



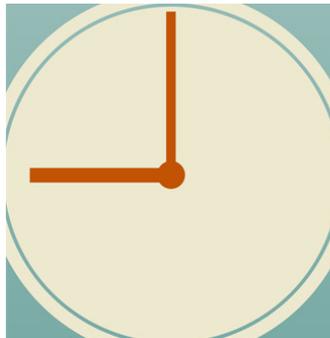
# The Mustard Seed

*The Official Newsletter of Christian Faith Moravian Church*

## WHAT'S INSIDE.....



*Fellowship Following Worship*



*Worship Continues at 9:00 am*



*Christian Education*

## FROM THE PASTOR

One of my favorite possessions is an “inukshuk”. It was given to me by my parents as an ordination gift when I became a pastor. An inukshuk (which translates to “that which acts in the capacity of a human”) comes from the Inuit people of Labrador, which is where my father was born and where his ancestors lived. Although my inukshuk just stands a few inches tall, most were made out of rock or stone and stood the size of a person. They have been used historically for navigation, as a point of reference, a marker for travel routes, or fishing or hunting



“inukshuk”

spots. Essentially, they served as landmarks that said “something is here” or “something is along this way.”

It reminds me of the times in the

Old Testament when someone would have an experience of God’s imminent presence. When they came to the realization that they had come face-to-face with God, they would create a stone altar to commemorate the occasion and mark the spot. Examples of this occurrence can be found in Genesis 8:20 (Noah), 12:7 (Abraham), 26:25 (Isaac), 33:20 (Jacob), and Exodus 17:15 (Moses).

All of us, whether we realize it or

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### CFMC 2020 WATCHWORD

“When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the Lord will answer them.” Isaiah 41:17

# Worship With Us

**DRIVE IN WORSHIP IN THE  
CHURCH PARKING LOT AT 9AM**

**ON FACEBOOK LIVE SUNDAYS  
AT 9AM**

**ON OUR WEBSITE ANYTIME 24/7**

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not, have had those “inukshuk” moments in our lives. We have all had those experiences when we have had a close encounter with the Divine. Sometimes we are fortunate enough to realize it as its happening. Other times it requires the perspective of months or years later for us to see how God had been active in our lives. And of course we must acknowledge that there may still be moments ahead in the future where it will dawn on us how God is present with us here and now though we may not know it.

That is both the beauty and the challenge of the journey of faith. As theologian Soren Kierkegaard once remarked, “Life is lived forward and understood backward.” I invite you to reflect back on your life. Where might be some places where you could place an “inukshuk”? Where you could place an altar to God’s presence in your life? And in the unique and challenging days of Covid-19, how might we end up finding out that these days will also produce an altar to God’s guiding love?

*Pastor Jason*

## Christian Faith Moravian Church is.....

On our website ([www.cfmoravianchurch.org](http://www.cfmoravianchurch.org)), if you scroll down you will see a section entitled “Christian Faith Moravian Church Is...” Some of our Joint Board members have answered this question, and we invite you to do the same! In one or two sentences, please tell us what CFMC means to you. You can email your answers to our webmaster, Kari Caulum, at [karilee.iluvlucy@gmail.com](mailto:karilee.iluvlucy@gmail.com).



## Digital Communication

Each Monday morning, Pastor Jason sends out an email highlighting some upcoming dates and events, as well as some other fun things. If you would like to receive this weekly email, as well as our monthly newsletter in digital format, please contact the church office ([cfmcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:cfmcoffice@gmail.com)) to be added to the list.

## SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Join us every Sunday in our lower parking lot for a drive-in worship service. These services will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page and posted to our website every Sunday afternoon.

### Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 119:33-40 (Terry Miller)

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 18:15-20

**Message:** "The Power of Agreement"

### Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 103:8-13 (Marie True)

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 14:1-12

**Message:** "Passing Judgment"

### Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 145:1-8 (Kathryn Scepanski)

**Scripture Reading:** Philippians 1:21-30

**Message:** "It's All Good"

### Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 25:1-9 (Peggy Landgraf)

**Scripture Reading:** Philippians 2:1-13

**Message:** "One and the Same"

## Thank You

- ◆ To Joel Caulum for leading worship and bringing the message on August 9 while Pastor Jason was on vacation.
- ◆ To Peggy Landgraf, Megan Vanderbloemen, Bob Hudecek, Doug Block, and Amy Andersen for providing the Call To Worship during August.
- ◆ To the Women's Fellowship for purchasing a new washing machine for the parsonage after the old one stopped working correctly.
- ◆ To Peggy Landgraf for cleaning and disinfecting our church throughout these past 6 months. Her attention to the care of our building keeps it safe for others.



## September Celebrations

### Happy Birthday

1<sup>st</sup> – Donna Kern

2<sup>nd</sup> – Nancy Lapp; Kathy Brashi

8<sup>th</sup> – Doug Block

9<sup>th</sup> – Jason Mayr; Peggy Landgraf

11<sup>th</sup> – Rich Vanderbloemen

13<sup>th</sup> – Betty Timm; Allison Gothard

15<sup>th</sup> – Madi Kindschi

22<sup>nd</sup> – Pastor Jason

26<sup>th</sup> – Joyce Simon

### Happy Anniversary

1<sup>st</sup> – Scott and Marie True (13 yrs.)

10<sup>th</sup> – Bob and Marlene Sobek (62 yrs.)

14<sup>th</sup> – Steve and Lisa Quam (24 yrs.)

22<sup>nd</sup> – Gary and Whitney BaDour (2 yrs.)

30<sup>th</sup> – Mat and Kristin Stack (9 yrs.)



### E-Giving

As the Covid-19 pandemic continues, we greatly appreciate your ongoing support of Christian Faith Moravian Church.

**You can give in the following ways:**

- ◆ Mail in your check or drop it in the offering box at one of our drive-in worship services.
- ◆ Give online by going to [www.cfmoravianchurch.org](http://www.cfmoravianchurch.org) and click on "GIVING." You can set up your donation to be one-time or recurring at an amount you select.

## Memo from Your Joint Board Regarding Worship Services

The Joint Board met on August 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss resuming in-person worship services. The Board affirmed that we will continue to utilize the Drive-In Worship Services while the weather is still nice, and will reevaluate what we want to do when the weather gets colder. In the meantime, we are working on creating a policy document that will have protocols in place (such as masks, sanitizer, temperature checks, social distancing, etc) for when we resume in-person worship in the future. We are also creating a brief survey that will be distributed to all congregational members via email and regular mail in order to gauge congregational interest and feedback regarding resuming in-person worship. Once you receive the survey, please take a few moments to fill it out so that we as a Joint Board may have a better understanding of congregational feelings on this matter. Thank you!

## Staying Connected, Six Feet Apart

### Fellowship After Worship

You are invited to join us for a time of fellowship every Sunday following our Drive-In Worship Services. Bring a lawn chair, some food or drink for yourself, and we will find a shady spot on the church lawn to enjoy some socially distanced church fellowship.



### Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast and Bible Study has resumed in-person gatherings. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 6:00 am at church. We are currently limiting our gatherings to 10 men or fewer, so if you are planning on attending, please let Pastor Jason know.

### Women's Breakfast

All ladies are invited to the monthly Women's Breakfast on Wednesday, September 16 at 9:00 am on the church lawn. Food and coffee will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own if you'd prefer. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a time of food and fellowship!



## Virtual Christian Education Classes

Our Christian Education classes will be done online for the time being. Pastor Jason has been in contact with our Sunday School families to determine the format and content that will work best for them.

## Tuesday Evening Prayers

Join us online or by phone for Tuesday Evening Prayers on September 8, 22, & 29 at 7:00 pm. This is an opportunity to check in with one another, share prayer joys and concerns, and spend some time in prayer together. You can join online via Zoom video conference at <https://zoom.us/j/552369476> or join via phone by calling 1-312-626-6799 and entering the Meeting ID: 552 369 476

## Thursday Evening Bible Study

Join us online or by phone for Thursday Evening Bible Study every Thursday in September at 7:00 pm. We are currently working our way through the Gospel of Mark. You can join online via Zoom video conference at <https://zoom.us/j/422647851> or you can join via phone by calling 1-312-626-6799 and entering the Meeting ID: 422 647 851.

## Board Meeting Highlights

### Trustees

*The Board of Trustees met on August 11 via Zoom.*

- We read the Behavioral Covenant and approved the July Minutes, Treasurer’s Report, and Pastor’s Report.
- We approved the purchase of a new washing machine for the parsonage. Peggy informed the Board that the Women’s Fellowship volunteered to purchase the washing machine.
- Joel provided an update on fixing a hole in the parsonage basement ceiling.
- Discussed further options for grants for the lower parking lot.
- Looked at further bids and updates for the cemetery fence project.
- Approved going with Pechmann’s to repair the cemetery sign. A down payment has been made.
- Pastor Jason did monthly maintenance on filters, water softener, and drains.

*Next meeting will be September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm*

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### Elders

*The Board of Elders met on August 17 via Zoom.*

- We read the Behavioral Covenant and approved the July Minutes, Ministry Diary, Music Report, and Pastor’s Report.
- Discussed ongoing ministry focuses of worship, connection, spiritual care, and missions.
- Reviewed worship from August 9<sup>th</sup>
- Discussed the fall schedule and decided to stay with a 9:00 am service while we are still doing Drive-In Worship.
- Approved having outdoor Fellowship after Worship.
- Approved sending a letter to the congregation encouraging a one-time mission fundraiser donation to help offset what would have been raised for missions through Hosting the Corner, the Dunk Tank, and the Corn and Brat Fest.
- Closed with prayer.

**Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 14.**

## Core Values of Christian Faith Moravian Church

Five core values bring clarity to the things that matter most at Christian Faith Moravian Church. They guide how we achieve our mission, influencing major leadership decisions as well as everyday ministry plans. They keep us focused on the unique call God has given us as a local church.



### Community

Connecting with one another and sharing in fellowship together as a church family.



### Quality Worship

Incorporating blended and informal styles of Christ-centered worship and relevant, Biblically based preaching.



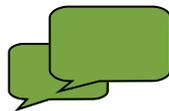
### Hospitality

Welcoming all through our accessible facilities and through our loving actions to members and visitors alike.



### Mission Presence

Providing resources and fellowship to those in need in our neighborhood.



### Communication

Ensuring through multiple media formats that everyone is aware of our current church ministries.

**FAITH**

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Matthew 17:20

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*Socialize with Us!*

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**PLEASE NOTE!**

**WORSHIP WILL REMAIN AT 9:00 AM**

The Board of Elders has decided that while we continue to have Drive-In Worship Services. Our worship time will remain at 9:00 am, even after Labor Day. At some point in time when we resume in-person worship services and Christian Education classes, we anticipate moving back to a 10:30 start time.



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