

Because I live,
You also will live

JOHN 14:19



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Watchword for the Week— Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.”
Psalm 66:1, 2

Prelude “The World Abounds with God’s Free Grace” *Dr. Octavio Vazquez*

***Call to Worship and Daily Text May 25, 2014**

***Introit** *The Chancel Choir*

***Processional Hymn #456 “This Is My Father's World”**

A Stewardship Litany *Bro. Jeremiah Aska*

Leader: Let us pray for the wisdom and courage to make stewardship a way of life with God.

Leader: Because of our faith in You, O Lord...

All: **We acknowledge You as the source of all that we have and all that we are.**

Leader: Help us to place You, our loving Creator, first in our lives.

All: **By becoming more prayerful and more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things.**

Leader: Help us, Lord to find the true source of happiness and fulfillment that we all seek....

All: **And that You, alone, can provide.**

Leader: Help us to hear Your call to be good stewards of all Your gifts...

All: **...by sharing them for Your purposes.**

Leader: Help us make Your priorities ...

All: **...Our priorities.**

Leader: Help us challenge each other, as disciples of Jesus Christ...

All: **...to put our faith into action.**

Leader: Let us pray that as good stewards we will plan our sharing and plan the

things in our lives that are most important to us.

All: Lord, help us plan our sharing of time with You as well as with those in need.

Leader: Help us plan how to “give back” the talents with which we have been blessed.

All: Help us plan how to share our treasure to do Your work.

Leader: Our planning and sharing demonstrates the great importance that You and the truth of the Gospel have in our lives.

All: Help us plan to serve our church, our community, and our world with Your Gifts.

Leader: Let us pray that we will share in proportion to what has been given us.

All: Help us Lord, to return a portion of all You have given us.

Leader: We do this, O Lord, as a sign of our love.

All: We do this O Lord in thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received.

Leader: We offer not only the “first fruits” of our financial resources but a generous portion of our time and talents as well.

All: Giving proportionately means it is equal for all of us according to what You have given us. You ask the same of each of us.

Leader: As we give proportionately help us to put our trust, security and faith in You.

All: As good Christian Stewards, we pray that we have a joyful spirit of mind and heart. AMEN.

Adapted From the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa 2010 Conference website

Welcome and Announcements

Sis. Blondel Jones Grant

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

Greeting Hymn # 183

“We Covenant With Hand and Heart”

***Hymn #621 “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”**

Stewardship Presentation

Song 641

Scripture Readings

#1st Scripture Reading

Psalm 66: 8-20

Sis. Asaria Williams

2nd Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Sis. Anna Kay Grant

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

***THE GOSPEL**

John 14:15-21

Sis. Mercelle Mason

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

Worship Selection

The Chancel Choir

SERMON

"Sunday Worship"

Rev. Nigel Powell

Hymn #566

"O Worship the King"

Worship Through Giving

Sis. Blondel Jones Grant

***Offertory Sentence:** All that we have is because of you dear Father, and for that we give you thanks. We ask for your continued blessings in all that we do, especially in our work for the Church. You have given to us, and we give back a portion as continued gratitude for the goodness that you have shown us. In gratitude we hold all you do in total praise and adoration. Amen.

***Dedication of Tithes and Offering:**

Amid our doubts and the temptation to grab life's blessings for our own personal use, we come to dedicate our time, talent, and treasure to realize your reign on earth, majestic God. As we enjoy your bounty, we give, that all our sisters and brothers might also come to appreciate the amazing gifts you entrust to us. Thank you for life and all its wonders. Amen (L.Bayler)

Offertory Hymn #657 "We Give You But Your Own"

***Ascription of Praise #817 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

***Benediction**

Rev. Nigel Powell

***Recessional Hymn #651 (T #746) "When the Church of Jesus"**

Organ Postlude (Congregation Seated)

Dr. Octavio Vazquez

#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 Sixth Sunday of Easter. 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.

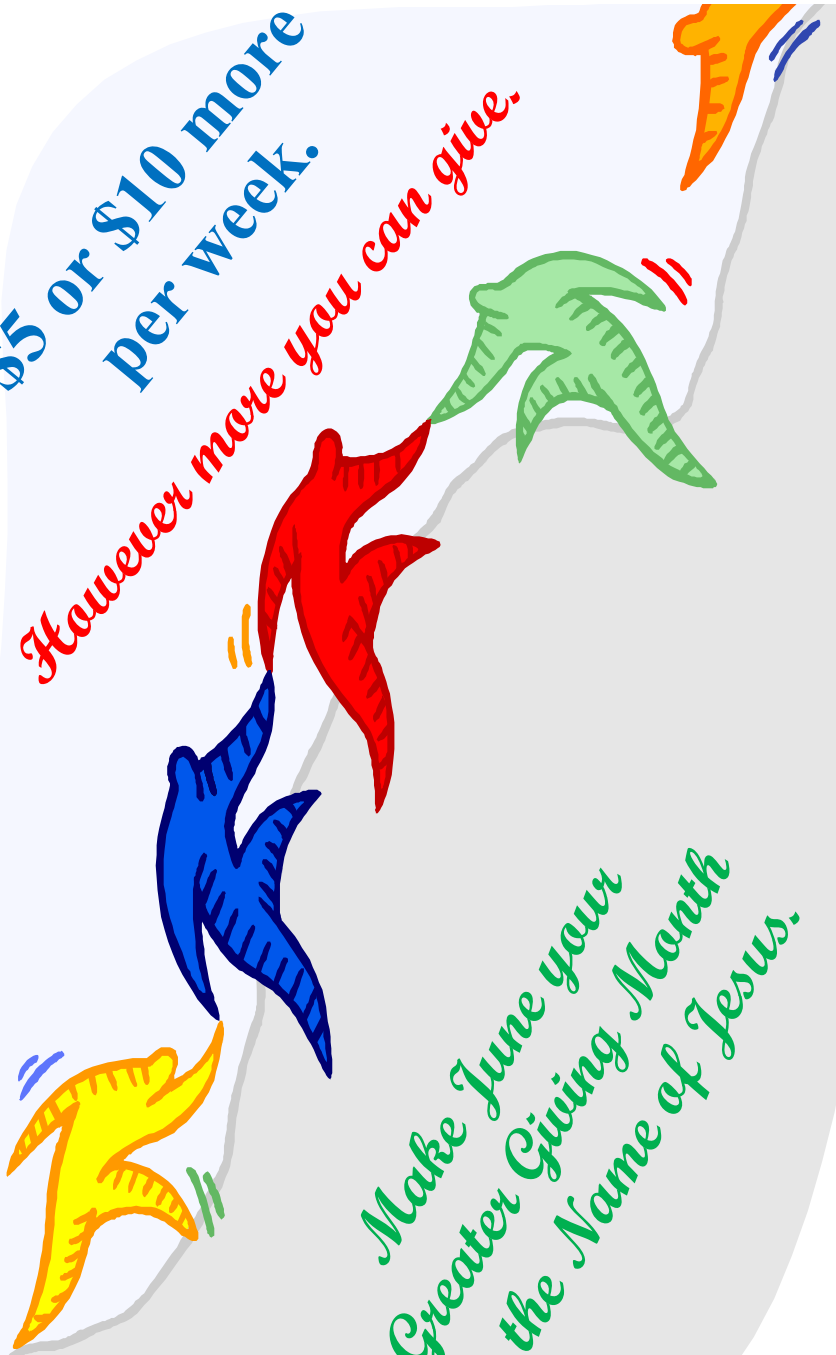
Announcements May 25, 2014

- Bible Study continues this Wednesday at 6:30 pm.
- Members can now send us their prayer requests and download copies of the Sunday bulletin by visiting our website at www.unitedmoravian.org.
- We invite you to become a communicant member of this congregation. All you need to do to get started is to submit a membership application to the church office or any member of the Board of Elders.
- Tomorrow is the Annual Metropolitan Picnic at Camp Hope. All are invited. Transportation is available for only \$20. To board, be at the church at 7:30 am sharp. Please see Sis. Olivette Simon or Bro. Oswald Steele for more information.
- Congratulations go out to Sis. Trisha Simon who recently obtained her New York State nursing license.
- We also extend congratulations to Sis. Elkema Percival who is graduating from Amherst College this weekend with her bachelor's degree.
- The Antigua Girls High School Alumni Assoc. is hosting their annual tea party this Saturday here at UMC. The time is 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$25. Fliers are on the rack with more information.
- The next Swetes Reunion Committee Annual Church Service will be held at John Hus this Saturday, June 1st. The service will start at 4:00 pm, and all are invited.
- Father's Day will be celebrated with a luncheon given by the UMC Moravian Women in Ministry. Tickets are \$25 & \$10 for adults & children under 12 respectively. Please see one of the ladies to get yours.
- The next phase of our stewardship program will run until June 18th. A series of stewardship presentations will be given each Sunday by members of the Stewardship Committee.
- In conjunction with our stewardship program the month of June is designated as, "Greater Giving Month". Every member is encouraged to give \$5 or \$10 more per week for each of the five Sundays in the month.
- The Tremont Terrace Scholarship Fund program is being celebrated with an Elegant Night affair. It will be held at TTMC on Friday, June 13th and start at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$50 & \$30 for adults & children respectively. For more information please get a flyer from the rack.
- A hoop earring was found in the church recently. There are also two costume bracelets that remain unclaimed. Please contact the church office if any may be yours.
- The Hekima Enterprises conference for men at Battle Hill on June 13th–15th is cancelled until further notice.
- The evening of Dance & Music at John Hus that was scheduled for June 14th has been cancelled.
- Let us earnestly pray for the 2014 Northern Province Synod being held in Bethlehem, P.A. June 19th - 23rd. Our delegates are Sis. Winifred Farquharson and

*\$5 or \$10 more
per week.*

However more you can give.

*Make June your
Greater Giving Month
in the Name of Jesus.*



**THE UMC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
ANNUAL PICNIC
SATURDAY JULY 26TH, 2014
in
FDR Park State Park (Yorktown Heights, NY)**

Join your UMC family for a day of fun.



Donations: \$30 for adults & \$20 for children

Buses depart UMC at 8:00 am & the park at 6:00 pm.

**Driving there yourself? Parking is \$8:00, per vehicle.
We will set up in section 5A.**

Amenities include: Pool, Nature Trails, Boat Rentals, Biking

For tickets or inquiries please contact Brothers:

**Lloyd Farquharson
or
Hugh Abel**

**YOUTH SPONSORS ARE NEEDED. PLEASE CONSIDER
HELPING A YOUNG PERSON MAKE THE TRIP THIS YEAR.**

Bro. Allan Cran Joseph. Rev. Powell and our District Regional Representative, Sis. Blondel Jones Grant, will also be in attendance.

- The All Nations Rally weekend is scheduled for Sat. & Sun. July 19th & 20th.
- The next UMC picnic will be on Saturday, July 26th at FDR Park in Yorktown Heights, NY. Two buses will leave the church at 8:00 am. Tickets for adults are \$30 & \$20 for children. Please see Bro. Abel or Bro. Farquharson for tickets or more information.
- Rev. Powell will go to Jamaica to preach at Holy Cross Moravian Church on Sunday July 6, 2014. The Joint Board has therefore agreed that United shall not receive Holy Communion on July 6th. Our Holy Communion service will be held instead on Sunday July 20th at 10:00 am.
- **USHERS for next week are: Sisters Trudy Steele, Jade Taylor, Kushamba David, Nyasia Nicholas, Shakura Jarvis, Brothers Norris Hamilton, Glennoy Hazel, & Jordan McKay.**

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Elkema Percival	May 6 th	Trudy Steele	May 24 th
Elaine Elvin	May 8 th	Paschall Simpson	May 28 th
Davina Chambers	May 11 th	Kayden Simpson	May 29 th
Nolerien Grenaway	May 17 th	Geralda Henry	May 30 th

2014 COMING EVENTS

May 26	Camp Hope Outing - Youth of United
JUNE	
June 1	Worship Service & Holy Communion Pastor
June 8	Worship Service—Pastor
June 15 th	Father's Day—Youth
June 15 th	Father's Day Luncheon—Moravian Women
June 19 th - 23 rd	Northern Province Synod
June 22	Worship Service—Elders Board
June 29 th	Worship Service - Pastor

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP 2014

Percentage Living

Week 1 Summary

There are 24 hours in a day, 7 days in a week and 52 weeks in a year. There is Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. Everything seems to follow the portions rule; a time for everything under the Sun. Life has divisions and we do best when we organize our lives in portions too. A very convenient way to organize our lives according to portions is to consider Percentage Living. All of our lives are to be committed to God and we are supposed to give more than a percentage; “All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give”. God gets it all, all of my living, not just a percentage.

God does deserve all. But, to be honest, life happens. Each of us lives in a world with complex demands of our time, energy, focus, and attention. So, rather than feel guilty that God does not get more of “me,” we can find security and experience growth in our faith and walk with the Lord through the practice of Percentage Living, giving to God a specific and intentional portion of my day, week, life and finances. Percentage Living will help each person of faith grow in discipleship formation and be a more committed follower of Christ. Percentage Living will help the church become increasingly healthy and strong.

GIVING JESUS A PERCENTAGE OF MY DAY

Devotional prayer means to be present before God each day, to use some means to be quiet and still, to speak and listen, to feel and understand. This may include praise, thanksgiving, petition, and confession; the use of music; journaling. This time should include reading biblical passages.

Devotional prayer is very personal, but it is always to be practiced with discipline. Devotional prayer is an active expression of one’s desire to commune with God daily; to come before God, to be given words and thoughts to reflect on throughout the day. This is part of one’s desire to grow in faith, to offer to God a portion of the day that God may give what will serve as a point of focus and blessing. Devotional prayer is a practice essential for the spiritual health of each believer and the Church.

DO YOUR DEVOTIONS EVERYDAY

Adopted from
Marsh, Gary T, Percentage Living, MCNP, 2010

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

**Sis. Jannette Abel
Sis. Madiana Baptiste
Sis. Alicia Benjamin
Sis. Anna Bishop
Sis. Anne Browne
Bro. Tralane Donovan
Sis: Ludwina George
Sis. Eva Joseph
Sis: Minerva Joseph
Sis. Carmelita Keith
Sis. Rose Lemond
Sis. Bernice McLean
Miriam Muller
Sis. Hyacinth Pelle
Bro. Berwin Roberts
Bro. Al Thomas
Sis. Winifred Thomas
Sis. Muriel A. Sealey
Bro. Luvey Williams
Sis. Iris Woodley**

**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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Keeping the commandments

If you love me, keep my commandments.” I sing these words in my head every time I read this text. For forty-three years I have sung in the choir of Central Moravian Church. As a singer, I have been privileged to learn many different anthems whose inspiration was a text of the Bible.

What is Jesus telling us in this text? Which commandments is he talking about? I would say that the most obvious would be “‘Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’” (Mark 12:29-31).

Love is the commandment. We need to learn love. The requirements of love are demanding. Love God with all your heart soul, mind, and strength is a little much, isn’t it? We’re in church right now; doesn’t that prove something? Am I really participating, or am I thinking about the coming week? Loving God means trusting God to care for you, having your best interests at heart. Loving God might mean not worrying—about anything.

Love your neighbor as yourself. Many of us have struggled with love of self, understanding and accepting our own self-worth. Loving our neighbor, even when that “neighbor” disappoints you. Loving the driver that cuts you off. Loving your child as he or she is screaming, “I hate you,” because you dared to say no. Love is not easy.

I believe that love is hard for us because it seems so easy for God. God’s love pours down on us, is always available to us. It is difficult to understand the abundance of God’s love.

Keeping Jesus’ commandments will bring us the Holy Spirit to help us to love. Loving God, yourself, and others will fill you with even more love. Love will grow exponentially. Think of it: Love could change the world!

*Martha E. Griffis, elder, Central Moravian Church,
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania*

The Moravian Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2014

