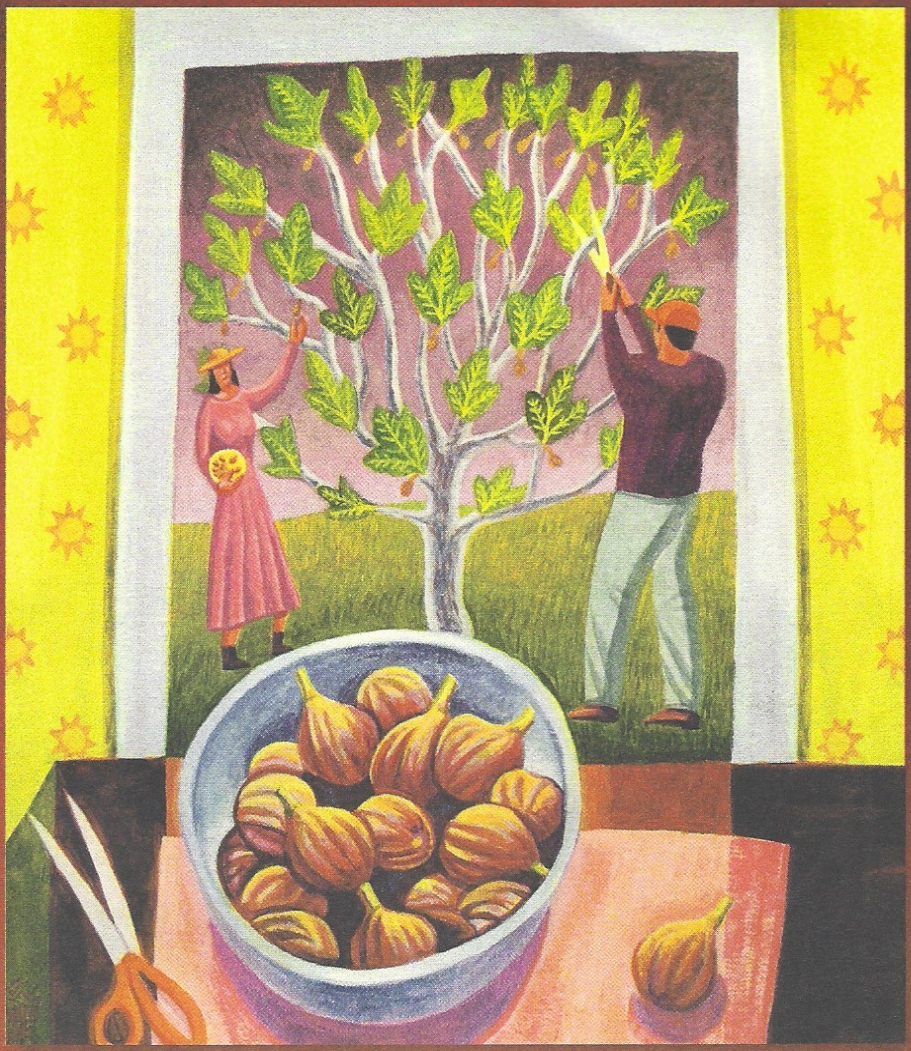

I have come looking for fruit

LUKE 13:7

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

Watchword for the Week: **Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him he is near. Isaiah 55:6**

Those who are able, please stand

Musical Prelude: *Bro. Fabio Alvarez*

Introit *The Chancel Choir*

***Call to Worship:** *(Adapted from Psalm 63:1-7)* *Sis. Peggie Williams*
Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
Response: And also with you.
Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; I long for you as a traveler in a dry land.
Response: So, I look to you today; I long to behold your power and glory.
Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
Response: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
Leader: My soul is satisfied, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips;
Response: For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

***Processional Hymn #539: "All People That on Earth do Dwell"**

***Liturgy for Lent # 1 p. 72** *Sis. Peggie Williams*

Reading of the Daily Texts for March 24, 2019 *Sis. Blondel Jones Grant*

Welcome: A hearty greeting and welcome to all, on this Third Sunday in Lent! This is the place for the restoration of souls, where the weary, the hurting, the confused, and those with lagging spirits can be uplifted. As we worship today, let us pray for God to cleanse our hearts and lead us to repentance that we may be renewed in heart and mind. *(Identification of visitors)*
Celebrations: *Anniversaries, Birthdays etc.*

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

Announcements *Sis. Blondel Jones Grant*

- 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 Moravian Women will meet today right after worship.**
- **The United family extends sincere condolences to our Sis. Claire Martin McKay on the loss of her cousin, Fiona Burleigh. She passed away on Friday, March 15 in Florida. Sis McKay will attend funeral services there scheduled for the 28th.**
- **CARD sponsored Bishop Stanley Thomas Lenten Concert is next 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.**
- **On Saturday, April 6th John Hus is hosting a seminar, "Equipping the Saints". All Board members and church leaders are asked to attend. It is very important for our congregation at this time. Registration forms are on the rack. The cost is $10, per person.**
- **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 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.
- **The Jamaica Group will host their annual night of Nostalgia on Saturday, May 18, 2019 @ 4pm here at United. Come and enjoy lots of food, laughter and prizes. Adults $40, children $15. See any member of the Jamaica Group for tickets.**
- 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.

Passing the peace of Christ: May this time of fellowship lead us into a closer bond with each other and our Lord Jesus Christ.

*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): Isaiah 55:1-9 *Bro. Matthew Walker*

2nd Reading: I Corinthians 10:1-13 *Bro. Rolston Dolphin*

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

***Gospel Reading:** Luke 13:1-9 *Sis. Jonelle Bernard*

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

Selection: *The* Chancel Choir

Sermon: *"Living a Lie or Living the Life"* Rev. Desna A. Henry Goulbourne

***Hymn of Response # 763** (Tune 511): **"My Father, I Have Wandered"**

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory Invitation (Unison): **With gladness, we will present the offerings of our life and labor to God.**

Offertory Hymn # 448: "Let All Things Now Living"

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (Unison): **Merciful Lord, these gifts that we offer today are symbols of our gratitude. They are reminders to us that you are the Giver and Sustainer of all life. We ask that you receive these gifts as promises from us of a deeper commitment of our total selves. Amen.**

***Benediction:** With the promise of life within us, the grace of God beside us, and the love of God within us; send us now, O Lord, out into the world to live lives of faithfulness as your transformed children. Beloved, travel carefully, but not anxiously; travel boldly but not proudly; travel happily but not flippantly; doing all for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*** Choral Response #836: "Three-Fold Amen"**

Recessional Hymn # 569** (African American Heritage Hymnal): ***"Revive us again"

1. We praise you, O God!
For the Son of your love,
For Jesus who died,
And is now gone above.

Hallelujah! Yours the glory.
Hallelujah! Amen.
Hallelujah! Yours the glory.
Revive us again.

2. We praise you, O God!
For your Spirit of light,
Who has shown us our Savior,
And scattered our night.

3. All glory and praise
To the Lamb that was slain,
Who has borne all our sins,
And has cleansed every stain.

4. All glory and praise
To the God of all grace,
Who has brought us, and sought us,
And guided our ways.

5. Revive us again;
Fill each heart with your love;
May each soul be rekindled
With fire from above.

Musical Postlude: *Bro. Fabio Alvarez*

Wednesday Lenten Schedule

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 D. Henry Goulbourne
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The Benjamin Joseph Committee

presents their

Pre-Mother's Day Scholarship Banquet

Saturday, May 11, 2019 @ 4:00 pm

at the

United Moravian Church Social Hall

For over 20 years, BJC has raised money for the continued education of our young people.

Please help us continue the United tradition

Donations:

Adults - $60

Children - $30

For tickets please call: Claire Martin McKay at 917-488-4269

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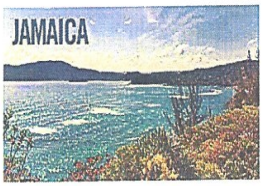

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Saturday May 18, 2019 @ 4:00 PM

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RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2019

		2019 Budget	$ 581,100.00
RECEIPTS		Monthly Need	$ 48,425.00
Offering	$ 18,882.00		
50TH Anniversary Banquet Ticket Sales	345.00		
Church Use	5,260.00		
GRANT - MT. SINAI PPS	25,000.00		
Miscellaneous	497.00		
YOU/YAC	1,058.00		
Total Receipts	$ 51,042.00		
DISBURSEMENTS			
Administration	$ 6,382.00		
Church Operation	21,474.00		
Christian Education	400.00		
Committees	821.00		
FUND RAISING	90.00		
Insurance	2,408.00		
Mt. Sinai PPS	446.00		
Pastoral Ministry	2,046.00		
Parsonage	168.00		
Payroll Expense	1,632.00		
YOU/YAC	2,295.00		
Worship and Music	2,955.00		
Total Disbursements	$ 41,117.00		
Net Surplus(Deficit)	$ 9,925.00		

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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 Over

"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.

Leading up to this gospel passage, Jesus had been speaking to a large crowd while on his way to Jerusalem. With story after story and parable after parable, he urged them to *turn over* their lives to the kingdom of God. Yet no matter how many stories and parables Jesus tells, the crowd still seems to be operating under the same assumptions about their world as before. Some people in the crowd brought up a recent tragic event that occurred to a group of Galileans in Jerusalem, with the underlying assumption that what happened to them was punishment for the sins they must have committed. Jesus did not confirm their assumption, but instead replied with a parable about a fig tree that left the crowd wondering about the balance between grace and judgment in the kingdom of God.

How can we take this turn?

What sins, fears, and concerns can we *turn over* to God? What fruits of our labor can we share and *turn over* to others? When has God's grace been *turned over* to us in our lives, and how was it apparent?

Dan Miller, pastor, Edgeboro Moravian Church
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The Moravian Church

Third Sunday in Lent
March 24, 2019

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