

The Messenger of Hope

January 2025

News from Hope and around the Province



From the Pastor:

Take heed, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint. —Isaiah 7:4

O God of new beginnings, like years past, the year ahead will bring its own experiences of success and joy, as well as failures and loss. Help us meet the unwritten with faith and the assurance of your presence. Amen

-Daily text for 1/1/24

Grateful for starting this new year together in Christ,

Pastor Margaret



Hope Chicken Stew & Bingo

Saturday, January 4th,

5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Come for food, fun and fellowship! Please bring your own soup bowl and bingo prizes to share. Following the meal, we will play BINGO with prizes! Fun for everyone!

South Branch RCC Fundraising Chicken Stew Event

Advent Moravian Church fellowship hall on January 25th,

From 4-6pm

First Sunday of the New Year

January 5th we will observe the Moravian tradition of drawing "watchwords".

Everyone will have the opportunity to receive a text of scripture that serves as a special spiritual support for the year.

Our Watchwords are taken from the Moravian Daily Texts. We will also draw our congregational watchword for 2025.



Epiphany Holy Communion

First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 12, 2025

Band Prelude 9:45am

Worship with Holy Communion 10:00am



Sunnyside Items in high demand:
Canned Beans, Canned vegetables, Canned Soup, Canned Meats, Powdered Milk and Peanut Butter

Installation of Church Officers & Workers

Officers & Workers

Sunday, January 12

2025 Unity Prayer Watch

Thursday, January 11th, Hope Moravian will share in the Unity Prayer Watch from 8am-4pm.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the sanctuary.

Copies of prayer concerns are located on the bookcase near the sanctuary.



Southern Province

Watchnight Service

12/31 8:00 pm at St. Phillips

Moravian Church in Salem



Save the Date

When:

January 23-26, 2025

What:

general mental health overview
trauma informed care
how to cultivate good mental wellness practices

With:

The Provincial Mental and Brain Health Team Presents "Come as you are..."
A Retreat at Laurel Ridge

Who:

This retreat is for laity, ministry professionals, and folks with all levels of experience.



This retreat is presented by the Commission on Congregational Development in collaboration with Laurel Ridge Camp Conference and Retreat Center

SAVE THE DATE

WINTER JOURNEY
FEB 14-16,
2025

AN ADULT RETREAT THAT OFFERS OPPORTUNITY FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND PERSONAL GROWTH



The 2025 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Christian Education Building. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for Sunday morning worship in honor of an event or a loved one, or in memory of a loved one, please sign up and give dedication information to Valerie Bean no later than

Worship Leader
 5th Max Spaugh
 12th: Keith Weatherman
 19th: Chris Meinberg
 26th: Billy Coore

Acolyte
 12th: Keith Weatherman

Children's Messenger
 5th: Pastor Margaret
 12th: Pastor Margaret
 19th: Chris Meinberg
 26th: Billy Coore

Nursery
 5th: Melody Lee & Gabby Milender
 12th: Gabby Milender & Carrie Daniel
 19th: Gabby Milender & Linda Worley
 26th:

Hello, January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30	31 Southern Province Watchnight Service 8pm @ St. Philips Moravian Church Salem	1	2	3	4 Hope Chicken Stew & Bingo 5:30pm Fellowship Hall
5 Second Sunday after Christmas Bible Stories with Families 9:20am Band Prelude 9:45am Worship 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am Distribution of Watchwords	6 Epiphany	7	8 Worship Com- mittee Mtg 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	9	10	11 Hope/Unity Prayer Watch 8-4
12 First Sunday after the Epiphany Handbell Practice 8:30 am Bible Stories with Families 9:20am Band Prelude 9:45am Worship 10:00am Epiphany Holy Communion Sunday School 11:15am Installation of Officers	13 Church Board Mtg 7pm	14	15	16	17 Newsletter Deadline	18
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Attendance

Weekly average for	Weekly average	Worship	Live-stream	Combined Worship Total	Sunday School
Dec.2024	Total:	46	3	49	9
Date	Week	Worship	Live-stream	Combined Worship	Sunday School
12/1/2024	1	50	0	50	NSS
12/8/2024	2	48	0	48	23
12/15/2024	3	40	9	49	20
12/22/2024	4				
12/29/2024	5				
Average		46	3	49	14