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Watchword for the Week: If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. **Galatians 5:25**

Organ Prelude

Mr. Fabio Alvarez

***CALL TO WORSHIP & DAILY TEXT....Sun. June 26, 2016**

Rev. Nigel Powell

***Introit**

The Combined Choir

***Processional Hymn #515**

“Highly Favored Congregation”

Welcome and Announcements

Sis. Regina Joseph Solomon

***Liturgy of Co-missioning**

***Hymn #543 (v1)**

“Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord”

Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord!

Sing with a cheerful voice;

exalt our God with one accord,

and in his name rejoice.

Ne'er cease to sing, O ransomed host,

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

until in realms of endless light

your praises shall unite.

#Scripture Reading: Psalms 77:1-20 NKJV

Bro. Lloyd Farquharson

(Standing)

It is good to remember all that you have done in the past, O Lord.

We are inspired by the stories of your faithful people – stories that we read in Scripture, stories that have been passed down to us through the ages and stories from our own rich history.

We see your powerfully loving hands and heart at work in those who have gone before us and we give you thanks for their faithful service to you.

We praise you for this cloud of witnesses – this ransomed host!

Lord, we are humbled that you choose to continue your loving story in us and through us.

We look forward to that day when our stories will unite with their stories – our songs with their songs!

***Hymn #543 (v2)**

There we to all eternity
shall join th'angelic lays
and sing in perfect harmony
to God our Savior's praise;
he has redeemed us by his blood,
and made us kings and priests to God;
for us, for us, the Lamb was slain!
Praise ye the Lord again.

Scripture Reading: I Kings 19:15 – 16, 19 – 21

Sis. Brenda Percival

(Standing)

We have looked back at the stories of your servants in the past.

We have looked ahead at a glimpse of the glorious ending of that story.

And now, here we are! We are... here!

The mantle has been passed on to us! We have become your servants. Your story has become our story.

You have called us to work together toward that vision right here and right now.

It is by faith in you that we respond to your call to serve. Your faithfulness throughout the ages inspires us to trust in your guidance in this time and this place. May our lives and service be our song of praise to you!

Praise and Worship

Praise and Worship Team

Intercessory and Prayer

The Prayer Warriors

***Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51 – 62**

Sis. Meshelle Edwards

Worship Song #688 “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” *The Combined Choir*

EPISTLE

“A LIVING LETTER TO THE CHURCH”

***Hymn #149**

“Come Now, You Blessed”

Gracious God, you are the one we turn to when we hear your invitation to be your disciples; when we feel the call to mission.

You, O Lord, provide strength and wisdom for each day and hope for the journey.

We thank you, Lord, for calling us to work as one body.

You call us to be in mission together – together with you, and together with each other.

We thank you for the Spirit of Christ that dwells in us and is always with us.

**Go with us, O God, as we step out in faith – as we step out together in mission.
Go with us, O God, each step of the way.**

***Hymn #543 (v3)**

But not for us alone this news
was brought by Christ our Lord.
'Twas meant for all the world to hear
and thus with one accord
with all God's children everywhere
his name and sign with pride we bear.
To us, to us, this task is giv'n:
to spread God's word. Amen.*

Worship Through Giving

Sis. Blondel Jones Grant

Offertory Sentence

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth,
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers.
All things were created through Him and for Him. (Colossians 1:16 NKJV)

***Dedication of Tithes and Offering:**

Loving Father, we humbly dedicate these tithes and offerings to your use. Like
the saints who have gone before us, we are comforted by the knowledge that
you will multiply these gifts. Allow this money to become a resource that lifts
the shadows of despair from the recesses of peoples' lives. We recognize that
only you, can restore faith to the faithless, hope to the hopeless, and love to the
loveless. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven! **AMEN.**

Tithes/Offering Hymn #610 "Take My Life"

***Presentation of Tithes/Offerings**

***Offertory Response #158 "Lord of All Good..."**

A Stewardship Last Word

Postlude

Mr. Fabio Alvarez

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

WELCOME

On behalf of United Moravian Church I extend a warm welcome to everyone as
we gather to worship the Lord on the day we celebrate 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.

Announcements June 26, 2016

- **The 2016 Eastern District synod is concluded. We thank Sis. Sonia Bernard, Sis. Bernalyn Jones-Clarke, Bro. Wendell Smith and Rev. Powell for representing us. The liturgy for worship today was recommended by the EDC synod organizers.**
- **Bible Study group will be on Summer break from July 6th to August 31st. We will reconvene on September 7th.**
- **The funeral for Bro. Ronald Famous shall be at Faith Moravian Church, 405 Riggs Road, NE, Washington, DC 20011 on Thursday June 30th at 11:00 am.**
- **Elders will have a meeting on Tuesday, June 28th at 6:30 pm.**
- **Starting next week, our services will commence at 10:00 am during the July and August months.**
- **United invites all of our seniors from age 70 and up to join us for a day of appreciation. To show a token of our love and appreciation for you, we humbly request your presence at this occasion. Beginning with morning worship at 10:00 am, a brunch on Sunday July 3rd will be given; and all to celebrate YOU! Please contact the church secretary or an Elder to let us know if you will attend.**
- **Vacation Bible School will run from Tuesday, July 5th to Friday, July 22nd; a three week period. Hours of operation will be 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. Registration forms are on the rack. Please assist the program by contributing towards the funding goal of \$3,000. Sis. Elaine Merchant, Elder Jonelle Bernard and Elder Danielle Chambers are collecting these donations.**
- **Sis. Elaine Merchant, our beloved Sunday School Superintendent, will step down from the position at the end of July.**
- **The Board of Elders are pleased to announce that Sis. Jonelle Bernard was selected to become the new Superintendent for the Sunday School as of September 2016. Sis. Attia Cobbs will become the Assistant Superintendent.**
- **The UMC annual picnic is approaching quickly on Saturday July 9th. Bus seats are \$35 for adults and \$25 for children 13 and under. Men's Fellowship members & Trustees have tickets. The Church makes its money exclusively on bus seat sales. If possible, please consider leaving the car behind.**
- **On Sunday July 10th First Moravian Church will have a Service of Consecration for Rev. Charles Harewood at 4:00 pm. He will be consecrated a Presbyter of the Moravian church. All are welcome to attend this service.**
- **John Hus will host a 50th Anniversary Celebration Parade on Saturday, July 16th from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. They continue to mark their five decades in serving the community. They will also hold a Heritage Fair later that day.**

Eastern District Mission Blast



At the 2016 Eastern District Synod the church spent time discerning the ways God is calling us to act together as a Christian witness in the world... and we need your help to respond!

Help us flood our district and our world with the message of Jesus Christ by stepping out and joining us in a "Mission Blast"!

Join local congregations feeding and clothing people in their communities, or District ministries helping to train people in how to take part in Disaster Response efforts. Join the Board of World Mission as it grows relationships in New Mission Areas.

All of these opportunities and so many more are ready and waiting. Are you feeling called?

Check out the Mission Blast catalog today!

Eastern District Synod

Mission Blast!

Matthew 28:19

"Go and make disciples of all nations..."

It is your turn to answer the call to serve!



**www.MoravianMission.org/
MissionBlast**

Matthew 25: 35-40

**UMC's Men's Fellowship
Annual Picnic
Saturday, July 9th 2016**

**FDR State Park = Fun! Fun! Fun!
Amenities: Pool, Nature Trails, Boat Rentals, Biking**

Mix it up and have a ball with other UMC members & friends.



**Buses depart UMC at 8:00 am & the park at 6:00 pm.
Section 5C**

Tickets: Adults \$35 Ages 12 & under \$25

**Tickets? Questions? See any Men's Fellowship
member or Trustee.**

**YOUTH SPONSORS ARE NEEDED. PLEASE CONSIDER
HELPING A YOUNG PERSON MAKE THE TRIP THIS YEAR.**

Additional information is on the rack. You may also call John Hus at 718-856-2200.

- On Saturday, July 23rd C.A.R.D. will host a Summer Picnic at the home of Bro. & Sis. Patrick Bernard in West Hempstead, NY. See any CARD member for tickets & additional information.
- There will be a Thanksgiving Church Service, celebrating Jamaica's 54th Anniversary of Independence, held by Acting Consul General Derron McCreath, Sunday July 31st, 2016 at the Union United Methodist Church, 121 New York Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216.
- The United Chancel Choir Gospel Luncheon Cruise will be Saturday, August 20, 2016 on the Spirit of Philadelphia. There are only 45 seats available. Cruise tickets are \$100.00, per person. Please reserve your seat now with a deposit of \$25.00. Contact Sisters Goldine Nicholas 917 292 5117 or Inez Atkinson 718-994-9351 to do so. The bus will leave United promptly at 7:00 am.
- Ushers on duty next Sunday are: Terrell Hamm, Aniyah Brown, Lydia Spencer, Shena David, Glenroy Aska, Danika Chambers, Ellie Harvey, Tesean Hamm, Andre Collette

Coming Events

JULY	Services begin at 10:00 am
03-Jul	Worship Service— Pastor
09-Jul	UMC Annual Picnic
10-Jul	Worship Service –Pastor

June Birthdays

Sis. Mary Joseph	2	Sis. Olivette Simon	18
Bro. Marquese Philip	3	Sis. Diarra Philip	23
Sis. Teandra Hamm	4 th	Sis. Dominique Roman	29
Sis. Loydis Percival	5 th	Sis. Junie Steele	30
Sis. Andrea Williams	9	Sis. Jade Taylor	30
Bro. Gregory Brown	12		

Seven Characteristics of a Healthy Congregation

- **1-Purpose**—A healthy congregation has a clear understanding of its identity, purpose and vision as a Moravian congregation.
- Members have a shared “who we are” what we do gives life and direction to every facet of ministry in and around the congregation.
- **2-Worship** - A healthy congregation gathers regularly to worship God with joy and vitality, offering praise and thanksgiving to God through word and sacrament .
- The people of God participate in worship, using a variety of liturgical and musical expressions and styles
- **3-Community** - A healthy congregation extends God’s welcome to everyone as an expression of the grace we have received through Jesus Christ.
- It celebrates diversity within the unity of faith by living the Moravian motto: In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things love.
- We offer hospitality to all, as congregations and as partners in our ecumenical witness.
- **4-Mission & Service** - A healthy congregation serves God’s people within and beyond the congregation. These ministries include everything from serving those in need to spreading the good news beginning within the neighborhood where the congregation is located and moving outward to those around the world.
- **5-Leadership** - A healthy congregation equips and empowers its leaders, both lay and clergy, to further God’s mission through the ministry of the congregation.
- Healthy congregations support and encourage all leaders as they learn and grow in their ministries, and work toward partnership with an accountability to God and to one another.
- **6- Spiritual Formation** - A healthy congregation is fully engaged in the lifelong process of forming disciples in Christian faith so that people of all ages know the biblical story, understand God’s invitation to discipleship and have multiple opportunities to respond to God’s call to daily living as a Christian disciple.
- Healthy congregations recognize that both spiritual formation and mission service are essential to faithful discipleship.
- **7-Stewardship** - A healthy congregation understands the reality that God has provided all it needs to fulfill, with excellence, the ministries to which it is called.
- The people of God respond generously to God’s abundance with joy and thanksgiving.

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

**Sis. Jannette Abel
Sis. Alicia Benjamin
Sis. Ena Billy
Sis. Anna Bishop
Bro. Tralane Donovan
Sis. Elaine Elvin
Sis. Hyacinth Isaacs
Sis: Millicent Hodge
Sis. Eva Joseph
Sis: Minerva Joseph
Sis. Carmelita Keith
Sis. Rose Lemond
Sis. Bernice McLean
Sis. Hyacinth Pelle
Bro. Luvey Williams
Sis. Iris Woodley**

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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Letting Go

Disciple: *I'll follow you anywhere . . .*

Jesus: *Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.*

Disciple: *Lord, let me first go bury my father . . .*

Jesus: *Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.*

Disciple: *I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home . . .*

Jesus: *No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God. (Luke 9:57–62)*

These are interesting responses from our Good Shepherd. They sort of bring us up short, don't they? The disciples are not making unreasonable requests. Yet Jesus, Scripture tells us, had "set his face to go to Jerusalem." So, if we are to move forward into a future with Jesus by our side, he has given us the promise that we *will* suffer for righteousness' sake. But we are also promised we will be given life—life in abundance. Jesus is leading us to the light and love of God's reign. If we are to journey in the Way of Christ, Jesus is telling us that we will have to let go of our naiveté, bury all those obstacles that get in the way of his call, be prepared to travel far from "home" and to "travel light."

There is always that pull to hold on to the comforts of what is familiar, controlled, planned, and, perhaps, even hoped for. But Jesus invites us to let go of all that tethers us and to follow in the way of risk and freedom. So we might as well jump . . . and trust God will be there to catch us, hold us, love us, and lead us where we need to go.

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The Moravian Church

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2016

