

The kingdom  
of heaven is like yeast

MATTHEW 13:33



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**Watchword for the Week - "God, turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name." Psalm 119:132**

**Prelude**

*Dr. Octavio Vazquez*

**\*Call to Worship and Daily Text ...July 27, 2014**

**\*General Liturgy 3 pg. 18—24**

*Rev. Nigel Powell & VBS*

**\*Hymn #467 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"**

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Sis. Hazel Hazel*

**Birthday/Anniversary Hymn #447 "With Your Presence, Lord"**

**Greeting Hymn "Greet Somebody in Jesus Name"**

Won't you greet somebody in Jesus name

Won't you tell them that you love them in Jesus name

Tell them we can work together in Jesus name

Everybody smile, Jesus loves you

Everybody smile Jesus loves you

**Praise, Testimony and Prayer**

*Bro. E. Simpson & Evangelism Committee*

### **I Love You Lord**

I love you Lord

And I lift my voice

To worship you, Oh my soul rejoice

Take joy my king, in what you hear

Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

### **Sweet Holy Spirit**

Sweet holy spirit,

Sweet heavenly dove,

Stay right here with us,

Feeling us with your love

And for each blessing, we lift our hands in praise

Without a doubt we know, that we have been revived

when we shall leave this place

## Scripture Readings

**#1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading** Psalm 119: 129—136 *Sis. Karla Cooper*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading** Romans 8: 26 - 39 *Sis. Glenniesha Hazel*

**\*Choral Response #846 “Glory be to you, O Lord”**

**\*THE GOSPEL** Matthew 13:31- 33 & 44 - 52 *Sis. Hazel Hazel*

**\*Choral Response #846 “Praise, Praise, Praise, Praise”**

**Hymn # 706 “God Sent His Son”**

**SERMON** *Rev. Nigel Powell*

**Worship Through Giving** *Sis. W. Farguharson*

## \*Offertory Sentence

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it. (Malachi 3:10 NKJV)

## \*Dedication of Tithes and Offering:

God of all blessings, we thank you for the gift of life, for food of this earth, for your generosity as a gift of goodness, with your blessings as downpour joy. We offer our gifts to you Lord with grateful and cheerful hearts. May our tithes and offerings be used to further your work, as you provide good news, healing and hope to all people. Amen.

**\*Tithes and Offertory Hymn #548 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

## VBS Presentation

**Recessional Hymn #714 “Blessed Assurance”**

**Postlude** *Dr. Octavio Vazquez*

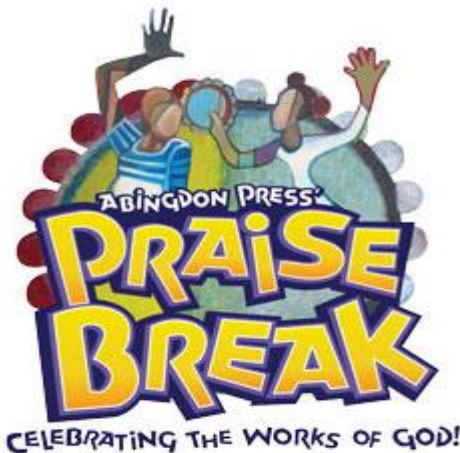
#Means the lesson is read responsively. \* Means that the congregation stands

## WELCOME

On behalf of the United Moravian Church I extend a warm welcome to everyone as we gather to worship on the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. May we share and experience the love of Jesus; find healing for our hurts and answers to our prayers. Visitors, we are especially glad that you are here with us. Please join us for a moment of fellowship in the Social Hall after our worship. We invite you to worship with us again and please join our fellowship if you are seeking a church home. May God bless you.

## Announcements July 27, 2014

- Worship services will begin at 10:00 am from now until Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Congregation Council will be held after worship today.
- The Jamaica Independence Service will begin at 3pm today.
- We invite you to become a communicant member of this congregation. All you need to do to get started is to submit a membership application to the church office or any member of the Board of Elders.
- Vacation Bible School ended on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to all who donated their resources & time to the program.
- The trip to Sight & Sound Theatre sponsored by the YOU/YAC will be on August 16, 2014. Please be reminded that a deposit is required to keep your reservation. Kindly make a deposit today and your final payment by August 3rd, 2014.
- Interested in learning about personal budgeting? Then plan to attend The Good Sense workshop that is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow.
- You are invited to share in an E-Vent, a 40 day journey to begin with our Deeper Life Ministry, September 29 to Oct 3, 2014 at 7 pm each evening. Come and share with Rev. Powell, Sis. Inez Atkinson, Bro. Stephen James and your Evangelism Committee.
- The United Men's Fellowship presents their Annual Men's Social at Eastwood Manor located at 3371 Eastchester Rd, Bx, NY 10469 on October 24, 2014. Cocktail will be from 9pm-10pm; dinner and dance from 10pm-1am. For ticket reservations you may call the church, Bro Lloyd Farguharson or Bro. Hugh Abel. Tickets are \$80 per person. R.S.V.P by October 16, 2014.
- Rev. Powell will be on holiday from August 4<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.
- **For the month of August, the TRUSTEES will be the ushers.**



**“Let the redeemed of  
the Lord say so...”  
-Psalm 107: 2a, NRSV**

Thank you to everyone  
who made VBS a success.  
To God be the Glory!  
-VBS 2014

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Ira Tittle III	2	Akkeem Adams	14
Chrystal Greenaway	3	Dulani Benjamin	14
Emiel Henry	4	Alma Thompson	15
Arthur McLaughlin	4	Zaria Lumsden	17
Hyacinth Pelle	7	Jeremiah Aska	20
Regina Joseph	7	Asaria Williams	21
Blondel Jones-Grant	8	Sonia Bernard	22
Calma Gumbs	12	Meteka Joseph	22
Gail Simon	12	Waldo Waterman	24
Candeen David	12	Dianne Jarvis-Lumsden	27
Candace Burnes	13	Makiah Gordon	29
Jamalia Burnes Philip	14	Kai Davis	30

## 2014 COMING EVENTS

July 27	Worship Service - Pastor
July 27	Jamaica Independence Service @ 3:00 pm
<b>Aug.</b>	<b>Services start at 10:00 am</b>
Aug. 3	Worship Service & Holy Communion
Aug. 10	Worship Service - Invited Guest
Aug. 17	Worship Service Youth
Aug. 24	Worship Service - Invited Guest
Aug. 31	Worship Service - Invited Guest
<b>Sept.</b>	<b>Services start at 11:00 am</b>
Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Worship Service & Holy Communion
Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Worship Service & Baptism

**PRAY & GIVE SUPPORT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS  
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**Sis. Jannette Abel  
Sis. Madiana Baptiste  
Sis. Alicia Benjamin  
Sis. Anna Bishop  
Sis. Anne Browne  
Bro. Tralane Donovan  
Sis: Ludwina George  
Sis: Millicent Hodge  
Sis. Eva Joseph  
Sis: Minerva Joseph  
Sis. Carmelita Keith  
Sis. Rose Lemond  
Sis. Bernice McLean  
Sis. Hyacinth Pelle  
Bro. Berwin Roberts  
Bro. Al Thomas  
Sis. Winifred Thomas  
Sis. Muriel A. Sealey  
Bro. Luvey Williams  
Sis. Iris Woodley**

## Listening to the Sermon

Use the space provided below to make your personal notes. Reflect prayerfully and thoughtfully on them over the coming week. Seek the help of the Holy Spirit to apply God's truth to your heart and life.

**SERMON TITLE**

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**Main points to remember**

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**3.**.....  
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**Having heard the sermon, I have decided on the following:**

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**2.**.....  
**3.**.....

# The kingdom of heaven is like yeast

**I**n today's Gospel reading, Jesus says that "the kingdom of heaven is like yeast." The picture on today's bulletin of a woman working in a kitchen probably brings back memories to many of us. Memories of our mother, grandmother, or someone else, working in the kitchen, making bread or biscuits that we loved to eat. A couple of points stand out concerning someone working in the kitchen and the comparison that the kingdom of heaven is like yeast.

First, there is work involved, and, as we know, very little gets accomplished in life without hard work. The kingdom of heaven does not grow without some work; it takes all of us working together and in unity to help God's kingdom continue to grow.

Second, there is the yeast. When making bread there are two basic ingredients, flour and yeast. Yeast is very small, but when it is mixed with the dough, it is the ingredient that causes the dough to rise. The yeast is spread on the dough or mixed in the dough, and this is a good illustration of influence. In the Bible yeast is usually referred to in a negative way. But here Jesus takes yeast and uses it in a positive way. There is no shortage of bad influence in the world; we can see this all around us. All of us can have an influence on others, and that influence can be good or it can be bad. In our world, the bad mixes with the good things in life, and before long, it can ruin what is good. As Christians, we can let our godly influence make a positive difference in our world. Our Lord taught that our Christian influence *can* make a difference in the world.

*James Denby, pastor, Pine Chapel Moravian Church,  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

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## The Moravian Church

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July 27, 2014

