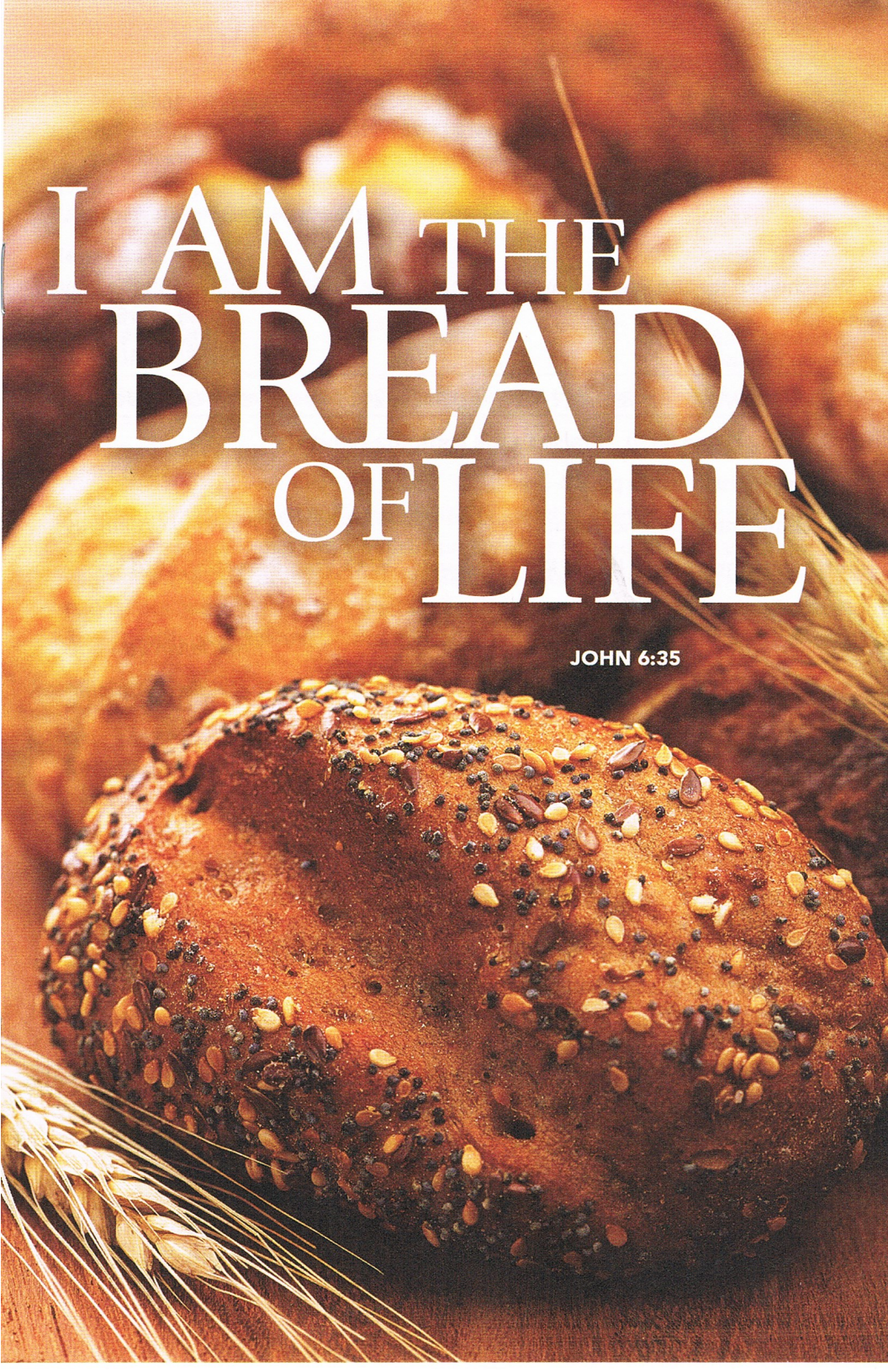
I AM THE
BREAD
OF LIFE
JOHN 6:35

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Watchword for the Week: Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight. **Proverbs 9:6**

Organ Prelude *Ms. Elina Akselrud*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP & DAILY TEXT AUG. 16, 2015 -** *Bro. Oswald Steele*

*** Opening Hymn #530 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

***Liturgy– Discipleship pg. 37**

Welcome and Announcements *Sis. Nolerien Grenaway*

Birthday/Anniversary Hymn #447 (tune 444) "With Your Presence, Lord"

Praise & Worship Team

#1st Scripture Reading Psalm 34: 9-18 *Bro. Delvin Edwards*

2nd Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:15-20 *Bro. Rolston Dolphin*

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

***THE GOSPEL** John 6:51-58 *Sis. Mercelle Mason*

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

***Hymn #460 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

SERMON "Why Love Your Enemies" *Bro. Stephen James Sr.*

*** Hymn #474 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING *Bro. Delvin Edwards*

***Offertory Sentence**

Through our giving to the Church, we build altars for the worship of God, not just in sanctuaries made with hands, but in lives enriched by caring and sharing. We bring our offerings in Thanksgiving to God, remembering that we are but temporary stewards over all we possess.

Dedication of Tithes and Offering

Thank you God for hearing our prayers and restoring our strength. Thank you for

drawing us apart from our selfish ways and self-serving pursuits. Let our offering today, fulfill your purposes, not ours. Let these gifts summon others to follow Christ. Let them know the joy of breaking bread with the Great Physician who offers healing to all who dare to trust your mercy. **Amen**

Offertory Hymn #464 **"Lord of All Being, Throned Afar"**

***Ascription of Praise #817** **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Benediction *Bro. Oswald Steele*

Closing Hymn #792 **"I Serve a Risen Savior"**

Organ Postlude *Ms. Elina Akselrud*

#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 this Twelfth 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. We invite you to worship with us again and please join our fellowship if you are seeking a church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS August 16, 2015

- Sis. Inez Atkinson will deliver the sermon at worship next Sunday Aug. 23rd at 10:00 am.
- After today's service the Moravian Women in Ministry will be selling black pudding, souse & ice cream.
- Today Y.A.C. invites all parents/guardians to a meeting with their youth after service to obtain some very important information.
- Who Am I? Whose Am I? What is my Father's plan for me? Why is my child not focused? What are the educational challenges of today? Come! Let's talk about it at our 1st Youth & Family Conference on September 12th, 2015, starting at 9:00 am. Parents, guardians, youths and church leaders are invited to come to this interactive conference to explore the answers from The Word of God. Registration is free and forms will be available on August16th. Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served.
- At 6:00 pm tonight the Tremont Terrace Moravian Women will present "Demerra Gold", a play written by & featuring Ingrid Griffith. Please pick up a flyer from the rack for more information.
- The Investment Committee will meet again this Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

- Congratulations to Norris Hamilton Jr, who is attending Bethune-Cookman University in Florida. As he pursues a degree in Music Technology, his family wishes him God's Mercy, Guidance and Protection. Best wishes to you Norris, we are so proud of you.
- The Eastern Region Moravian Women's Workshop will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26th in Bethlehem, PA. Forms are on the rack with more information. Register by Sept. 12th for a fee discount.
- Grace Moravian Church presents their 35th Gospel Celebration also on the 26th at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Jamaica, NY. Flyers are handy with more information.
- Save the date. The 38th anniversary of the UMC building dedication will be held on Sun. Sept. 27th at 3:00 pm. More to come.
- The Men's Fellowship has advance tickets available for their gala event on Friday, October 30th entitled, "An Evening of Entertainment." The dinner dance will be held at the Eastwood Manor in the Bronx. Flyers with additional information are on the rack.
- A reminder, past bulletins can be read at any time on the church web site, www.UnitedMoravian.org.

Happy birthday wishes for
Sis. Goldine Nichalas

from her children
& grandchildren.

Happy birthday to Uncle Donovan
from Nathifa & the boys.

Flowers for you!

2015 COMING EVENTS

Aug.23	Worship Service - Sis. Inez Atkinson
Aug.30	Worship Service - Rev. Powell
	SEPTEMBER - SERVICE RETURNS TO 11:00 AM
Sept. 2nd	**Bible Study Resumes @ 6:30 pm**
Sept. 6	Worship Service & Holy Communion - Rev. Powell
Sept. 13	Worship Service & Infant Baptism
Sept. 20	Worship Service
Sept. 26	Moravian Women's Workshop
Sept. 27	Worship Service
Sept. 27	Anniversary Concert at 3:00 pm
Sept. 28th - Oct. 2nd	**Evangelistic Crusade**

Flowers in the sanctuary are for **Bro. Donovan's** birthday.

From a friend.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Akeem Edwards	1	Charles Donovan	17
Ida Nesbitt	2	LaTiffany Campbell	18
Craig Joseph	3	Melissa Hamm	18
Lisette Garth	5	Goldine Nicholas	19
Jenelle Joseph	6	Glenniqua Hazel	19
Hyacinth Isaacs	7	Brianna Phillip	19
Rayner Robinson	7	Ivoire Charles	21
Glennoy Hazel	7	Donald Garth	21
Claude Merchant	8	Jelani Williams	26
Jayden Jonas	8	Hortense Morgan	28
Julia Joseph	10	Rezin Barnes	29
Jordan McKay	11	Lloyd Farquharson	29
Te-Ga Hamm	11	Shelby Bartlett-Jones	29
Ashanti Simon	13	Paris Goudie	30
Amaya Dolly	15	Anderyer Tripp	31

UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS JULY 2015

RECEIPTS		**2015 Budget**	**$ 756,874.00**
Offering	**$24,752.00**	**Monthly Need**	**$ 63,073.00**
Church Use	**1,580.00**		
Donations From Groups	**1,104.00**		
Proceeds From Sale Of Parsonage	**161,717.00**		
Fund Raising	**540.00**		
Miscellaneous	**3,020.00**		
Total Receipts	**$192,713.00**		
DISBURSEMENTS			
Administration	**$5,036.00**		
Bank Charge	**44.00**		
Church Operation	**11,585.00**		
Committees	**5,151.00**		
Insurance	**2,342.00**		
Pastoral Ministry	**4,794.00**		
Payroll Taxes	**3,041.00**		
Worship and Music	**3,972.00**		
Provincial Assessments	**161,717.00**		
Fund Raising	**900.00**		
Total Disbursements	**$198,582.00**		
Net Surplus(Deficit)	**($5,869.00)**		

NOTE:
Proceeds from sale of the Parsonage were used to pay the balance owed the Province for the 2009-2014 assessment balance. As of this date we do not owe the Province for any assessments until 2016.

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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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Comfort Food

Our fond memories often involve food. When we're stressed, we are inclined to crave the food that comforted us when we were children, safe at home. These comfort foods fill our bellies, and they also satisfy the emotional hunger that has resulted from the worries of our adult lives. Our comfort foods are different for each of us, but they often involve some kind of bread: the smell of Mom's homemade yeast rolls fresh from the oven or of hot biscuits dripping with butter are a couple of examples.

Bread is a basic element in the diet of nearly every culture; so Jesus' words, "I am the bread of life," evoke an image that resonates with followers of Jesus Christ worldwide. But while bread may be a comfort food for us, those words were far from comforting for the skeptical, questioning crowds to whom Jesus spoke.

Jesus, who often used rich poetic images in his teaching, was introducing a new "menu item" to the spiritual diet of his listeners, and a lot of them weren't sure they wanted to sample the offered feast. Those words were shocking! "Eat his flesh? Drink his blood? No thanks! Let's stick with what we're accustomed to."

But Jesus didn't intend for his words to be comforting. Jesus wanted his listeners—and he wants us—to understand that his own life and his own sacrifice have to be the fundamental elements of our spiritual diet. If we continue to take comfort in what the world offers, our spirits will starve.

Psalm 34:8 gives us the words, "Taste and see that the LORD is good." When we recognize that Jesus is basic to our lives, we will always crave the "comfort food" that he has prepared for us.

Willie Israel, pastor, Rolling Hills Moravian Church, Longwood, Florida

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