

# Christ Moravian Church

Congregational Newsletter for the weekend of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 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:

*The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.*

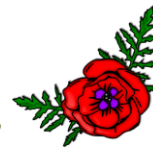
*Psalm 146:8*



## Sunday Worship Theme:



*"Remembrance Day & Praying for Peace"*



## Greetings Friends in Christ:

Those warm and wonderful days of a second fall offered a lovely time for some outdoor enjoyment. We enjoyed those walks through the leaves, tidying up the gardens, distanced visits under the stars on a warmish evening. This extended fall has been a wonderful gift during these anxious days.

This Sunday's worship focus includes reflections for the hallowed experience of Remembrance Day and we include our ongoing prayer for peace. This will be 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."

I find this profound reading to be a prayer quietly offered for a world desperately needing to dwell as one and dwell in peace. For the wolf and the lamb to exist in peace, we continue our vigilant prayer for God's realm to be discovered more clearly here on earth. I believe this will continue to 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!

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

Pastor Steve Gohdes

## Upcoming Events

Sunday  
November 7<sup>th</sup>  
"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.

Thursday  
November 11<sup>th</sup>:  
Remembrance Day

Friday  
November 12<sup>th</sup>:  
Elders meeting via  
Zoom at 2:00 pm

Tuesday  
November 16<sup>th</sup>:  
Executive Board  
meets at 7:00 pm

For more information, visit our website @  
[www.christmoravian.com](http://www.christmoravian.com)

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***Worshippers in-person are welcomed ~ masked & physically distanced*** as per current requirements.

***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.

***Camp Van Es Fall Youth Retreat*** November 12-14, 2021

Jr and Sr High Youth are invited to participate in an "Ugly Christmas Sweater" themed Fall Retreat, where campers will explore Christmas themes in advance of the upcoming Holiday season.

Camperships are available for those with financial need. We encourage anyone who needs a campership, or who may have a question or concern about the retreat, to reach out to Rev. James Lavoy, Executive Director, at [jlavoy@gmail.com](mailto:jlavoy@gmail.com) or (780) 802-6189. Register here: <https://forms.gle/5DT6KiQNqNqARaMH9>

The ***Digital Campus Ministry*** reminds you to check out and follow the CMC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Christ-Moravian-Church-Calgary-106080191799781>. For those wanting to learn more about setting up a secure Facebook page, sign up for an in-person workshop on November 13 at 11 am or a Zoom Workshop on November 17 at 2 pm. To register online go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/925H25X>

***Committee Members Wanted:*** Mission and Outreach is an important part of the work of the Church in sharing the message of God's transforming love and living out Christ's call to serve our neighbours. If you are interested in joining the Mission and Outreach Committee, or would like to learn more, please contact Donna Gordon or Pat Wollf.

***Refugee Funds:*** October has wound down and we are reaching the conclusion of our Refugee Fundraising Campaign. We are working towards our goal of \$3000. The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to thank those who have already sent in your gift. Your financial support allows us to continue our work with the two Angolan families as they navigate the many obstacles related to settlement in Canada. These families are very grateful for our help and we at CMC have been enriched through this experience. If you have not donated and still wish to do so, please mark your donation "Refugee Fund".

***Craft Fair at Good Shepherd Church***

Join us for our annual Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Good Shepherd Community Church ~ 6311 Norfolk Drive NW

A festive day of holiday treats; Impressive works of many local artisans and crafters.

Something for everyone on your gift list. Invite friends & neighbours to come & enjoy!

## 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](mailto: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.

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# Children's Worship Bulletin

## Coloring Page

### *The Widow's Mite*

Mark 12:38-44

### *Word Search Puzzle*

G F O E A E L L L A M S B L D  
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PENNY	PLACE	TRUTH	DISCIPLES	TEMPLE
JESUS	TREASURY	MONEY	POVERTY	AMOUNT
MORE	WIDOW	COINS	RICH	OFFERING
LARGE	WEALTH	EVERYTHING	COPPER	POOR



The Widow's Mite

# Decoder Puzzle

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

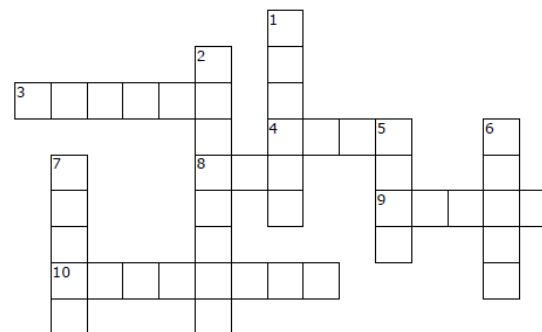
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8. 21-24-24-6 \_\_\_\_\_
9. 21-24-25-17-6-15-5 \_\_\_\_\_
10. 12-24-21-21-17-6 \_\_\_\_\_

PENNY	OFFERINGS	RICH	POOR	POVERTY
COPPER	WEALTH	MONEY	COINS	TEMPLE



# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

3. A reddish-brown metal which is sometimes used in making coins
4. Having little or no wealth
8. The entire amount; everything
9. A small piece of flat, circular metal, used for money
10. A contribution or gift made at a religious service

## DOWN

1. A building used for worship
2. A place where funds are received, kept, and dispursed
5. Having great material wealth
6. The official currency issued by a government
7. A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried

POOR	COINS	TREASURY	COPPER	TEMPLE
ALL	WIDOW	OFFERING	MONEY	RICH



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## Focus on Mark 12:38–44

### WHAT is important to know?

— From “Exegetical Perspective,” Robert A. Bryant

Many onlookers disregard her offering, but Jesus notices and calls his disciples to him. He wants them to see the true faith behind their offerings: the widow’s offering demonstrates her total trust in God—“she out of her poverty has put in everything she had” (v. 44). Hers is a costly discipleship, and Jesus praises her for exemplary faith, a faith that surpasses that of many religious leaders whose faith is a sham. Her trust in God is aligned with Jesus’ trust.

### WHERE is God in these words?

— From “Theological Perspective,” Emilie M. Townes

As you think through this passage, what ideas, images, stories, concepts come to mind when you think of offering as being personal? One place to begin is Christ. For Augustine, our duty is to present ourselves—all of who we are—to God in the Communion meal. But how can we take the grace and hope we find in the wine and bread and make it live in our lives in ways that not only sustain us, but model for others the enormous power of offering all of who we are to the rest of creation? If we become those two small copper coins, we must *live* our lives in such a way that our offering is truly shared with others.

### SO WHAT does this mean for our lives?

— From “Pastoral Perspective,”  
Rodger Y. Nishioka

Feeding the hungry and providing clothing are important spiritual practices, but the church must come to view these practices as more than programs. The church must come to understand these practices as the very life flowing out of its worship. Further, the church must call all of society to care for the orphan, the widow, the resident alien, and the poor as its primary purpose, with all other governing and political functions as secondary. In this way, the church not only exhibits God’s righteousness but shapes a politic that is in itself righteous.

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

— From “Homiletical Perspective,”  
Pete Peery

One governing document from a mainline church in this country declares, “The Church is called to be a sign in and for the world of the new reality which God has made available to people in Jesus Christ.” How will it be such a sign? By “healing and reconciling and binding up wounds, . . . ministering to the needs of the poor, the sick, the lonely, and the powerless, . . . engaging in the struggle to free people from sin, fear, oppression, hunger, and injustice, . . . giving itself and its substance to the service of those who suffer, . . . sharing with Christ in the establishing of his just, peaceable, and loving rule in the world. The Church is called to undertake this mission *even at the risk of losing its life*.” The poor widow gives her whole life for that which is worthy only to be condemned. Is this the calling Jesus lifts up for the entire church?



## Giving and Taking

Together, these two sections [Mark 12:38–40 and 41–44] read as a lament for and an indictment upon any religious system that results in a poor widow giving all she has so that the system's leaders may continue to live lives of wealth and comfort. The attack is not on Jewish religious practice. The attack is on any religious practice that masks egotism and greed. The scribes are like leeches on the faithful, benefiting from a religious system that allows poor widows to sacrifice what little they have. We should be outraged by a system that appropriates the property of the poor and near-destitute in order to perpetuate wealth for the elite. If we are brutally honest with ourselves, this is a particular dilemma for many congregations today.

—From Rodger Y. Nishioka, *Feasting on the Word, Year B, Volume 4* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009), 286.

But there is a deeper problem to consider. Does Jesus point to the poor widow who gives her last two coins to the temple as a model for giving? Or does Jesus point to her because she is a tragic example of how religious institutions suck the life out of people?

—From Pete Peery, *Feasting on the Word, Year B, Volume 4* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009), 285.

