



JESUS  
BEGAN TO  
SEND THEM OUT  
TWO BY TWO

MARK 6:7



# UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH

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**"In an atmosphere of love and unity we seek to spread the gospel through worship and service to all people."**

**Watchword for the Week: Jesus says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9**

**Prelude**

*Mr. Cameron Pieper*

**Call to Worship & Daily Text July 8, 2018**

*Bro. Charles Donovan*

**\*Opening Hymn 728**

**"Lead Me, Guide Me"**

**Liturgy: EXAMINE PRAYER**

*Sis. Jamala Hunte*

God of peace, we seek your peace in our hearts and in our world.

**We celebrate your serenity of spirit in the midst of life's opportunities and challenges. We celebrate harmony in our families and in all our relationships. We celebrate the days when our families live in your peace without fear.**

Yet we confess that, at times, we act in ways that do not support the spiritual life we celebrate.

**At times our response to life is less than serene. At times we contribute to the conflict within our families and relationships. At times our actions or attitudes do not provide a safe place for others to grow. At times, Lord God, our hearts do not glorify you.**

*Reflect on the recent past.*

*What, in your life, do you celebrate? For what are you thankful?*

"And they shall stand every morning, thanking and praising the Lord."

(1 Chronicles 23:20)

**"To you, O God, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and power."**

(Daniel 2:23)

*Reflect on the recent past.*

Where have you witnessed God's presence in your life?

"Lord, where can I go from your Spirit? If I ascend to heaven or make my bed in Sheol, you are there."  
(Psalm 139: 7-8)

**Jesus assures us, "I will be with you always to the end of the age."**  
(Matthew 28:20)

Reflect on the recent past.

What might you have done differently to glorify God?

"You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you."  
(Psalm 86: 5)

**"Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me."**  
(Psalm 86:6-7)

God of peace, we seek your peace in our hearts and in our world. With grateful hearts we give thanks to you. Fill us with your Spirit. Renew our lives with your purpose. Open our hearts to your will.

**"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits - who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." Amen.**  
(Psalm 103:2-5)

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Sis. Sonia Bernard*

**Birthday/Anniversary Hymn #447**

**\*Greeting Hymn "We Are One in The Spirit"**

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading**

Ezekiel 2:1-5

*Bro. Whitfield Nicholas*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading**

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

*Bro. Eldridge Brown*

**\*Choral Response**

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

**Sis. Jannette Abel  
Sis. Joyce Anderson  
Sis. Ena Billy  
Sis. Anna Bishop  
Bro. Lorne Canton  
Bro. Tralane Donovan  
Sis. Elaine Elvin  
Sis. Henrietta Gumbs  
Sis. Millicent Hodge  
Sis. Hyacinth Isaacs  
Sis. Carmelita Keith  
Sis. Evelyn Lloyd  
Sis. Ruby Mitchell  
Sis. Ena Morgan  
Sis. Zenna Reid  
Sis. Sylvia Pigott  
Bro. Maynel Thompson Sr.  
Sis. Teresita Tonge  
Bro. Lurvey Williams**

**When we are not in the best of health it is always comforting to know prayers and support are available. Remember those who are unable to join us week to week. To add them to our list of infirmed members call the church office at 212-722-2109.**

## 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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### Having heard the sermon, I have decided on the following:

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### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Ira Tittle III	2	Candeen David	13	Asaria Williams	21
Chrystal Greenaway	3	Jamila Burnes Phillip	13	Atiya Cobbs	21
Emiel Henry	4	Candace Burnes	14	Sonia Bernard	22
Arthur McLaughlin	4	Akkeem Adams	14	Meteka Joseph	22
Regina Solomon	7	Dulani Benjamin	14	Dianne Jarvis	27
Blondel Jones-Grant	8	Alma Thompson	15	Makiah Gordon	29
Calma Gumbs	12	Zaria Lumsden	17	Kai Davis	30
Gail Simon	12	Jeremiah Aska	20	Jalah Christopher	31

**\*The Gospel**

Mark 6:1-13

*Bro. Wendell Smith*

**\*Choral Response**

**\*Hymn #502**

**“Break Now the Bread of Life”**

**Sermon** God Always Answers Prayers

*Bro. Charles Donovan*

**Hymn #740**

**“I Need Thee ev’ ry Hour”**

**\*Offertory Sentence**

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. **(Psalms 23:1-3 NIV)**

**\*Dedication of Tithes and Offering:**

Loving Father, we ask that you bless these tithes and offering and give us each day our daily bread. Amen.

**\*Offertory Hymn # 772**

**“Pass Me Not”**

**\*Ascription of Praise # 819**

**“For the Life That You Have Given”**

**Benediction**

*Bro. C. Donovan*

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

**\*Recessional Hymn# 710**

**“Peace, Perfect Peace”**

**Organ Postlude (Congregation seated)**

*Mr. Cameron Pieper*

**#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 the Lord on the day we celebrate 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 8, 2018**

- The Bible Study Group will meet again in the Fall. At this time, all groups are on hiatus until September.

- **This Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> United is sponsoring a free concert featuring the Unity Brass Band from South Africa. The concert is being held here at 7:00 pm, and upon arrival, a good-will offering would be appreciated. Mark your calendar for an evening of fine music.**
- **Next Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>, we will receive through the Sacrament of Baptism, Kenzie Greaux. Daughter of Diamond Greaux and Aiden Vincent James, son of Jaspreet & Ojorn James.**
- **Next Sunday is also Sis. Alma Thompson's birthday. She will host the social hour to celebrate.**
- **The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is "Jesus Is Our Savior!". The dates and hours are July 16<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am –4:00 pm. More adult and youth volunteers are needed. Please see Sis. Jonelle Bernard for more information. Registration forms are on the rack.**
- **On Saturday July 21 the Annual Camp Hope Boat Ride benefiting youth work in Jamaica will set sail from Sheepshead Bay Pier #3. The ship disembarks promptly at 7:00 pm. Donations are \$60, per person. Please help us support the young people. The United church office has tickets.**
- **On Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, the Combined Moravian Men's BBQ will be held at Grace Moravian Church. The gathering will begin at 4:00 pm.**
- **You are invited to share in our congregation retreat to Ladore Camp, Retreat and Conference Center in Waymart, PA. October 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Theme: Spiritual Formation for Wellness. There will be relaxation, rest, and spiritual anointing as we come together in the name of Jesus. Registration per member for double occupancy rooms is \$100 per person. Registration per member for single rooms is \$352 per person. This retreat is cosponsored by our Health and Wellness Ministry, the Board of Elders with participation from Rev. Powell, Rev. Dr. Z. Costello and Rev. Margret Wellert. Please call or email the church office to make your registration. Space is limited.**

### COMING EVENTS

July 11	Unity Brass Band Concert at United - 7:00 pm
July 15	Baptism & Worship Service at United -10:00 am
July 16-27	Vacation Bible School
July 22	Worship Service at 10:00 am
July 29	Worship Service at 10:00 am

## Not Much to Offer?

Last winter, at a congregational retreat of fifteen men aged thirty to eighty, we ate together, we skied and snowshoed together, played games together, sang together, and had hours of serious conversation together.

Parents talked about how trying to raise children with healthy, respectful attitudes toward the opposite sex. A landlord shared difficulties in providing housing for middle- and lower-income families. One person told of the prayer life that he and his wife shared. We recounted experiences with undocumented persons. I was struck by the wealth of the group's experience and conviction as people of Jesus.

Today's Gospel lesson reports that the people of Jesus' hometown of Nazareth did not think Jesus had much to offer them, because they knew his family. (Luke, one of the other Gospels, reports that Nazareth residents did not care for Jesus because he asked to remember stories in their scripture—our Old Testament—about God's love for foreigners.)

As if in response to his reception in Nazareth, Jesus did something to show his high opinion of his twelve apprentices closest to him. Up to this point, they had just been a friendly fellowship. Now Jesus put them to work and gave them a mission. He sent them out, in pairs, to do the same sort of things—healing, preaching, casting out demons—that he had been doing.

God, who is opened to us in Jesus, sees more possibilities in us than we see most of the time. Jesus would also like to send us out—probably not far away, but into our own communities.

*Hermann Weinlick, retired pastor, Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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## The Moravian Church

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 8, 2018



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