

# January 2021

# KMC Notes



## Save the Dates ...

Since we are not meeting on Sunday mornings,  
We hope you will join us for our

### **Weekend Worship Videos**

**Weekend of Sunday, January 3 (Second Sunday after Christmas Day)**

**Weekend of Sunday, January 10 (Epiphany Sunday)**

**Weekend of Sunday, January 17 (Second Sunday after the Epiphany)**

**Weekend of Sunday, January 24 (Third Sunday after the Epiphany)**

**Weekend of Sunday, January 31 (Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany)**

## IT WAS A YEAR OF CHALLENGES

There are many years in my life that I love to remember. There have also been some years in my life that I would like to forget. For me 2020 could be one of those forgetful years, yet there are some things that I know I will remember from it. 2020 has been a tough year for so many people. It has been a different year as we have dealt with the coronavirus. It has been a difficult year dealing with the coronavirus as well as other things that have come from life such as sickness, disease and loss of loved ones. It has been a challenging year due to the coronavirus as well as other life challenges.

Yet despite the different, difficult and challenging year we have had, there will be several things I will remember about this year especially when I think about our church family. I will remember the following:

- I'll remember how the beginning of 2020 had so much promise for our church family. A lot of good things happened at King Moravian in 2019. We had a lot of momentum heading into 2020 with the hopes of it being an even better year.
- I'll remember in March having to postpone services and programs due to the coronavirus and the challenge facing our church family to keep things going the best we could.
- I'll remember the ways we met the challenges to stay safe and connected as a church family through a steady stream of church emails, our weekly King Konnections, our monthly newsletter, a virtual Easter Sunrise Service from our God's Acre, During the Week Videos, Weekend Videos, a virtual Vacation Bible School, virtual classes as many in our church family learned more about Moravian history and theology, and most recently our Drive In Children's Lovefeast and Candle Service and Drive In Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Service.
- I'll remember the number of people who came to our Drive Up Offerings and the tremendous amount of food, personal items and funds that were given to King Outreach Ministry.
- I'll remember the special deliveries we made to our members of lovefeast buns, sugar cakes, Moravian cookies, choir CDs and Christmas candles, and I'll remember everyone who made these deliveries possible.
- I'll remember our outdoor services at the end of the summer and early fall which I believe were wonderful and special times that we came together as a church family through this pandemic.
- I'll remember how the coronavirus didn't stop us from having a wonderful Mission Blitz. I'll remember the great support we received for it. I'll remember the appreciation of those we helped.
- I'll remember working with a great Task Force who helped plan our services to keep them as safe and as meaningful as possible. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with this group who included Jennifer Dunn, Darrell Goins, Drake Flynt, Holly Mathis, Dane Heath, Ken Lyda, Desty McEwan and Barbara Sudol.
- I'll remember the wonderful generosity of so many of our church members and friends who gave to the ministry of our church family that kept us from being financially burdened this past year.
- I'll remember the many people who were there for others which included being there to support those who lost loved ones and stepping up when there was a need for meals.
- I'll remember the challenge we faced in needing a new Church Treasurer and a new Office Administrator, and how God blessed us with Lee and Leigha.
- And for me the greatest thing I will remember was how it was a time I really needed to put my faith, my trust, and my hope in God to see me, and us, through this year. I believe God has seen us through 2020. We may have a lot of questions why things happened the way they did this past year, yet I know God has been with us and one day we will know more.

As we come to 2021, may we put our faith, our trust and our hope in God who will help us meet all the challenges this new year will bring. And may we experience the blessings God has for us this year and always!

In Christ's love and service,

*Pastor Doug*

### CONGREGATION WATCHWORD FOR 2021

On our Weekend Worship Video for the last weekend of 2020, our church Director of Music, **Drake Flynt**, drew our church's watchword for 2021. The watchword is a Moravian tradition that goes back to the early Moravians in the 1700's in Germany. In the community of Herrnhut, Germany, a daily watchword, which is a verse of Scripture, was given each day for the members of the community to remember and think about. The use of daily watchwords continues today in our Moravian Daily Text.

For the past few years we have drawn individual watchwords at the last Sunday of the year. Since we are not meeting, we were not able to do this. Yet we still drew a watchword for our congregation. The verse Drake drew for our Congregation Watchword for 2021 is:

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."  
Proverbs 3:5*

### WEEKEND WORSHIP VIDEOS CONTINUE IN JANUARY

For the time being we will continue to not meet for our worship services on Sunday mornings due to the coronavirus. Instead we will continue to offer our Weekend Worship Videos. We encourage everyone to let our video be a part of your worship during the week.

We will also continue to have our During the Week Videos. We hope you will watch them and keep up with what is happening in our church family.

### FIRST WEEKEND WORSHIP VIDEO FOR 2021 HOLY COMMUNION

Our first Weekend Worship Video will include the celebration of Holy Communion as we begin the new year. For those viewing the video, you are more than welcome to provide your own bread and juice and share Communion during that part of the video.

### CHURCH BOARD INSTALLATION AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

If we were beginning a regular year, we would install our **Board of Elders** and **Board of Trustees** at our first worship service of the new year. Since we are not meeting at this time, our boards will be installed at their first board meeting of the new year. Later this year when we start meeting again, we will recognize our new boards at one of our services.

As we begin a new year, we welcome our new board members who were elected this past November. The newly elected members of our Board of Elders are **Paula Jennings**, **Desty McEwan** (who was reelected) and **Cathy Saunders**. Also joining our Board of Elders this year is **Gina Handy** who accepted a two-year appointment to serve on our Elders since we were unable to elect another Elder in 2019. The newly elected members of our Board of Trustees are **C.W. Hill**, **Jerry Saunders** and **Janie Young** (who was reelected). We thank our outgoing board members who completed their terms this past year for their faithful service to our boards and to our church family. Our outgoing Elders are **Shiela Patterson** (who completed two terms) and **Andi Sells**. Our outgoing Trustees are **Jennifer Burge-Carter** and **Becky Patterson**.

Those serving on our 2021 church boards this year are:

#### BOARD OF ELDERS

**Rachael Butts**, **Candice Covington**, **Doug Gordon**, **Gina Handy**, **Zachary Heath** (youth representative), **Paula Jennings**, **Mark Johnson**, **Terri Lyda**, **Holly Mathis**, **Desty McEwan**, **Doug Rights** and **Cathy Saunders**

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Scott Cardwell**, **Sue Donathan**, **Budge Gage**, **Darrell Goins**, **Dane Heath**, **Nate Hundley** (youth representative), **C.W. Hill**, **Jerry Saunders**, **Doug Spainhour** and **Janie Young**

## UNITY PRAYER WATCH – SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

The Unity Prayer Watch is a continuous prayer chain of the Moravian Church in which Moravian congregations throughout the world are assigned days and times to pray for the needs of the Moravian Church. Our congregation has been assigned to take part in the Moravian Church's Unity Prayer Watch on Sunday, January 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Soon we will send a survey where people can sign up to pray in 15 minute intervals. If you have any questions about the Unity Prayer Watch, please see **Pastor Doug**.

## ARE YOU INTEREST IN FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY?

Financial Peace University is a nine-week course on managing finances which is taught through videotape by Dave Ramsey, a best-selling author, radio talk show host, and financial expert who looks at managing finances from a Christian and practical perspective and who shares his information in a fun and entertaining way.

If anyone is interested in being part of a Financial Peace University class, please let **Pastor Doug** know.

## PROGRAM FOR FREE WILLS FOR OUR CHURCH MEMBERS TO END SOON

For the past two months our church has offered a free service to our members who would like a free will, a free power of attorney, and/or a free healthcare power of attorney which we are doing through GiftWise which is a division of Momma Bear Legal Forms. Our **Board of Trustees** decided that we would offer this service for three months. We are beginning our third month so if you would like to take advantage of this, please do. For those who would like to use this service, you can access the King Moravian site at the following link:

<http://www.giftwise.com/kmc>

If you have any questions about this program, please contact the church office or **Pastor Doug**.

## SPECIAL WORDS OF THANKS

We thank everyone who took part in our study on Moravian history and theology. Special thanks to the Rev. Dr. Riddick Weber for his wonderful and informative presentations.

We thank **Rachael Butts, Desty McEwan, and Drake Flynt** and those from his work crew that decorated the front of our church for Christmas.

We thank everyone who came to our Drive Up Offering for King Outreach Ministry on December 6 and gave a table load of food and over \$1,300 in donations for King Outreach Ministry.

We thank the **Gaylon and Carolyn Moran and their family** for providing treat bags. This year since we are not meeting, they made treat bags for our shut-in members.

We thank those who lit our Advent Wreath this year for our Weekend Worship Videos who have been **Jay, Emily, Hannah and Elizabeth Duncan; Chris, Candice and Louisa Covington; Jim and Anna Lou Anderson; and Patrick, Erica and Logan Nail**. We also thank **Drake Flynt** for lighting the Christ Candle for our Christmas Eve Service. Special thanks to **Ann Lawrence** for putting together and maintaining our Advent Wreath.

We thank those who have provided music for our Weekend Worship Videos this past month who include **Annette Covington, Matthew Covington, Kim Grabbs, Ann Lawrence, Scott Lee, Desty McEwan, Adam Plant, Sara Roberts and Jessica Ronnivek**, and we appreciate all that **Drake Flynt and Jennifer Dunn** have done.

We thank everyone who helped make our Drive In Children's Lovefeast and Candle Service a special event. Special thanks to **Ken Lyda** and his ushering crew for their set up and help with parking; **Rachael Butts** and **Brent Seckman** for their work on the Nativity; **Russell Sapp** for providing the music along with his mom, **Kim Grabbs**, and sister, **Ana Sapp**; **Barbara Sudol** and all who helped her get the lovefeast and candle out; **Desty McEwan** for making the hot chocolate; the youth, adults and children who helped tell the Christmas Story; **Rachael Butts** and **Meredith Smith** for getting everything ready to tell the story; **Hannah and Elizabeth Duncan** for the great job they did as our Morning Star soloists; and **Ashlyn Smith** for her artwork for the program. We especially thank everyone who came.

We also thank everyone who helped make our Drive In Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Service. Special thanks to **Ken Lyda** and his group of ushers; **Barbara Sudol** and all who helped get out the lovefeast and candles; **Don McEwan** who made the coffee; and all who provided the wonderful music for the service who included our Director of Music, **Drake Flynt**, our Organist, **Jennifer Dunn**, our string quartet and choir for the service and **Hannah and Elizabeth Duncan** doing Morning Star again. We especially thank everyone who picked up their lovefeast items and watched the service online and we thank everyone who attended and watched online from our parking lot.

We thank everyone who made donations in memory of and in honor of loved ones which helped cover the cost of our poinsettias and luminaries. Those who were remembered and honored are the following:

#### **Poinsettias and Luminaries Given in Memory of**

**Richard (Dick) Card** by **Elke Card**  
**Walt Justis** by **Scott, Tracy, Cole, and Mary Cardwell**  
**Linda Willard** by **Scott, Tracy, Cole, and Mary Cardwell**  
**Dick Dean Saunders** by **Lee Easter**  
**Ronald Lee Easter Sr.** by **Lee Easter**  
**Vonnie Gage** by **Budge Gage**  
**Rhonda Gordon** by **Maggie Hiatt**  
**Jack and Louise Delvin** by **Diane Hoffman**  
**Walter Justis** by **Lori Justis**  
**Charles and Donnie Sevier** by **Ken and Cynthia Sevier**  
**Clarence and Pauline Higgins** by **Ken and Cynthia Sevier**  
**Greg White** by **Robert Simpson**  
**Byron and Margaret Spainhour** by **Doug Spainhour**  
**Luke Bovender and Ike Moser** by **Faye Bovender Moser**

#### **Poinsettias and Luminaries Given in Honor of**

**Brett Gordon** by **Maggie Hiatt**  
**Taylor Justis** by **Lori Justis**  
**Mary Cardwell** by **Lori Justis**  
**Scarlett Smith** by **Lori Justis**  
**Nolan Key, Stella Key and Damon Vega** by **Doug and Kathy Rights**  
**Rodney and Mattie Simpson** by **Robert Simpson**  
**Cecil and Nancy Shelton** by **Robert Simpson**

#### **ANOTHER SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS**

*Dear King Moravian Church Family,*

*We would like to thank everyone for the wonderful cards, gifts and other expressions of kindness and generosity we have received for so many of you during this past Christmas season. You are a very special church family and we are very blessed to be here.*

*Doug and Kathy Rights*



## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Our congregation extends its Christian love and sympathy to ***the family and friends of Rachel Martin*** who passed away on December 24.

In the hospital since our last newsletter have been ***Paula Hall, Amy Heath*** and ***Tom Southern***.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

### OUR JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

This past month our ***Juniors*** learned about the birth of Jesus. Their meeting included a cookout and then going to Mizpah Moravian to see their Drive Through Nativity.



At this time our Junior leaders are in the process of making plans for the upcoming months. Please keep an eye out for future programs and events.

## Children's Christmas Lovefeast 2020

A special THANK YOU for all of those who were involved



**Artwork-** Ashlyn Smith

**Special music-** Russell Sapp

**Morning star-** Hannah and Elizabeth Duncan

**Scripture-** Ethan Smith

**Joseph, Mary, and baby Jesus-** Patrick, Erica, and Logan Pratt

**Wisemen-** Olivia Harper, Ethan Harper, Zeb Mathis

**Shepards-** Tate Shore, Brody Shore, Jackson Goins

**Angel-** Sophie Pratt

**Star-** Isabella Watson

**Donkey-** Dax Watson

**Innkeeper-** Cooper Pratt



### **Advent Wreath Lighters**

November 29<sup>th</sup>- Jay, Emily, Hannah and Elizabeth Duncan

December 6<sup>th</sup>- Chris, Candice, and Louisa Covington

December 13<sup>th</sup>- Jim and Anna Anderson

December 20<sup>th</sup>- Patrick, Erica, and Logan Nail

### **SOME PRESCHOOL PICTURES**

“Baby Jesus”



Toddlers, 3's and 4's







## CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

January 2	Weekend Worship Video
January 9	Unity Prayer Watch 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
January 12	Joint Board meeting via Zoom at 6:30 p.m.
January 16	Weekend Worship Video
January 23	Weekend Worship Video
January 30	Weekend Worship Video





**Update on 2021 Season**

**Code for KMC: king2021**

Greetings from Laurel Ridge!

We all are looking forward to starting a new year with all that 2020 brought us. I believe one thing we can all agree on is the need to have camp! Our campers need it now more than ever! Our current plan is to open camp in 2021.

We are delaying 2021 Registration until February 1, 2021. This gives us time for the vaccine to become more available and to monitor the current status of the pandemic.

We want to make sure we can facilitate in-person camp as safely as possible. Laurel Ridge will also offer a virtual option for those that do not feel comfortable attending in person.

There will be more information in January.

What will in-person camp look like?

We are in constant communication with ACA (American Camping Association), Redwoods Insurance, and the local Health Department. All of these organizations are following guidance from the CDC. The short answer is that there will be a list of guidelines we will have to follow. The health of our campers, counselors, and staff are always first and foremost.

Even if a vaccine is widely available, campers may still be asked to wear a face mask and stay socially distant. We may have limits on how many people we can have inside buildings at one time. There will be a REQUIRED waiver and COVID-19 attestation form.

Laurel Ridge will remain in communication over the next six weeks with parents and guardians to keep you up-to-date with all guidelines as we navigate the upcoming season.

Please feel free to contact the staff at any time with questions or concerns.

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Laurel Ridge Camp, Conference and Retreat Center

***We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28***

### Financials

**Offerings received through December:** \$349,404.13  
**Budget expenses through December:** \$337,949.45  
2020 monthly contribution for shared Moravian Church Ministries: \$4,772.50 per month has been paid through December.



### **CHURCH GIVING**

We are very thankful for the thoughtfulness and generosity many of our members have shown to our church these past months when we have met and not met. We also realize this crisis may cause changes in people's circumstances, and we certainly understand. Whatever your situation may be, we hope you will prayerfully consider how you can support our church family. We continue to receive our offerings through the following ways:

- You can mail your contribution to the church at King Moravian Church, 228 W. Dalton Road, King, NC 27021.
- You can bring your contribution to the church office and deposit it in the slot in the security box affixed to the wall outside the office door.
- You can give online through our church website [www.kingmoravianchurch.org](http://www.kingmoravianchurch.org)  
Click on the "Donate" button and follow the instructions to either use your Paypal login, if you have one, or use a credit or debit card. Also, on our weekly email, King Konnections, you can click the link for our website where it says "Donate to King Moravian" and follow the instructions.
- You can also donate online through the Moravian Ministries Foundation Giving Portal at the following link (look King Moravian Church under "K"):  
<https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/>

### January Birthdays

2- Anne Campbell Pace	18- Mary Strader
3- Marion Smith	19- Tyler Patterson
3- Ana Jennings	19- Cory Easter
3- Brad Tuttle	20- Ken Alley
6- George Sells	20- Piper Mathis
7- Ava Tilley	21- Susan Moran
8- Sally Sipes	21- Maegan Boaz-Earley
9- Gil Hammond	22- Bonnie Crouch
11- Sally Hartgrove	22- Janie Young
11- Angus Hammond	24- Lynne Doby
11- Lynn Emswiller	24- Cecilea Harper
13- Terri Lathan	25- Ray Horner
14- Tracy Cardwell	26- Emily Monteith
15- Ed Sipes	26- Cooper Pratt
15- Lori Easter	28- Bill Byerly
15- Joel Kiger	28- Robin Kincaid
17- Carolyn Moran	30- Delaney Finn
18- Mac Powell	31- Geoff Jone

## **Pray Every Day January 2021**

(A list of daily prayer concerns from our Board of World Mission)

1. All of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart and a humble mind. Pray that God in His mercy will remove the Covid-19 virus and its effects from this world.
2. They read from the book of the law, making it clear, so all could understand it. Pray for medical personnel serving in the war against Covid-19.
3. Sunday-Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Pray for the leaders of our churches and our country. Remember those who are missing your fellowship.
4. It is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace. Pray for pastors and leaders working to keep congregations in communication and presenting God's Word in new ways.
5. Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly. Pray for police and firefighters everywhere.
6. Epiphany-Arise, shine, for your light has come. Pray that we would all be receptive to the leading of the Holy Spirit as we learn to worship and serve in new and different ways.
7. I am Yours; save me. Pray for the food programs taking care of those needing good nutrition.
8. God alone is my rock and my salvation. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
9. When the first came, they thought they would receive more, but each received the daily wage. Pray that our country will turn back to God.
10. Sunday-Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name. Pray for generous hearts to donate funds to help those suffering from disasters such as hurricanes and floods, etc.
11. God our Savior desires everyone to be saved. Pray for Moravian volunteers serving in disaster relief.
12. I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
13. If I am the Father, where is the honor due me? Pray for Brian and Heather Marx (MAF).
14. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving. Pray for Unity Women's Desk.
15. Can a blind person guide a blind person? Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
16. The Lord is your keeper, the shade at your right hand. Pray for Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center.
17. Sunday-The joy of the Lord is your strength. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx (MAF).
18. From Him and through Him and to Him are all things. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
19. Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted. Pray for Jenna and Andrew Craver in Alaska.
20. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
21. Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you will be in good health. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
22. It is God who is at work in you, enabling you to will and to work for His good pleasure. Pray for Justin Rabbach (Board of World Mission).
23. The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. Pray for Armando Rusindo Foundation and Cuba.
24. Sunday-Trust in Him at all times, pour out your heart before Him. Pray for Alas de Socorro in Honduras.
25. Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God, that He might exalt you. Pray for the Tesh's in Kenya.
26. I came to bring fire to the earth. Pray for the Theissens in Mexico.
27. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask God. Pray for Moravians in Peru.
28. Today, salvation has come to this house. Pray for Safiatu Braima in Sierra Leone.
29. The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is Salvation, through Jesus.
30. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord. Pray for Charlie and Vickie Brent in Texas.
31. Sunday-God loves a cheerful giver. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.



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