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Watchword for the Week - Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of host s: I am the first and I am the last ; besides me there is no good. Isaiah 44:6

Prelude

Dr. Octavio Vazquez

***Call to Worship and Daily Text ...July 20, 2014**

Liturgy for Discipleship pg. 37

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Welcome & Announcements

Sis. Mabelle Mason

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

Greeting Hymn

"I am Blessed"

Blessing of Ring

Praise, Testimony and Prayer

Prayer Warriors

Scripture Readings

#1st Scripture Reading

Isaiah 44: 6-8

Sis. Kai Davis

2nd Scripture Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Sis. Marjorie Coates

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

***THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sis. Gail Simon

***Choral Response #846 "Praise, Praise, Praise, Praise"**

Hymn # 460

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

SERMON

Rev. Nigel Powell

Worship Through Giving

Sis. Hazel Hazel

***Offertory Sentence**

Give and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:38)

***Dedication of Tithes and Offering:**

Lord Jesus, we present to you today all our tithes and offerings with hearts that are filled with gratitude and love toward you. Use these our gifts to bring your

gospel to others and help them to see in us the God who loves the world. **AMEN**

***Tithes and Offertory Hymn #652 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”**

Reception of New Members pg. 173-174

***Holy Communion in Celebration of the Holy Spirit pg. 222**

Recessional Hymn #531 “Stand Up, and Bless the Lord”

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 Sixth 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 20, 2014

- Worship services will begin at 10:00 am from now until Aug. 31st.
- The Ingathering celebration will begin a half hour after this service.
- We will celebrate July birthdays today during the fellowship hour after Rally Ingathering.
- Today we will receive as full members of the congregation: Stephen M. James Sr., Thyra A. Hodge, Joycelyn K. Valentine, Marjorie Coates, Stevie Coates, Pauline E. Smith, Denfield S. Smith & Joyce L. McIntosh.
- Sis. Murray will be on vacation from tomorrow to Friday the 25th. Sis. Jasmine Aska will cover the office in her absence.
- Mr. & Mrs. Oswald Steele and their children have made a donation towards today's bulletin in honor of his late mother, Jestina R. Joseph.
- The Stewardship Committee is meeting tomorrow at 6:30 pm.
- The Joint Board of Officers will meet this Thursday the 24th at 7:00 pm.
- Notice is hereby given that a congregation council is scheduled to be held next Sunday the 27th after worship. We shall receive the synod report from our delegates, get the half year financial report and receive a proposal for a way forward for our church.
- 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.

- The Evangelism Committee will host the Intercessory Prayers during the month of July.
- Vacation Bible School ends this Friday the 25th. Many thanks to all who donated their resources & time to the program.
- The UMC picnic is this Saturday, July 26th at FDR Park in Yorktown Heights, NY. Two buses will leave the church at 8:00 am. Tickets for adults are \$30 & \$20 for children. Please see Bro. Abel or Bro. Farquharson for tickets or more information. **Members are urged to leave their vehicles at home because this is a fundraising event.**
- The service commemorating Jamaica's Anniversary of Independence will be held at UMC next Sunday the 27th at 3:00 pm.
- Thanks so much for your overwhelming response to join the YOU/YAC on the trip to Sight & Sound Theatre on August 16th. 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 13th & 20th. 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 October 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm each evening. Come and share with Rev. Powell, Sis. Inez Atkinson, Bro. Stephen James and your Evangelism Committee.
- Rev. Powell will be on holiday from August 4th-31st.
- **USHERS for next week are: Sisters Jade Simon, Dominique Roman, Brianna Phillips, Kushena David , Diamond Greaux and Brothers Terrell Hamm, Glenroy Aska & Akkeem Adams.**

The Jamaica Group congratulates
Sis. Joyce McIntosh on her reception
into the UMC family.



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	Sonia Bernard	22
Blondel Jones-Grant	8	Meteka Joseph	22
Calma Gumbs	12	Waldo Waterman	24
Gail Simon	12	Dianne Jarvis-Lumsden	27
Candeen David	12	Makiah Gordon	29
Candace Burnes	13	Kai Davis	30
Jamilia Burnes Philip	14		

2014 COMING EVENTS

July 27.	Worship Service - Pastor
July 27.	Jamaica Independence Service @ 3:00 pm
Aug.	Services start at 10:00 am
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
Sept.	Services start at 11:00 am
Sept. 7 th	Worship Service & Holy Communion
Sept. 14 th	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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Having heard the sermon, I have decided on the following:

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Seeds and weeds

The parable of the wheat and the tares reminds us of the power of God's word when it is proclaimed throughout the world. It has a supernatural power to change the hearts of people and produce righteous results. It reminds us that there is an evil element within our world as well. This is the work of Satan himself. As the parable describes, this evil will come in various forms, many of which can be difficult to detect and even more difficult to remove later on.

The Lord taught us in this parable that it is sometimes better to nurture, care for, and strengthen the good seed than it is to focus on the weeds that have been planted. In this parable, if the workers had attempted to remove the weeds from the fields, they would have destroyed many good seeds, and the crop would have been diminished. This coexistence enabled the good seed to mature and produce a needed blessing for many.

This parable does not allow for the approval of evil that is in our world today. It does teach us that Satan is the great imitator and that his work can come in very deceptive forms. So at times our greatest defense to this deceptive attack is to maintain a strong offense. The Christian is called to spread the gospel of Christ. We are to be responsible to his kingdom by strengthening and edifying the church through all our spiritual gifts. The tragedy will come when the tares will receive his full attention at the appointed time.

Therefore, for the church, it is imperative we keep sowing the seed.

*Tim Sapp, pastor, Advent Moravian Church,
Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

The Moravian Church

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