

The Courier

September
2026

Newsletter for the Watertown Moravian Church

Articles for next month's newsletter are due in the church office by the 15th.

Congregational Mission Statement:

"The Watertown Moravian Church is Christ centered, committed to God through faith, worship, service and outreach infused with love and grace."

Regular Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday : 8:30-Noon

Friday - Saturday : CLOSED

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Our church is currently in the call process and we do not have a Pastor on staff. If you have a pastoral emergency you can contact the church office or our vice chair of Elders, Steve Heroux, (920-495-5495) who will work with you to get you the care you need.

Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM

Bulletins and any needed worship information will be sent (if requested), prior to Sunday, to those for whom we have email addresses.

View Worship on YouTube! Go to YouTube (on your phone or TV) and search for "Watertown Moravian Church". You can also "subscribe" to have quicker access to each Sunday's worship.

Where did the summer go?

It's September and it's back to school! I admit to getting misty eyed as I remember the first day of school, whether as a six-year-old or a 40-year-old. I have always loved school. Which is fortunate because I have spent more than 25 years of my life attending classes of one kind or another. That could tell you how much I needed to learn and how I could never resist taking just one more class.

And back to school means school supplies. I loved seeing the front of the church stacked high with

school supplies. It is still thrilling for me and I wonder, shouldn't I buy a new notebook or a packet of mechanical pencils? Perhaps I should pick up some new erasers. I can never have enough erasers.

The reason that I love school is that I look forward to the possibility of learning something new, of trying something different that I have never tried before. Growing our faith is as important as growing our minds. While we look forward to welcoming a new pastor, it's the perfect time to become more active in our congregation

Our congregation offers many opportunities for growth, as we move into the fall schedule. There are two Bible Studies: one that meets before worship to considers the scriptural text for the day and one on Thursdays at 12:30 which will be studying Old Testament highlights.

Are you interested in music or would you like to be? We have two choirs that will begin to practice soon – our bell choir welcomes the inexperienced as well as the experienced. Most current members had never been in a bell choir before. Our vocal choir prepares music based on the scriptural text for the day, enhancing our Sunday worship.

Have you ever considered offering to lead a responsive reading, a liturgy or reading the scripture text for the day? Perhaps now is the time to begin to think about allowing your name to stand to be elected an Elder or a Trustee.

And let's keep the snacks coming for Snack and Yak!

Blessings, Bishop Kay

Thursday Bible Study

The Weekday Bible Study will begin on Thursday, September 10th. The Bible Study meets from 12:30 – 1:45 to read a chapter of my book, *Park Benches*, which will be available at our first meeting. If you already have a copy, please bring it. In addition, we will make our way through portions of the Old Testament. Bring a Bible if you have one or we have Bibles available for your use.

Some of our members come at noon to help with administrative tasks, i.e., folding bulletins and helping with church mailings.

We meet in the Heritage Room, the room next to the Church Office. It's the room with the big, long table. There is always room for one more!

Sunday Bible Discussion - 8:30AM

Our Sunday morning Bible Discussion Group will start back up on September 13. We'll be trying a new format this year so watch the bulletin and listen to announcements leading up to that date for the details. The study follows the lectionary readings. Everything you need for the study will be included in the previous week's bulletin. The new format will allow us to continue year round instead of breaking for the summer. I hope you'll consider joining us in the fellowship area!!

Here's the first week's study:

- **Scripture Texts:** Genesis 50:15–21; Psalm 103:(1–7), 8–13; Romans 14:1–12; Matthew 18:21–35
- **The Big Question:** How do we refrain from judging fellow believers on secondary matters while maintaining core unity?
- **Discussion Prompts:**
 1. Joseph tells his brothers, "Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good." How does this perspective heal old wounds?
 2. Romans 14 warns against judging or despising brothers and sisters over disputable opinions. How do we

distinguish between core gospel truths and secondary opinions?

3. Psalm 103 reminds us that God does not treat us as our sins deserve. How can we reflect that same gracious posture toward others?

Simply read the Scriptures sometime during the week and ponder the questions. Resources will be available on the tables. We'll discuss it together. Coffee & snacks will be available.

Joyful Noise offering for September - Shared Community Mission (Soup). This food program is open to all students in the Watertown Public Elementary and Middle School, Catholic Schools and Good Shepherd Lutheran School. This free program helps families who experience a food shortage emergency.

Backpack Soup Update

The soup that we donate to the weekend meal program for students will be starting back up this fall. We don't have specific information in time for this edition of the Courier so watch the bulletin for updates.+

Thank you...

"Thank you very much for your Joyful Noise offering in the amount of \$548.66 to Tricklebeecafe. Your gift helps us feed our hungry neighbors and care for our community.

Please feel invited to our 9th annual gala on Sept. 20th. Information can be found at tricklebeecafe.org.

Peace, Ann (volunteer)"

"Dear friends at Watertown Moravian, Your 'Joyful Noise' gift is a big boost to our fund and thus our ability to help those in need.

Gratefully, Hometown Mission Team"

"Dear Watertown Moravian Church, We deeply appreciate your recent donation of \$2,000.00 to Mt. Morris Camp and Retreat Center towards the purchase of New Furnaces. The entire staff here at Mt. Morris are so grateful for your donation and thoughtfulness.

Your partnership is valued and needed. It takes a large team of committed people to support the mission of the camp, and we are grateful to have you on the team.

Please know that your gift is a great help to us as we continue in the ministry of Mt. Morris. We are honored to provide comfortable facilities and surroundings for all people to Refresh, Renew and Relax in God's creation. We see and know that God is at work on this sacred ground.

'I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.' Philippians 1:3-5

Blessings, Dan Scharnhorst, Executive Director"

Loaves & Fishes Community Meal

[A partnership ministry with Ebenezer Moravian]

WMC representative is Jenny Meyers.

Monday Evenings:

There are meals packaged for pick up to serve larger groups of 10 or more that serve elderly facilities and such. Pre-order is needed for pick up.

Inside dining and meals to-go: 4:00 – 5:30 pm.

This is a free meal and fellowship for EVERYONE (it is not income based).

Recently served:

Aug. 3 – 364; Aug. 10 – 349; Aug. 17 - 313;
Aug. 24 - 312.

Main courses for meals in September:

Sept. 7: No meal - Labor Day

Sept. 14: Beef stroganoff

Sept. 21: Chef's choice (assorted hot dishes)

Sept. 28 Egg bake and hash browns

From the Leadership Boards: The following are only highlights from the work of our Boards. If you'd like to know more, please ask a member of the respective group.

Board of Elders:

Present: Tricia Uttech, Sue Gillingham, Steve Heroux, Lukas Brockway, Jennifer Harris, Jenny Meyers.

- Sent Care Cards
- Approved previous meeting minutes.
- Confirmed fall schedule. Bernie will provide lessons on Sunday mornings. Steve

will provide adult study on Sunday mornings.

- Scheduled worship planning through September.
- Recapped the Brat Fry
- Recapped SOS and had an initial discussion about the Meals to Grow program. (Soup).
- Discussed the ongoing search for office admin. Steve will continue to cover the office and train with the hope of onboarding someone else.
- Discussed whether we should add our church to the Watertown Times listing.
- Had an initial discussion about a guest book or other means of welcoming and following up with guests.
- Continued working on what's necessary in the call process.
- Next meeting Sept 14

Board of Trustees:

Present: Aden Ward, Gary Kaiser, Nina Sterwald, Crist Harris, Aron Uttech, Todd Fischer.

Also: Tricia Uttech (Secretary).

- Approved previous meeting minutes.
- Approved outside advertising for the office position.
- Approved advertising in Watertown Times church page if it includes digital.
- Addressed church and parsonage maintenance issues.
- Mary Harris has started training for the custodial position.
- Reviewed finances.
- Next Meeting Sept 8

Your 2026 Offerings Are Important.

Many people are using ACH (Automated Clearing House) to make regular offerings. ACH facilitates transfers between checking accounts. This is a secure method and will help you be regular in your giving. It is an automatic withdrawal from your bank account. Talk with Esther if that is something you would be interested in doing.

Book Club: To all book lovers come and join us! We meet the second Thursday evening at 6:30 pm. These are the books that we have upcoming:

July 9th-*The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell*, Robert Dugoni

August 13th-*Here One Moment*, Liane Moriarity
 Sept 10th-*Theo of Golden*, Allen Levi
 Oct 8th-*Anxious People*-Frederik Backman
 Nov 12th-*The Correspondent*, Virginia Evans

Please send an email to kliebenow@ymail.com, if you have any questions, or call 608-213-6417.

WMC Ministry Funding

As of August 23, 2026

Year to Date Offering Income: \$.130,626.30

Offering Expense Budget Yr. to Date: \$137,188.64

(Note: Not actual expenses.)

Venmo is available for use to make your offering.

Scrip Program: An ongoing fundraiser for WMC. The proceeds go for church ministries. To purchase cards, see Tricia Uttech on Sundays or call or stop in the office during the week to get cards.



WMC profit to date for 2026: \$1,378.26

How about using cards from Scrip when you make your grocery and gas purchases or for clothing (Kohls, Target, TJ Max, Walmart)? Cards on-hand include: Arby's, Culver's, Domino's, Hardee's, McDonald's, Panera, Pizza Hut, Starbuck's, Bath and Body, Menards, Kwik Trip, and Pick 'n Save. Check with Tricia Uttech for the full selection or let her know what cards you'd be interested in using. **VISA gift cards now available in \$25 and \$50 amounts.**

Board of World Mission Fundraiser

What is Pastor Kurt doing in retirement? He's riding a bike to get in shape to ride 50 miles as a part of the Century Ride in Door County on September 13th. He is riding in support of and raising funds for the Moravian Board of World Mission. Every \$25, \$100 or more makes a difference.

The ride is raising funds that will help sustain global Moravian ministries for centuries to come. Just as the "Century" ride spans 100 miles, the funds we raise will be invested for 100 years, ensuring that future generations continue to experience the transformative power of mission

work around the world. Support a rider, and together we'll make an impact that lasts for decades—long after the ride is over! If you'd wish to support the cause just click on the link to donate.

Door County Century Ride 2026 / Board of World Mission



Anniversaries in September:

Cal and Erica Fischer	09/09
Danielle and Hunter Minning	09/11
Pam and Brent Bast	09/12
Tim and Nancy Jolly	09/13
Joseph and Lindsey Wolf	09/16
Jay and Cathryn Bosch	09/18
Griffin and Grace Harris	09/20
Dennis and Rachel Sterwald	09/23
Todd and Sabrina Sellnow	09/26



Birthdays in September:

09/01 Cindy Heiden
09/04 Sharon Ellis, Dana Keeser, Scott Zimmerman
09/08 Jodie Borckmann
09/10 Aubrey Brockway
09/12 Terra Dittberner, Julie Heroux
09/13 Greg Brockway, James Wolf
09/15 Tricia Uttech, Madison Wolf
09/19 Steve Heroux
09/20 Tyler Weihert
09/24 Adam Brockway
09/25 Olivia Uttech
09/29 Kylo Fischer

Include in your regular prayers ...

- Pam Harris – recovering from surgery
- John Munzel - continued healing progress.
- Esther Flater, Nancy Von Boeckmann and others who need healing from cancer.

Our Church Family ...

Those who are in resident care facilities:

The Marquardt:

Park Terrace: Barbara McGray.

Marquardt Health Center: Alice West,
Melissa Koch.

Park Ridge: John Munzel.

Grace Commons, (Menomonee Falls):

Judy Hagman.

Looking at the Moravian Church's Radical Roots

A three-part webinar series led by the Rev. Craig Atwood
and the Western District Executive Board



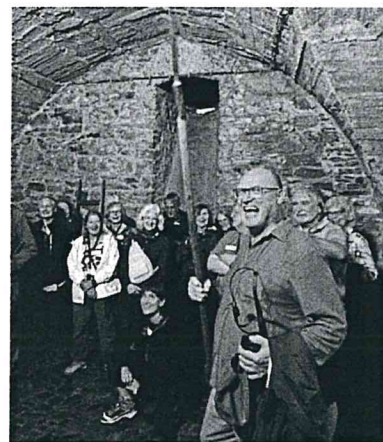
The Moravian Church at its radical roots

When you think of the Moravian Church, what words come to mind?
Community? Music? Small? Family? Cozy?

Would you believe there were times when people thought the Moravian Church was
Dangerous? Radical? Innovative? Subversive? Revolutionary?

There have been times when kings and other authorities were afraid of the Moravians and tried to keep people from joining the Moravian church. And would you believe that it was at **those** times that the Moravian Church was the most dynamic, creative, and expansive?

This webinar series will look at just two of the periods when the Moravian Church was bold, creative, and radical...
...and then challenge us to consider how that should guide the Moravian Church today.



Rev. Dr. Atwood will bring Moravian history to life!

THE FIRST THREE MONDAYS IN OCTOBER • 7:00 PM CENTRAL

OCTOBER 5

"Brethren of the Law of Christ"

**Early Moravians and
the Sermon on the Mount**

We will discuss the origins of the church in Bohemia and why it was persecuted.

OCTOBER 12

**Crossing Boundaries and
Creating Communities in the 1700s**

The period of Count Zinzendorf when the church was reborn as the 1st international and intercultural Protestant Church.

OCTOBER 19

**"Jesus Still Lead On"
What radical things are
Moravians doing today?**

We will discuss the implications for this history today.



The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood is Professor Emeritus of Moravian Theology at the Moravian University and now serves as Associate Pastor of Home Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, NC. Craig received his M.Div. at Moravian Theological Seminary in 1987 and his PhD in historical theology at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1995. He is the author of *Community of the Cross: Moravian Piety in Colonial Bethlehem* (2004), *Theology of the Czech Brethren from Hus to Comenius* (2009), *Jesus Still Lead On: An Introduction to Moravian Beliefs* (2024), and dozens of articles on Moravian history and theology. Craig has led retreats for clergy and lay people at Mt Morris and Laurel Ridge. He has received awards from the Moravian Historical Society, the Wachovia History Society, and the Young Center for Pietist and Anabaptist Studies.

JOIN THE WEBINAR VIA ZOOM

Scan the QR code or use:

us02web.zoom.us/j/82122354247





MORAVIAN GROUP SPIRITUAL COMPANIONING TASTE & SEE Experience

WHAT: A one time Moravian Group Spiritual Companioning *1 hour experience*. Join this offering as an opportunity to DEEPEN your awareness of what Moravian Group Spiritual Companioning involves. This gathering offers participants a 'lived experience' of a Group Spiritual Companioning group, while deepening their understanding of the commitments and graces of Group Spiritual Companioning groups.

DATE/TIME: Friday September 11, 2026 from 12:00 – 1:00pm ET on zoom

COST: Free, paid for by the Northern Province of the Moravian Church.

TRAINING ON ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83550983612?pwd=TmhhOVBlMzdtb3JCWjR3dGhmM3kxQT09>
Meeting ID: 835 5098 3612. Passcode: Moravian

TRAINER: Marcella Kraybill-Greggo, Spiritual Director, appointed by the Moravian Northern Province to support Group Spiritual Companioning.

RSVP: to marcellak2@aol.com

"The purpose of Group Spiritual Direction is to provide a place where individuals can experience what it means to be listened to and loved by others, so that they can learn to listen more attentively to God in their daily lives, and be used by God to spread God's grace and love throughout the world." – Alice Fryling from *Seeking God Together*.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Fellowship 6:30pm - AA Meeting -	4pm - Loaves and Fishes 31	9am - Kwik Trip - Safety 7pm - AA Meeting - 1	6:30pm - NA Meeting - 8pm - AA Meeting - 2	7pm - AA Meeting - 3	7pm - AA Meeting - 4	7pm - AA Meeting - 5
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*In essentials, unity;
in non-essentials, liberty;
in all things, love.*

