

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All Saints' Day	2 
3 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am Confirmation @ Berea	4	5 	6 MYC Night 5:30-7:00 pm OSMC Chimes Choir Practice 7:00 pm	7	8	9
10 10:00 am - Worship Communion	11 	12	13 MYC Night 5:30-7:00 pm OSMC Chimes Choir Practice 7:00 pm	14	15	16 Conversation Café 9:00-11:00 am OSMC 
17 10:00 am - Worship Moravian Women's Sunday	18	19	20 MYC Night 5:30-7:00 pm OSMC Chimes Choir Practice 7:00 pm	21	22 RYC Retreat	23 RYC Retreat
24 10:00 am - Worship Advent Festival RYC Retreat	25	26	27 NO MYC Night	28 	29	30

Berea Moravian Church

The **Purpose** of this Church shall be to **glorify** God in adoration, **Love** and **service** as God's **missionary** to our **community**, our **nation**, and our **world**, bearing witness to **God's** redeeming **grace** in **Jesus Christ**.

2024 Congregational Watchword:

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. No one will snatch them out of my hand". John 10:27

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Top 3 Board Topics

In our efforts to share with the congregation some of the current topics of our church leadership, the joint board shares with you these items currently being addressed.

- 1. Carpet Cleaning in Fellowship Hall:** Deb received an estimate from Dale's Carpet Cleaning.
- 2. December 1st Celebration Dinner/Service:** The 150th Committee is busy with the dinner planning. Candlelight Service at 4:00 w/Dinner at 5:00 p.m.
- 3. New Members:** Classes will begin soon for new members as interest arises.

Thank You!

Thank you to Jenna Sperry for accepting the position as our new cleaning person with Brianna Ihrke as backup. We appreciate you both!

Thank you to the Women's Fellowship for their support of the teachers in our local school district.

Thank you to the teachers, dinner crew, and all that help with MYC Night each week!

Thank you to all who give of their time and talents to support our Berea congregation.



November 3rd, 2024

Remember to turn your clocks back before going to bed on Saturday night. Standard time returns at 2:00 am Sunday, Nov. 3rd.

Life of the Congregation

Anniversary of Christ as Chief Elder – November 13th

On November 13th, Moravians around the world celebrate one of the things that makes us unique – our understanding of Jesus Christ as the Chief Elder of the Moravian Church. At a Synod in London in 1741, the Moravian leaders struggled to elect a new Chief Elder. The office had been vacated when Leonard Dober decided that, after having served as Chief Elder for six years, the job had become too much for one person. In the years between 1735 and 1741, the Moravian Church had grown rapidly from an isolated community in Germany to a worldwide mission movement. After coming to the conclusion that no one person possessed the essential characteristics and gifts necessary, the Synod asked the question, “Would not the Lord our Savior be so gracious as to accept this office for himself?” On September 14, 1741, Jesus Christ was officially named Chief Elder of the Moravian Church. Being in the days before email, text messages, and cellphones, it was decided that time was needed to spread the news around the Moravian world. November 13th was chosen as the day for all Moravians to celebrate the selection of Christ as Chief Elder.

Women’s Sunday Sunday, November 17th

Please join us for worship on our Women’s Sunday. Moravian congregations across the country celebrate the leadership and spiritual enrichment of Women throughout the history of the Moravian church. Our service this day will be completely led by the women of our congregation.

Conversation Café

**Saturday, November 19th
9:00-11:00 am
at OSMC**



Coffee and fellowship warm the heart

Advent Festival Sunday, November 24th

**Please join us after worship to prepare our church
for the Advent Season**



Decorating, candle wrapping, and a fellowship lunch

Music Ministry



Do you love to sing or play an instrument?

Please share your talent

Join our Praise Team or contact Pastor Jodi with your ideas.

Everyone is welcome!

Berea Picture Directory

Kathy Wendt will be scheduling photo sessions for each family/member for our new updated picture directory. These will be 10-minute slots.

Please contact Kathy to schedule a time at 507-421-5763 or by email at freshclickphotography@gmail.com



We would love to include pictures of everyone in our congregation in the directory.



There are family information forms at the church. Please fill one out and put in the basket on Pastor Jodi's desk.

Youth



MYC Night Moravian Youth Connection

**Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 p.m.
at OSMC on November dates
37 Chapel Dr NW, Altura**

**Dinner, Games, Fellowship & Fun
Ages Pre-K through 8th Grade**

November will bring a lesson review and we will begin preparations for our Christmas Program



Missions

Confirmation

Learning

11:00 a.m. on the 1st Sunday of each month
with attendance at MYC Nights a requirement as well.

Our goal is to learn what it is to be
a Christian Moravian

Many thanks to the parents for signing up to provide a meal for
these Sundays and for assisting with the Mission Project.

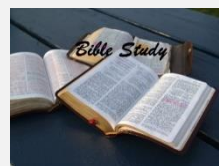
Food and Fellowship

Berea Women's Fellowship Updates



Bible Study and Fellowship Meeting

Monday, November 11th - 10:00 a.m.
Mary Polley's Home
183 Northern Hills Drive



We will be making Christmas gifts for
Nursing Home and Assisted Living residents

Bible Study will follow if time allows.

Fundraising

~Funds will go towards our December Anniversary Celebration~

Candle Sales

A perfect holiday gift for
friends and family

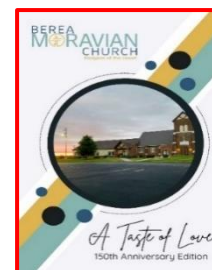
\$12 Each



Cookbooks

Get one for yourself
and one for a friend.

\$20 Each



Calling all Sisters in Christ

Finding your identity in Christ can be a challenge in this world today. Join us for the opportunity to share in meaningful discussion founded in scripture while we uncover the worthiness of our beautiful and fragile souls.



WORTHY Bible Study **Beginning on Thursday, January 2nd**

We will meet each Thursday through February 6th
10:00-11:00 a.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m.

To register click on the appropriate link below
or contact Pastor Jodi
Cost is \$20 plus the registration fee of \$4.89

Morning Session:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1028293983987?aff=oddtcreator>

Evening Session:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1028318768117?aff=oddtcreator>

A WORTHY Retreat is also offered at Mount Morris in Wautoma, WI
beginning at 3:00 pm on Friday, February 14th and
ending at Noon on Sunday, February 16th

Retreat Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1044228815497?aff=oddtcreator>

Note: It is not necessary to attend the bible study in order
to attend the Retreat and vice/versa.



Board of World Mission Update



Moravian Disaster Response to Hurricane Helene in North Carolina

10/18/24 UPDATE

The recovery effort from Hurricane Helene is in full swing in northwestern North Carolina, where the Board of World Mission is focusing our efforts. We are happy to report that Laurel Ridge, the Moravian Camp and Conference Center, now has power and will open Higgins Lodge beginning on October 18 for folks who would like to be part of the reconstruction effort. The BWM is helping to fund work being done at the home of a 74-year-old woman in Lansing, NC. Her house was completely flooded and needs a complete rebuild. The Rev. Chris Thore is heading up work on this project and is especially in need of folks with carpentry, cabinetry, plumbing, and electrical skills. We are also interested in congregations or groups of congregations willing to come as mission teams to work either in the clean-up effort at Laurel Ridge or in the home of one of their neighbors. If you are interested in helping, please email Chris Giesler at chris@moravianmission.org.

For those in the Winston-Salem area who would like to donate material goods, please consider taking your donations to the Armando Rusindo Foundation drop-off point at the Stop and Save Mart in Clemmons, NC. More details and a complete list of needed items can be found at amissionofhope.org.

100% of the donations received for our MDR Fund go to providing relief for these disasters. **You can assist us with our disaster response efforts at MoravianMission.org/Give (scan QR code). Please designate your gift to "MDR" to ensure that funds can be directed to the disaster relief efforts where there is the greatest need. Please make checks payable to "Board of World Mission" and send to:**



U.S. Donors: Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street,
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Canadian Donors: Moravian Church in Canada, 600 Acadia Drive SE, Calgary,
AB T2J 0B8. Interac e-Transfer donations may be sent to
treasurer@moravian.ca. Include your name and address in the comments
section of the transfer to receive tax receipts.

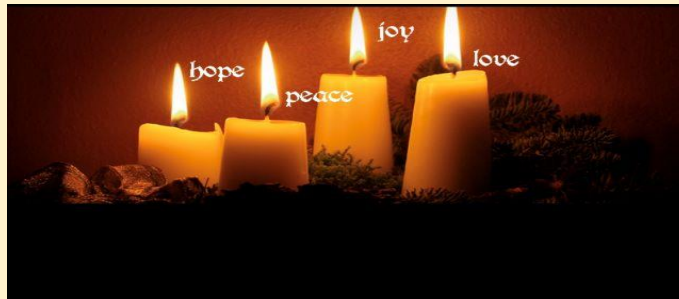
The Western District News

Rev. Greg Behrend was installed as pastor of **Freedom Moravian Church** in Appleton, Wisconsin, on Sunday. Greg also serves as the pastor and administrative director at **You Belong** in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Please hold the Behrend family and the saints at Freedom and You Belong in your prayers as they begin these new ministry relationships together.



Advent Season Begins December 1st

The season of Hope and Peace when we prepare our hearts
For the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ



Tech Help Wanted

Do you have an interest in technology? If so, Berea is looking for you!

We're looking for two or three individuals who would be interested in learning how to stream our services and possibly prepare a PowerPoint for each Sunday that could be viewed on the large screen during the service.

Contact Pastor Jodi or a Board Member if interested.



Opportunities to Give

Moravian Ministries to Support

There are so many areas of need currently, especially some of our Moravian Ministries. If you are able to contribute to the work of the greater Moravian Church please visit our Giving Page on the church website to donate

Mt. Morris Camp & Retreat

Tricklebee Café

Moravian Music Foundation

Moravian Care Ministries

Moravian Center Adult Day

Thank you for your offering

Offering plates will be passed around during service or you can donate online at bereamoravian.org for a one time or recurring giving thru Moravian Ministries Foundation





PASTOR JODI'S

CORNER

What a beautiful fall!

As the cooler weather settles in, we have enjoyed a beautiful October. And as this month ends, I welcome November.

This fall, my family lost my uncle and Gayle's (our administrative assistant) brother in late September. Gayle, my mother, and their other four sisters lost their little brother Brian and his best friend Mark in a horrific motorcycle accident on September 27th, and we celebrated their lives on Saturday, October 5th. We thank you for holding our family in your prayers as we experience this great grief.

Our farmers are well into the harvest season, and we pray for their continued safety and abundant yields. We enjoyed MYC nights at Berea, closing with a spooky and fun Halloween party filled with great food, games, and laughter. MYC night returns to Our Savior's for November.

How quickly fall is coming to a close; as we are nearing the advent season, we move into November with much to be grateful for.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jodi