

THE CHIMES

"To Minister, as Living Witnesses, the Saving Grace of Jesus Christ"

Pastor's Corner

At the beginning of last month I drew the congregation's watchword for 2025. It is from the letter to the Hebrews: "... let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds" (10:24).

To provoke to love ...

When we think of "love" we generally think of a feeling we either have or don't have for someone else. We seldom put "love" and "provoke" into the same sentence. More commonly, "provoke" is associated with anger rather than love. Why does the author of Hebrews use this word? Perhaps he recalled Jesus' challenging teaching in which our Savior spoke of sacrificial love embodied by seeking the best even for those we consider our adversaries.

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Dieners Needed

"Diener" is from the German word for one who serves. It is used to denote those who help the pastor prepare for and conduct worship dates to the earliest days of the Renewed Moravian Church. When members of the congregation think of dieners they most often think of our Christmas Eve candlelight lovefeast services. This is an important part of what dieners do but it is only the proverbial "tip of the iceberg."

Dieners assist by helping prepare for the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, by insuring that the paraments (the sanctuary and chapel's ornamental cloth hangings) are the correct liturgical color for the season of year, mark passages of scripture in the pulpit Bible for our lay readers, and perform countless other small, but important tasks to facilitate meaningful, smooth-running worship experiences for members of the congregations and visiting guests.

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Pastor's Corner ...

Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

Luke 6:31-32

Christ's words provoked his listeners, raising strong emotions in them as they objected to the moral rigor of his teaching.

In Christ's church today we still need all the help - and loving provocation - we can get and give in order to fulfill Jesus' commands.

So "... let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds."

- Pastor Derek

Month at a Glance

Weekly ...

Sunday 8:15, 10:45 a.m.
Worship

Monday 10:00 a.m.
Book Club

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Ladies AA Group

Events ...

Holy Communion Feb. 2

Soup Sale
3:00-4:30 p.m. Feb. 15
After worship on Feb.16

Church Council
Noon on February 23

[Click Here for Full Calendar](#)

Dieners Needed

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While many persons have graciously volunteered to assist serving at lovefeasts, what is most urgently needed are persons willing to commit to serve on the dieners corps. Officers of the present Dieners' Corps will provide further information at this month's Church Council meeting.

February Birthdays

MALLON, Charles	02/01	HUSTON, Leona	02/15
THOMAS, Justin	02/02	LEH, Andrew	02/15
ANTHONY, Edward	02/04	HOCH, Greg	02/16
BERGSTRESSER, Jennifer	02/04	CONDOMITTI, Joan	02/17
AUDENRIED, Dale	02/06	MCDANIEL, Riley	02/17
CALVO, Larisa	02/06	HUNT, Cynthia	02/19
HORAN, Jacob	02/06	BENNER, Victoria	02/20
PRIMROSE Mr., Donald	02/06	RAUB IV, John	02/20
BROSS, Debbie	02/07	LAURIN, Lea	02/22
MIELNIK, Marcia	02/07	WAGNER, Bobbi	02/22
COMES-DUKE, Stormie	02/08	THOMAS, Jenna	02/23
UTZAT, Kyle	02/09	TSURUMAKI, Erik	02/23
MARSHALL, Jane	02/09	LAVDAR, Colleen	02/24
TOMAC, Jamie	02/10	FURRY, Ethan	02/25
BORCK, Cheryl	02/10	FURRY, Julia	02/25
GOLD, Sandy	02/11	ROHN, Joann	02/25
QUINN, Emily	02/12	SAYLOR Jr., Paul	02/25
	02/12	LAURIN, Eli	02/27
	02/13	TRAUGER, Jessica	02/27

Unitas Chorale Concert May 4, 4:00 p.m.

"With One Accord"

Advent Moravian Church
3730 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, PA
Gwyn Michel, Director

Music of Moravian composers: J. F. Peter (b. Holland), E. I. Erbe (b. Switzerland), C. F. Hasse (b. Russia), E. J. Williams (b. South Africa), and more.



February Soup Sales

Soup pick up is Saturday February 15th from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday the 16th following both worship services. Options include

- Zuppa Toscana (sausage, kale, and potato) \$9.00/ quart and \$4.50/pint
- Sauerkraut Soup \$9.00/ quart and \$4.50/pint
- Cream of Broccoli \$8.00/ quart and \$4.00/pint

Order forms are available in the office and on the congregation’s webpage.

Sr. High Winter Retreat

“A Walk With God”

For: youth in grades 9-12

Where: Hope Conference & Renewal Center, Hope, NJ

When: Feb. 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to noon Feb. 16, 2025.

Cost: \$130 Lodging, meals and snacks. Check with church office for campership availability.

Program: Sister Andrea Peart-DeFlaviis
Chaplain: The Rev. Nasel Ephraim

[Online Registration](#)
[More Information](#)

Sunday School and Christian Education

PreK-K was following the star learning about Epiphany. They brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to the hidden baby Jesus and had loads of fun.

Elementary has started learning about Count Zinzendorf and topics like his group, Order of the Mustard Seed. They also used their crafting skills to making cross necklaces.

February is the month of love and Valentine’s Day is February 14. It would be great to have the children learn about the love of God and practice their Bible reading skills. **Here’s a challenge:** Use the calendar below and have the children find and then read a verse about love each day. It won’t take long and there is only one verse for each day. (A copy of this calendar will be sent home after the Feb. 2 opening.)





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Our Greeters for February

02	Robert, Erin and Lea Kemmerer
09	Blair, Martha and Alice Mielnik
16	Alice Yeakel
23	Scott and Sandy Swedar

Scripture Readers for February

02	Scott Swedar	Luke 2:22-40	Hebrews 2:14-18
09	Patty Morgenstern	Isaiah 6:1-13	Luke 5:1-11
16	Pastor Derek	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Luke 6:17-26
23	Darrell Crook	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Luke 6:27-38

**Church Council
Noon, February 23**

The annual February Church Council will be held at noon in the congregation’s Fellowship Hall following later worship on Sunday, February 23. Please plan to attend as we conduct the business of being church.

Reports will be emailed out on Friday, February 7 and print copies will be ready to pick up at worship on Sunday, February 9.