



*The Word became flesh  
and lived among us*

JOHN 1:14



# UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH

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*Mr. Fabio Alvarez Organist/Choir Director*

**“In an atmosphere of love and unity we seek to spread the gospel through worship and service to all people.”**

**Watchword for the Week:** The law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

**John 1:17**

**Organ Prelude**

*Bro. Fabio Alvarez*

**\*Call to Worship & Daily Text Dec. 25, 2016**

*Rev. Nigel Powell*

**\*Introit**

*The Chancel Choir*

**\*Processional Hymn # “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”**

O Lord, how shall I meet You, how welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet You, my Hope, my heart’s Delight!  
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,  
To do in spirit lowly all that may please You best.

Love caused Your incarnation, love brought You down to me;  
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.  
O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace  
In love all loves excelling our lost and fallen race.

A glorious crown You gave me, a treasure safe on high,  
That will not fail nor leave me as earthly riches fly.  
My heart shall bloom forever for You with praises new,  
And from Your Name shall never withhold the honor due.

**\*Christmas Liturgy pg. 59**

*Sis. Jonelle Bernard*

**Worship through Song “O Come All Ye Faithful”**

*Sis. Trudy Steele*

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Bro. Philbert Jeffrey*

**Birthday/Anniversary Hymn #447 “With Your Presence, Lord”**

**Greeting Hymn: “ We Wish You A Merry Christmas”**

We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas, And a Happy New Year  
Good tidings we bring, To you and your kin  
We wish you a Merry Christmas, And a Happy New Year

**Worship through Song**

*Sis. Mya Matthew*

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

Isaiah 52:7-10

*Bro. Jaiden Simon*

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

Hebrews 1:1-4

*Bro. Lorne Canton*

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

**\*THE GOSPEL**

John 1:1-14

*Sis. Myrna Higgins*

**\*Choral Response #846 “Praise, Praise, Praise, Praise”**

**Worship Selection**

*The Chancel Choir*

**SERMON**

*Rev. Nigel Powell*

**Worship through Song**

*Sis. Ashlyn Smith*

**Worship Through Giving**

**\*Offertory Sentence**

He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. **Psalm 126:6 NKJV**

**\*Dedication of Tithes and Offering**

With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoices in your goodness and love. Let our gifts point to your presence in the world, and healing for all people through Jesus, Emmanuel, our Savior. Amen.

**\*Tithes & Offertory Hymn # “Hark, the Glad Sound”**

Hark, the glad sound! the Savior comes,

The Savior promised long;

Let every heart prepare a throne,

And every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release,

In Satan's bondage held;

The gates of brass before Him burst,

The iron fetters yield.

He comes, from thickest films of vice

To clear the mental ray,

And on the eyes oppressed with night

To pour celestial day.

He comes the broken heart to bind,

The bleeding soul to cure;

And with the treasures of His grace

To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,

Thy welcome shall proclaim;

And Heav'n's eternal arches ring

With Thy beloved Name.

**Presentation of Tithes/Offerings**

**\*Ascription of Praise #817 “Praise God , from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**The United Steel Orchestra**

**Presentation**

*The Sunday School*

**\*Benediction**

*Rev. Nigel Powell*

## \*Recessional Hymn # 288 "Angels we Have Heard on High"

Organ Postlude

Bro. Fabio Alvarez

#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 this Christmas day. 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 December 25, 2016

- Please join us for Bible Study this Wednesday at 6:30 pm.
- **Sis. Joyce Anderson wishes all a very Merry Christmas. She is also very grateful and thanks all who expressed love & support through prayers, visits, calls, cards & gifts during her ongoing convalescing period.**
- **The Joint Board will gather for a quick meeting today in the library immediately after service.**
- The Nomination Committee is seeking your nominations for six Elders and five Trustees to serve the congregation for 2017-2019. Of the six Elders, you may nominate for reelection Danielle Chambers, Meshelle Edwards and Michelle Joseph plus three new members. Of the five Trustees you may nominate for reelection, Trisha Simon and Yolanda Christopher plus three new members. Nomination forms along with an explanation of the roles and responsibilities of Elders and Trustees are on the rack. Please submit your nominations to Sis. Blondel Jones-Grant, Sis. Elfrieda Daniel or Bro. Akkeem Adams.
- Founder of Servant To All, Inc., Stephen James Sr., a Certified John Maxwell Speaker, Coach, Trainer will be facilitating a Mastermind Group Study on "Intentional Living" by John Maxwell on January 10<sup>th</sup>- February 7<sup>th</sup>. 2017 at 7:00 pm (Tuesdays only). The registration fee of \$100.00 includes the book of study and related material. Please see Bro. James to sign up and reserve your seat.
- The 2017 Daily Text books are available for purchase. Prices are: small paperback \$12, large print \$14, hard cover \$16 and journal edition \$18. See Bro. Eldridge Brown for your copy.
- **Annual group reports are due today. They must be typed and submitted to the church secretary.**
- UMC Media Ministry Needs Your Help! You get to take part in an essential component of the service! Volunteers of the Media Ministry have an impact across the entire church. They are trained and equipped with proper technical proce-

dures, no matter their level of experience. For more info, or to be a part of the team, please contact Dianne Jarvis-Lumsden at [917-841-2699](tel:917-841-2699) or by sending an email to [umcmmediaministry@gmail.com](mailto:umcmmediaministry@gmail.com).

- The Church needs volunteers to serve in several areas. Please see the volunteer list on the notice board.
- The Youth of United will host their next Annual Prayer Breakfast on Sat. January 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am. Tickets are \$20. See a YOU member for tickets.
- **In observance of Christmas the church building will be closed on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.**
- There is an increase in hypertension (high blood pressure) rates across New York City. This is a leading contributor to heart disease and stroke which are responsible for the death of 1 out of every 5 persons who die under the age of 65 years in New York City. During the last 10 years, the number of people in New York City with high blood pressure has increased by 11 percent. That means that approximately 1.8 million people report having hypertension in NYC. Many other people may have high blood pressure and they do not know because high blood pressure is hard to detect. The best way to know is to be regularly tested when we visit the doctor or other health care facilities.

The good news is that people can prevent and control hypertension by taking steps to live a heart-healthy lifestyle. These include eating a healthy diet low in salt, become more physically active, maintaining a healthy weight, and taking medicines as directed by a doctor.

You can also check your blood pressure here at United in the new Medical Room which used to known as Br. Donovan’s room on Sundays after Church.

<b>The Church of the Living God - Schedule</b>		
Sunday	Sanctuary	3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
	Social Hall	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Tuesday	Genesis Classroom	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Thursday	Genesis Classroom	8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Saturday	Genesis Classroom	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

### **COMING EVENTS**

Dec. 31	WatchNight Service @ 11:00 pm
Jan. 1, 2017	New Years Day @ 11:00 am
Jan. 14, 2017	Annual Youth Breakfast @ 9:00 am

# *MERRY CHRISTMAS UNITED*

*May your prayers and wishes  
be granted  
in the new year.*



*May God bless you abundantly*

*Rev. Nigel Powell*

*Sis. Maxine Powell*

*Sis. Marlene Murray*

**Y**OUTH**S** **O**F **U**NITED

*Annual Prayer Breakfast*

*Featuring*

**R**ev. **C**raig **F**itzgerald **H**enry

*Of*

**L**ittle **R**ock **B**aptist **C**hurch

**GROWING  
IN  
FAITH**



**January 14th, 2017 @ 9:00 AM**

**United Moravian Church**

**Admission: \$20.00**

**REV. NIGEL POWELL**

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## UNITY PRAYER WATCH 2016

**We thank everyone who made sure the chain link  
was not broken.**

Chaplain Alicia F.A. Goudie/ Raymond Miller/ Oswald Steele  
Mrs. Jones/ Elfrieda Daniel/ Brenda Percival/ Dianne Jarvis-Lumsden  
Vida Hamm/ Michelle Joseph/ Emiel Henry/ Gail Simon  
Danielle Chambers/ Melsadis Dolphin/ Stephen James Sr.  
Elaine Merchant/ Angela Ephraim/ Goldine Nicholas  
Alma Thompson/ Alverine Browne/ Hortense Morgan/ Murdel Wint  
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Mozell James/ Claire Martin McKay/ Gwendolyn Williams  
Ethel Robinson/ Ernie Simpson/ Maud Thomas/ Cicely Cornelius  
Maxine Powell/ The Bible Study Group/ Ida Nisbett/  
Shornalyn Baptiste/ Jennifer Aska/ Melverton Newell  
Nolerien Grenaway/ Kathleen Moodie.

**United could not have done it without you.**



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bro. Kearne Palmer	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sis. Jonelle Bernard	17 <sup>th</sup>
Sis. Nathifa Charles	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sis. Daria Shaw-Knowles	19 <sup>th</sup>
Bro. Hugh Abel	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bro. Leonard James	21 <sup>st</sup>
Bro. Pernell Simpson	7 <sup>th</sup>	Sis. Jaydah Henry	21 <sup>st</sup>
Sis. Aniyah Brown	8 <sup>th</sup>	Sis. Angela Ephraim	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Sis. Alverine Brown	11 <sup>th</sup>	Sis. Barbara Turner	26 <sup>th</sup>
Sis. Acia Donahue	11 <sup>th</sup>	Sis. Jennifer Cumberbatch- Aska	29 <sup>th</sup>
Bro. Leequan Edwards	12 <sup>th</sup>		



**2016 BOARD OF ELDERS**

<b>Name &amp; Title</b>		<b>Zip Codes</b>
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**2016 BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

<b>Name</b>		<b>Title</b>
Bro. Patrick Bernard		Chairman
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Sis. Simone Merchant-Taylor		
Bro. Whitfield Nicholas		
Bro. Hugh Abel		Chair - Maintenance Committee

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

**Sis. Jannette Abel  
Sis. Joyce Anderson  
Sis. Alicia Benjamin  
Sis. Ena Billy  
Sis. Anna Bishop  
Bro. Tralane Donovan  
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Sis. Zenna Reid  
Bro. McKenzie Smith  
Bro. Maynel Thompson Sr.  
Bro. Alvin Williams  
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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- 2.....  
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## *O sing to the Lord, for the Lord has done marvelous things!*

Once upon a time, a few years ago, I read a story in a Bible study. A boy of about six years of age was sleeping in his bed, when suddenly there was a fierce thunderstorm. He awoke and called out to his dad because he was so afraid!

Dad came into his son's room, offered some comfort, and said, "Don't forget, God is with you. It will be okay." The child replied, "Yeah, Dad, I know God is here . . . but right now I need someone with skin on!"

"And the Word became flesh and lived among us." I'm partial to Eugene Peterson's rendering of this verse in *The Message*: "The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood." God is indeed doing a new and marvelous thing. God's home is among mortals.

Earlier in John 1, Peterson paraphrases:

What came into existence was Life,  
and the Life was Light to live by.  
The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness;  
the darkness couldn't put it out.

This is what we celebrate on Christmas Eve and again on Christmas Day: the birth of the Messiah, the incarnation of our God, a new beginning—a new creation. This is now our life, living with the "true light, which enlightens everyone."

Shine, sisters and brothers! God is doing a new thing, this time through you!

*Maggie Wellert, retired pastor, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania*

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## **The Moravian Church**

**Christmas Day**

December 25, 2016



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