



# THE MESSENGER



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**UNION CROSS MORAVIAN CHURCH**

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*Our mission statement adopted August 23, 2003*

**Union Cross Moravian Church is a Christian family seeking to reflect God's love.**

## What will YOU do today for the Love of the Lord?

### Clothes Closet Ministry

The Christmas Tree at the Clothes Closet was a big success. The children were excited to see the toy display and several families took some of the toys. They were requested to limit their selections to two toys per child.

The cider, donuts and cookies were also a big hit.

The following clients submitted prayer requests in December: Maria Rangel, Gladys Lopez, Clementine Lunsford, Betty Kimess, Kelly DeSalvo, Monica Massey, Angie Jumper. Please keep these people in your prayers.

Thank you so much for all your donations of toys and clothing. We appreciate the support you have shown to this project.

### OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

We would like to express a special thank you to each member of the Outreach Team that assisted with the canvas of Weatherstone, the Forest Trails & Hickory Tree communities. For those who helped with mail-outs and did computer work, we appreciate all of your time and efforts. When people work together, wonderful things can be accomplished for God's glory. In recent weeks, we have had visitors as a result of the efforts of UCMC to reach out to others. Seeds have been sown, and in time, others may seek out this church family. Church growth should be a priority for 2013. People with spiritual needs are all around us. Be in prayer for your neighbors, co-workers, family members and friends who do not have a church home or may not know Christ. Invite them to visit your church and show your love and concern. The next community canvas will occur in April. Plans and meeting dates will be announced.

Steve and Marcia Williams

### Church Council – January 27, 2013

**Church Council** will be on Sunday, January 27, 2013, immediately after a congregational luncheon served by the Joint Board following the 11:00 am worship service. Church Council will elect 3 Elders, 3 Trustees, 2 Graveyard Board members, 3 Synod 2014 representatives and 1 RCC representative. Please contact Barbara Lauten or one of the retiring Joint Board members listed below with your nominations to allow each nominee time to prayerfully consider serving.

**2014 Synod** - The Synod will be held April 3-6, 2014 at Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, NC. Delegates elected need to understand the expectations for them to attend any pre-synod meetings, read and study preparation material carefully, become familiar with those nominated to fill positions on boards and agencies and of course, to attend all sessions and participate in a committee at synod. Prayerfully consider this position.

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### Women's Fellowship

It is a pleasure to see lovely altar flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones. Our church has been blessed to have persons who have worked diligently to coordinate the placement of flowers. Joyce Mabe has done a wonderful job for several years and we thank her for her dedication. The church needs a new coordinator of this ministry. If you would like to assume responsibility for the altar flowers, please contact the church office. Joyce will be happy to meet with you and share information needed to continue this ministry of our church.

## Men's Fellowship

All men are invited to join us for our breakfast meeting on Sunday, January 6, 8:00 a.m. at C&H cafeteria in Kernersville.

## Young Adults

All young adults in our province, early twenties - early thirties, are invited to get together at the home of Doug Rights, the new Director of Youth, College and Young Adult Ministries in our province, for an evening of pizza and sharing on Sunday, January 13th at 6 PM. All you have to bring is yourself and your ideas and interest in young adult ministry in our churches. Doug lives at 3445 Willow Wind Drive in Pfafftown. If you can come or need more information, please contact Doug at [drights@mcsp.org](mailto:drights@mcsp.org) or call (336) 722-8126.

## Joy Group News

The Joy Group would like to thank everyone who participated in the Penny Campaign. The money was delivered December 1<sup>st</sup>. Every penny truly does count and we appreciate your support in our efforts to help those in need.

Also a BIG THANK YOU for your support and participation in the Fox 8 Gifts for Kids. We delivered a huge amount of gifts December 11<sup>th</sup> to the Fox 8 studio. The kids were able to tour the studio and followed it up with our annual Christmas Party.

**Valentine Bingo** - Joy Group will be hosting the annual Valentine Bingo on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30pm. All children and their parents and/or grandparents are invited to participate. We will have light refreshments and prizes. Come join us for a fun-filled evening.

## Library News

We have several new DVDs in the church library. There are several Women of Faith DVDs, as well as one from World Vision entitled "Journey to Jamaa." They are located on the bottom shelf. Check them out as you would books – just sign the card and place it in the box on the top of the bookcase. There is no time specified for return, but please do so in a timely manner so others may enjoy them as well. There are many new books also, including Amish Grace, the story of the Nickel Mines schoolhouse shooting.

## CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

January 1	Lynda Haney	January 18	Gracie Pruitt
January 2	Jeffrey Rubin, Wesley Davis, Emily Kapp, Paige O'Briant	January 20	Jennifer Jones
January 4	Bethany Reich, Naomi Sells, Kay Boner	January 21	Jimmie Haney, Mitchell Hampton
January 6	Peggy Bodenheimer, James Walker	January 22	Jo Dickey, Reid Davis, Olivia Ivy, Bill Tucker
January 7	Marie Dipresso Long	January 23	Tracy Rollins
January 11	John Woodard	January 24	Jonnie Tucker, Eryn Roberts
January 12	Danny Sells	January 26	Charles Galloway, David Chapman, Catherine Davis
January 13	Doug Davis, Teresa Sells	January 27	Christine Spoon
January 14	Connor Marsh	January 28	Joshua Craver, Paul Stephens, Scott Whittington
January 15	Bob Dickey	January 29	Meredith D. Smith
January 16	Eva Edwards, Erica Flinchum, Janice Reich, Jesse Smith	January 31	Dee McGee
January 17	Brad Sweatman		

## Seniors with Special Needs

Wyatt Shields  
2000 Salemtowne Drive, Room  
137, WS, NC 27106

Sue Vanhoy  
314 Broken Saddle Lane,  
Kernersville, NC 27284

Virginia Yokley  
4820 Rex Road, WS, NC 27107

## January Sunday School Openings

Jan. 6 – Ronnie Sisk    Jan. 13 – Bill Gibson    Jan. 20 – Karen Harris    Jan. 27 – Dwight Deal

## Greeters for January

Front: Mary Lawson and Jackie Smith

Back: Burton Whittington

### **2013 Daily Text**

We have received our 2013 Daily Text and they are located in the Narthex for you to pick up. Prices are listed below.

**Small soft cover - \$9.75**

**Small hard cover - \$12.75**

**Large Print - \$14.00**

Please make checks payable to UCMC.

### **Congratulations**

Ted Linville recently graduated from Virginia Military Institute with a BA in History with a minor in International Studies and a concentration in Military History.

### **Thank You**

Thank you for your cards, phone calls, visits and many expressions of your concern for my healing. Thanks for the prayers. They have meant a lot to me. May we continue to be a blessed church family.

Bill Gibson

Dear Joy Group,

Thank you so much for your beautiful cards you have sent me. I love them and I have all of them saved in a special envelope. God will bless each of you for remembering me. Thank you lots.

Sue Vanhoy

A very special thank you to all of the dieners for their dedication and assistance during both the Thanksgiving Lovefeast and the Christmas Candlelight Lovefeast. Several also served the children of Union Cross Traditional Academy during the Candle Tea on December 19. These services could not happen without all of the help and commitment of time generously given by our male and female dieners. God bless you all.

### **We Need Your Help**

Our church secretary, Dee McGee, is in the process of updating the church's website: <http://unioncrossmoravian.org/> Please explore the new-look website and consider providing content for some of the numerous links in the drop-down menus. Please send your ideas, photos, text, etc. to the church office and help us share about the life and ministries taking place at Union Cross Moravian with the World Wide Web.

### **Church Directory Updates**

Jennifer Smith's email has changed to: [jenniferscooking@hotmail.com](mailto:jenniferscooking@hotmail.com)

### **November Memorials/Honorariums**

#### **In Memory of:**

Corey Inez Idol Dalton

Rachel Hebert

Annette Overby

Matthew Sells

#### **In Honor of:**

Craig & Carolyn Haney

### **We express sincere Christian love and sympathy to**

Jannifer Knox and family upon the passing of her mother, Rachel Hebert, on December 2.

## Prayer Concerns

### Members:

Randall Coble, Reid Davis, Bill Gibson, Don and Carol Griffin, Mike Harris, Billy Hooker, Josie Jenkins, Cindy Johnson, Haylie Kiger, Carolyn Lawson, Ronnie Lauten, Pauline Marsh, Tim Ridge, James Sells, Wyatt Shields, Paul Stephens, Edna Tucker, Jonnie Tucker, Sue Vanhoy, Doug Vaughn, Dana Wadford, Ernest Warren, Robert Welch, Elva Williard, Alton Wood, Virginia Yokley.

### Friends or Relatives of:

Alice & Ron Linville - Pam Thompson, John Williams  
 Amanda Griffin - Krystal Perry  
 Barb & Sonia Undseth - Lyle & Marilyn Dahl, Hope DeVries, Mattie Rose, Nadine & Claude Thompson, Denis Olson  
 Barbara Sells - Dave Hardee  
 Beth Tucker - Angie & Scott Brezedine  
 Bobbie Reid - Piper Reid, Zach Reid  
 Cindy Johnson - Robin Summers and family, Bill, Roxanne, Jessy and Charlotte Maham  
 Carol Grandy - Pat Tucker  
 Connie & Charles Leonard – Robert Logan McGirt  
 Danny & Teresa Sells - Sonia & Jeff McGill, Paul Harrell, Opal Brown, Ola Mason  
 David Hine - Freda Padget  
 Dwight & Catherine Jenkins - Kelly & Sharon Vincent  
 Donnie Sells - Leslie Armstrong, Jamie Wilhelm  
 Dot & Terry Tucker - Todd Jenkins (son-in-law), Don Jennings  
 Doug and Karen Vaughn - Floyd Vaughn  
 Janice Reich - Michael Hicks, Melissa Meacham, Tommy Bare, Brandon Huie, Gil & Libby Rush, Jimmy Barber, Mande  
 Vogt  
 Jeanne Myers - Pat Lensestey  
 Jeff & Jennifer Bondurant - Bobby Culler, Mike Joyce  
 Jennifer Smith - Willa Gray Watkins  
 Joan Grant - Janet Lilley, Jim Saylars, Carole Tucker  
 Judy Hartley - Doris McKnight  
 Karen Harris – John Pyrtle  
 Judy Leonard - Travis Leonard  
 Judy Welch - Ronnie Southern, Don Stewart, Kim Strong, Patsy Stewart, Michelle Welch  
 Joyce & Dean Mabe - Tommie Stewart, Donna Campbell  
 Kimberly Green - Elmer Knapp  
 Kristi Whittington - Ron Carter  
 Kristy Craver - Ann Paschal, Mike Parrish Family  
 Leslie Kirkman - Isaac Miller  
 Marie DiPresso Long - The England Family, Mary Sorrentino  
 Natalie Johnson – Amy & Todd Stewart  
 Ronnie & Barbara Lauten - Betty & John Hester  
 Samantha Manring - Mattie Rose, Melanie Holtzclaw, AJ Watt, Clark Hemrick, Cash Elementary School Staff  
 Linda Motsinger – Sherry Bays and family  
 Sarah Draper - Ronda Little, Doris Vickers, Henry & Linda Maxey, Linwood & Brenda Cook  
 Sylvia Ridge - Greg Ridge, Jennifer Tiggie  
 Terry & Nancy Sells - Cindy Gwynn, Dan Sides, Ben Collier, Diane Branch  
 All un-churched and unsaved of our community

### Family & Friends Serving in Active Duty Military

Colin Carter, Paul Cheek, David Collins, Brad Everhart, Derek Vogt

## Board of Elder Minutes

### December 4, 2012

Members present: Rev. Don Griffin, Bobbie Reid, Dwight Deal, Cindy Johnson, David Long, Karen Kapp, Sylvia Ridge, Walter Carter; absent: Pam Hensdale.

Rev. Griffin shared a devotional, and numerous prayer concerns of the congregation were updated before prayer.

#### Updates:

- **Outreach Ministry** – Several members of the Outreach team canvassed homes and neighborhoods along 311 North on December 2. Several families (7-8) acknowledge they would be interested in visiting UCMC. All the families visited expressed appreciation of the gift of a wooden Moravian candle. Many of the families which already had a church home commended the ongoing efforts of the Outreach team to share the ministry and worship opportunities at UCMC.
- **Veterans Day Booklet** – Additional copies of the booklet highlighting UCMC Veterans have been produced to share with all those who have requested a copy. The PDF of the booklet is also available on the church's website. Plans are to update the booklet each year as more information about our veterans is obtained.
- **Bible Study beginning January 2013** – Pastor Don, Steve Williams, Marcia Williams, and Anita Whittington will rotate teaching responsibility each week. They will meet soon to determine the day and time for the Bible study.
- **Regional Council of Churches (RCC)** – Pastor Don will assist our RCC partners with a Lovefeast service at Pine Chapel Moravian on December 6<sup>th</sup> for 200 students from Carter G. Woodson Charter School.
- **Youth Holiday Festival** – The Youth-hosted Holiday Festival December 2 raised more than \$400. Funds are earmarked for a future youth mission trip. The timing and destination of the specific mission opportunity are yet to be determined.

#### Ministry Reports:

- **Hospitality** – The annual Christmas singing and pot luck is planned for Sunday, Dec.9 at 5:00 pm.
- **Praise & Worship** – Donations have allowed the Praise music team to obtain 3 additional microphones and an independent sound mixer to conveniently position in the performance area. Members of the Praise music team will sing the offertory anthem, "What Child is This" at the Christmas Lovefeast.
- **Christian Education** – Dot Tucker has organized a Christmas play, "A Christmas Journey", with the help of numerous Sunday School classes. The play will be presented on December 9 at the 11:00 worship service.
- **Family Ministries** - Visitors to the Clothes Closet continues to increase. Toys donated by the congregation will also be distributed to Clothes Closet patrons in December. Pastor Don will contact Mark Ebert (Board of World Mission Moravian Disaster Relief) in regard to offering Clothes Closet surplus inventory to victims of Super Storm Sandy.
- **School Ministries**
  - Union Cross Academy has provided information about families in need of assistance this Christmas. The congregation has responded with a love offering and Sunday School class sponsorships. Gifts will be taken to UC Academy on December 11.
  - UCMC will host a Candle-Tea for UC Academy students on December 19.
- **Hand Bells** – Practice sessions continue. We look forward to their first performance.

### New Business:

- **Heart Sunday** – A special memorial remembrance of our loved ones who have departed into the more immediate presence of their Savior, Jesus Christ, over the past year (2012) will be observed on February 10, 2013, during the 11:00 worship service. Members are encouraged to contact the church office with the names of loved ones they want included in this memorial.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Responder Sunday** – The Elders agreed to establish the first Sunday after Easter as an annual observance in appreciation of UCMC members who serve or have served as 1<sup>st</sup> Responders: Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, Law Enforcement, and related public service. Members will be encouraged to contact the church office with the names to be recognized.
- **Nominating Committee** – The retiring members of the Board Elders (Dwight Deal, Bobbie Reid, and Walter Carter) will serve on the Nominating Committee. Church Council will be Sunday, January 27, 2013, following a Joint Board-hosted luncheon after the 11:00 worship service.

<b>General Fund Summary 2012</b>		<b>Nov-12</b>	<b>Monthly Budget</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
Income	\$	15,351.39	\$ 20,341.67	\$ 241,203.83	\$ 203,416.67
Expense	\$	20,923.83	\$ 20,341.67	\$ 229,406.55	\$ 203,416.67
Profit / (Loss)	\$	(5,572.44)	\$ -	\$ 11,797.28	\$ -

### North America Youth Convo 2013

Since 1957, Moravian Young Adults from across North America have been gathering for worship, learning, fellowship, and bridge-building. Relationships forged at each of these gatherings are life changing and last forever. Our next Convo will take place June 30-July 6, 2013 on the campus of Greensboro College in Greensboro, North Carolina.

This Convo will be for youth who have completed grades 9 through 12 by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2013. We encourage congregations to bring their entire youth group. Groups bringing at least 6 youth can also send on adult leader to accompany them. These adult leaders will help form the counseling staff for the event.

### 2012 Candlelight and Lovefeast Service

The attendance at this year's Candlelight and Lovefeast service was 386 compared to 280 last year! There were many reasons for this increase including; our recent outreach canvases into local neighborhoods, the fall community chicken stew, our updated website, the new Facebook accounts, the Union Cross Academy Candle Tea and many of you issuing personal invitations. Keep up the good work!

### **Pray Every Day - January 2013**

1. In the Lord alone are righteousness and strength. Pray for the victims of hurricane Sandy.
2. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Pray for volunteers and contributions to help the victims of disasters.
3. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some have entertained angels. Pray for Joanie and Weldon Harris, coordinators of the Mission House in Ocean Springs Mississippi.
4. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt so that you may know to answer everyone Pray for Vani and Shanti Pradhan and the Nepali Moravian Outreach.
5. Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. Pray for Roman Brady and the Monthly Mission Ministries.
6. Sunday-Woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! Pray for the Adopt-a-Child food program in the Sierra Leone Moravian church.
7. Jesus said, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it." Pray for the peace of Israel and the Jewish people.
8. "I am with you always, to the end of the age." Pray for Village Missions as they seek to provide pastors for struggling rural churches in North America.
9. Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
10. There is no perversion of justice with the Lord our God. Pray for Celeste Handy with Inter Varsity Fellowship at the University of New Mexico in Gallup, NM.
11. Jesus died and rose again. God will bring with him those who have died. Pray for Glenna and George Tasedan in Labrador.
12. God will redeem me from the realm of the dead. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
13. Sunday-I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine. Pray for Missionary Aviation Repair Center.
14. The Lord is my son and my shield. Pray for those in retirement communities,
15. No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Pray for Love In the Name of Christ (Love, INC).
16. Turn to me and be saved. I am God and there is no other. Pray for the Master's Mission in Robbins NC.
17. I will gather those who have been scattered and give them praise and honor in the land where they were shamed. Pray for our retired ministers.
18. From this time forward I will make you hear new things that you have not known. Pray for Kendra Roy in Brazil.
19. The Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants. Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima in Sierra Leone.
20. Sunday -There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and varieties of service but the same Lord. Pray for Likewise Aids Ministry.
21. Blessed be the God who has sent his angel and delivered his servants. Pray for Adopt-A-Village program in Tanzania.
22. Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed. Pray for Andrew and Amy Fields, missionary couple at the Moravian Bible Institute in Honduras.
23. This son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. Pray for Ruth Snyder and Claire Wilson with Changed Choices.
24. The hope of the righteous ends in gladness. Pray for the Bishops and Pastors of the Moravian church.
25. Your way, O God, is holy. Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton with WEC.
26. The Lord gives grace to the humble. Pray for K & C in the Middle East.
27. Sunday-No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God. Pray for C & V and Family with Bridges International in campus ministry in TX,
28. The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Pray for M and B Brent with Campus Crusade in Croatia.
29. God is with you in all that you do. Pray for Michael, Cecilia, and Blessing Tesh serving the children in the Ray of Hope orphanage in Kenya.
30. God is wise in heart, and mighty in strength – who has resisted him and succeeded? Pray for the Community Medical Outreach offered monthly in each congregation in Guyana, offering evaluations, educations, medications.
31. The Lord is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King. Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman with HIV/AIDS ministry in Tanzania.

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**Praise Worship** 9:00am  
**Sunday School** 9:45am  
**Sabbath Worship** 11:00am

### **Mark Your Calendar for these Coming Events**

<b>Jan. 1</b>	Church Office Closed
<b>Jan. 6</b>	Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8 AM
<b>Jan. 7</b>	Elder's Meeting 7 PM
<b>Jan. 8</b>	Women's Circle Meetings
<b>Jan. 14</b>	Trustee's Meeting 7 PM
<b>Jan. 21</b>	Spiritual Growth
<b>Jan. 21</b>	MLK Day- Church Office Closed, Spiritual Growth Meeting
<b>Jan. 27</b>	Luncheon and Church Council

The deadline for the February 2013 newsletter will be January 29<sup>th</sup>. Please send your newsletter items and any comments to: Dwight & Paige Deal; [dddeal@gmail.com](mailto:dddeal@gmail.com) or [dealpaige@gmail.com](mailto:dealpaige@gmail.com)

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