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One of the songs that we sometimes sing in Contemporary worship (Matt Redman) is the Heart of Worship.

It begins:

When the music fades, All is stripped away  
And I simply come, Longing just to bring  
Something that's of worth, That will bless Your heart  
I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about You, all about You, Jesus

When the music fades... This might be what it feels like as we begin January. Gone are the Christmas carols, perhaps even the decorations are packed up already (or keep watering the tree, put some eggs on it and save it for Easter!). Gone are the hustle and bustle of preparing and gone is the celebrations of the season. For some, we might miss this busy and joyous time of year, or for others, perhaps there is relief if the holidays bring us memories of loved ones, pains of estrangements, or the nostalgia of how things used to be.

Either way, January is a season "when the music fades..." What do we do when the music fades, when the decorations are packed up, when all the trappings of the Christmas season are gone - are we able to simply come to the core of our faith and this season, to open our hearts to worship the center of our life and center of our faith, Jesus Christ? And to realize that all along this season of preparation wasn't just preparing us for December 25, but it was preparing us to welcome the Christ into our open hearts and lives each and every day following.

The author Brendan Manning wrote of a beautiful Christmas (or post Christmas) story that is retold in southern France called L'Enchanté. There are four shepherds who came to Bethlehem to see the child. One brought eggs, another brought bread and cheese, the third brought wine. And the fourth brought nothing at all. People called him L'Enchanté.

The first three shepherds chatted with Mary and Joseph, commenting on how well Mary looked, how cozy was the manger and how handsomely Joseph had appointed it, what a beautiful starlit night it was! They congratulated the proud parents, presented them with their gifts and assured them that if they needed anything else, they had only to ask.

Finally, someone asked, "Where is L'Enchanté?" They searched high and low, up and down, inside and out. Finally, someone peeked through the blanket hung against the draft, into the crèche. There, kneeling at the crib, was L'Enchanté. – the Enchanted one. Like a flag or a flame taking the direction of the wind, he had taken the direction of love. Through the entire night, he stayed in adoration, whispering, "Jesu, Jesu, Jesu – Jesus, Jesus, Jesus."

Throughout the holiday season, many of us practice what those first three shepherds did - preparing ourselves for Christmas with music, food, presents, and even hospitality and company of others. All is important for marking and celebrating the coming of God into our world through the birth of the Christ child. But now, in the still of January - as the music fades - it might be time to practice the act of that fourth shepherd. To sit at the manger, gazing into the eyes of the Christ child, in an act of worship and love. Then, we might ask, how do we take this action of adoration into our world, living lives grounded in actions of pure love from God made flesh, the Christ child.

Blessings,  
Pastor Janel

## **Worship Calendar -**

**January 6:** Sacrament of Holy Communion for Epiphany  
**Watchword for the Epiphany-** Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Isaiah 60:1  
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship and Watchwords  
10:45 a.m. Sanctuary Worship and Watchwords  
12:00 p.m. Tear down of Christmas Decorations



**January 13:** First Sunday after the Epiphany  
**Watchword for the week** – God says, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.” Isaiah 43:1  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 p.m. Worship

**January 20:** Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
**Watchword for the week** – Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord. 1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship

**January 27:** Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
**Watchword for the week** – Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship

### **Consider in the New Year ...**

**Adult Sunday School Class-** Adult Sunday School is open to everyone at **9:30 a.m.** with coffee there to greet you.

**Jeff Diehl** continues to lead the group on a journey through the Bible with a stand-alone lesson each week. Come any Sunday you are available for a fascinating discussion of Scripture.

**Children’s Sunday School** (ages 4 and up) will continue with our upstairs **9:30 a.m.** One Room School house group - children are invited to bring friends or visitors are always welcome to stop in.

### **What are Watchwords?**

The idea that Scripture verses are our guide through the new year is an inspiring one that dates back to the 18th century Moravian church and Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf’s introduction of a watchword at a daily prayer service. On the first Sunday of the new year (**January 6**) come to receive a watchword of Scripture and a hymn verse to guide you into the new year, reminding us to turn to God’s guidance in the new year through Scripture, prayer and worship. If you can’t make it to church on January 6, we’ll have the watchwords in the back of the church or ask Pastor Janel for one.

### **Special thanks . . .**

Please check out the beautiful Calvary Motto displayed in the Narthex. We thank **Deanna Doster** for her talent in creating this and **Deanna** and **David Teel** for their help in hanging it to welcome everyone to church.



*Come in Faith, Go with Peace and Live God's Love.*

## ***From our organist:***

May years ago, **Brian Henkelmann** gave me a copy of his composition that he dedicated to his niece and nephew, **Gillian** and **Jeremy Gipson**.

The composition asks the question, "What will bring the Heavens Nearer?" The answer should be our prayers for the new year. In our world of turmoil, keep these words in your heart.

What will bring the heavens nearer?  
Psalms of praise and hymns of prayer;  
Not alone these rise as savor,  
To the needy give they care.  
"It is I" who walk among you  
Asking bread for life today,  
Who with-holds the Christian service  
Puts God's blessing far away.

What will bring the heavens nearer?  
Seeking first "thy kingdom come,"  
Prayed and promised by the Saviour;  
Lo, with-in its reign shall down.  
Here unfolding and remolding,  
Leav'ning every word and deed,  
Minist'ring a saving power,  
Answ'ring full thine every need.

What will bring the heavens nearer?  
"Love they neighbor as thyself,"  
Love they enemy, and never  
Evil give, since good is wealth.  
Thus my kingdom is established  
And they heaven here begun,  
The new earth shall bloom in gladness  
As my will in thine is done.



Brian Henkelmann is organist at First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro, Arkansas. And, also is an instructor at Arkansas State University. The music and words were written in 2010.

I will play the organ musical setting to these words on **January 6<sup>th</sup>** at our Epiphany Communion service. In the spirit of this special season, I wish you all peace and happiness in the coming year.

Anne  Ettinger

**Choir** **Notes:**

**Cherubs** will rehearse on **January 13, 20, and 27 at 9:00 a.m.** The Cherubs will sing on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Chancel Choir** rehearsal starts **January 2 at 7:00 pm.**

## Our Church Family

### January Birthdays



01 Gary Minnich  
02 Bruce Lance  
03 Robert (Bobby) Syvret  
04 Oliver Christfried Graeffe  
06 Fred Romig  
08 Logan Thomas Lyszczarz  
10 Chase Tatum  
11 Paulette Hettenbach  
12 Kathryn Moser Zuber  
13 Allison McElroy  
15 Cathy Jenkins  
16 Louise Rankin  
16 Matthew Jefferis  
18 Cheryl Ferrich  
21 Blair Gericke  
23 Dr. Earl Jefferis  
24 Chandler Zalik  
27 Cassidy Steidel  
30 Samuel Veliz

### January Anniversaries



4 David and Martha Teel  
20 Rev. Glenn and Bonnie Heintzelman

### Serving in Christian Love

#### Our Ushers

**January 6** David Buchman and Todd Wesner  
**January 13** Richard Pirone and Robert Wesner  
**January 20** Samuel Spagnola and Robert Swavely  
**January 27** Karen Kahle and Bonnie Cellec

#### Our Counters

**January 6** James Calpas and Larry Weik  
**January 13** Charles Jenkins and Thomas Weaver  
**January 20** James and Alma McMahan  
**January 27** Susan Engle and Robert Swavely

#### Altar Flowers

**January 6** Presented by Carol Koszi  
In Memory of Loved Ones  
**January 13** Presented by Richard and Olga Pirone  
In Memory of Terry Pirone  
**January 20** Jean and Charles Kuttruff  
In Memory of Kevin Werner  
**January 27** Present by Linda Amey  
In Memory of Joseph DeRoach

## Congratulations!

Wonderful celebrations of life in our church family as we welcomed three babies recently! Thanks be to God....

**Mariah Blair Serrano** was born to M. **Blair Gericke** and **Gabriel Serrano**, big brothers **Cameron** and **Joshua** on **Thursday, November 29**. Proud grandparents are **Rt. Rev. M. Blair Couch** and **Warren Gericke**.

**Oliver Christfried Graeffe** was born to **John** and **Jennifer Graeffe**, big brother **Wyatt** and big sister **Emily**, on **Monday, December 4**.

**Logan Thomas Lyszczarz** was born to **Kelsey Engle** and **Adam Lyszczarz** on **Saturday, December 8**. Proud grandma is **Susan Engle**.

**Please remember our shut-ins** - Milton Fett, Rachel Gericke, Delores Miller, Emma Jane Mosser, Thelma Normington, Louise Rankin, Frederic Romig, Naomi Schleicher, Betty Sterner and Ed Stout.

*Their continued prayers and support are greatly appreciate.*



*Thank you for so many things – cards, blessings, holiday shut-in baskets, communion and visits. We are so grateful to still be a part of this caring, wonderful congregation, and Pastor Janel. Blessings, Ed & Kathy Stoudt.*

## Financial News:

### November Financial Outlook

Our deepest gratitude for the generous support of the congregation over 2018. At the time of this newsletter's publication here is the November financial report:

Month	YTD
Actual Income \$15,760.78	YTD Income \$156,480.60
Actual Expenses\$ 15,995.28	YTD Expenses \$160,4
	(\$ 3,956.41)

### Pledge Updates:

Our 2019 pledges are at \$117,670 with 49 pledged family units. In 2018 we had 56 family units at the amount of \$130,012. We continue to receive 2019 pledges into the new year.



### Offering Envelopes 2019

Your offering envelopes for the year 2019 are available for pick-up. The envelopes are located at the back of the church and will be labeled with your name. PLEASE CHECK LABEL CAREFULLY FOR YOUR NAME AND CORRECT ADDRESS.

### Stewardship Committee

Our stewardship committee will have a new year planning meeting on Sunday, January 13th after church in Fellowship Hall. Please talk with Pastor Janel if you would like to be a part of this group.



### Church Council

Save the Date: Church Council - **February 10th, 2019**

All annual reports will be due in the office by **Sunday, January 20**. A potluck will be held immediately after worship on February 10th (sign-ups sheet for the potluck will be available in mid-January).

### January Joyful Noise

Our Joyful Noise for **January** will benefit the Lehigh Valley Hospital's Street Medicine program. Street Medicine is designed to deliver primary and urgent care to homeless people in the Lehigh Valley wherever they are – in the shelters and soup kitchens, or under the bridges and in the woods. All care, including medications, laboratory tests and diagnostic studies, are given free of charge. The Street Medicine team works on the belief that everybody matters. This belief leads to a care model focusing on delivering care on site wherever homeless people feel comfortable.

**NO SUGARCAKE** making in **January** - Next bake is **February 8th** and **March 1st**. Order by calling or emailing the office or sign up in church.

### Calvary Moravian Meatloaf Dinner

On **Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:00 pm**, Calvary Moravian (948 N. 21st St.) will be holding a Meatloaf dinner to benefit our ministries. The cost is \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children under 12. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the back of the

church. Please sign-up if you can help with clean-up, serving and/or bring a dessert. Bring your family and friends for a delicious meal.

### Christmas Decorations Tear-Down

Please join us to help take down our Christmas decorations after church on Sunday, **January 6**. We'll have some snacks and take down the decorations - please help if you can!

### Moravian Women's News

The Nitschmann Circle will meet on the first Monday, **January 7**, at 12 pm in conference room. Please bring your lunch and study books, we will be studying chapter 5.

### Dining with Friends

The Dining with Friends group will be gathering at **Nostos**, a Greek cuisine restaurant on **January 22<sup>nd</sup>** at **6:30 p.m.** Nostos is located at the corner of 19<sup>th</sup> and Tilghman Streets. If you wish to attend, please call **Samuel Spagnola** at 610-597-6626 by **Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**.

### Inclement Weather Reminder

If we are faced with an extreme weather situation, we are registered with **Channel 69 news (WFMZ)** alerts, and you can find out about closings on television or their website (**www.wfmz.com**). We will try our best to be open for worship each Sunday pending safe conditions for all. Please talk with Pastor Janel if you have any questions.

## “Grateful” –

### A Winter Book Discussion Group

**Diana Butler Bass** is a scholar of contemporary American religion with a gift for writing in an accessible style about issues that affect how we live as people of faith within our current contemporary culture. In her latest book, she asks why we find it hard to sustain a meaningful life of gratefulness on both a personal and public level. How can we practice gratitude, living our thanks, so that we can find a deeper connection with God? Throughout the book she weaves gratitude between the personal and the public lived expressions with many examples and heart-warming stories.

Join us for a book discussion on three Thursday evenings on **January 24, January 31** and **February 7** at **7 p.m.** If you prefer to meet during the day, please let Pastor Janel know - we could also meet at 10 a.m. on **Thursdays (Jan. 24, 31, and Feb. 7)**. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of the church.

Diana Butler Bass will be speaking in Allentown at the Lehigh Conference of Churches this April (April 11 in the evening, April 12 in the morning). For more information, <https://lehighchurches.org/tag/dubbs/>

## Also, Consider in the New Year ...

### Adult Coloring group

Come join a colorful way to relax, lower anxiety, share in fellowship with others AND help bring beautiful color to cards, posters and more! Each **Wednesday** at **10 a.m.** we gather and invite you to stop in whenever you are free!

### Free Income Tax Preparation

AARP Tax Aides will be preparing federal, state, and local taxes, as well as rent and property tax rebate forms here at Calvary Moravian Church downstairs in Fellowship Hall open to anyone in need every **Friday** from **February 8 - April 12, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Beginning **Monday, January 7th, (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.)** to make an appointment. AARP Tax-Aide is administered through the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.

## Mission Updates:

Thanks to all (including members of Calvary's host Brownie Troop) who helped to make many local children in need very happy this Christmas season - we handed out all **39 Angel Tree gift tags** and received some wonderful presents to local kids through the Salvation Army.

And thanks to **Susan Dickinson** and all our sugar cookie makers for the many cookies made for mission causes. The funds supported the start of our Reading Room program with advertisements, bookshelves, and books. **Thank you for a delicious way to help others!**

**Sixth St. Shelter:** We look forward to another cleaning in late January or February of our adopted apartment. Please let **Pastor Janel or Jim or Jean Calpas** know if you are interested in helping, or if you have a gently used houseware items or NEW sheets/towels/ pillows to donate.

## In Our Community:

Martin Luther King Day Interfaith Prayer Breakfast by the Lehigh Conference of Churches: **Monday, January 21 at 9:00 a.m.**, Dubbs Memorial Community Center (457 Allen St., Allentown).

The Conference welcomes all to attend our interfaith prayer service honoring the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Our keynote speaker will be Representative Susan Wild. The cost of the breakfast is \$20. Please join us for prayer, fellowship, timely discussion and an opportunity to celebrate the life of Dr. King. Register at <http://lehighchurches.org/event/mlk-jr-day-interfaith-prayer-breakfast/> or call 610-433-6421

## Reading Room

The Reading Room has been a busy place in December; we held a second storytime and book sharing at the Sixth Street Shelter and also read stories to the 2nd graders of Muhlenberg Elementary and gave each child a free "I Can Read" level book. Our new winter hours will be each **Thursday, 2 - 6 p.m.**, and a special storytime at **3:30 p.m.** Please ask Pastor Janel for information about donating books, volunteering or inviting any children you know!



Dear Calvary Moravian,  
Thank you so much for coming to our class to read! We loved picking out a book to take home too!! It was so kind of you 😊 to think of us.  
Thank you,  
**Mrs. Fanger's 2<sup>nd</sup> Muhlenberg Elementary**