

A scenic landscape featuring a stone tower on a hillside. The tower is made of light-colored stone and has two arched windows. It is partially covered in green ivy. The hillside is lush with green trees and bushes. In the foreground, there is a stone wall and a vineyard with rows of grapevines. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

**THE STONE**  
**THAT THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS**  
**BECOME THE CORNERSTONE**

**MATTHEW 21:42**



# UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH

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**Watchword for the Week - The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**Psalms 118:22,23**

**Prelude**

*Mr. Orlando Alonso*

**\*Call to Worship & Daily Text ..October 5, 2014**

**\*Introit**

*The Chancel Choir*

**Processional Hymn #465 "How Great Thou Art"**

**\*The Church Litany pg. 5-9**

*Rev. Nigel Powell & Elders*

**\*Hymn**

**"As The Deer"**

As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longs after you  
You alone are my heart desire, And I long to worship You.

**Chorus:**

*You alone are my strength, my shield; To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart desire, And I long to worship You.*

I want you more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy  
You alone are the real joy giver, And the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and You're my brother, Even though you are a King  
I love You more than any other, So much more than anything.

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Bro. Oswald Steele*

**Birthday/Anniversary Hymn #446 "The Lord Bless and Keep You"**

**Greeting Hymn:**

**" I Am Blessed"**

**Hymn #739**

**"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"**

**Intercessory Prayer**

*The Prayer Warriors*

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

Psalm 80:7-15

*Sis. Daria Shaw Knowles*

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

Philippians 3:4-14

*Sis. Nolerien Grenaway*

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

**\*THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 21:33-46

*Bro. Emiel Henry*

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

**Worship Selection**

*The Chancel Choir*

**SERMON**

**“Because of Christ!”**

*Rev. Nigel Powell*

**Hymn #719**

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

**Worship Through Giving**

*Sis. Meshelle Edwards*

**\*Offertory Sentence:**

He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."  
**(John 14:21)**

**\*Dedication of Tithes and Offering:**

Lord Jesus, we present to you our tithes and offerings in loving response to your call upon our lives. Use them for the furtherance of your work upon earth which is to gather your chosen people in one; the Body of Christ. Bless this your church and those we serve. In the Name of Jesus. We pray. AMEN.

**\*Tithes & Offertory Hymn #647 “Take My Life, O Lord, Renew”**

**Offertory Hymn # 815 “ Our Tithes and Off’rings, Lord, We Bring”**

**Holy Communion—The Atonement pg. 196-208**

**Additional Hymns 415, 420, 421, 424**

**Recessional Hymn #792 “I Serve a Risen Savior”**

**Organ Postlude (congregation seated)**

*Mr. Orlando Alonso*

#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 Seventeenth 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 October 5, 2014**

- Here is the schedule for the weekly group review of the Unbinding Your Heart study: **MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY PRAYER CONFERENCE LINE AT 9:00 PM. TELEPHONE NO. 712-432-1500. THE PASS CODE IS 802324#**
- You are invited to attend the Unbinding Your Heart group study here at church on every Wednesday for the next 5 weeks at 6:30 pm.

- The funeral service for Bro. Al Thomas is this Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Viewing will be from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. A repast immediately follows the service.
- Youth Ministries weekend is this week Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> at Central Moravian in Pennsylvania. The bus will leave United at 5:45am on Saturday Oct 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Rev. Powell will attend Youth Ministries weekend and Sis. Blondel Jones-Grant will lead worship at United in his absence.
- All persons who are interested in joining Confirmation class are invited to submit a **Membership Application** form.
- The preliminary Budget Committee meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. All committees are asked to submit their budgets to the Board of Trustees by this meeting.
- There will be a battle of the rows fundraising event beginning this month and going through Harvest Sunday. A box will be placed at the end of each row. All who sit in the specific row are asked to place any amount of donation in the box, each time they enter the sanctuary for worship or any event. This will be tallied on Harvest Sunday to see which row contributed the MOST. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR CONSIDERING MAKING THIS A FUN FUNDRAISER!**
- The Eastern District Young Adult Mission Retreat is being held from October 31 - Nov. 2, 2014. This event combines service and learning while engaging in global social justice issues at the local level. Participants are young adults 21 and older. Spaces are limited. The retreat location is in Bethlehem, PA . Travel assistance is available. Interested? Please contact Rev. Cynthia Rader Geyer at the Eastern District office, [cunthia@mcnp.org](mailto:cunthia@mcnp.org).
- The C.A.R.D. Organization will have its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund Raising & Awards Banquet on Friday, October 31, 2014 from 8:00 pm to 1:00 am at Antun's, located at 9643 Springfield Blvd., Queens Village, NY. Tickets are \$90.00, per person. There will also be an advertising journal. For tickets please see Bro. Bernard or Sis. Drew. He will gladly accept deposits for your tickets. Journal information can also be obtained from Bro Bernard. Please support the C.A.R.D. organization.
- The first deposit for the Busy Bees trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Saturday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> is past due, but it's not too late. The outing includes a ticket to the Christmas Show, shopping and lunch. Tickets are \$120, per person. Please see any Busy Bee for more information. Flyers are also on the rack.
- UMC just celebrated 45 years. We need to stand UNITED to ensure another 45. Save your dollars for a ticket to the Fundraising Committee's banquet on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Eastwood Manor in the Bronx. The donation is \$90, per person. It's not just a donation, it's an investment in UMC!



**An Affair to Remember  
Friday, December 12, 2014**

**UMC Holiday Celebration**

At the Eastwood Manor Caterers  
3371 Eastchester Rd, Bronx, NY

Enjoy an evening of fine dining & music  
during a festive time of year.

Donations are \$90, per person. Please see:  
Jonelle Bernard, Bernalyn Jones Clarke, Blondel Jones  
Grant, Philbert Jeffrey, Melverton Newell, Goldine  
Nicholas, Whitfield Nicholas, Gail Simon, Olivette  
Simon, Shareen Simon, Trisha Simon or Oswald Steele

**We are UNITED.**

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

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Bro. Tralane Donovan  
Sis: Ludwina  
Sis: Millicent Hodge  
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Sis. Rose Lemond  
Sis. Bernice McLean  
Sis. Hyacinth Pelle  
Bro. Berwin Roberts  
Sis. Winifred Thomas  
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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| <b>OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS</b> | Sharik  | Potter   | 3rd  | Moretta   | Steele      | 19th |
|                          | Shanice | Gainey   | 3rd  | Winnifred | Farquharson | 20th |
|                          | Harold  | Manning  | 11th | Hilerene  | Daniel      | 20th |
|                          | Kadeem  | Simpson  | 17th | Anna-Kay  | Grant       | 28th |
|                          | Mozelle | James    | 17th | Joan      | Powell      | 29th |
|                          | Diamond | Greaux   | 17th | Tesean    | Hamm        | 31st |
|                          | Danika  | Chambers | 18th | Anderson  | McCarthy    | 31st |

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| <b>2014 COMING EVENTS</b> | Oct. 10-12 | Youth Ministries Weekend              |
|                           | Oct. 19    | Worship Service - M.W.M               |
|                           | Oct. 26    | Worship Service - Pastor              |
|                           | Nov. 2     | All Saints & Holy Communion           |
|                           | Nov. 9     | Worship Service- Stewardship Ministry |
|                           | Nov. 16    | Worship Service - Youth               |
|                           | Nov. 23    | Harvest Thanksgiving - Pastor         |

# The cup of peace

**S**uch tension is alive between the violence of the vineyard parable from Matthew 21 and the hope of our celebration of Communion this day. Jesus has told of the vineyard where those who are sent by the owner are confronted by violent tenants. The people, upon hearing about the mistreatment and abuse, respond instinctively that, of course, the owner will throw out these tenants and find others who will behave differently. At that Jesus reminds them (and us) of the words given by the Hebrew prophets: the stone once rejected becomes the cornerstone.

But what Jesus says next, is what we might need to be reminded of often: “The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.”

Jesus has become our cornerstone.

On this day, when we know that right hands will be open and extended to receive Jesus’ cup of peace and bread of life, we proclaim this in an act of worldwide Communion. All sorts of hands will reach out, from many hours before we find ourselves in worship until long after our day has ended in sleep.

The great hope of this celebration is that through God, the example of Jesus, and the movement of the Spirit all these people—in all their differing opinions, ways of being, and practices—can strive together to produce the fruits of the kingdom.

We can choose to drink from the cup of peace and be fed by the bread of life that Jesus extends to us. Or we can be the violent tenants of the vineyard, making our way *the* way, who cannot hear the servants of the landowner and misunderstand God’s desire for reconciliation.

May we act with the peace and love demonstrated by the community of Christ around our globe this day, in every day we live.

*Christy Clore, director of Christian education,  
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## The Moravian Church

World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2014



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