



The Courier

October
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 - Friday: 9AM - 1 PM

Saturday: CLOSED

Sunday: 8:30 AM Until after fellowship.

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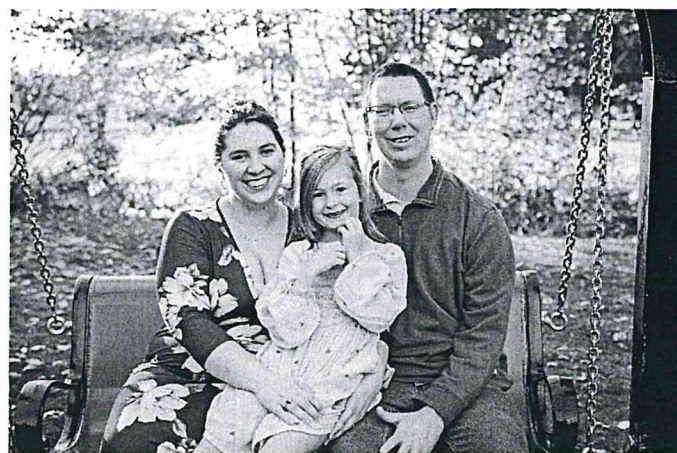
Our church is currently in the call process and we do not have a Pastor on staff. If you have a pastoral emergency you can contact the church office or our vice chair of Elders, Steve Heroux, (920-495-5495) who will work with you to get you the care you need.

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.

Pastors Message



Greetings Watertown Moravian Church,

My name is Ben Lippert, and I am excited and honored to serve as your next pastor. I grew up in Watertown and graduated from Watertown High School in 2008.

I graduated from Carroll University with a journalism degree. I became a Moravian shortly after that and became a student pastor at Lake Mills Moravian Church. I attended Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, PA. I married my wife, Emily, in May of 2017, and in July of 2017 I was ordained a deacon by Bishop Kay Ward (I think you know her). Shortly after that, I began serving Schoenbrunn Community Moravian Church in New Philadelphia, OH. My wife and I have been involved in youth and camping ministries, and have been licensed foster parents for 6 years. We have a daughter Autymn, who is 9, and two dogs, Jinx and

Melvin. I still am a die-hard Wisconsin sports fan. I love cheering for my Packers and Brewers any chance I can. My girls tolerate my fandom. That is enough about me!

In my first couple of months of ministry, I want to meet as much of our church family as possible. Tell me about yourself. What are you passionate about? What things do you see our church doing well? What things do we need to improve on? How can we engage and invite new people to be a part of our community?

I think pastoral care is such an important part of ministry. I am happy to visit your house, have a cup of joe at a local coffee shop, or sit down in the office at the church. Your input matters to me!

My watchword during this season of transition is 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore encourage one another

and build one another up, just as you are doing." Let us encourage one another during this season of change and pay attention to the Holy relationships that God will build in our community.

I look forward to meeting you all in person!

Blessings,

Pastor Ben

Thursday Bible Study

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

We're trying a new format this year so watch the bulletin and listen to announcements. The study follows the lectionary readings. Everything you need for the study will be available in the back of the church, on the ushers table, and will be included in the previous week's electronic version of the bulletin that is e-mailed. The new format will allow us to continue year round instead of breaking for the summer. Coffee and snacks will be available. I hope you'll consider joining us in the Heritage Room.

Joyful Noise offering for October -

Watertown Family Aid Association provides food vouchers and other necessities to families in need who reside within the boundaries of the Watertown Unified School District.

Watertown Family Aid provides many services to local families in need such as:

- Food vouchers to more than 250 families per month (approximately 160 adults/650 children).
- Personal hygiene items (and paper products when available).
- Shoe vouchers for grade school children during the school year
- Winter coats donated by individuals.
- Toys and gifts collected and distributed by "Gifts For Watertown Kids" at Christmas.

Call 920-206-3250 for more information.

Food To Go and Grow - Soup Collection

The distribution of "back packs" of food for children and families will start up in October. Watch the bulletin weekly for the soup varieties that are needed for the upcoming week. We were really solid with our donations last year, let's make this year even better!

Thank you:

“ To the congregation of Watertown Moravian Church,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$243.93 to Moravian Open Door. Your gift was received on August 15, 2026.

This gift along with others, enables MOD to continue its service to older homeless individuals by providing transitional housing, breakfast and nutrition education, counseling and other direct services to restore dignity and rebuild lives. MOD is a community that rejoices when a resident is finally able to move to a private apartment or other appropriate accommodation, no longer homeless.

Your generosity keeps the mission and vision of MOD alive. On behalf of our clients, staff and Board of Directors, again, thanks for your contribution, prayers and support.

Blondel Jones-Grant, President, Board of Directors and Susan Attzs-Mendoze, 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:

Main courses for meals in October

Oct. 5th, Scalloped Potatoes & Ham

Oct. 12th Pork Loin with Stuffing

Oct. 19th Spaghetti Dinner

Oct. 26th Fish Sticks & Cheesy Potatoes

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,, Jennifer Harris, Jenny Meyers.

Excused: Lukas Brockway

- We are making preparations for the arrival of Pastor Ben, Emily and Autymn. Ben will be installed on Nov 15. The Elders are planning a welcome lunch.
- Steve reported on the Sunday Morning Bible discussion group.
- Confirmed that Bernie Clark will provide a kids lesson / craft during the sermon time.
- In conjunction with the Trustees we set a joint board meeting date of Sept 29 to begin preparations for the annual church meeting.
- Steve Heroux and Lukas Brockway are completing their second terms so we'll be looking to fill two vacancies. If you are interested in serving as an Elder, talk to any existing Elder. We'll also be initiating conversations with some of you who we think might be interested.
- The fall basket auction will be pushed back to around Valentine Day.
- We had a discussion about how we welcome guests. We are putting together a little gift bag targeting guests.
- Jen gave an update on the Food To Go and Grow backpack program.
- We reviewed and affirmed the worship greeter and communion serving schedule.
- Affirmed the hiring of Heather Brockway as the new office administrator.
- We talked a lot about our excitement of welcoming Ben, Emily and Autymn and reflected on how blessed we feel.

Board of Trustees:

Present: Aden Ward, Gary Kaiser, Nina Sterwald,
Crist Harris, Aron Uttech, Todd Fischer.
Also: Tricia Uttech (Secretary).

- Reviewed information from the interview and affirmed the hiring of Heather Brockway for the office administrator position.
- WE inquired if we'd be interested in an energy assessment. Gary will follow up to determine if there's any cost.
- Initiated scheduling of a joint board meeting to begin the process of preparing for church council.
- Discussed Trustee terms. Aron and Crist are willing to serve a second term.
- The fire door panel will be replaced on Sept 22.
- Agreed to raise the administration cost at the cemetery to \$150.00 for members and \$250.00 for non members, (excluding the cost of the plot).
- Continuing to prep the parsonage for our new Pastor's family.
- Reviewed August giving and YTD budget.

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. These are the books that we have upcoming.

October 8th-Anxious People-Frederik Backman
November 12th-The Correspondent, Virginia Evans
December 10th-The Lost Ticket, Freya Sampson
January 14th-The 57 Bus, Dashka Slater
February 11th-Judge Stone, James Paterson and Viola Davis
March 11th-West with Giraffe, Lynda Rutledge

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

WMC Ministry Funding

As of September 20, 2026

Year to Date Offering Income: \$.145,594.30

Offering Expense Budget Yr. to Date: \$153,328.48

(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: \$1,321.41

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.**



Anniversaries in October:

John and Terry Munzel	10/01
Jerry Jr. and Dawn Keeser	10/02
Karen and Willie Kaulitz	10/09
Tyler and Natalie Duerr	10/13
Derek and Jodie Borckmann	10/16
Jim and Tina Wolf	10/20



Birthdays in October:

Jerry Keeser Jr.	10/03
Marcos Villegas	10/04
Kandice Blank	10/05
Zoey Bahn	10/07
Jen Haberkorn	10/09
Garett Harris	10/09
Seth Gillingham	10/11
Carter Heiden	10/12
Maci Strohmusch	10/12
Hannah Wickert	10/13
Sharon Reynard	10/17
Joseph Wollinger Jr.	10/26
Collin Brockway	10/27
Nina Sterwald	10/27
Earl Zimmerman	10/28
Ethan Brockway	10/29
Cassandra Hayden	10/30
Ailene Martin	10/31

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.



You are invited to help
decorate the sanctuary with a
Poinsettia for **Christmas**.
Please fill out the form below with your
preference.

This year the cost of the Poinsettias is
\$21.00 per single plant, \$42.00 for a
double plant. **Please include payment with order.**

NAME _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS _____

Colors: (Please choose):

Single:

Red _____, White _____, Pink _____, Red Glitter _____.

Double:

Red _____, White _____, Pink _____, Red Glitter _____,
Red & White Combo _____.

In Honor of

-or-

In Memory of

Total for Poinsettias Ordered \$ _____

Please place in offering plate or return to the Church Office, 510
Cole St., Watertown, WI 53094 by **October 19th, 2026**. Merry
Christmas!!

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



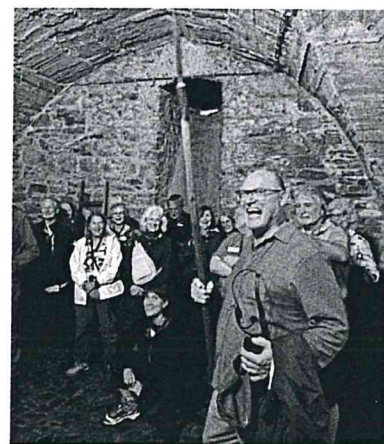
The Moravian Church at its radical roots

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 8:30am - Adult Study 9:30am - Worship w/ HC 10:30am - Fellowship 6:30pm - AA Meeting -	28 4pm - Loaves and Fishes 7pm - Moravian History	29 7pm - AA Meeting -	30 8:30am - Clergy Breakfast 5:45pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - NA Meeting - 6:30pm - Vocal Choir 8pm - AA Meeting -	1 12pm - Office Assist 12:30pm - Thursday Bible 7pm - AA Meeting -	2 7pm - AA Meeting -	3 7pm - AA Meeting -
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*In essentials, unity;
in non-essentials, liberty;
in all things, love.*



