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JOHN 14:6



# 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, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6**

**Prelude**

*Mr. Fabio Alvarez*

**Call to Worship & Daily Text ... May 14, 2017**

*Rev. Nigel Powell*

**\*Introit**

*The Chancel Choir*

**\*Processional Hymn “Faith of Our Mothers”** Tune #404 Celebration Hymnal.

Faith of our mothers, living still,  
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;  
In nursery lore and fireside love,  
Thy presence still pervades the air:

*Refrain:*

*Faith of our mothers, living faith!  
We will be true to thee to death.*

Faith of our mothers, loving faith,  
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,  
Oh, may thy consecration prove  
Source of a finer, nobler race:

Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,  
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,  
How blurred our vision, blind our way,  
Thy providential care without:

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,  
Is truth beyond our stumbling creeds,  
Still serve the home and save the Church,  
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:

**\*Liturgy for Mother's Day**

*Rev. Nigel Powell*

**Leader:** Lord God, creator of the universe, thank you for the world and all its

bountiful resource.

**Cong: We celebrate your act of creation.**

**Leader:** Thank you for the formation of mankind with the powerful reminder that we are formed in your image.

**Cong: Male and female were we formed to give glory and honor to your name.**

**Leader:** We are fashioned from the dirt of the ground, and one is called Adam and other is called Eve. Each are separate but equal and both are made in your name.

**Cong: God blessed them and said: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."**

**Leader:** From this commandment Adam and Eve were to know each other and Eve became the mother of all.

**Cong: Thank you Holy Lord for the gift of motherhood and the spirit of mothering that you have imparted to all women.**

**\*Hymn #659 "As a Mother Holds Her Baby"**

**Leader:** In our joy and thankfulness we are still mindful that too many of our women must live with injustice in our economic structures, religious orientation, social environments and our education systems. We are mindful that thousands of women are victims of Human trafficking, physical, verbal and sexual abuses, and are denied their God-given right of equality with men.

**Cong: Cursed is the one who perverts the justice due the stranger, the fatherless, and widow, Amen.**

**Leader:** Therefore let us make confession for our failure to walk in his ways by giving support to things that hurt and hinder women and girls.

**Cong: Compassionate Lord, you call us to higher a standard than we have achieved. We therefore bow in honest confession of those thoughts, words and deeds which have missed the mark. Within our families, we have loved imperfectly. We have not fully walked in the light among our sisters and among our brothers too. We have used our cultural preferences to hurt and offend. We sometimes fail to honor our sexuality and the sexuality of others. Our lives have not adequately testified to your redeeming power. Forgive us, gracious Lord, for permitting ourselves to be distracted from the goal of our discipleship. Heal the brokenness of our hearts and restore us to you, our first love.**

Light of the world come near and bless  
Your children here below  
Who in your house your name confess  
On us your grace bestow.

Light of the world we worship you  
Our gifts to you we bring  
Accept our sinful hearts, O Lord  
While praise to you we sing.

MBW #68

**Leader:** His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. Amen.

Sources include Scripture and the Epiphany/World Mission Liturgy.

\* Hymn #665                   **“Bless All Those Who Nurture Children”**

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Sis. Jonelle Bernard*

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

\*Greeting Hymn                   **“I Am Blessed”**

**Mother of the Year Presentation**

**Worship Song “In The Garden”** (Celebration Hymnal 635)

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses.

***Refrain***

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.  
He speaks, and the sound of His voice,  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing.*

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Though the night around me be falling,  
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling.

**Prayer of Intercession**

*The Prayer Warriors*

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

Acts 7:55-60

*Sis. Danika Chambers*

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

1 Peter 2:2-1

*Sis. Simone Merchant Taylor*

\*Choral Response #846

**“Glory be to you, O Lord”**

\*THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

*Sis. Myrna Higgins*

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

SERMON

*Rev. Nigel Powell*

**\*Hymn #443 “May God’s Love Be Fixed Above You!” (T529)**

**\*Offertory Sentence:** Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.  
(James 1:27 NKJV)

**\*Dedication of Tithes & Offering:**

Lord God, you are both a mother and father to us. Your great love seen all around us and we thank you. Help us to walk more worthily of your grace and use us all in your work of salvation. Here we offer our gifts of tithes and offerings take and use them for the building up of your church on earth. Amen

**Tithes and Offerings Hymn #645 “A Charge to Keep I Have”**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Ascription of Praise #817 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**\*Benediction**

*The Chancel Choir*

**\*Recessional Hymn #638 “Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go”**

**Organ Postlude (Congregation seated)**

*Mr. Fabio Alvarez*

#Means the lesson is read responsively. * Means that the congregation stands.
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**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 the Fifth Sunday of Easter. 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 May 14, 2017**

- Please join us for Bible Study this Wednesday at 6:30 pm.
- **The Jamaica Group will meet this afternoon at 1:30 in the library.**
- **Due to his travels to Jamaica, Rev. Powell will not preside over the next two Sunday services. Sis. Blondel Jones-Grant will lead worship on May 21<sup>st</sup> and Minister Jeremy Ricks will lead worship on May 28<sup>th</sup>, which is the next Lay Sunday.**

- A reminder, all Sunday service bulletins can be found on the church site, [www.unitedmoravian.org](http://www.unitedmoravian.org).
- Sis. Henrietta Gumbs is out of the hospital and staying with a relative in New Jersey. She sends greetings to all.
- This Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> is the first session of the next Mastermind Group study on "Becoming a Person of Influence" written by John Maxwell. Sessions will meet here in the library on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. To sign up please see Bro. Stephen James Sr. as soon as possible. The cost is \$100.00 which includes the book of study and related materials. Seats are limited.
- This Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> Mt. Sinai Hospital is having a Blood Pressure & Stroke Awareness Health Fair. Professionals from different areas such as neurology and spiritual health will be on hand to answer questions. A wide range of events will be held in the Guggenheim Atrium. The hours are from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. The site address is 1 Gustave L. Levy Place. near 5<sup>th</sup> Ave & 100 St. Obtain valuable health facts for the mind, body & soul for free! You can't beat that.
- Confirmation Class for children will begin soon. Please collect a Membership application and submit it to any Elder or the church office. The applications are on the rack.
- The Jones family congratulates Dulani Benjamim-Jones on his graduation. We pray that as you learn, become seasoned and grow in your chosen profession, that you always remember that we are all made by God. Keep safety on your mind and Jesus in your heart. We already feel great pride in you, continue to make us ( your family, Church, and community) proud.
- **This Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> is the Jamaica Group's Annual Night of Nostalgia. Talents will include in house entertainment and Ms. Yvonne Puran (Chimmy Lady). The fun begins at 4:00 pm in the Social Hall, and you don't want to miss ANYTHING!! Get your tickets today from any Jamaica Group member. Donations are: adults \$30 & children \$15. See the bulletin ad for more information.**
- United's Men's Fellowship will host an Evening of Entertainment on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at Eastwood Manor in the Bronx. Tickets are \$90, per person. Contact any Fellowship member for tickets. Flyers are also on the rack.
- You can check your blood pressure here at United in the Medical Office on Sundays after church.





*Strength & honor are her clothing*

*She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and her tongue is the law of kindness.*

*She watches over the ways of her household,  
And does not eat the bread of idleness.*

*Her children rise up and call her blessed;*

*Her husband also, and he praises her*

*Many daughter have done well*

*But you excel them all.*

*Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing*

*But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised*

*Proverbs 31: 26-30 NKJV*

# The Jamaica Group of United Moravian Church Presents Their

## Annual Night of Nostalgia Saturday May 20, 2017 @ 4:00 PM



**THIS SATURDAY!**

Delicious Finger-Licking Food  
Lots of Music, Fun, Laughter  
& Entertainment

Special Door Prizes  
Surprises and Many,  
Many More !!!



**Featuring Gospel  
Comedienne  
Ms. Yvonne Puran  
(Chinny Lady)**



MUSIC BY: DJ FACE

**MC: Mr. Patrick Bernard**

Ticket information: Adults: \$30 Children: \$15

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**United Moravian Church Men's Fellowship**

*Proudly Presents*

**An Evening of Entertainment**  
*at*

**Eastwood Manor**

**3371 Eastchester Rd., Bronx, NY 10469 718-654-4200**

**Friday, June 16, 2017**

Cocktail Hour: 9:00 - 10:00 pm

Dinner & Dance: 10:00 - 2:00 am

Open Bar - Good Mobil



***Donations: \$90 per person***

***RSVP by June 1<sup>st</sup>***

*For tickets contact:*

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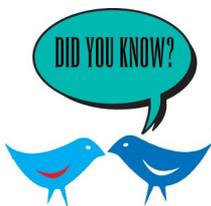
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**Soldiers for Christ, RISE UP!**





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Visit [www.moravianmission.org](http://www.moravianmission.org) to view our latest updates on the Synod in Western Tanzania, which now has mission outreach in Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Kenya and a new mission area within Tanzania called Kiwele! To get your own newsletter copy, send your email or mailing address to [deb@mcnp.org](mailto:deb@mcnp.org).



*I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth,  
do you not perceive it? Is 43:19a*

**UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH  
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR APRIL 2017**

**RECEIPTS**

2017 Budget           \$ 560,650.00

Monthly Need         \$ 46,721.00

Offering	\$ 34,789.00
Church Use	5,356.00
YOU/YAC	1,130.00
Building Fund Transfer	30,000.00
Miscellaneous	954.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 72,229.00</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Administration	\$ 6,029.00
Church Operation	15,798.00
Capital Improvement	822.00
Committees	900.00
Insurance	2,235.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Music Ministry	1,200.00
Pastoral Ministry	2,573.00
Parsonage	4,239.00
Payroll Taxes	2,909.00
Provincial Assessment	7,164.00
YOU/YAC	2,080.00
Worship and Music	2,612.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 48,811.00</b>

**Net Surplus(Deficit)           \$ 23,418.00**

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**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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# Troubled Hearts

When we lived in the Midwest, a visit to distant family could at times seem like more effort and trouble than it might be worth—days away and pastor coverage, arrangements for flights and rental cars, passports and time zones.

However, whatever time of day or night we arrived, no matter how far we were from home, when we arrived, it was always about the love for us, not about distance or trouble or the delayed flights. We were troubled for nothing.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled” seems like a pretty tall order. The disciples do not seem too sure they can do that, given the circumstances. Are troubled hearts something we allow to happen? Or are they thrust upon us?

Jesus attempts to still their troubled hearts by telling them he is leaving and will make a place for them where he is going. On the one hand, it must have comforted them to be included. On the other hand, this kind of leaving must have troubled them even more.

This is part of what Jesus means when he tells them that the only way to the Father is through him. The way home is not about going to a place; it is about *the relationships that make the place home*. Jesus is going to prepare their place, wherever that may be and whenever they will need it, because he already loves them. All through the book of John, the writer is trying to share the importance of knowing Jesus. He stresses the signs that point to who Jesus is, not to the miracle itself. Jesus’ long speeches and “I am” statements point to the ways the disciples can relate to Jesus. He speaks of the connections they share and the difference this makes in their lives.

When you know Jesus, there is no need for troubled hearts.

*Keith Harke, pastor, West Side Moravian Church,  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania*

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## The Moravian Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017



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