JESUS DID THIS, THE FIRST OF HIS SIGNS, IN CANA OF GALILEE

JOHN 2:11

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: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord. 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

Organ Prelude *Bro. Fabio Alvarez*

***Call to Worship:** (Adapted from Psalm 36:5-9)

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Leader: Lord, your constant love reaches the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the skies.

Response: Your righteousness is towering like the mountains; your justice is like the depths of the sea.

Leader: O God, how priceless is your unfailing love to your entire creation!

Response: How eager we are to take refuge under your wings!

Leader: Merciful God, remind us today of how easy it is to feast from the abundance which you lay out before us.

Response: For you, O God, are the fountain of life.

Leader: You let us drink from the fountain of your goodness.

Response: We come seeking your light today.

Leader: Open our eyes to the blazing glory of your light.

Response: Help us to see clearly, we beseech you O Lord.

***Reading of the Daily Texts for January 20, 2019**

***Introit** *The Chancel Choir*

***Processional Hymn #719 'Be Thou My Vision'**

***Liturgy: "Epiphany" p. 65** (Starting at the bottom of the page)

Welcome Our loving, eternal God continues to make himself known to us. We bid you all welcome today and urge that we be reminded that God's plan for us continues to unfold; it is a constant revelation of grace and love each day of our lives. May we taste of God's love in this place today and long for the feast through a personal relationship with God. *(Identification of visitors)*

Celebrations Anniversaries, Birthdays etc.

Hymn # 447 (Persons with anniversaries and birthdays are invited to stand)

Announcements *Sis. Jonelle Bernard*

- **Please join us for Bible study each Wednesday at 6:30 pm.**
- **We congratulate Bro. & Sis. Dolphin on their recent 40th wedding anniversary. The United family wishes them many more years of wedded bliss.**
- **Today we welcome Rev. Desna Henry Goulbourne as our interim pastor.**
- **The Preparation for Church Council discussion will be held today right after service.**
- **Next Sunday, worship service will begin at 10:00 am due to the Congregation Council meeting that will immediately follow.**
- **The Nomination Committee is seeking your nominations for six Elders and six Trustees to serve the congregation for 2019-2021. Of the six Elders, you may nominate for reelection Goldine Nicholas, Melsadis Dolphin, Iris Joseph, Stephen James Sr. and Lloyd Farquharson, and a new member. Of the six Trustees you may nominate for reelection, Jamala Hunte, Peggie Williams & Tracye Harvey, plus three new members. Nomination forms along with an explanation of the roles and responsibilities of Elders and Trustees are on the rack. Please submit your nominations to Sis. Trisha Simon, Bro. Iva Grant, and Bro. Emiel Henry.**
- **To all Joint Board members, please meet right after this service in the Trustees room for a 10 minute meeting.**
- Tremont Terrace is hosting a concert on Saturday, Jan. 26 as a tribute Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event starts at 3:00 pm, and donations are $30. Flyers are available on the rack.
- **Time is running out to get tickets for 'Ain't Misbehavin' at the Westchester Broadway Theatre on Sunday, February 17th. This outing includes a show, dinner, and transportation for only $125, and is hosted by the Jamaica Group. See Sis. Jonelle Bernard, or any Group member *TODAY!***
- **The church office will be closed tomorrow in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.**

Passing the peace of Christ: Let us joyfully declare God's love for us and our longing for perfect peace in this moment of fellowship.

***Greeting Song** 'Peace and Love' (Noel Dexter, Arranger 2002)
(Sing once before greeting each other)

Peace and love, peace and love,
Peace and love I leave with you,
Peace and love.

Ministry of the Word:

#1st Reading Isaiah 62:1-5 *Sis. Davina Chambers*

2nd Reading I Corinthians 12:1-11 *Bro. Patrick Bernard*

***Choral Response #846 'Glory be to you, O Lord!'**

***Gospel Reading** John 2:1-11 *Bro. Stephen James Sr.*

***Choral Response #846 'Praise, praise, praise…'**

Selection *The Chancel Choir*

Sermon 'A Glimpse of His Glory' *Rev. D. A. Henry Goulbourne*

***Hymn of Response #610 'Take My Life That It May Be'**

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Invitation (In Unison): In this season that commemorates the life and ministry of Jesus; we are reminded that he invites us to join him by working towards healing the world. We offer these gifts today toward this glorious work.

Offertory Hymn #581 'Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life'

***Offertory Response Hymn # 817 'Praise God, from Whom…'**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison):** Dear Lord, since ancient times, seekers after wisdom have sought you and found you. We are all on this common quest. We pray that our gifts today will aid in developing the ministry of this congregation so that persons will find in you a love that is richer and more lasting than this world can give. Help us to continue to share what you have so generously given without price. Amen.

(All sitting)

The Installation Liturgy for Interim Pastor *Sis. Goldine Nicholas*

Members and friends of the United Moravian congregation, we are gathered together today to install Sister Desna Henry Goulbourne as Interim Pastor of this congregation, an office to which she has been appointed, in consultation of the Joint Board of this Congregation with the District Executive Board, and with the approval of the Provincial Elders' Conference.

(Sister Henry Goulbourne shall rise.)

Sister Henry Goulbourne, do you now promise, in the presence of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, and of this people, that by the grace of God, you will endeavor to discharge all the duties of your calling; being careful at all times to conduct yourself as becomes a servant of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

I DO.

(The Members of the Joint Board shall rise.)

You, the elected officers of this congregation, have been chosen to act on behalf of the congregation in accepting this appointment from the District Executive Board and the Provincial Elders' Conference to Sister Desna Henry Goulbourne, who has accepted the appointment and is now being installed in this congregation. Do you promise to support her as she carries out her duties among you, sustaining her with your love and prayers, and upholding with her the doctrine and discipline of the church?

WE DO.

(The congregation shall rise.)

Will you, the members and friends of this congregation, now receive Sister Henry Goulbourne in due love and honor, as your interim pastor? Will you encourage her in all her endeavors among you, joining her in prayer and work for the extension of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in this community? Will you participate with her in the struggle to know the truth and to follow the will of God as she shares in directing the life of this congregation?

WE WILL.

I charge you, then, members and friends of United Moravian Congregation, to remember the Biblical definition of the Church: The Church is the body of Christ and we are members of it with Christ as our Head. All of us have been baptized into the one body by the same Spirit. While each of us has an individual identity and purpose, the fulfillment of our lives is found in being a part of the Body. All of you, together, are Christ's Body, and each one a member of it, and of one another.

(The Right Hand of Fellowship is extended to Sister Henry Goulbourne by the Joint Board as the following hymn is sung.)

HYMN #432 'We Bid You Welcome in the Name'

We bid you welcome in the name
Of Jesus, our exalted Head.
Come as a servant; so He came,
And we receive you in His stead.

Come as a shepherd; guard and keep

Your fold from all that fosters sin,
And nourish lambs, and feed the sheep,
The wounded heal, the lost bring in.

Come as a teacher, send from God,
Charged his whole counsel to declare;
Lift o'er our ranks the prophet's rod,
While we uphold your hands with prayer.

Come as a messenger of peace,
Filled with the Spirit, fired with love;
Live to behold our large increase,
And die to meet us all above.

***Prayer** *Rev. D. A. Henry Goulbourne*

***Benediction:** May all our journeys be led by the brightness of God. May we have the courage to trust God that there are still glorious blessings in store for us and our world. May all we do this day and always be a quest to the heart of God. Amen.

***Recessional Hymn #194** (British Hymnal**) 'God is Working His Purpose Out'**

*God is working his purpose out
As year succeeds to year;
God is working his purpose out,
And the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

*From utmost east to utmost west,
Where'er our feet have trod,
By the mouth of many messengers
Goes forth the voice of God:
"Give ear to me, you continents,
Ye isles, give ear to me,"
That the earth may be filled
With the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

*All we can do is nothing worth
Unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
Till God gives life to the seed;

Yet near and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

Organ Postlude (Congregation remains seated) *Bro. Fabio Alvarez*

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

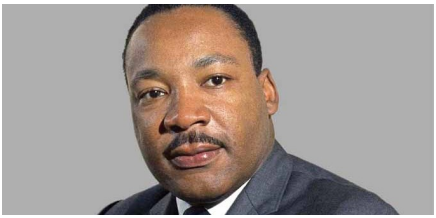
January Birthdays

Sis. Olive Jones	3rd	Sis. Brendalie Jones-Benjamin	19th
Sis. Kevisha Watkins	5th	Bro. Amare Turner	21st
Bro. Mayers A. Turner	6th	Bro. Samuel Goudie	21st
Sis. Inez Atkinson	9th	Sis. Nahzari Christopher	21st
Sis. Leana Palmer	10th	Bro. Patrick Bernard Sr.	22nd
Sis. Eldra Drew	13th	Sis. Esmie Fraser-McLeod	25th
Sis. TaSharae Solomon	14th	Bro. Alim Jones	26th
Rev. Nigel Powell	16th	Bro. Delvin Edwards	26th
Sis. Peggie Williams	19th		

The family of the late Oscar Willliams mark the anniversary of his passing, and birthday with flowers.

With love always, wife Gwen, children Oscar, Atira, Jackie & the grandchildren.

We commemorate
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2018

		2018 Budget	$ 587,000.00
RECEIPTS		Monthly Need	$ 48,917.00
Offering	$ 28,051.00		
50TH Anniversary Banquet Ticket Sales	16,900.00		
50th Anniversary Journal Ads	1,045.00		
50th Anniversary Concert	60.00		
Church Use	4,779.00		
Miscellaneous	1,293.00		
YOU/YAC	2,930.00		
Transfer from Saving	10,000.00		
Total Receipts	$ 65,058.00		
DISBURSEMENTS			
Administration	$ 7,064.00		
Bank Charge	$ 24.00		
Church Operation	18,251.00		
Christian Education	400.00		
Committees	975.00		
Fund Raising	18,405.00		
Insurance	2,408.00		
Miscellaneous	1,017.00		
Mt. Sinai PPS	387.00		
Pastoral Ministry	3,504.00		
Parsonage	4,000.00		
Payroll Expense	2,378.00		
YOU/YAC	5,138.00		
Worship and Music	2,690.00		
Total Disbursements	$ 66,641.00		
Net Surplus(Deficit)	$ (1,583.00)		

2018 BOARD OF ELDERS		
Name & Title		
Rev. Nigel Powell Chairman		
Sis. Goldine Nicholas - Vice Chair Chancel Choir	2017-2019	Willing to Serve
Sis. Jonelle Bernard - Secretary Sunday School	2018-2020	Second term
Bro. Lloyd Farquharson - All Nations Groups / Asst. Secretary	2017-2019	Willing to Serve
Sis. Iris Joseph - Ushers Board Moravian Women in Ministry	2017-2019	Willing to Serve
Bro. Stephen James Sr. YAC-YOU / Prayer Warriors	2017-2019	Willing to Serve
Sis. Melsadis Dolphin - Prayer Warriors / Sick and Home Bound	2017-2019	Willing to Serve
Patrick Smith Maintenance Committee	2018-2020	First term
Bro. Iva Grant Moravian Men's Fellowship		Not Willing to Serve
Hugh Abel - Men's Fellowship Social Hall Coordinator	2018-2020	First term
Charles Donovan –Sick & Homebound Social Hall Coordinator	2018-2020	First term
Ernestine Harris All Nations Groups	2018-2020	First term

2018 BOARD OF TRUSTEES		
Name		
Sonia Bernard		Not Willing to Serve
Peggie Williams	2017-2019	Willing to Serve
Patrick Bernard– Ex Officio		
Yolanda Christopher	2017-2019	Ineligible
Jamala Hunte	2017-2019	Willing to Serve
Winnifred Farquharson	2018-2020	First Term
Etta Chambers	2018-2020	Second Term
Whitfield Nicholas	2018-2020	Second Term
Trisha Simon	2017-2019	Ineligible
Tracye Harvey	2017-2019	Willing to Serve

Bro. Philbert Jeffrey - Chairman of Maintenance Committee

PRAY & GIVE SUPPORT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Sis. Jannette Abel
Sis. Joyce Anderson
Sis. Jeromie Barnard
Sis. Ena Billy
Sis. Anna Bishop
Bro. Lorne Canton
Bro. Donald Garth Dixon
Bro. Tralane Donovan
Sis. Elaine Elvin
Sis. Henrietta Gumbs
Sis: Millicent Hodge
Sis. Hyacinth Isaacs
Sis. Donna Marie James
Sis. Carmelita Keith
Sis. Evelyn Lloyd
Sis. Ruby Mitchell
Sis. Ena Morgan
Sis. Sylvia Pigott
Sis. Zenna Reid
Bro. Berwin Roberts
Sis. Ethel Robinson
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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"Do Whatever He Tells You"

With these words (John 2) to a servant about obtaining wine for a wedding party, Jesus' mother offers practical instruction for all who are servants of Jesus. There was a wedding party in process, but no more wine. Mom saves the day. The son obeys his parent. The servant obeys the son. Problem solved.

The Son's instructions for his followers are pretty straight-forward. Love God, self, and neighbor fully. Feed the hungry. Care for the sick. Welcome the stranger. Announce that a new reign of God's salvation (deliverance) is at hand. Forgive your enemies. Overcome evil with good. Go and make disciples. Jesus even tells us (Matthew 25) that such actions have eternal significance.

Yet we are often prone to give God the leftovers after serving self-interest first. We find Jesus' simple instructions to be impractical. We have been set free by Christ but resist doing what he tells us.

Years ago I served as a mission worker in rural Africa for two years. I was amazed by the radical simplicity, and radical obedience, of followers of Jesus in that context. On one unforgettable day an African friend came to my house asking for food. I knew that he had had food just days before. "What happened to your food?" I asked. He replied, "I just gave all my food and my money (a few dollars) to a man who hadn't eaten in a good while." He then shared that he takes the Lord's Prayer literally. God has always provided him his daily bread. So he is free to give to others who are hungry.

My African friend was doing what Jesus was telling him to do. Jesus' mother speaks to us. "Do whatever he tells you." Amen.

Jeff Coppage. pastor, Fries Memorial Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

The Moravian Church

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 20, 2019

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