
THE CHIMES

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

World Communion Sunday Pastor's Corner

World Communion Sunday began in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania when the pastor, the Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr, began the practice as a way of lifting up Christian unity in a divided world during difficult times. The practice spread throughout the Presbyterian Church and then beyond to include many different congregations, denominations, and Christian faith traditions.

The unity which World Communion Sunday celebrates is not an institutional or confessional one (ie. one based on shared belief and rituals) but rather one rooted in Christians' shared relationship with Jesus Christ. As a 15th century Moravian hymn puts it " ... in Christ, we all are one."¹ Ours is a unity-in-plurality.¹ "We are God's family even though we diff'rent be."³

Historically Christians have done a poor job of bearing witness to the unity believers have in Jesus Christ. We have sinned against God and each other by allowing the divisions of the world – ethnic pride, racism, politics, nationalism, etc. – to take precedence over living out the unity we have through our Savior. Such transgressions greatly hinder proclamation of Jesus' gospel of reconciliation, justice, righteousness, and peace.

On World Communion Sunday may we confess our sins, receive God's grace, and proclaim with millions of other Christians the truth that "... all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth."⁴

1 See "Join We All With One Accord," Hymn 525, Moravian Book of Worship.

2 Vogt, Peter. The Church and Its Unity According to Zinzendorf, 14

3 See "In Essentials Let Us Be United." Hymn 397, Moravian Book of Worship.

4 See "In Christ There is No East or West," Hymn 523, Moravian Book of Worship.

Prayers of Intercession...For the following members and friends: Cindy Barndt, D. Berl's family and the passing of Mike McCormack, Jackson Biechy, Lisa Banic Brown, Glenn Boerstler II, Lenny Romansky Breann's father in law, Lois Calvo, father of Anna French's friend Meg, Tanya Furry, Allen & Martha Haidle, JoAnn Heckman, Michael Kahler, Virginia Kleintop, Richard Knerr (father of Robin Anthony), Cyndie Luchko, Lois Mallon, Waltraut McCabe, Gary & Jeff Oplinger, Jeff Pierzga, Paislee Romansky, John Schaefer, Seana, Dave Schulte, Bobbie Shook, Catherine Silfies, Kris Stofanak, Jackie Szabo's son, Vicki (friend of Gwen Ritter), Bobbi Wagner



Joyful Noise Offering This month we will be collecting for Essentials Cafe. Joyful Noise offering will be held on October 19.

The second Saturday of every month, we continue to distribute free lunches to those in need as part of the Loaves and Fishes program. If you are interested in helping, please contact Cindy Tsurumaki (484-326-9718).

Sock It to Winter

For the month of October, The Bright Star Circle of the PA Order of the King's Daughter and Sons is collecting new socks and lap blankets for the Moravian King's Daughters' Home and for those in need in Nazareth. Please bring packs of new socks and lap blankets and place them in the box marked "Sock it to Winter" at the back of the chapel. Socks and lap blankets will be given to the home at the end of October and will also be distributed during the Outreach Committee's Coat Drive in November.

Windows Preservation Campaign

We are restarting the campaign to preserve our stained-glass windows and will focus this time on the twin windows on the front of the church. Please consider a gift for this essential project.

Rummage Sale

Bakers needed (homemade only) – please bring to church on October 9 or 10. Last day for donations is October 5, 12:00 noon. All volunteers greatly welcomed.

Sunday School and Christian Education

“Intergenerational ministry is rooted in the belief that faith is more caught than taught.” (GenOnMinstries) Our new program LIFT (Living in Faith Together) has already passed four weeks. So far, we are loving it! There have been delicious snacks each week along with Bible fellowship and nurturing our intergenerational family. As we walk alongside each other, we learn and grow together as a community to truly reflect the body of Christ.

Since breaking bread together is a crucial element of this new program, we are calling on volunteers to help us by providing weekly breakfast snack offerings. Please check the schedule on the bulletin board to sign up and help us succeed as we break bread, study God’s word, play, and pray together in our LIFT journey. Join us! There will always be room at the table.

Adult Sunday School held 9:30 a.m. in the Zinzendorf Room to discuss “Signs and Wonders: The Miracles of Jesus.” Coffee and tea provided.

Soup Sale

Please pre-order your soup by noon on Sunday, October 12. Email order to nazmoroffice@rcn.com or call the church office at 610-759-3163. Cash or checks payable to Nazareth Moravian Church with “Soup” on the memo line. Soup may be picked up Saturday, October 18 at 3-4:30 p.m. or Sunday, October 19 after either service. We are offering:

- Beef Taco – \$9/quart or \$4.50/pint
- Beef Barley – \$9/quart or \$4.50/pint
- Minestrone (Vegetarian) – \$8/quart or \$4/pint

Updating the Directory

We are updating the church directory and will be distributing forms throughout the month. Please return the form to the office, call 610-759-3163, or email nazmoroffice@rcn.com if your name, address, or phone number has changed.

Coat Drive

We’re collecting coats, boots, and warm clothing for the coat drive. Please bring gently used apparel to the fellowship hall. Set up for the Coat Drive is Sunday, November 2, and the drive will be held on Tuesday, November 4.

Pie Sale

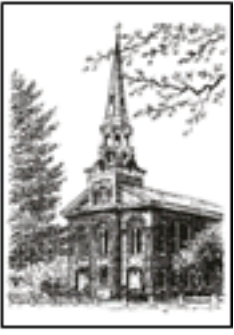
The Bright Stars is selling apple and pumpkin pies for \$12 each. Order deadline is November 9. Place your order with Barbara Schwab or contact the office (610-759-3163). The pies will be prepared November 14 and 20, and pickup is November 23 after worship.

Christmas Eve

The Board of Elders agreed unanimously to hold worship at both 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. as in years past. We are making a strong effort to advertise worship and recruit help before making a decision regarding Christmas 2026. Thank you for those who submitted feedback. Preferences were 39% for 5:00 p.m., 19% for both, 11% for 8:00 p.m., and 31% for 6:00 or 6:30 p.m.

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 PM – AA - Women	2	3	4 10 AM Bright Stars
5 World Communion & Confirmation 8:15 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Bells 10 Senior Choir 10:45 Worship	6 10 AM Book Group 7 PM CEC	7	8 6:30 PM – AA - Women 7 PM Elders	9	10 Rummage Sale 3-7 PM	11 Loaves and Fishes Rummage Sale 9 AM-1 PM
12 Collect Coats 8:15 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Bells 10 Senior Choir 10:45 Worship	13 10 AM Book Group 7 PM Property	14	15 6:30 PM – AA - Women	16	17	18 Soup pick-up 3-4:30 PM
19 Joyful Noise 8:15 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Bells 10 Senior Choir 10:45 Worship Soup pick-up	20 10 AM Book Group	21 6 PM Outreach Meeting 7 PM Trustees	22 6:30 PM – AA - Women	23 Alexandria Manor 2 PM	24	25
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The deadline for submissions to *The Chimes* is the 3rd Friday of each month.

Greeters

10/5 John & Traci Stocker
10/12 Cindy & Blaise Hunt
10/19 Erin & Lea Kemmerer
10/26 Catherine Hunt

October at Nazareth Moravian

10/5 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Communion
10/12 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship
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