

Christ Moravian Church

Congregational Newsletter for Sunday January 9th, 2022



Christ Church Watchword for the Year 2022 John 20:21

Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Moravian Daily Text Watchword for the Week: Isaiah 43:1

God says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine."

Worship Theme: "The Light of Epiphany & the Baptism of Jesus"

Greetings Friends in Christ:

In reflecting on the CMC watchword for 2022, I find my prayers inviting a new season of peace, understanding, cooperation, and love being discovered within these next days and weeks of a new year.

In this week's newsletter you will find an Executive Board announcement of "In-Person Worship" being suspended due to the recent spike of the Omicron variant. No doubt this leads us all to some frustration and disappointment. However, the CMC leadership recognizes our greatest calling is the loving support of all gathered, and the public safety needs are foremost in our thoughts. As such, the peace that Jesus offers arrives to our hearts and lives through the love found in God's ongoing care of this creation, and all of us created in God's image even as we are distanced once again at this time.

The CMC worship leadership will once again seek to provide meaningful worship services through the video network, and we thank all of those involved for their support and dedication.

Additionally, we are invited to a CMC Coffee Fellowship time on Zoom each Sunday morning at 11:30am. This will be hosted by one of the Elders of the congregation and provide an opportunity for sharing, support, and hospitality of each other. The zoom link will be included in this newsletter.

I invite everyone around the CMC family to pause with open hearts to reflect on the peace of Christ that we have all received at some special time of difficulty in our lives. "Peace" at a time of a loved one's death. "Peace" amidst a family financial problem. "Peace" during a time of discernment and personal travail. "Peace" during these long months of navigating the waters of the COVID-19 ocean. And as we recognize the source of our gift of peace, may we then be prepared to share it in our own personal way with those we meet. We are sent into this new year with the anointing of Christ's peace.

In Christ's peace I greet you all,
Pastor Steve Gohdes

Upcoming Events

Sunday
January 9th:
"Bible Buddies"
meet at 8:30 am
via Zoom

Zoom details for this
Bible Study Group
are on page 2

Monday
January 10th:
CMC Executive
Board meets at
7:00 pm via Zoom

Tuesday
January 11th:
CMC Finance
Committee meets at
7:00 pm via Zoom

Sunday February 6th:
CMC Church Council
meeting at 1:00 pm
via Zoom

Zoom information
will be e-mailed out

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



CMC COFFEE HOUR:

Are you missing the fellowship time after worship services? You can once again join CMC friends on a Sunday morning after watching the service. Pour yourself a cup of coffee and grab a cookie before joining us on Zoom at 11:30 am Sunday mornings. Each session will be hosted by a CMC Elder or Board Member and will include time to catch up with others and explore a specific topic. To join, set up a Zoom account and click on the link below:

CMC Coffee Hour, 11:30 am Sundays

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84948717808?pwd=Um9uVjF5RnAxcmxNSlFYemp6N25qUT09>

Meeting ID: 849 4871 7808

Passcode: 414082

Bible Study Link ~ January 9th, 2022

Hi Bible Buddies,

We resumed our virtual Sunday AM Bible Study January 2nd 2022 at 8:30 AM.

The lessons for January and February have been e-mailed to you.

The link to join is below (this link will remain the same till June- please save it):

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87164232583?pwd=NmY3SWJDOGJPOVJ0b3JjenpOMeO1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 871 6423 2583

Passcode: 302817

Dial by your location

+1 587 328 1099 Canada

+1 647 558 0588 Canada

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/u/kcTaNSoK5C>

Looking forward to seeing you.

You are a special gift from God,

Barb: -)

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.

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January 6, 2022

Re: A Message from the Executive Board

Happy New Year to all of our CMC friends!

I vividly recall the anxiety felt throughout the world when year 2000 came along. From all accounts, our lives would never be the same; our systems were challenged, our governments were spending recklessly, our social values were being questioned. It seemed as if no one had the right answer. Some folks were stocking their shelves preparing for the worst while others were simply ignoring the reality... At the time, we were fighting a different virus; it was called the Y2K bug.

Many of you remember those times very well. Though it was 22 years ago already, it may feel very similar to what we are experiencing today. Yet, we know one thing: that virus came, and that virus went, and we overcame. All of us together.

As year 2022 begins, I have a much different feeling this time. I do not worry about the New Year. Rather, I embrace it. And I will gladly leave year 2021 behind. I can't wait to see what the Lord has planned for all of us in the year ahead!

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES

As most of you know, the latest wave of the COVID / OMICRON virus is causing further disruption. Around the world, the number of infection cases is higher than ever recorded before. Authorities are doing their best to manage the crisis by imposing more restrictions.

Out of an abundance of caution, **the CMC leadership team has elected to temporarily suspend in-person worship services until further notice.** This decision is not made out of fear, but out of a sense of responsibility to ensure the safety of our staff and our congregants, and to do our part in this fight against the virus.

CHURCH GOING FORWARD

Fortunately for CMC, we have already taken steps to adapt to this changing environment. We have recently installed video equipment and will soon have an upgraded Internet system to allow live streaming of our worship services. It is clear to us that the church of tomorrow will embrace the gift of technology while maintaining our ability to reach and impact people on a personal level.

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Therefore, in the short term, we will continue to provide pre-recorded worship services that you can watch over the Internet. In the longer term, we look forward to creating even more engaging worship experiences, using live streaming and a Hybrid church model.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Lastly, we would like to inform all of our members that the annual Church Council meeting will take place on Sunday, February the 6th, 2022 at 1pm. The meeting will be held via ZOOM and we hope that you will join us for this important event.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a joyous and healthy 2022. I pray that God may bless you and your loved ones in every way, as He always does.

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

Numbers 6: 24-26

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bernard Amiot', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Bernard Amiot

Chair, Executive Board

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Children's Worship Bulletin

Jesus, the One and Only

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Word Search Puzzle

U A P Q Y B U M L J H F Z G J
 J O H N N V A M V Z I D I P T
 Q J R F J F K P D L T K O R W
 P E O P L E H E T I J G Q V E
 C H R I S T N B R I A U V K E
 P N S Y N E D I X M Z X L V G
 C K M X P R P L L F M E Z D L
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 L V G W Z R U H R V O I C E T
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PEOPLE	BAPTIZE	DOVE	PRAYING	FIRE
POWERFUL	JOHN	OPENED	SPIRIT	VOICE
CHRIST	WATER	HOLY	HEAVEN	JESUS

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Decoder Puzzle

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
F	K	A	G	I	H	B	E	W	V	Y	T	M	C	D	S	X	Z	Q	J	U	O	R	N	L	P

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- 9-3-12-8-23 _____
- 16-22-24 _____
- 6-22-25-11 _____
- 1-5-23-8 _____
- 15-22-10-8 _____
- 10-22-5-14-8 _____
- 6-8-3-10-8-24 _____
- 25-22-10-8 _____
- 16-26-5-23-5-12 _____

HEAVEN	HOLY	SON	WATER	LOVE
BAPTIZE	VOICE	FIRE	SPIRIT	DOVE



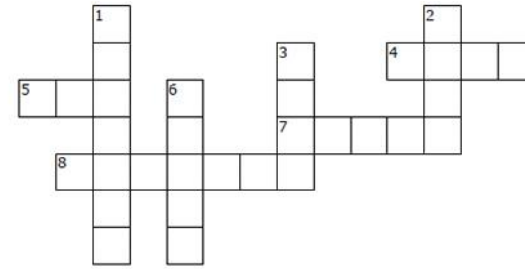
Coloring Page



John Baptizes Jesus
Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3

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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

4. The name of the man who baptized Jesus
5. A male offspring
7. The sound produced by vibration of the human vocal cords
8. To cover briefly completely in water or pour water over a person's head

DOWN

1. A shoe consisting of a sole fastened to the foot by straps
2. A deep feeling of affection for a person
3. A bird often used as a symbol of peace
6. Clear, colorless, odorless, tasteless liquid; H₂O

SON	DOVE	BAPTIZE	SANDALS
LOVE	JOHN	WATER	VOICE



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