately 2,000 identify themselves as Moravians; the number of adherents is dramatically smaller. Rev. Beatrice Hope is the only ordained Moravian Pastor in Labrador, serving the community of Happy Valley. The remaining congregations continue to operate under the leadership of Chapel Servants.

Musical traditions established by the early Moravian missionaries continue to be important. As the missionary influence declined in the 20th century, musical skills are now taught amongst each other. On important liturgical occasions the band parades outdoors, its instruments wrapped in cotton duffel while at church services the choir leads in the singing of chorales and performs a liturgically prescribed repertoire of anthems drawn from Inuit translations of 18th and 19th century German church music.

Many of the original Moravian mission buildings are still in use and have been declared heritage buildings for their aesthetic, historical and cultural value.

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