

# THE BEACON

MARCH 2020



“Grow in Faith,  
Live in Love,  
Share the Hope,  
as we Journey  
with Jesus.”



**Worship & Sunday School**  
**SUNDAYS @ 10 am**

**PALMYRA MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
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# Pastor's Ponderings

From the Pastor's Pen,

On Sunday, February 23, Palmyra Moravian Church held its Annual Church Council and elected new officers to fill the vacancies that arose. Sis. Dolores Lundy was elected to the Board of Elders and Bros. Bob Poppert and Steve Figiel to the Board of Trustees. Continuing to serve are Terri Coles, Lauren Pfeiffer, John Meller and Kristie Figiel on the Board of Elders and Lou Ladany, Charles Conyers, and Tom Boyle on the Board of Trustees.

Our gratitude and thanks are extended to outgoing officers Carole Stamets, of the Board of Elders and to Wade Stein and Linnie Perkins of the Board of Trustees.

We are also grateful for the tremendous service provided by Bro. Rex Knowlton, Treasurer; Bro. Jack Healey, Auditor; and Lauren Grady and John Meller, Delaware Valley Council of Moravian Churches representatives.

As we move forward into the season of Lent 2020 it is wonderful to see that a number of Palmyra Moravian members are suited up and ready to go as we pilgrimage every Wednesday evening from March 4 to April 1. We join with other pilgrims of the Triboro grouping of churches for the midweek Lenten activity of eating together, conversing together and worshipping together. Even though the worship may be the major activity, I have often found that the conversations with members of other denominations as we have our soup dinner are very meaningful indeed. We look forward to hosting the pilgrims on Wednesday April 1, at Palmyra Moravian.

As we go on this Lenten journey and as we face a new year of mission, may we experience the presence of Jesus who goes with us.

George Richmond

Interim Pastor

## Church Office Hours and Contact Information

Pastor George Richmond is our Interim Pastor. If you need to speak with him, please leave a message on the church office number below.

Office# 856-829-2886

If there is an emergency or an unexpected need that calls for a pastoral visit, please notify any of our Elders for assistance.

Elders:

Terri Coles – 856-596-4457  
Kristie Figiel - 609-220-2085  
John Meller – 856-232-8337  
Lauren Pfeiffer -- 301-578-8879  
Delores Lundy - 609-424-7481

Secretary's hours are:  
Tuesday 10:00 am – 12:30pm  
Thursday 10:00 am - 12:30 pm  
palmyrasecretary@gmail.com

# Hearts Open Mission Engaged

MISSION, MINISTRY & OUTREACH

## Clothing and Shoe Drive Fundraiser



### Palmyra Moravian Church Vacation Bible School

**Where: Palmyra Moravian Church  
1921 Cinnaminson Ave.**

**When: March 15 - April 26, 2020**

**Contacts: Kristie Figiel 609-220-2085  
Lynn Boyle 609-980-4786**

Help our church raise funds by cleaning out your closets, attics, garages and basements. Please place your gently used/unwanted items in tightly tied bags. White/clear bags and/or shopping bags preferred. Every bag counts. Give your items a second chance to be worn/used again. The more our collection weighs...the more we raise.

Thank you for your support!

#### **What we ACCEPT:**



All plastic bags that are of all colors, paper, and brand name bags  
Adult & Children clothing, Shoes, Sandals, Sneakers, Boots, Jackets, Coats, Rain gear, Leathers, Belts, Ties, Pants, Shirts, Sweaters, Vests, Blouses, Dresses, Skirts, Robes, Undergarments, Sheets, Pillowcases. Towels, Linens, Tablecloths, Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Handbags, Purses, Wallets, Jewelry, Watches, Uniforms, Jerseys, Backpacks, New Diapers.

#### **Please, we do not ACCEPT:**

Thrift Store Goods, Books, Games, Furniture, Flea Market, Yard Sales, or Sorted Merchandise that has been picked through or separated in which the better good have been removed. Curtains, Pillows, Stuffed Animals, Bric-A-Brac, or Toys.  
Any merchandise that has holes, rips, stains, mold or has an odor.



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### **In Our Prayers...**

Karina Joy KNowlton, Carole Stamets, Sharon Ross, Ryan Manion, Cathy Leedom, Janina O, Liam Chaim Levine, Pastor Laura Gordon, Nicole Stavely, Carole Moore, Glenn Grant, Joseph Sileo, Jim Lyons, Frank Cianfrani, Sue Fillion, Rev. John Hoenig, Janet Hentz Hay, and Sandy Burger.

For all troops, including our members: Matt Ormsby & John Christ.

For the international children we sponsor: Rosemary Rana (Moravian Institute in India) and Diane Mukanziza (Rwanda).

For those without food, clean water, shelter, clothing, and basic needs; for those affected by natural disasters; for all who seek refuge; for all who are suffering in mind, body, and spirit.

For our pastor, church boards and leaders, and staff; for all who serve the greater church, including the District, Provincial, and Worldwide Moravian Church.

For the many who joyfully give their lives to Christ's Church.

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If you would like to add someone to our prayer list, please write the person's name and pertinent information (with their consent) on one of the comment cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office.

### **Ministry of Care**

It is important for people to know that we care, especially during times of illness or great stress. Please call the church office at any time if you know of someone who would like a visit or a meal.



**The Board of Elders is requesting the assistance of the congregation with the reading of the scriptures during service on Sunday's**

**Volunteer once, once a month or as much as you prefer. Please contact Lauren Pfeiffer at [laurenmpfeiffer@gmail.com](mailto:laurenmpfeiffer@gmail.com) if you are so called.**

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## Women's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 28, 2020

9:00 AM

Christian Education Building

Please RSVP by March 23, 2020

Call Lauren Grady at 609-828-1282



## Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, April 4, 2020

9:00AM

Christian Education  
Building

Please RSVP by March 30, 2020

Call John Meller at

443-934-5618



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### Sunday School Is Fun!



The children have been enjoying Pastor George's Children's Chats and fun songs during worship! In Sunday School, we have been learning Bible stories about Adam and Eve, Noah, Jonah, Peter, and Paul during the last two months. During the Lenten Season they will learn about Jesus and the Resurrection. Most importantly we are enjoying our time together. Did you know that Oreos, Goldfish, and Rice Krispie treats are the children's favorite snacks?

### Coming Up at Camp Hope!

**Online Registration is here!**

**Go to [camphope.org](http://camphope.org)**

**Register, complete documents, and pay online!**



**Confirmation Retreat - Open to all Confirmands from Eastern District Moravian Churches**

**May 15 - 17, 2020**

**Swimming Camp - Completed Grades 3 - 6  
This camp is limited to 25 campers.**

**July 19 - 25, 2020**

**Fishing Camp - Completed grades 6-10**

**June 28 - July 2, 2020**

**Musical Theater Camp - Completed grades 5 - 9  
This camp is limited to 30 campers.**

**July 19 - 25, 2020**

**Jr. Lifeguarding - Camp Ages 11 - 14**

**August 2 - August 8, 2020**

**Outdoor Explorer - Camp Ages 11 - 16  
This camp is limited to 12 campers**

**August 2 - August 8, 2020**

**Cooking and Baking Camp - Ages 11 - 16  
This camp is limited to 12 campers**

**August 2 - August 8, 2020**

**For more information on the above camps please go to [camphope.org](http://camphope.org)**

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## 2020 TRIBORO LENTEN GATHERINGS

WEDNESDAYS

FEB. 26 - APRIL 1

SOUP SUPPER @ 6:30 PM

LENTEN WORSHIP @ 7:30 PM

March 4 Host Church - Covenant Presbyterian Cinnaminson;  
Preacher -Jeff VanOrden

March 11 Host Church - Mt. Zion AME;  
Preacher - Joe Donadieu

March 18 Host Church - Sacred Heart RC;  
Preacher -George Richmond

March 25 Host Church - Bethany Lutheran;  
Preacher - Joe Buckwalter

April 1 Host Church - Palmyra Moravian;  
Preacher - John Doll

A \$3.00 donation is asked to help cover the cost of the soup supper.

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### Social Action Committee

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40

We have been supporting Aurare Providence from the Nyamagabe Region of Rwanda for many years now. We have received wonderful news from World Vision that because of our years of partnering with others and by God's grace, Aurare and her family and community are now equipped with the training and tools they need to reach their God-given potential. So, we say farewell to Aurare and hello to Diane Mukanziza also from Rwanda. She has been eagerly awaiting a sponsor. It is nice to know that we were able to help Aurare and now we have the opportunity to support Diane. We continue to support Rosemay Rana through the Moravian Institute in India. Our monthly collections and fundraisers are making a difference in the lives of these young people!



**March Joyful Noise Collection**  
will be held on March 15th to benefit  
the Triboro Ministerium Fund





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## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



### Men's Breakfast

Come join the PMC men for Breakfast.

We meet the 2nd Saturday of the month. This month we will meet at Jim's Deli, River Rd. Cinnaminson. on March 4th. All are welcome!

## Palmyra Moravian Hoagie Sale

Hoagies will now be available after worship on the 1st Sunday of each month. - Fellowship Hall \$6.00 each

Cash or check (made payable to Palmyra Moravian Church)  
Thank you for your generous support to our Church!



**April Beacon Deadline is  
March 17th !**



## MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

**03/07 Thomas Murphy**

**03/10 Lauren Dougherty Grady**

**03/14 Nancy Neely-Houser**

**03/17 Carol Manion**

**03/18 John D'Autrechy**

**03/21 Samuel Balne**

**03/22 Brianna Pereira-Belford**

**03/27 Katrina Godwin**

**03/28 Megan SHEMELEY**

## ANNIVERSARIES

**3/14 Barry & Christine Hentz**

**3/23 John & Barbara Hoenig**

**3/29 Jane & Bud Miles**



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### Treasurer's Report

#### **Treasurer's Report – February 2020**

A slight tweak to the budget as distributed occurred at Church Council. In our meeting Brother Hentz suggested we use Bequest funds for the roof and in the discussion that followed Sister Wittmeyer concurred so we'll be in good shape for getting a new roof on the parsonage at some point this year. Funds from the Mooney bequest will pick up after the Larger Life Foundation support is applied to the need.

Some lively discussion on the performance for 2019 and on our budget for 2020 at Church Council occurred so hopefully folks in attendance gained a bit more understanding. Thank you to Brother Healey for presenting the auditors report in a short window and explaining the role of the auditor to those in attendance.

We were able to complete the new blacktop on the parking lot in 2019 along with a meeting a few minor improvement and repair needs that emerged. We saw some fluctuation in a few line items, some of them one time in nature. We missed making our budget fully in 2019 and needed to dip a bit further into reserves than desired.

Our budget for 2020 is challenging to meet without dipping into reserve funds so please do what you are able to fulfil your part. The roof for the parsonage is the only budgeted capital project this year. Of course, we have our usual operating cost as well as our challenge with providing support for our budget somewhat evenly throughout the year.

Sister Pfeiffer suggest we explore options for giving online so look for news on that to help ease the peaks and valleys at some point this year. Thanks for your continued support to the mission of ourChurch and please be mindful our needs throughout the entire year!

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### Church Leadership

**Ministers:** All members of the church

#### **Board of Elders**

Terri Coles  
Lauren Pfeiffer  
Kristie Figiel  
John Meller  
Delores Lundy

#### **Board of Trustees**

Bob Poppert, Chair  
Lou Ladany, Vice Chair  
Tom Boyle, Secretary  
Linnie Perkins  
Charlie Conyers

Rex Knowlton, Treasurer  
Karen Poppert, Financial Secretary

### Elders' Highlights

The Board of Elders continues to devote our attention to weekly worship planning and church management tasks as we cope with leadership transitions. Preparations for Church Council have been a major focus. We thank everyone for their attendance and participation. We look forward to welcoming Sister Delores Lundy to the Board.

The Elders' would like to thank Carole Stamets for her years of service as a leader on the Board of Elders and send her positive thoughts and prayers as she steps away from her volunteer role.

### Trustees' Highlights

No report this month

# About Our Congregation



## Congregational Watchword for 2020

The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. Isaiah 32:17

## Our Mission Statement

Grow in Faith, Live in Love, Share the Hope, as we Journey with Jesus!

## Our Core Values

**Christ Centered** - We value experiencing the Good News of God found in Jesus.

**Meaningful Worship** - We value meaningful worship that resonates with love and joy.

**Christian Education** - We value Christian education for people of all ages.

**Youth** - We value nurturing our youth through engaging, meaningful & fun activities.

**Fellowship** - We value being together through the warmth of fellowship.

**Tangible Outreach** - We value reaching out with the love of God and the Good News of Jesus in tangible ways.