



“WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER”

March, 2021

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2021 CONGREGATIONAL WATCHWORD:

God’s grace towards me has not been in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:10

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - 10:30

March 7 3rd Sunday of Lent
March 14 4th Sunday of Lent (Daylight Savings Time starts)
March 21 5th Sunday of Lent
March 28 Palm Sunday
Worship online @ www.sbmoravian.org - a new service is available every Monday.



Congregational Update

On Sunday, February 21 we had the largest worship attendance in almost a year! We had 39 souls actually sitting in the pews and we were able to hear a duet from Kim and Dennis. For many it was a pretty emotional experience to hear singing in our sanctuary again. Slowly things are coming back here at church. With the declining rate of Covid infections in Door County and the growing number of folks getting vaccinated we will be able to start offering more programming and pastoral care. We still need to follow our safety protocols and there are still many things we cannot do. But the good news is that we will be adding back when and where we can.

One of the things that would be very helpful is for you to let us know when you have had your second vaccination. Once you are fully vaccinated and have passed through your two week waiting period, if you are comfortable with it, Reeder or I could actually have a pastoral visit with you since we both are now fully vaccinated. As the numbers grow we can start thinking about in person Bible Study and other small gatherings. We are still not singing hymns and we will not be having potlucks any time soon and we still need to wear our masks! Unfortunately our members under 65 and our youth and children still have to wait for their vaccinations. But with those groups opening up, along with the warm weather, we are looking forward to a joyful spring and summer.

As I share with you all of this hopefulness I also urge you to stay strong and stick to the plan. In the midst of the good news we have had more people connected to the congregation seriously ill with Covid in the last month than at any other time. We need to get where we are headed TOGETHER.

Matt

Some New Worship Protocols

As more folks are finding their way back to in person worship we want to share a few reminders and some new things.

*Masks and Distancing stays the same!

*The Balcony is now open!

*We still do not have a nursery but if you want to start reintroducing your kids to worship we have the TV on in the basement if they need a space to be squirrely.

*Remember we do not pass the offering plate. You will find the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary when you enter or leave.

*Greeting the Pastor. Reeder and Matt are not greeting you after worship at the door because we do not want to create a bottle neck. We will always be available up front to do an elbow bump or to greet you there. So please don't hesitate to stop up and say hello. As soon as it is warm enough we will be greeting outside.

MEETINGS

Board of Elders' 3/8 6:30 pm

Board of Trustees' 3/15 6:30 pm

In the Life of Our Church Family**In our prayers:**

Pat Paschke, Jim Benesh, Mark Hill, Mary Schranz and Phil Henrickson.

***Looking Ahead to Easter***

We plan on offering our full complement of Holy Week Worship experience. We will have the Reading Services, Maundy Thursday with Communion and the Tenebrae Service on Good Friday. Our plan for the Easter Sunrise Service is to hold the whole service outside at Shiloh. Weather will determine if this will happen or not. We will probably not make a final call on that until a few days before. We will also have Easter worship in our Sanctuary at 10:30 am.

Dates to Remember for Lent / Easter**Palm Sunday**

March 28 - 10:30 am

Holy Week Readings

March 29, 30, 31 - 6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday / Communion

April 1 - 6:30 pm

Good Friday - Tenebrae Service

April 2 - 6:30 pm

Shiloh Sunrise Service

April 4 - 6:00 am (to be decided & weather permitting)

Easter Sunday

April 4 - 10:30 am



LILIES FOR EASTER

We extend an invitation for you to place a lily in our Sanctuary this Easter to celebrate someone who touched your life. The lilies \$14.50 will be foil-wrapped with a bow.

The lily will be placed in honor of or in memory of a special person in your life. To order please complete the bottom portion of this sheet and return it with your check, to the church office, no later than **Thursday March 18th**. Checks may be made payable to the Moravian Church. (Please note that this is not a tax-deductible contribution since you will be receiving the plant.) You can also go to our website at www.sbmoravian.org to fill out an order form and pay online. Just click on the "click here for details" tag on the lily banner.

The lily is yours and we encourage you to take it home following the 10:30 Easter Sunday worship service.

Easter Lily

Purchaser's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Quantity ordered: _____

Plants are acknowledged in our Easter bulletin in this fashion:

"Given in loving memory of" or "In honor of"

By: (Person or family giving the plant.) _____



March 14, 2021
 2:00 am

PLANNING AHEAD in 2021?

Mark Your Calendars -

Summer - Special Events (more information in the coming months)

Vacation Bible School - Completing Grade K-5 as of June, 2021. Helpers Grade 6 & up.
We are hoping to have some form of VBS this summer.

Watch for updates!

Summer Camps -

Chetek	July 18 - 24, 2021	Grade 9 - Age 21
Winmor	July 25 - 31, 2021	Grades 6,7 or 8
Junior	August 1 - 5, 2021	Grades 3,4 or 5

Sign up at wdcamping.com



We will not hate, despise, slander or otherwise injure anyone. We will ever strive to manifest love towards all people, to treat them in a kind and friendly manner, and in our dealings with them to approve ourselves upright, honest, and conscientious, as becomes children of God. (*Moravian Covenant for Christian Living, para. 29*)

Support Mt. Morris Camp and Retreat Center Family Fun Weekend & Easter Cookie Bake Sale



Mt. Morris is hosting a **Family Fun Weekend June 4-6, 2021**. This will be a great weekend of planned activities as well as a lot of free time to relax and enjoy Mt. Morris. They will be doing all they can to create a safe environment for all! Please contact the church office for a registration form or contact info@mt-morris.org for more information.



Mt. Morris Camp & Retreat Center Easter Cookie Bake Sale 2021 Order Form

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

All cookies \$10/box (18 cookies)

Each box contains 18 Meltaway Cookies

Meltaway cookies are a soft, lightly sweet shortbread cookie that literally melts away in your mouth.

In each box there are six cookies from each of these three varieties:

Chocolate

Classic chocolate with a chocolate glaze

Traditional Meltaway

Topped with a thin glaze and Easter themed spring-kles for a festive cookie treat!

Snickerdoodles

Topped with a cinnamon glaze and garnished with raw sugar



Total # of Boxes Ordered _____

@ \$10.00/Box = \$ _____ Total Due

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Please return form and payment to the SBMC office by **March 18th**. You will be able to pick up your cookies here at church on April 1st. We would like to have at least 5 orders.

Thank you for supporting Mt. Morris!