



"WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER"

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2025 CONGREGATIONAL WATCHWORD:

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people from this time on and forevermore.
Psalm 125:2

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - 10:30 am

November 2 - Regular Worship
November 9 - Regular Worship / Communion / Veteran's Sunday
November 16 - Regular Worship / Baptism
November 23 - Regular Worship
November 30 - Regular Worship / First Sunday in Advent



**November 2
Time Change**

Beloved Congregation,

It is hard to believe we are already in the month of November. God continues to bless our congregation and we have much to be thankful for during this season of harvest. There are some updates to important matters I would like to share.

The Interfaith Housing Coalition has finalized a partnership with Habitat for Humanity and renovations on the old clinic will begin this month. Once the building is converted into a three-bedroom home we will be able to seek out our first family in need of transitional housing. I want to express gratitude to those who are tirelessly donating their time to this important mission and ministry and to those who have financially supported it. It is truly humbling to see what can be accomplished by people of faith when we work together.

The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service is in process. As I write this, we are still looking for a location for the event. We will share with you the when and where as soon as we know.

Finally, two items concerning the opportunity to serve those in need.

Donations to Local Food Pantries may be very important this month. With the government shut down, many families are going to face the reality of not having food to put on the table because the SNAP benefits are set to expire on Nov. 1. One way to help is to make a financial gift to Lake Shore Cap or Feed My People. I also have a Pastor's Discretionary Fund available to help members of the congregation who may be struggling during this time.

Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica went ashore right at our Moravian Camp Hope where so many of our youth and adults have lived and worked in our partnership with the Moravians in Jamaica. At this moment we know nothing of the damage or what the needs may be, but it is reasonable to assume they will be significant. I have been so touched by how many of our folks, who have been on past mission trips, have reached out to me wanting to know what they can do to help. We rely on the Board of World Mission to let us know what is needed once they have been able to assess the damage. Please pray for the folks living in Whitehouse and St. Elizabeth Parish. We will let you know as soon as we can about plans going forward to offer assistance.

Pastor Matt

Calendar

- **Adult Choir Rehearsal:** Sundays 9:15 am in the Sanctuary
- **Coffee Hus:** Sunday's @ 9:30 am
- **Sunday School:** 9:30-10:15 am
- **Bible Study:** Tuesday mornings @ 8:15
- **Faith Circle:** November 11 @ 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Room
- **Quilting Group:** November 12, 9:00 am -12 pm. No meeting on November 26.
- **Wed. Night Youth:** Rams (Gr.1-5) 4:30-5:30; Middle/High School Fellowship 5:30-7:00.
No Youth Fellowship November 26.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 pm. No Bible Study on November 26.



MEETINGS

Board of Elders'	11/10	6:30 pm
Board of Trustees'	11/17	6:30 pm

In The Life of Our Church Family

In Our Prayers: Please keep Sherry Mutchler in your prayers as she continues her cancer treatment.

Baptism: Roman Thomas LaFave, son of Tatum LaFave, born in Dickinson County Michigan on December 19, 2024, was baptized on October 19, 2025 by Pastor Knapp. Roman is the great-grandson of Tom & Nancy Drager and the grandson of Nathan & Erin Drager and Tara & Abel Murray.

Congratulations: Miranda Eytcheson and Hunter Larken were united in marriage Saturday, October 11, in Kewaunee. Rev. Knapp officiated their ceremony.



HOLIDAY PREPARATIONS

Advent Lunch & Workshop

December 7 - 11:30 am -1:30 pm

Workshop: Trim Christmas Eve candles
(Free will offering)

Children's Christmas Program:

December 14 - 4:30 pm

Christmas Caroling:

December 17 - 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Services:

December 24 - 4 & 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE SERVERS:

If you would like to serve candles please contact the church office by **December 8**. Please provide the names of all participants and which worship service you would like to serve at. We really need your help with this so we have enough servers! **(Please note that we will only have a 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm service.)** We will also need candle captains for each service. Email or call the church office, bongle@sbmoravian.org or 920-743-6218 with your information . Thank you!

Volunteers Needed:

Christmas Eve Ushers - Please call the office if you are interested in ushering on Christmas Eve.



Operation Christmas Child – Everyone in our congregation is invited to once again participate in Samaritans Purse, Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project. Last year our church shoeboxes filled with practical and fun supplies for children overseas (along with the 3,051 shoeboxes sent all around Door County). This ministry demonstrates God’s love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and shares the good news of Jesus Christ through Bible lessons for children in their local churches.

Feel free to pick up a shoebox and brochure/label beginning November 2. The boxes will be available in the narthex on Sunday, or outside of the Fellowship Room. If you call to let us know you will be picking one up, we will make sure there is one in the drop box for you. The instructions will be included. Return your box to the church office no later than Sunday, November 16. If shopping isn't your favorite thing, feel free to make a monetary donation towards this project by contacting the church office, and our helpers will fill a shoebox on your behalf! Another option is to "Build a Shoebox Online" via this link: [Build A Shoebox Online](#), or with the attached QR code, where you can pick your items online or you can donate \$25 and OCC will fill and send a box for you. Thank you! Call or text Amy Stephens at 920-256-9031 with any questions.



If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas in memory of or in honor of a special person, please complete the form below and return it with your payment of to the church office. You can also go to our website under 'Online Forms' and fill out an order form there with payment.

Link: <https://sbmc.breezechms.com/give/online>. ***At the time of publication of the newsletter, the price was still undetermined. Please watch for updates in the bulletin on Sundays.***

The plant is yours and we invite you to take it home after the 7:00 service on December 24 or after worship on December 28.

Orders must be received, with payment, no later than December 7.

Purchaser's Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Quantity:** _____

Plants are acknowledged in our Christmas Eve Bulletin in this fashion:

“Given in Loving Memory of” - -OR- -

“In honor of”



Name/ names	Age	Gender	Marital status	Religion	Education	Occupation	Income	Health status	Family size	Home ownership	Vehicle ownership	Travel frequency	Travel mode	Travel purpose	Travel satisfaction	Travel frequency	Travel mode	Travel purpose	Travel satisfaction
John Doe	35	Male	Married	Christian	High School	Teacher	\$45,000	Good	3	Owns	Owns	Monthly	Car	Business	4.5	Monthly	Car	Business	4.5
Jane Smith	28	Female	Single	Muslim	College	Software Engineer	\$75,000	Excellent	1	Rents	Does not own	Weekly	Train	Leisure	5.0	Weekly	Train	Leisure	5.0
Michael Brown	42	Male	Divorced	Jewish	University	Doctor	\$120,000	Good	2	Owns	Owns	Quarterly	Plane	Business	4.0	Quarterly	Plane	Business	4.0
Emily White	31	Female	Married	Hindu	High School	Nurse	\$55,000	Fair	4	Owns	Owns	Monthly	Car	Leisure	4.0	Monthly	Car	Leisure	4.0
David Green	25	Male	Single	Buddhist	College	Student	\$20,000	Good	1	Rents	Does not own	Weekly	Bus	Leisure	3.5	Weekly	Bus	Leisure	3.5
Sarah Black	38	Female	Married	Sikh	University	Marketing Manager	\$65,000	Excellent	2	Owns	Owns	Monthly	Car	Business	4.5	Monthly	Car	Business	4.5
Robert Lee	45	Male	Married	Christian	High School	Construction Worker	\$35,000	Fair	3	Owns	Owns	Monthly	Car	Leisure	3.0	Monthly	Car	Leisure	3.0
Olivia Taylor	22	Female	Single	Muslim	College	Student	\$15,000	Good	1	Rents	Does not own	Weekly	Train	Leisure	3.0	Weekly	Train	Leisure	3.0
James Wilson	33	Male	Married	Jewish	University	Software Engineer	\$85,000	Excellent	2	Owns	Owns	Monthly	Car	Business	4.5	Monthly	Car	Business	4.5
Ava Martinez	27	Female	Single	Hindu	College	Marketing Manager	\$60,000	Good	1	Rents	Does not own	Weekly	Train	Leisure	4.0	Weekly	Train	Leisure	4.0
Benjamin Clark	40	Male	Married	Buddhist	High School	Teacher	\$40,000	Fair	3	Owns	Owns	Monthly	Car	Leisure	3.5	Monthly	Car	Leisure	3.5
Isabella Rodriguez	30	Female	Married	Sikh	University	Software Engineer	\$70,000	Excellent	2	Owns	Owns	Monthly	Car	Business	4.5	Monthly	Car	Business	4.5
Lucas Hernandez	24	Male	Single	Christian	College	Student	\$18,000	Good	1	Rents	Does not own	Weekly	Bus	Leisure	3.0	Weekly	Bus	Leisure	3.0
Sophia Kim	36	Female	Married	Muslim	High School	Nurse	\$50,000	Fair	3	Owns	Owns	Monthly	Car	Leisure	3.5	Monthly	Car	Leisure	3.5
Christopher Davis	41	Male	Married	Jewish	University	Marketing Manager	\$68,000	Excellent	2	Owns	Owns	Monthly	Car	Business	4.5	Monthly	Car	Business	4.5
Mia Garcia	29	Female	Single	Hindu	College	Software Engineer	\$72,000	Good	1	Rents	Does not own	Weekly	Train	Leisure	4.0	Weekly	Train	Leisure	4.0
Matthew Nguyen	34	Male	Married	Buddhist	High School	Teacher	\$42,000	Fair	3	Owns	Owns	Monthly	Car	Leisure	3.5	Monthly	Car	Leisure	3.5
Charlotte Lopez	26	Female	Single	Sikh	University	Marketing Manager	\$62,000	Excellent	1	Rents	Does not own	Weekly	Train	Leisure	4.0	Weekly	Train	Leisure	4.0
Anthony Adams	43	Male	Married	Christian	High School	Construction Worker	\$38,000	Fair	3	Owns	Owns	Monthly	Car	Leisure	3.0	Monthly	Car	Leisure	3.0
Amelia Baker	23	Female	Single	Muslim	College	Student	\$16,000	Good	1	Rents	Does not own	Weekly	Bus	Leisure	3.0	Weekly	Bus	Leisure	3.0
Christopher Evans	37	Male	Married	Jewish	University	Marketing Manager	\$66,000	Excellent	2	Owns	Owns	Monthly	Car	Business	4.5	Monthly	Car	Business	4.5
Harper Scott	21	Female	Single	Hindu	College	Student	\$14,000	Good	1	Rents	Does not own	Weekly	Bus	Leisure	3.0	Weekly	Bus	Leisure	3.0
Benjamin King	39	Male	Married	Buddhist	High School	Teacher	\$44,000	Fair	3	Owns	Owns	Monthly	Car	Leisure	3.5	Monthly	Car	Leisure	3.5
Evelyn Wright	28	Female	Single	Sikh	University	Marketing Manager	\$64,000	Excellent	1	Rents	Does not own	Weekly	Train	Leisure	4.0	Weekly	Train	Leisure	

Person or family giving the plant:



Volunteers Needed

Be a Bell Ringer for the Salvation Army this Holiday Season!



The Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons will be upon us soon! With them comes the sound of The Salvation Army ringing bell! Let's help our neighbors in need by volunteering to ring! Door County families needing emergency assistance and shoes for children returning to school benefit from the proceeds from local bell-ringing, and your help is needed! Volunteer to ring at one of many locations in Door County. It's fun and rewarding! Ringing starts Friday, November 22 and runs through Saturday, December 24. Early ringers are especially needed. Sign up to ring by contacting Nancy Kexel-Calabresa by text or call at 920-883-7886 or email nakcl@icloud.com for questions and to sign up.



UNITY PRAYER WATCH - December 5, 2025

Shortly after the August 13, 1727 communion, the Moravians established an "Hourly Intercession," believing continual prayer was an absolute essential for the Church to grow and thrive under the leading of God's spirit. That daily "Prayer Watch" continued unbroken for one hundred years, with Moravians in prayer every day, 365 days of the year. During the 1957 celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Moravian Church, the Prayer Watch was re-established; inviting congregations around the world to each take responsibility for a day of prayer. **Our assigned day of prayer is December 5.** We are sharing this day with other Moravian congregations. There will be a sign up sheet in the Coffee Hus on Sunday's. If you would like a copy of the Unity Prayer Watch Topics list please call the office. Our prayer times are 2:00 am to 11:30 am and 2:00 pm to 11:30 pm, every half hour. If you wish to take a time, or two, please respond by email or call the church office and we will add you to the list. Thank you for your participation in keeping the Moravian Unity Prayer Watch alive with intercessions and conversations with God.



Veteran's Sunday, November 9

On Veteran's Sunday we pause to honor the veterans of our congregation. If your information hasn't been listed in past bulletins, or if your information has changed since last year, and you wish to be included in this list, please contact the church office by November 3rd. We need the name and branch of service you served.

- Reminder -

Save your Tadych's Marketplace receipts! Don't forget to save your receipts and return them to the church when you are able to. We receive 1% of the total dollar value submitted to benefit youth activities. This year we submitted over \$85,000 in receipts!

Thank you.

New Church Office Hours - Monday thru Wednesday 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

always give thanks