How often
have I desired to gather
your children together
as a hen gathers
her brood under
her wings

LUKE 13:34

# UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH

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*Bro. 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 Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? Psalm 27:1**

***Stand, if you are able**

**Musical Prelude:** *Bro. Fabio Alvarez*

**Introit** *The Chancel Choir*

***Call to Worship:** *Sis. Goldine Nicholas*

**Leader:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
**Response: And also with you.**

**Leader:** From the valley of unbelief and doubt we come to you.
**Response: Save us, O Lord, from our unbelief.**

**Leader:** From streets marked by difficulty and violence we come to you.
**Response: Save us, O Lord, from our fears and doubts.**

**Leader:** From a place of uncertainty about our future we come to you.
**Response: Grant us a vision, O Lord, of what life can be like with you.**

***Processional Hymn #751: "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

***Liturgy for Lent # 2 p. 78** *Sis. Goldine Nicholas*

**Reading of the Daily Texts for March 17, 2019**

**Welcome:** *Bro. Patrick Smith*
On this second Sunday in Lent, let us continue to pay close attention to our spiritual growth and do everything to nurture our faith in God. We bid you all welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. *(Identification of visitors)*

**Celebrations: Anniversaries, Birthdays etc.**

**<u>Hymn # 447</u>**
(Persons with anniversaries and birthdays are invited to remain standing)

**Announcements** *Bro. Patrick Smith*

- The Intercessory Prayer Line is available every Monday at 8:00 pm. To join the group call 712-770-8096, code 998507 at that time. There is power in abundant prayer!!!
- Regular Wednesday Bible Study is on hiatus during the Lenten season. However, Lenten Wednesday services will be held at 7 pm each week.
- Confirmation classes are being held on 2nd and 4th Fridays at 6:00 pm in the Assistant Minister's Office. Persons interested in becoming members of this congregation need to fill out a membership application and return it to an Elder.
- **The Men's Fellowship will meet today right after worship.**
- **Our Sis Ena Morgan lost her nephew last week. Trevor Brown died unexpectedly on March 13th. We pray for the Lord to lessen the pain of her loss.**
- **CARD sponsored Bishop Stanley Thomas Lenten Concert will be on Sunday, March 31st at John Hus at 3:30 pm. NY Metro combined choirs and Youth of United will be featured. Tickets are $25 and $10. Please show your support. See any CARD member for tickets.**
- **All Islands Association Inc. will again award scholarships to six high school seniors. If you are one, take advantage of this opportunity. The letter and application can be found on the rack. The deadline is April 1, 2019.**
- The Moravian Women in Ministry's Spring Rally is on April 27th at Schoeneck Moravian Church in Nazareth PA. Please see Sis. Iris Joseph for more information.
- The Antigua/Barbuda Group will host their next Spring Fling on Saturday, May 4th in United's Social Hall. Buy your tickets now, have a great time later. Donations are $40 & $20. Flyers with more information are on the rack.
- **The Y.O.U pre-Mothers Day scholarship luncheon will be on Saturday, May 11th and held in our social hall. The affair starts at 4:00 pm, and donations are $60 & $30 for adults & children respectively.**
- Save the date for a 2nights/3days trip, May 25th - May 27th with the Busy Bees to Nordic Lodge, Rhode Island. Details to follow.
- **On Sat. June 1 the Moravian Women in Ministry will host "Voices & Steel", featuring the City South Steel Orchestra. Please pick up a flyer on the rack for more details.**
- **Let us all wish our Sis. Henrietta (Shorty) Gumbs a very happy birthday. She will be 105 years young tomorrow!**

**Passing the peace of Christ:** We, though many, are one body in Christ Jesus. Let us affirm our unity, and our love for one another and God as we greet each other.

***Greeting Song # 115** (Master Chorus Book): *"***Behold, What Manner of Love"**
**(Sing once before greeting)**

Behold, what manner of love the Father has given unto us.
Behold, what manner of love the Father has given unto us.

That we should be called the children of God,
That we should be called the children of God.

***Praise Session & Intercessory Prayer:** *Praise Team & Prayer Warriors*

**Sunday School Song # 176** (Master Chorus Book): **"To Be Like Jesus"**
(All Sunday School Students will stand and sing once before departing for classes)

To be like Jesus, this hope possesses me;
In every thought and deed, this is my aim and creed.
To be like Jesus, this hope possesses me;
The Spirit's helping me, like Him I'll be.

**Ministry of the Word:**

**1st Reading** (Responsive): Psalm 27 *Sis. Inez Atkinson*

**2nd Reading:** Philippians 3:17-4:1 *Sis. Jasmine Aska*

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

***Gospel Reading:** Luke 13:31-35 *Bro. Hugh Abel*

***Choral Response #846: "Praise, praise, praise…"**

**Selection:** *The Chancel Choir*

**Sermon:** *"The Sting of Fear"* *Rev. Desna A. Henry Goulbourne*

***Hymn of Response # 757: "Be Still, My Soul"**

**Pledge Presentation: "God Loves a Cheerful Giver" Trustee Team**

**Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:**

**Offertory Invitation** (Unison): **In themselves our gifts are lifeless, but they are a portion of our livelihood. We offer these to the Lord in honor of our obedient service to God, and for the benefit of our neighbors in the world.**

**Offertory Hymn # 735: "O Master, Let Me Walk With You"**

***Offertory Response # 817: "Praise God…"**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (Unison): **For the blessings of this day and this life, we give thanks. We offer now these meager gifts as our way of acknowledging your role as the provider of all life. These gifts are not ours that we give to you, they are yours that we hold in trust. Bless this portion that it might find its way to the least of those in this world. Amen.**

***Benediction:** We leave this sanctuary, but we do not leave the presence of God. May we find comfort and strength for the journey as we realize that God is on the journey with us and removes the sting from all our fears. And to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, who can do far more than we can even imagine, we commit our lives this day and forevermore. ***Amen.***

***Recessional Hymn #787: "He Leadeth Me"**

**Musical Postlude:** *Bro. Fabio Alvarez*

**March Birthdays**

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| Sis. Elaine Merchant | 4 | Bro. Rolston Dolphin | 18 |
| Bro. Jonathan Tripp | 4 | Bro. Matthew Walker | 19 |
| Bro. Jahir Williams | 4 | Sis. Maxine Powell | 24 |
| Sis. Constance Charles | 7 | Bro. Zaron Lumsden | 25 |
| Sis. Glennette Edwards | 9 | Bro. Iva Grant | 26 |
| Sis. Telisha Campbell | 10 | Sis. Audrey Walker | 26 |
| Sis. Beverly Farquharson | 11 | Bro. Marvin Nicholas Jr. | 27 |
| Sis. Joyce Anderson | 15 | Sis. Shaniqua Hamm | 28 |
| Sis. Primrose Samuel | 15 | Bro. Ernie Simpson | 29 |
| Bro. Shayne McKay | 17 | Sis. Alicia Allick-Goudie | 29 |
| Bro. Shomari Chinnery | 17 | Bro. Harold Manning | 30 |
| Bro. Whitfield Nicholas | 17 | Sis. Jade Simon | 30 |
| Sis. Henrietta Gumbs | 18 | | |

## Wednesday Lenten Schedule

March 20 – YAC/YOU (Sis Claire Martin-McKay)
March 27 – Bible Study Team (Sis Elfrieda Daniel)
April 3 – Men's Fellowship (Bro. Allen Cran Joseph)
April 10 – Moravian Women (Sis. Iris Joseph/Sis Blondel Jones-Grant)

### Holy Week

Monday – Antigua Group
Tuesday – Jamaica Group
Wednesday – Chancel Choir- Bro. Melverton Newell
Thursday – Pastor Goulbourne
Friday - Pastor Goulbourne

Happy Birthday blessings are sent to
**Sis. Primrose Samuel &**
**Bro. Whitfield Nicholas**

From Sis.Goldine
Nicholas & Family

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## TO OUR DEAR SISTER

# HENRIETTA GUMBS (AKA)

# "SHORTY"

## WE ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF OUR UNITED FAMILY.

## GOD BLESS YOU SISTER GUMBS

***THE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA GROUP***

***of***

**UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH**

Invites you to our

# SPRING FLING

***SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019***

**at**

**UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH SOCIAL HALL**
**200 East 127th Street (corner of 3rd Avenue)**

**6pm – 11pm**

**Adults $40.00 - Youths $20.00**

**Please make checks payable to: UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH**

******Food, Music and Dancing******

***DRESS TO IMPRESS***

*****For additional information see any member of the Antigua and Barbuda group or call the church office at 212-722-2109**

# UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH
## BUSY BEES ORGANIZATION
### ANNUAL MEMORIAL WEEKEND TRIP
to
## NORDIC LODGE, RI
### LOBSTER & SEAFOOD FEAST

***Saturday, MAY 25 thru Monday, MAY 27, 2019***

*PACKAGE INCLUDES:*

- *Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation*
- *2 Nights hotel accommodation*
- *2 Breakfasts*
- *Nordic Lodge Lobster & Seafood Buffet. For landlubbers they offer Prime Rib, Filet Mignon and much more*

- *Shopping at Clinton Crossings Outlets*
- *Visit Old Mystic Village*
- *Shopping at Tanger Outlets*

**DOUBLE: $449.00 PER PERSON**
**TRIPLE: $439.00 PER PERSON**

**$75.00 DEPOSIT BY MARCH 31ST**
**FINAL PAYMENT DUE MAY 5TH**

***LEAVING*: Saturday, May 25th 2019**
***TIME*: 7:30AM**
***FROM*: United Moravian Church**
**200 East 127TH Street (3rd Ave)**

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✓ *Please contact any member of the Busy Bees or the Church Office at 212-722-2109 for additional information.*

*President: Alma Thompson*

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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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# Taking Turns This Lent: Turn Away

"Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

*Lent is not often pictured as a race, but these words from Hebrews fit well with some of the ways we talk about the season. Lent is the season to look to Jesus once again, to refocus on him and the cross that he took up. It is the season of repentance, or in other words, a time to get back on track and turn again to the ways of discipleship. So as we "run with perseverance the race that is set before us" on this Lenten track, this bulletin back series will encourage us to take many "turns" along the way to be closer to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.*

As this gospel passage begins, Jesus is making his way toward Jerusalem, teaching as he goes from one town to the next. Some Pharisees head him off and tell him not to go any farther on account of Herod, who is determined to stop Jesus from undermining his power. Like Herod, there are plenty of powerful and self-reliant people in Jerusalem who do not want to hear Jesus say things like the first shall be last and the last shall be first in the kingdom of God. After initially being angry, Jesus laments that so many in Jerusalem would rather *turn away* from God's protection and rely on their own strength.

***How can we take this turn?***

How have we *turned away* Jesus in our lives? What false securities and idols do we need to *turn away* from? Whom do we need to forgive for *turning away* from us? Whom do we need to seek forgiveness from for our *turning away* from them? What troubles or circumstances do we wish to *turn away* from, and how might Jesus be present with us in that?

*Dan Miller, pastor, Edgeboro Moravian Church*
*Bethlehem, Pennsylvania*

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## The Moravian Church

**Second Sunday in Lent**
March 17, 2019

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