

Christ Moravian Church

Congregational Newsletter for the weekend of November 28th, 2021

Christ Church Watchword for the Year 2021 Psalm 42:1

"As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God."



Moravian Daily Text Watchword for the Week:

*Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."
Luke 21:33*

The First Sunday of Advent: "Making Room for Christ's Hope"

Dear Friends in Christ:

In preparation for this Advent season as we consider ways to make room for God's Son, Jesus Christ, I turned to one of my favourite resources and found this devotional reading from Ann Barr Weems, entitled "In Search of our Kneeling Places".

*In each heart lies a Bethlehem,
an inn where we must ultimately answer
whether there is room or not.
When we are Bethlehem-bound
we experience our own advent in his.
When we are Bethlehem-bound
we can no longer look the other way
conveniently not seeing stars
not hearing angel voices.
We can no longer excuse ourselves by busily
tending our sheep or our kingdoms.*

*This Advent let's go to Bethlehem
and see this thing that the Lord has made known to us.
In the midst of shopping sprees
let's ponder in our hearts the Gift of Gifts.
Through the tinsel
let's look for the gold of the Christmas Star.
In the excitement and confusion, in the merry chaos,
let's listen for the brush of angels' wings.
This Advent, let's go to Bethlehem
and find our kneeling places.*

Each week in our Advent season, may we find a kneeling moment, a kneeling time, a kneeling heart that creates the room in our lives for God's Son, Jesus.

Advent blessings of hope, peace, joy and love,
Pastor Steve Gohdes

Upcoming Events

**Watch for
"Some Good News"
During Advent.....**

**Saturday
December 4th:
Men's Group
meets at 8:30 am
via Zoom**

**Sunday
December 5th:
"Bible Buddies"
meet at 8:30 am
via Zoom**

Zoom details for this Bible Study Class are on the Events page of your e-mail.

Anyone who may be interested in joining the group, please speak with Barb Ward.

For more information, visit our website @
www.christmoravian.com



Mandatory Restrictions for Places of Worship:

- Capacity limited to 1/3 fire code occupancy.
 - Masks are mandatory.
- 2 metres physical distancing between households, or 2 close contacts for those living alone.

Advent and Christmas Plans and Opportunities!

Moravian Prayer Watch

Around the World-wide Moravian Church, each congregation is invited to pause in prayer on a specific day to continue the Moravian Prayer Watch. Friday, December 3 is the day selected for CMC to join in this prayer watch. Please see the detailed and lengthy attachment that invites each of us to pause in prayer for the many special concerns and joys of the World-Wide Moravian Church's ministry in Christ's name and spirit.

Women's Fellowship

On December 1st at 10:00 am the Women's Fellowship Group of the church will be decorating the beeswax candles for the Christmas Eve worship service. You're invited to come and help us do this needed task for our church . Please contact Pat Wollf to reserve your spot for this craft day. We plan to finish 300 candles in one day so bring a snack, coffee and tea will be provided.

Beeswax Christmas Candle Distribution

Recognizing many will experience the Christmas Eve service online this year, you're invited to pick up your Moravian Beeswax Candle at the church . They will be available for pick up from December 6th – December 20th at the church between 9:00 am and noon. As well, Envelope Steward Ken Schultz will also have your 2022 envelopes ready for pick up.

Bread for the Journey

The latest edition has arrived. If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy, call the office or pick one up at the church.

Envelope Update:

As of October 31st we have received \$140,995 and our budget for envelope giving at that date is \$159,500.

Ken Schultz, Envelope Steward

Worship Assistance Needed!

As we carefully gather for "In Person" worship, assistance is now needed.

- **Greeter/Host/Usher** - Holly Heffernan is coordinating the welcome hosts who will monitor the health issues for worship. Please contact her to volunteer.
- **Audio/Visual/Tech Support** - CMC invites tech minded folks to assist with the A/V support. Orientation and Training will be offered. Speak with Pastor Steve to join this team.

Weekly Reminders...

- Please know that you may contact the church office for any needs that may arise. Feel free to phone (403-271-2700) to speak with us or leave a message, or contact the church office by e-mail at moravian@nucleus.com.
- **If you require assistance in getting to an Influenza or COVID-19 vaccine appointment, please call the office.**
- Cash and food donations for the Acadia Food Pantry are most appreciated. Food items may be dropped off at the church and placed in the blue bin by the side door. Contact Donna Gordon if you would like to volunteer.
- Indranie Perera continues to receive recycling for support of Sri Lanka. She wishes to express sincere thanks to all who contribute to this worthwhile cause.

Jesus Is Coming Again

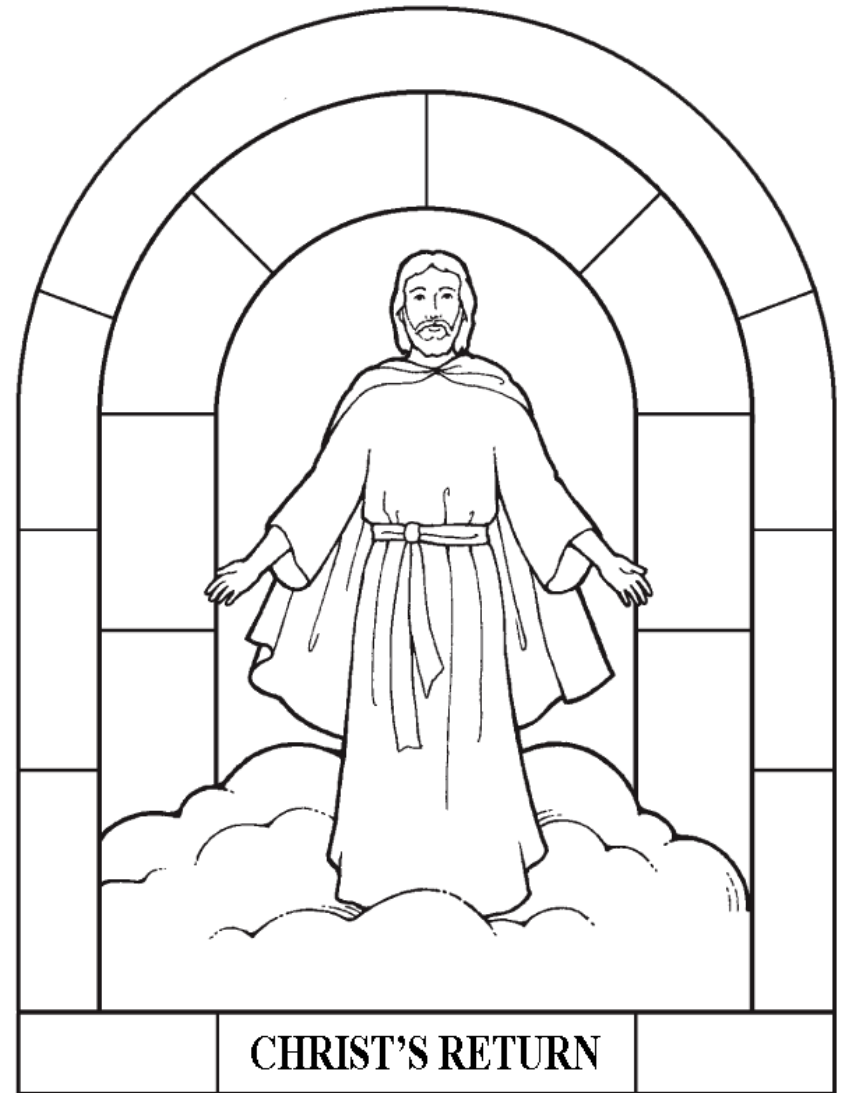
Luke 21:25-36

Word Search Puzzle

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CAREFUL	GLORY	MOON	REDEMPTION	STARS
CLOUD	HEADS	NATIONS	SEA	SUN
EARTH	HEAVEN	POWER	SIGNS	WATCH
ESCAPE	LIFT	PRAY	STAND	WORLD

Christ Moravian Church
Calgary, Alberta



"Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory."

Luke 21:27

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

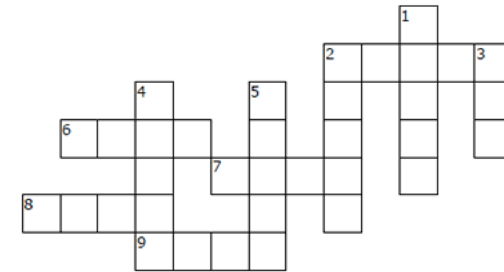
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- 3-26-1-24 _____
- 25-14-15-26-24 _____
- 8-18-25-19-8 _____
- 21-1-12-9-2 _____
- 14-18-13-12 _____
- 9-1-26-6-13-17-14 _____

GLORY	CAREFUL	HEADS	WATCH
PRAY	CLOUDS	LIFT	SIGNS



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Twinkling points of light in the sky at night
- To make a request to God
- The large heavenly body visible in the night sky
- To raise from a lower to a higher position
- The part of the body containing the brain, eyes, ears, nose, mouth

DOWN

- To observe very carefully
- To rise to an upright position on your feet
- The earth's source of heat and light
- The planet on which we live
- Large, white, fluffy things floating in the sky

PRAY	STARS	EARTH	STAND	MOON
WATCH	CLOUD	LIFT	HEAD	SUN



Focus on Jeremiah 33:14–16

WHAT is important to know? — From “Exegetical Perspective,” Angela Bauer-Levesque

Opening with a formula typical of salvation oracles, “the days are surely coming,” verse 14 introduces divine first-person speech. God is assuring the audience that God will fulfill “the promise,” literally “the good word” with a definite article—not “a” promise, one of many, but a particular one made to both the house of Israel and the house of Judah. Harkening back to Jeremiah 23:5–6, another eschatological interlude, verse 15 reiterates what was promised there, namely, that God will birth a “righteous” (*tsedaqah*) offspring of the Davidic monarchy, who will act in ways that will promote “justice and righteousness” (*mishpat* and *tsedaqah*).

WHERE is God in these words? — From “Theological Perspective,” Jennifer Ryan Ayres

Here we meet the God who promises to protect and restore the people, even as they are in the midst of great suffering and at the edge of despair. It is in precisely this context that God speaks the promise, and it is in precisely this context that despair opens the door to creativity and hope. Calvin acknowledged that the promises of God seem to disappear, but that with faith and patience, we look forward to their fulfillment.

SO WHAT does this mean for our lives?— From “Pastoral Perspective,” Deborah A. Block

This text insists that covenantal life in all its expressions is characterized by justice and righteousness, allowing no dichotomy of “prophetic” and “pastoral.” Life together is to embody the nature of God, “The LORD is our righteousness.” Jeremiah uses the name first for a promised person (23:6) and again here, intentionally, for a promised place (33:16). The vision of the time to come impugns the time at hand. What leader and what community could claim “The LORD is our righteousness”? The promise challenges our reality, and drives a reappropriation of “righteousness.” The word is uncommon, if not pejorative, in common parlance and unwelcome in the lexicon of many faithful because of its frequent companionship with “self.”

NOW WHAT is God’s word calling us to do? — From “Homiletical Perspective,” Gary W. Charles

As I listen to the cries of Jeremiah throughout the scope of his prophecy, I long for the day that is surely coming when God’s future will be a reality beyond the violent boastings of the ruling Babylon of the day. I long for the day that is surely coming when in God’s future the poor are not sent to shelters or forced to sleep on the streets. I long for the day that is surely coming when God’s future has no space for violence, when we will stop producing body bags—because there are no dead soldiers to fill them. I long for the day that is surely coming when God’s future affords no room for rancor, a day when our world is no longer torn asunder by racism and sexism and homophobia.

November 28, 2021
Fulfilling Promises

Adult
Resource Sheet 2

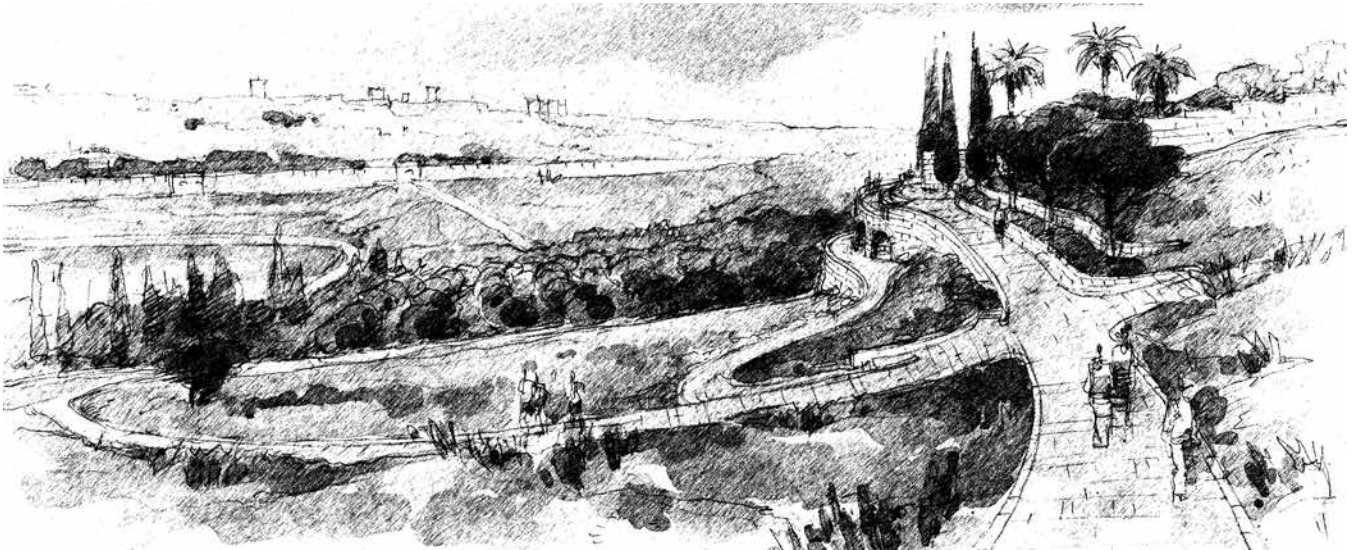
Jeremiah's Context

Before Jeremiah's prophetic ministry, the nation of Israel was split into northern Israel and southern Judah. Jerusalem remained the capital in Judah. Shortly after the split, Israel fell to Assyria. Jeremiah was a prophet in Judah, which was eventually conquered by Babylon and many of its leaders exiled.

The book of Jeremiah contains a mix of historical material regarding the changes and challenges God's people faced before and during Judah's fall to Babylon. Jeremiah was a frustrated prophet who often complained that his message fell on deaf ears and his work was for naught. He warned that the sinfulness and injustice of God's people would result in punishment by God. He interpreted the Babylonian invasion, the destruction of the Jerusalem temple, and the exportation of the people to Babylon as consequences of turning away from God.

Questions plagued the people while in exile in Babylon. Had God abandoned them? Would God remain faithful to the promise to be their God? How could they show their faithfulness to God after having been removed from the land God gave to them? Was there hope of ever returning home to Jerusalem? Of rebuilding the temple?

In the middle of the book are four chapters, called the "Little Book of Comfort/Consolation." The tone of these chapters turns from struggle and lament to prophetic messages of promise and hope. In chapters 30–33, Jeremiah's readers find comfort to sustain them during a desolate period in their history.





Spiritual Programs & Worship Focus November - December 2021

Sunday Worship Focus

Sunday Worship Services are evolving as the combination of “In-Person” and Video Service worship is offered. The average In-Person attendance is now at 35, with the maximum limited to 50, and the views per video service are averaging 70 per week.

Advent

November 28th will begin the Advent Season, and the four Sundays will use the theme “Making Room”. Each week will touch on the four traditional Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, and include special music, word, and voice to invite us to “Make Room” for Christ’s birth in our lives.

Special Announcement: Some Good News will air the four weeks of Advent.

A Blue Season Service of Prayer, Hope, and Healing Wednesday December 15th @ 7:00 pm (by registration)

There is a part of the Christmas season that is difficult for many. It’s realizing the loss, the grief, the stress, the brokenness, more profoundly because of the holiday atmosphere around. This simple service will invite us to come and pray, reflect on Scripture, to know God’s presence in music and in silence.

E-mail the office moravian@nucleus.com, or call 403-271-2700 to register.

Early Christmas Eve Service

On December 10th at 7:00 pm CMC will record a Christmas Eve service with the traditional candlelight, music, message, and readings. Special Music is being arranged along with the Morning Star soloist. The candlelight service will be videotaped with 50 registered participants in the sanctuary. Steve Blackwell will edit the video and make it available on our regular links on December 24th.

E-mail the office moravian@nucleus.com, or call 403-271-2700 to register.

“In-Person” Christmas Eve Service, December 24th @ 7:00 pm

We will begin registering 70 participants {the balcony, fireside room and full sanctuary will be used} for an “In-Person” Christmas Eve Service. Again, the traditional experiences of carols, readings, special music, and the Morning Star solo will be included. Registration for this will begin on December 1st, and if the registration goes over 70 by December 15th, a second service at 9:00 pm will be added.

NO IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED ON DECEMBER 26th!
The pre-recorded service from December 24th, 2020 will be available this weekend.

Sunday Worship Services will begin again on January 2nd, 2022



Blessed
TO BE A
Blessing
GIVING AT
CHRISTMAS

At Advent and Christmas, we celebrate God's gift of love through his son, Jesus Christ. It is a time when we experience the light of God's great love and count our blessings. This Advent Season you are invited to let God's love shine through you and bless others by participating in any or all of the following giving opportunities:

Ahuas Advent Calendar: Celebrate the 75th Anniversary the Moravian Clinic in Ahuas, Honduras by counting down the days from the beginning of Advent to Christmas. Each day brings you an opportunity to count your blessings as you read a new message of life at the clinic that serves rural indigenous patients who otherwise would not receive proper medical care. On Christmas Day, you add up your blessings and then bless others by donating to the clinic. The Advent calendar is attached to this email, or you may pick up a hard copy at the church. Pastor Matt will also be posting the daily messages on the CMC Facebook page.

Mustard Seed: CMC will continue its support of the Mustard Seed as it provides hope and encouragement as well as warm meals and a safe place to sleep for those experiencing homelessness and poverty. Mustard Seed no longer has need for stockings as we have prepared in the past, preferring to receive backpacks or loose items. Please refer to the attached document for details and watch for upcoming news about handwritten notes and cards to accompany donations.

Christmas Offerings: Christmas is a time when many of us throw a few more dollars into the offering plate. In normal times, CMC has been fortunate to receive large sums of loose offerings on Christmas Eve. Traditionally, these offerings have been split equally between a local and global mission project. In 2021, the Moravian Clinic in Ahuas has been selected to receive the global portion of this offering in recognition of its 75th Anniversary. The Calgary Food Bank has been selected as the local project as it endeavours to feed an increasing number of people who are unable to provide enough food for themselves and their children. If you plan to make an extra donation to CMC this Christmas and wish to have your donation go to these projects, please be sure to mark the donation, "Christmas Missions".

*Merry
Christmas*



Mustard Seed Christmas Season Giving December 5 – 20, 2021




The Mustard Seed provides hope and encouragement as well as warm meals and a safe place to sleep for those who are experiencing homelessness and poverty. As the cold weather is upon us, the demand for their services increases. For many years CMC supported the Mustard Seed at Christmas by participating in “Warm Feet for the Street” and preparing stockings filled with items to meet the daily needs of Mustard Seed clients. This program has been discontinued, but we at CMC would like to continue to be an example of Jesus’ love by providing support for Mustard Seed in other ways.

There are three options to participate:

1. Make a financial donation directly to the Mustard Seed at <https://giving.theseed.ca/donate-details/>
2. Fill a backpack with a variety of items from the list below.
3. Bring in loose items from the list below to be used by the Mustard Seed at their discretion.
4. Write a note of encouragement and inspiration. (More about this to come.)

Backpacks and loose items may be dropped off at the church most weekday mornings, or when you come to Sunday Worship. A large bin will be placed at the front of the sanctuary to collect loose items. If you build a backpack, please indicate if it is for a male or female. The final day to receive these items at the church will be Monday, December 20th. If you require someone to pick up your donation, please contact the church office.

Adult Male or Female * Urgent	Children’s Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel-size shampoo* • Disposable razors* • Travel size shaving cream* • Travel shampoo* • Deodorant (men’s)* • New underwear • Warm gloves* • Warm hat or toque* • New socks* • Jogging pants* • Ear buds • Nail clippers • Lip balm/skin cream • Travel-size tissues • \$10 Tim Hortons or McDonald’s gift cards • Transit tickets • Travel size first-aid kit • Travel mug (not ceramic) • Crossword/word game/ puzzle books • Flash light or book light • Cell Phone Multi Charging Cable • Backpacks 	<p style="text-align: center;">Mustard Seed Neighbour Centre in Marlborough needs children’s items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diapers (any size) • Winter jackets • Boots • Toques • Warm gloves/mittens <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Leave all items unwrapped.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please DO NOT INCLUDE: Food items or anything with an alcohol base (mouthwash, perfume, hand sanitizer).</p>



2021 ADVENT CALENDAR TO SUPPORT THE AHUAS CLINIC IN HONDURAS CLÍNICA EVANGÉLICA MORAVA

*** An Advent that Makes a Difference ***

*** Counting Your Blessings So that You Can Support Life-Saving Efforts ***



To receive daily email prompts for this Advent calendar, please email

sylvie@moravianmission.org and include "Advent calendar" in the subject line.

To receive daily text prompts for this Advent calendar, please text +1 (920)495-8995 and include "Advent calendar" in the text.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for daily updates there!

How Can Counting Your Blessings Help Others?

We are blessed more than we realize because rarely do we pause to count the blessings. Day by day, as you follow this Advent calendar, you will be given an opportunity to count many of your blessings. But rather than leave it there, this Advent, we seek to allow our blessings to bless others. Either by yourself or with others, decide how much you would like to donate for each of your blessings to help the Board of World Mission support the medical mission-work being done at the Clínica Evangélica Morava in Ahuas, Honduras, as they celebrate 75 years of blessing others. You may not have some of the blessings listed for one day but be aware that you may count many blessings for other days. Find a jar to collect a penny or a nickel for each of these blessings? Perhaps you can afford to give more. If coins are in short supply around your home, you can use the tally card sheet found at the end of this file to help you with this process. Cut the tally cards off the sheet each day, make note of your blessing, and place it in the jar. At the end of Advent, December 24, we will invite you to total up your blessing count and make that a donation to the Board of World Mission's work. We would count it a blessing to share your blessings with the medical team in Ahuas.

Sunday, November 28 – First Sunday of Advent

- Many people are homeless and go without shelter every day. In Matthew 25:35, Jesus said, "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." In November 2020, twin hurricanes devastated Central America. Twelve months later, some families are still living in storm-damaged homes without complete roofs or four walls. Count your blessings if you have a roof over your head that keeps you dry and warm.

Monday, November 29

- Jesus fed over 5,000 hungry people by multiplying what little could be found. In Matthew 25:35, Jesus said, "I was hungry, and you gave me food." While most of us have access to regular meals, the Clínica Evangélica Morava coordinates three sites through its Infant Feeding Program, which provides meals to approximately 125 children every day. This outreach prevents malnutrition, slow physical maturation, and arrested mental growth during crucial periods of early childhood development. Count your blessings for each meal shared in your home today?

Tuesday, November 30

- A comfortable bed in which to find rest is truly a blessing. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus hosted Jesus and the Disciples in their home in Bethany during Jesus' final days, giving them a place to rest. In Matthew 25:35, Jesus said, "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." One family in the village of Krupunata includes fourteen children who sleep with their parents in two bedrooms on three beds and the floor. The North American custom of providing a single bed for each child is seldom seen in a population that has large families but cannot afford to build beds or buy mattresses for each person. Count your blessings for each bed in your home. Pay double for regularly unused beds.

Wednesday, December 1

- Children in many developing countries walk to school daily without shoes. Think of the difference this simple article of clothing can mean to help make life more bearable. In Matthew 25:36, Jesus said, "I was naked, and you gave me clothing." Count your blessings for each pair of shoes in your home.

Thursday, December 2

- Being able to get where you want to be, when you want to be there, is a blessing we often take for granted. In Luke chapter 10, Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan who found a recently attacked man on the road's side. The Samaritan bound up the man's wounds, placed him on his donkey, and took him to an Inn where he could find care. In an area without a developed network of roads, vehicles are a luxury available only to a few more affluent residents of La Mosquitia.

Patients come to the Moravian hospital in Ahuas either by plane or boat, crossing lagoons or moving down rivers, with only the last two miles accessible by the few trucks in Ahuas. Frequently, critically ill patients are forced to travel for hours in all kinds of weather to access the medical services at the Clínica Evangélica Morava. Count your blessings for each vehicle to which the drivers in your household have access. If you have more vehicles than you have drivers, pay double for each additional vehicle.

Friday, December 3

- Canned food gives most of us easy access to food that can sit on our shelves for months and is ready for us to use at a moment's notice. Because of weight and shipping costs, these cans of food are not often found in developing countries. Matthew 25:35, Jesus said, "I was hungry, and you gave me food." Count your blessings for each can of food on your shelves.

Saturday, December 4

- The homeless have no access to kitchen appliances, and many families in developing countries cook over an open fire. Matthew 25:35, Jesus said, "I was hungry, and you gave me food." Very few people in Honduras' La Mosquitia have the luxury of a gas stove. Most still cook on a clay stove (*kubus*) made by the women of the household. Efforts to replace the traditional stoves with metal ones with chimneys are intended to reduce the whole family's exposure (especially the predominantly female cooks) to the harmful effects of smoke inhalation. Those programs have not yet enjoyed widespread success. Count your blessings for each kitchen appliance used to cook your food (i.e., stove, oven, microwave, grill, waffle iron, crockpot, etc.).

Sunday, December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent

- Education has long been a foundational part of the Moravian mission effort. The school is often the first building erected after the worship space is complete in many of our mission areas. In many parts of the world, schools are not easily accessible to families keeping them trapped in a cycle of poverty. Count your blessings if the children in your neighborhood have access to schools.

Monday, December 6

- Winter spells the beginning of the cold weather months here in North America. Our homeless poor are often found out in the elements 24 hours a day with little to protect them from inclement conditions. Jesus, in Luke 3:11, instructs us that if we have two coats, we should give one away. Count your blessings for every coat in your home.

Tuesday, December 7

- Clean water is essential for health and hygiene and a blessing that we can easily forget to count. Jesus, in Mark 9:41, encourages us to share a cup of cold water whenever we can as an act of compassion. In Matthew 25:35, Jesus said, "I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink." In Ahuas and the surrounding area, drinking water typically comes from rivers, lagoons, or shallow wells where the liquid often has the color of coffee. Intestinal parasites associated with contaminated drinking water contribute to malnutrition and disease for the whole population, especially children. Count your blessings for every place in your home from which you can get clean water (i.e., faucets, showerheads, perhaps even your refrigerator door).

Wednesday, December 8

- Jesus is a light that shines in the darkness. Our Moravian Advent stars give evidence of this when they glow from our porches or front windows on a dark night. Our world needs this light right now. A majority of Mískito households do not have access to electricity, so candles, cooking fires, and more recently, for those who can afford them, flashlights provide illumination. In the absence of electricity, people routinely get up with the sunrise and go to bed soon after sunset. Count your blessings for every light bulb in use in your home today.

Thursday, December 9

- Jesus is often referred to as the great physician because he cured mental and physical illnesses in the Gospels' pages. Doctors are a vital component of the healing that we experience in our lives today. Can you help the Board of World Mission supply medicine, medical equipment, and supplies to people who need healing? Medicine, medical professionals, and the care they supply are simply not available to many persons in La Mosquitia. Simple over-the-counter medicines like aspirin cannot be found in some of the smaller, more remote communities. The Clínica Evangélica Morava, one of only two regional hospitals, has three doctors, seven nurses, support personnel, a pharmacy, x-ray, ultrasound, lab, OR, exam rooms, and twenty in-patient beds. For 75 years, it has been curing illnesses, saving lives, and winning souls for the Lamb. Count your blessings for the number of doctors you have seen in the last year.

Friday, December 10

- While we can attest that spending power does not equal happiness, we must admit that the convenience of credit cards allows us great freedom to purchase things with ease. Many people in the world could not imagine what this convenience could offer them. Count your blessings for the number of credit cards to which your household has access.

Saturday, December 11

- Have you ever seen a yard that needed to be mowed in a picture from a developing country? Now think of the money that many North American homeowners spend on keeping our yards looking neat and trimmed. For most Honduran Moravians, the only lawn care implement owned is the same machete used to split firewood, cut up meat, prepare coconuts, harvest sugar cane, or get yucca ready for the cookstove. For families that typically struggle to provide for such basics as food and shelter, spending money on lawn care is seldom a high priority. Grass and weeds are kept short to reduce the number of insects and snakes, but no one owns a lawnmower, lawn tractor, or similar piece of equipment. Count your blessings for the number of power tools you own to care for your lawn (i.e., lawnmowers, trimmers, etc.).

Sunday, December 12 – The Third Sunday of Advent

- While we claim to be busy people here in North America, the average person watches over three hours of television a day. While TVs have become more and more present in developing countries, many have limited access to them. Count your blessings for every TV in your household.

Monday, December 13

- Just 25 years ago, cell phones seemed like a dream for most of us - no longer. We have them for safety as well as convenience and entertainment. Because of wireless technology, cell phones could help to improve communication all over the world. Count your blessings for every cell phone in your home.

Tuesday, December 14

- During this pandemic, with the number of people working from home (including the BWM staff), computers have become essential for doing work. However, many people have no hope of being able to afford either the hardware or the connectivity. Even for the Moravian hospital in Ahuas, computers, access to the internet, and connecting to reliable phone service are constant concerns and IT services are unavailable. Students long to learn how to use computers, but lack of electricity and the high price means that computers are still out of reach for the vast majority of Mískitos. Count your blessings for the number of computers in your home (i.e., notebook, iPad, laptop, or desktop).

Wednesday, December 15

- Healthy teeth and gums are an essential component for good overall health. But many people either can't afford regular Dentist visits or do not have access to one. The Moravian Hospital in Ahuas has been blessed in recent years by generous North American dental crews that come

annually to assist with dental care. However, the ability to purchase even basic supplies like toothpaste and toothbrushes is limited by a lack of financial resources and the simple fact that those products are not available in many small communities. Visiting dentists can often do little more than pulling rotten teeth. Count your blessings if you can see a dentist regularly.

Thursday, December 16

- Having access to affordable health insurance improves one's chances of seeing a doctor for preventative care and sick visits. Even here in North America, many people cannot afford insurance, and this is not an option in many other parts of the world. In Matthew 25:36, Jesus said, "I was sick, and you took care of me." Private health insurance does not exist in Honduras' La Mosquitia. National health insurance is available to some professionals, but only in the larger cities. Most patients seen at the Clínica Evangélica Morava live outside of the cash economy and cannot afford to cover the cost of medical care received. The hospital annually accumulates unpaid patient debts amounting to tens of thousands of dollars. Count your blessings if you have health insurance and access to medical care.

Friday, December 17

- For most North Americans with transportation, access to a grocery store allows us to easily purchase needed food for our families. This is not the case for many in the developing world. The pandemic made this worse in many countries because supply lines were cut off. In Matthew 25:35, Jesus said, "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat." In recent years small grocery stores (*truchas*) have opened in Ahuas and other larger communities. For many people, food still comes as it has for generations from family agricultural plots, which, unfortunately, are frequently subject to floods, insects, and other pests. People do not typically have the cash to spend on food, and most of the smaller villages do not have stores that sell groceries. Count your blessings if you have easy access to a grocery store.

Saturday, December 18

- For those who are poor and living on the margins, natural disasters can have a devastating effect. Hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, fires, and droughts can rob people of what little they have, leaving them vulnerable to sickness or death. The people of La Mosquitia depend on their agricultural plots for food and their hand-dug wells for potable water. Frequent tropical storms and periodic hurricanes bring heavy winds and floods that destroy crops, contaminate wells, and damage homes. Count your blessings if you have not been adversely impacted by a natural disaster this year.

Sunday, December 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Video gaming systems can provide hours of entertainment for youth and adults, but they are expensive. They can also isolate us from the world around us if we let them. Count your blessings for each of the game systems you have in your home.

Monday, December 20

- Most of us in North America have more than enough room in our homes. Most of us have rooms that we do not use consistently. Many people in the world have less than four rooms to count as their home. In Matthew 25:35, Jesus said, "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." Count your blessings for every room in your home.

Tuesday, December 21

- Indoor plumbing is not only a convenience, but it also provides for better public health. Cities and towns with sewer systems have cleaner groundwater and, therefore, better public health. Honduran Moravians rarely have indoor plumbing. Families that can afford the cost of construction will have outhouses or latrines. However, many people still rely on clumps of bushes that communities generally recognize and avoid except for those purposes. Bushes (and even some

well-constructed latrines) contribute to problems with drinking water and intestinal parasites. Count your blessings for every bathroom in your home.

Wednesday, December 22

- When a guest comes to your home, welcoming them inside is the hospitable thing to do. Many homes in developing countries lack furniture for them to invite people to sit and relax. In Matthew 25:25, Jesus said, "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." Count your blessings for every chair in your home.

Thursday, December 23

- In a medical emergency, most of us in North America have access to rescue squads with trained Emergency Medical Technicians. The ambulances they use are stocked with valuable life-saving technology such as defibrillators. It can take days for some people in developing countries to make their way to a clinic, therefore, reducing their chance of surviving an emergency medical event. Emergency medicine in smaller, more remote communities is often limited to herbal medicines, midwives, and traditional healers. The Honduran Government has done an admirable job of building health centers in larger villages, but they are often understaffed and poorly supplied. Thankfully, for the past 75 years, the Moravian Church has supported a hospital in Ahuas that can provide emergency medicine in the form of stitches for a machete wound or an emergency C-section in the case of a difficult pregnancy. Count your blessings if you have easy access to emergency medical assistance and transportation.

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

- Today, simply look back over the blessings that you have noted during this Advent season. Give thanks for the gift of the Christ Child who came into a world of darkness and filled it with light. How can you bless others with that light in the days, weeks, and months that are ahead of us?

What next?

- As you have journeyed through this Advent season counting your blessings, you should now have a jar full of change or tally cards. Take a moment to count that up. Can you make this donation to the Board of World Mission so that we can share your blessings with the Clinic in Ahuas? Please don't send us your change! US citizens can go to www.moravian.org/give and follow the instructions to make a secure online/tax-deductible donation. Canadian citizens may send Interac e-Transfer donations to treasurer@moravian.ca.

If you wish to mail your donation by check, please send it to:

US citizens can mail their donation to:

Board of World Mission
1021 Center Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Canadian citizens can send donations to:

Moravian Church in Canada
600 Acadia Drive SE
Calgary, AB T2J 0B8

Please note: Whether you make your donation online or by mail, please indicate that this donation is part of the Advent Blessing Calendar for the Ahuas Clinic. Thank you!

Advent Blessing Calendar Tally Cards



Sunday, November 28	Monday, November 29	Tuesday, November 1	Wednesday, December 1	Thursday, December 2
Roof over your head: _____	Meals shared in your home today: _____	Number of Beds in your home: _____	Pairs of Shoes in your home: _____	Number of vehicles you own: _____
Friday, December 3	Saturday, December 4	Sunday, December 5	Monday, December 6	Tuesday, December 7
Cans of food in your kitchen: _____	Number of kitchen appliances: _____	Children have access to schools: _____	Number of coats in your home: _____	Number of faucets in your home: _____
Wednesday, December 8	Thursday, December 9	Friday, December 10	Saturday, December 11	Sunday, December 12
Number of light bulbs in your home: _____	Number of Doctors seen in the past year: _____	Number of credit cards: _____	Number of lawn power tools: _____	Number of TVs in your home: _____
Monday, December 13	Tuesday, December 14	Wednesday, December 15	Thursday, December 16	Friday, December 17
Number of cell phones: _____	Number of computers: _____	Access to a Dentist: _____	Do you have health insurance? _____	Do you have access to a grocery store: _____
Saturday, December 18	Sunday, December 19	Monday December 20	Tuesday, December 21	Wednesday, December 22
Not been impacted by a natural disaster: _____	Number of game systems in your home: _____	Number of rooms in your home: _____	Number of bathrooms in your home: _____	Number chairs in your home: _____
Thursday, December 23 Access to medical emergency transportation and care _____	Friday, December 24 Count up all of your blessings for the month _____			

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THE MORAVIAN CHURCH • Northern Province

To: Pastors of Moravian Congregations and Ministries of the Northern Province

Re: **Unity Prayer Watch – December 1-21, 2021**

The Unity Prayer Watch is a gift that Moravians offer the world. Not only do we pause during the busy month of December to lift up the concerns of the worldwide Unity, we also pray for a world – in need. As we continue to journey through COVID-times, we remember those who have suffered great tragedy, loss, and hardship at home and abroad. We pray for the unspoken toll that the pandemic has taken on mental health, life expectancy, and the comfort of gathering together and traveling afar. The Unity Prayer Watch is also a witness to the world. Moravians model for a watching world how to intercede without ceasing – lifting up joys and concerns to the God of our salvation.

This year, I invite you to take up the privilege of prayer in a powerful way as you join the prayers of Moravians in provinces across the globe. Prayer is a blessed gift from God that we offer for the sake of the world. The topics included in the prayer guide come from Moravian provinces. I invite you to also pray for all of the places *in between* these provinces – the places where God's people seek hope and healing. Pray for an end to this pandemic.

As in the past, we have the privilege of praying for the world during the month of December. The enclosed calendar assigns a specific day to your congregation; many of you share the day with another worshipping community. Please find ways to invite your flock to pray – silently or out loud – alone or in groups – in person or virtually – so that the offering of prayers uttered by Moravians remains constant and faithful.

This year, on December 1 we take over from Tanzania Southwest; we pass the privilege to the growing Mission Area of Peru on December 22, and on December 23, the Democratic Republic of the Congo will carry on.

Thank you for being part of the worldwide Unity – a gift to us from God. Thank you for praying for the souls within that Unity and beyond. Thank you for being the church.

Elizabeth D. Miller
Provincial Elders' Conference

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October 2021

Unity Prayer Watch - 2021

For the Worldwide Moravian Unity – its 24 Unity Provinces, 2 Unity Undertakings, 5 Mission Provinces, and 17 Mission Areas, as well as Unity Ministries pray for:

- the Unity Committee on Theology;
- the Unity Mission and Development Board;
- the Unity Women's Desk and Unity Youth Desk;
- the 2 Unity Undertakings: the Unity Archives; and the work at Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center in Ramallah, Palestine;
- the ongoing partnerships of the worldwide Unity, given the very differing cultures and circumstances;
- the Unity to remain faithful to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission;
- the fellowship of believers within the Unity and with those who are not part of the Unity; and
- those serving the worldwide Unity.

For the Unity Board, pray for...

- the members of the Unity Executive Committee, Sr. Roberta Hoey Acting Chair, Br. Godfrey Cunningham, Br. Leopoldo Pixley, Sr. Betsy Miller, and the Unity Board Administrator, Br. Jørgen Bøytler.

Unity Provinces

For the Alaska province, pray for...

- the congregations, fellowships, outreach ministries and their pastors;
- the work of the outreach of the seminary in Bethel, Alaska;
- PEC President Clifford Jimmie;
- forgiveness and healing for the people affected by the division in the church;
- more ordained pastors.

For the America Northern province, pray for...

- the 84 congregations and 3 emerging ministries that they may be agents of change in their communities;
- the PEC president, Betsy Miller and the other members of the Provincial Elders' Conference: Melissa Johnson, Bruce Nelson, David Jones, Susan Dreydoppel, Bruce Shoger, Valerie Wagner, and Ralph Wanamaker, Jr. , as they serve the church through leadership and administration;
- the ministry of our agencies: the Archives, the Provincial Women's Board;
- our Interprovincial Agencies: the Board of World Mission, Moravian Theological Seminary, the Interprovincial Board of Communication, the Music Foundation, the Moravian Ministries Foundation;
- our Camp and Conference Centers – VanEs, Mt Morris, Camp Hope, and the mid-states camping program;
- our senior living facilities: Marquardt Village, Moravian Manor, Morningstar Senior Living, Moravian Care Ministries;
- the many commissions and task forces of the province; and
- renewed passion and commitment to the gospel through Healthier Congregations initiatives.

For the America Southern Province, pray for...

- the 54 congregations and 9 Fellowships; the provincial board and new PEC president, Br. Chris Thore
- development of new and emerging ministries;
- plans for continuing an annual "Moravian Day of Service" which began in 2019;
- our focus on the Moravian Essentials: God creates, redeems and makes us holy; we respond in faith, love and hope;
- leadership development: candidates for ordination, pastors and board and ministry leaders;
- congregations facing financial challenges;
- openness and creativity as the province reviews its organization and considers new definitions and models of communities of faith (congregations & fellowships);
- faithfulness to God's invitation to share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed with our neighbors and around the world;

- the Commission on Congregational Development, the Provincial Women's Board, and the Provincial Support Services Board;
- the Mission Society of the Moravian Church, South; Sunnyside Ministry of the Moravian Church; Laurel Ridge Moravian Camp and Conference Center;
- candidates for the ordained ministry to be called by the Holy Spirit into the service of the Church; and
- our partnership with Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry.

For the Costa Rica province, pray for...

- help with making a book of the Moravian Liturgies;
- the ongoing work to energize youth ministries;
- definite resolution for the reconciliation between the Pavas congregation and the Province; and
- more commitment, along with thanks for the brothers and sisters who do continue to carry on.

For the Czech province, pray for...

- the congregations, ministers, the provincial board and its chairperson, Bishop Petr Krasny;
- the Blahoslav Secondary School;
- continued reconciliation of the two groups of Moravians;
- the focus of congregations on the needs of the society around them and for the resources for their projects; and
- the Roma congregation named *Nevo Dživipen* and their congregants, the ongoing mission work in Poland;

For the Democratic Republic of Congo province pray for...

- the congregations, pastors and evangelists, as well as the teachers for the Theological faculty;
- the provincial board and its chairperson Bishop Moise Tshimanga; and
- safety and effective witness in situations of conflict arising in the region.

For the Eastern West Indies province, pray for...

- the congregations and fellowships scattered in ten islands under five different governments;
- the provincial board and its chairperson, Algernon Lewis;
- mission efforts in Tortola, Grenada and Haiti;
- the opportunity for closer ties between this province and the North American Provinces; and
- the continued work of rebuilding following hurricane damage

For the European Continental province, pray for...

- the congregations, fellowships and outstations in 8 different countries that form the province;
- the provincial board and its chairperson, Rev. Raimund Hertzsch;
- the many refugees who have been coming into Europe and helped by the church, speaking a word of "encouragement against hatred";
- the extension of the work in the Baltic countries, in particular Estonia;
- the continued influence of the Losungen (Daily Texts) with a printing of more than 1 million copies;
- the ministries of the German Mission Board (HMH), ZZg of the Netherlands, Mission 21 in Switzerland, and the mission outreach in Stockholm and Latvia;
- the ministry of the Danish Mission Board and the mission staff in Christiansfeld; and
- continued mission outreach in Albania, Latvia, Cottbus, Germany and East Germany.

For the Great Britain and Ireland province, pray for...

- the congregations, the provincial board and its chairperson, Roberta Hoey;
- new vision and new expressions of church and God's blessing on our small churches as they work and witness in an aggressively secular civil society;
- the students preparing for pastoral service;
- the involvements of the British Mission Board in North India, Jamaica, Tanzania, and Nepal; and
- the two independent Moravian Schools, their students, staff and governors.

For the Guyana province pray for...

- growth in our province and congregations through greater commitment to God's teachings and to the church;
- the promise of the worldwide Moravian Unity to remain steadfast in the preaching and practice of the Word;
- those who are in need and underprivileged, and the wherewithal to provide for them and respond to their needs;
- persons/pastors ready and willing to share the Good News of God's Mercy and His love; and
- God's protection and provision in every circumstance, even when there seems to be no way.

For the Honduras province, pray for...

- the congregations, pastors, and lay pastors; the provincial board and its chairperson, Angel Yuperel;
- movement towards reconciliation between the Province and the Mission Province to continue;
- the mission outreach to the Garífuna, Belize and Tawahkas;
- the radio outreach program;
- the medical program and the Ahuas Clinic;
- theological education through the Bible Institute in Puerto Lempira;
- the Alas de Socorro aviation ministry to find a new direction; and
- strength and wisdom as they confront ongoing division within the church and the effects of drug-trafficking and violence in their country.

For the Jamaica province, pray for...

- the congregations, pastors, the provincial board and its chairperson, Phyllis Smith-Seymour;
- for healing of the province through recent turmoil;
- the camping and evangelistic programs;
- the opportunity for closer ties in mission with the North American Board of World Mission;
- the United Theological College of the West Indies, where Jamaican and EWI Moravian pastors are trained; and
- mission outreach in Haiti, in collaboration with the EWI Province.

For the Malawi province, pray for...

- the provincial board and chairman, Henry Mwakibinga;
- the furtherance of evangelism to reach out to more people;
- increased ability to receive and care for refugees from Burundi and DR Congo; and
- the furtherance of social and economic activities to the poor people of Malawi.

For the Nicaragua province, pray for...

- the many congregations, the Provincial Board and its chair, Evenor Manzanares;
- a resolution to the conflict dividing the church, and wisdom for leaders to find a lasting, peaceful, solution;
- the social development ministry of ADSIM, that it deals with the many challenges of the social ills it faces;
- the medical and public health programs being developed in Bilwaskarma;
- new outreach efforts in the interior region of Matagalpa; and
- resolution of political violence and the wide-reaching impact of this conflict.

For the South Africa province, pray ...

- for the government to end the corruption which is crippling their economy;
- for the rebuilding and recovery of Wupperthal following a devastating fire in 2019;
- for the executives of the provincial board for all of the challenges they are facing;
- to bless our church programs and projects;
- to thank God for our Unity and for the working spirit in our province; and
- to thank God for his intervention in the financial affairs of our province.

For the Suriname province, pray for...

- the congregations, the provincial board and its chairperson, Rev Noel Adonis;

- 70 primary and advanced elementary education schools, three homes for the elderly, five children's home, three boarding schools, and youth ministries;
- the evangelistic work in French Guyana, and in the Hinterland where there is a mission hospital; and
- the theological education program.

For the Tanzania Eastern province and Zanzibar mission area pray for...

- the congregations, its members along the coastal region and provincial chairperson, Saul Kajula;
- the lack of employment for youth;
- the growing mission efforts in Zanzibar; and
- the faithful witness of Moravians within a strong Muslim area.

For the Tanzania (Lake Tanganyika) province, pray for...

- the congregations, pastors and evangelists, and Chairman Charles Katale and other leaders in the church;
- the construction of the Kaliua Secondary School;
- upgrading the clinic building for the Ichemba dispensary; and
- the resources to deal with the many refugees, some of them Moravian, coming in from Burundi and The Congo.

For the Tanzania (Northern) province, pray for...

- the congregations and evangelical mission centers, the provincial board and chair, Peter Malema;
- proposed leadership training at all levels; and
- opportunities to move into remote areas to share the Gospel.

For the Tanzania (Rukwa) province, pray for...

- the church members to know their roles as members;
- salaries for church workers to be found and paid in a timely manner;
- education for more evangelists and pastors (women and men);
- running of the existing projects effectively for the benefit of the church; and
- thanks for unity among Christian members and leaders, the growth of the church, and members who know their roles to and for the church.

For the Tanzania (Southern) province, pray for...

- a resolution for the conflict between MCT –SP and Kyela;
- total unity and true unity for Christians in Tanzania;
- the work in South Sudan;
- the two Synods in 2018; and
- thankfulness for peace, improving economic status and the increasing number of pastors and Christians.

For the Tanzania (South-West) province, pray for...

- the congregations, outstations, pastors, the provincial board and its vice-chairperson, Br. Sichone;
- the potential development of a Mission Province in the Mbozi region;
- the teachers and students at TEKU University in Mbeya;
- the continued challenges of poverty and HIV/AIDS; and
- the threat of losing church property due to high land taxes.

For the Tanzania (Western) province, pray for...

- the congregations, outstations, pastors and evangelists, the provincial board and its chairperson, Bishop Ezekiel Yona;
- the hospital and its staff in Sikonge, along with the dispensaries, including the one in Tabora;
- church-run schools of Bishop Kisanji, Lusangi and Ussoke;
- the significant poverty, especially in the rural areas, due to unemployment, bad weather, and inflation;
- supervision of mission areas in Kenya, Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda; and

- mission among the Sukuma people and the Muslim.

For the Zambia province, pray for...

- the congregations, ordained ministers, pastors, evangelists, the provincial board and its chairperson, Chipson Mayembe;
- the development of capital projects to bring income into the church; and
- the goals to further spread the gospel within Zambia.

Mission Provinces

Mission Province of Burundi, pray for. . .

- theological training at all levels;
- scholarships for further studies for an oncologist to deal with cancer in women, and another to specialize as a clinical psychologist to deal with trauma healing;
- a vehicle for field upcountry supervision; and
- thanks that the general security situation has improved, and the growth of the church, both spiritually and in number.

Mission Province of Cuba, pray for...

- the national board and president Rev. Tania Sanchez;
- guidance for the leadership of the Church in Cuba to deal with difficult situations;
- different groups now meeting, with ordained ministers and lay pastors;
- the growing outreach of the Comenius Center;
- efforts for land and produce development to help their church communities; and

Mission Province of the Czech Republic, pray for...

- God's guidance for the newly elected PEC;
- for us to be humble so we can be His tool to touch our neighbors; and
- permission from the State Department of Education to permit the Blahoslav High School and the funds to purchase a building for the school.

Mission Province of Honduras, pray for...

- the congregations, pastors, provincial board and its chairperson, Morlin Perez;
- ongoing efforts toward reconciliation with the Honduras Province;
- the Bible Institute in Ahuas, its leadership and students, and the 3 students taking additional on-line theological training through a seminary in Costa Rica; and
- new mission outreach.

Moravian Church in Newfoundland and Labrador, pray for...

- the congregations, the provincial board chair, Sarah Jensen, and all leaders of the province;
- opportunities for theological education and the preparation of new leaders and pastors; and
- the four established congregations in Happy Valley, Makkovik, Hopedale and Nain and several smaller groups of Moravians in Postville and St. John's, Newfoundland.

Mission Areas

1. Moravian Church in Belize, pray for...
 - work in communities with a growing membership; and
 - theological training for leaders in the church.
2. Moravian Church in Eastern Congo in Sud Kivu and Katanga (DR Congo), pray for...
 - congregations, ordained ministers and evangelists;
 - the Uvira Orphans Center;
 - the mission station for Pygmies; and
 - release from the wars they have experienced.
3. Moravian Church in French Guyana

4. Moravian work among the Garifuna people in Honduras, pray for...
 - the churches and pastors in this region.
5. Moravian Church in Haiti, pray for...
 - continued support for pastors training at United Theological College in Jamaica; and
 - development of reconstruction plans for a national headquarters building.
 - Continued rebuilding efforts following an Earthquake and Hurricane
6. Moravian Church in Iringa (Tanzania South West)
7. Moravian Church in Kenya, (Western Tanzania)
8. Moravian Church in Kiwele (Western Tanzania)
9. Moravian Church in Peru (America North), pray for...
 - its national board and president, Joaquín Muro;
 - growth in the house churches and resources to continue renting space;
 - further development of leadership and income-generating projects; and
 - 17 new communities in the Amazon region discerning a new connection with the Moravian church.
10. Moravian Church in Ruvuma-Njombe (Tanzania Southern)
11. Moravian Church in Rwanda
12. Moravian Church in Sierra Leone (America South), pray for...
 - the high school and the hope for finding qualified teachers;
 - new outreach to share the gospel in nearby villages;
 - a new computer and science lab for the school; and
 - the new national steering committee elected in 2020, and for discernment as in writing the first draft of a book of order to further its development as a Mission Area
13. Moravian Church in South Asia (British), pray for...
 - the school in Rajpur under the leadership of Rev. Thespal Kundan and new leadership with his retirement;
 - the ministry and school in Ladakh under Rev. Elijah Gergen and new leadership with his retirement;
 - the translation project in Ladakh; and
 - the ministry in Nepal under the Rev. Nagendra Pradhan, assisted by Revs. Shanti and Vani Pradhan.
14. Moravian Church in Uganda
15. Moravian Church in Zanzibar (Eastern Tanzania), pray for...
 - the church members and the primary school; and
 - the need for an administrative office and houses.

Prospective Mission Areas

1. Angola
2. Mozambique
3. South Sudan

Other Prayers

For your nation, pray for...

- the president of the United States, Joe Biden; the prime minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau; and all elected officials as they seek to govern, that they might lead with justice and concern for the poor and those without voice;
- courageous and faithful witness against racism, bigotry, and oppression;
- ecumenical relationships: The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, The Episcopal Church, and the United Methodist Church with whom we are in full communion; the Covenant Agreement with the Presbyterian Church (USA) with whom we are discussing the orderly exchange of clergy; the ongoing dialogue with those churches of the Reformed Tradition; the CUIIC (Churches Uniting in Christ) where the Moravian Church Northern Province is a full participant and in relationship with the African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, Christian Methodist Episcopal, Episcopal Church U.S.A., International Council of Community Churches, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church; our work with Christian Churches Together (CCT); the Rev. Dr. Hermann Weinlick who serves as our volunteer ecumenical officer;
- increasing peace, mutual respect and harmony, particularly in areas experiencing protracted violence and fear;

- the issues of health care, violence, racial tensions, domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and poverty (to name a few) that impact the people of our continent and our faithful response to people of great need, and
- the world in which we live and our commitment to be careful stewards of the land, water, and air.

For our province, pray for people:

- the members of District Executive Boards - East: Melissa Johnson, Lauren Grady, Darrell Johnson, Earl Goulbourne, Bonnie Robertson, Naomi Solomon, Tammy Lavoy, Linda Rapp and Jackie Pasquinelli; West: Bruce Nelson, Kerry Krauss, Amy Gohdes-Luhman, Nancy Chandler, Cindy Fahney, Courtney Bauder, and Cheryl Lovlein; and Canada: Dave Jones, Rick Beck, Bob Hawkesworth, James Lavoy, and Brandon Salyzyn.
- provincial and district staff members: Brenda Cahill, Marie Coutts, Cynthia Rader Geyer, Ben Ingebretson, Sue Koenig, Jeffrey Long, Jacquie Petko, Mark Santore, June Sterling; and support staff; Karen Buchholz, Marie Cestone, Tammy Curcio, Johanna Heft, Gloria Reisinger, and Andrea Stremich;
- staff of the Interprovincial Board of Communication: Mike Riess, Jill Bruckart, and Sue Kiefner; the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America: Chris Spaugh, Laura Watson, Libby Davis, Catherine Wolfe, and Vince Holbrook; the Moravian Music Foundation: Nola Reed Knouse, Gwyneth Michel, Sarah Durham, and Erik Salzwedel;
- the Board of World Mission as the vision for mission around the world is integrated with the vision of local mission within your community. Pray for the staff: Justin Rabbach, Angelica Regalado Cieza, Chris Giesler, Jill Kolodziej, Elizabeth Thiele, Sylvie Hauser, and Rex Knowlton;
- the Bishops residing in our province: C. Hopeton Clennon, M. Blair Couch, J. Christian Giesler, Paul A. Graf, Douglas H. Kleintop, and Kay Ward, as they pray for our pastors and the work of the church;
- the clergy as they minister in settings as diverse as congregations, ecumenical agencies, prisons, and hospitals;
- candidates for the ordained ministry to continue to be called by the Holy Spirit into the service of the Church: Jamie Almquist, James Joniec, Jesmina Meade, and Mikayla Sauerbrey, and for God to call additional souls to serve the church through ordained ministry;
- the retired clergy and their spouses; and
- the countless lay people who give of their time and talent on numerous boards, committees, and task forces.

For our province, pray for...

- the congregations and ministries of our province that we would be faithful to God's invitation to join God at work in our neighborhoods and around the world;
- passion for sharing the gospel in word and deed, and emerging ministries: Esperanza, Tricklebee, You Belong
- the work of racial justice and healing;
- increased health of our congregations through the seven characteristics: purpose, community, mission and service, spiritual formation, worship, leadership, and stewardship;
- our educational institutions: Moravian University, Moravian Theological Seminary, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Moravian Academy, and Linden Hall;
- our retirement communities and all who serve through them;
- our conference and camping programs, including interprovincial ministry among young adults and youth;
- Moravian Open Door ministries in New York City, and C.A.R.D.; and
- other provincial institutions and the ministries they offer on our behalf.

For your congregation, pray for...

- discernment of God's leading for how your church participates in God's ongoing work in the world;
- your pastor(s), your joint board, and program committees;
- members and those involved with the life and witness of the congregation;
- those with special needs (such as the ill and the home-bound);
- ministries of worship, music, spiritual formation and nurture, outreach and evangelism, and social justice;
- organizations of the congregation, and local ecumenical and community programs; and
- your neighbors near and far.

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now"

Philippians 1:3-5

December 2021

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 First (Easton) Newfoundland Palmer West Side (PA)	6 Central	7 Calvary Emmaus MorningStar Mountainview	8 Advent Edgeboro Esperanza	9 Lancaster Lititz	10 Covenant First (York) Lebanon Schoeneck	11 Fellowship John Hus
12 Grace (NY) Tremont Terrace	13 First (NY) New Dawn United	14 Faith Graceham St. Paul's Trinity	15 Battle Hill Castleton Hill Great Kills, New Dorp Vanderbilt Ave.	16 Church of the Redeemer First (Uhrichsville) First(Dover),Fry's Valley Gnadenhutten	17 Egg Harbor, Palmyra First (Riverside) Redeemer (PA) Schoenbrunn, Sharon	18 Hope West Salem
19 Berea, Bethel Goshen, Canaan Our Savior's, Shepherd Unionville, Grace(MI)	20 Christian Faith Ebenezer, Tricklebee Glenwood, Lakeview London, Watertown	21 Lake Mills, Veedum West Side (WI) Wisconsin Rapids You Belong	22 Peru	23	24	25
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