The Courier

November 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.

Pastor Ben's Installation:

Join us in worship ***November 15 at 9:30 AM*** for Pastor Ben's installation. Stay after worship for a pot luck chicken lunch celebration. If you'd like to contribute to the pot luck sign up on the sheets being passed on Sundays or call the church office. ***Whether you can contribute food or not - Come, and enjoy the meal and fellowship, there will be plenty of food.***

Pastors Message

It was the Greek philosopher Heraclitus who said, "No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and he's not the same man." I have been pondering these words since I accepted the call to serve Watertown Moravian. I grew up in Watertown, but I have not lived here in over 10 years. Heraclitus might have been on to something. Even when we return home, we never set foot in the same home we left.

In some ways, that is challenging. I miss getting a chocolate malt from Schuett's Drive-In on a warm summer day. I remember the handprint that I have at Riverside Park that is no longer there due to vandalism. I miss many of the shops that filled our Main Street years ago.

In some ways it is a positive sign of progress. Mullen's ice cream, in my eyes, still makes the best chocolate malt in the universe (I am not biased at all haha). There are more restaurants and food options than before. There are way more activities available for kids. My daughter loves taking strolls to Riverside Park to play on a playground that is still the envy of many communities. We see more diverse and welcoming neighborhoods in the area.

In what ways can Watertown Moravian Church engage and support our community? How can we help build a stronger and closer community?

I look forward to hearing your answers to those questions in the coming days and months. We

are so grateful for all the prayers and cards we have received. They have been a blessing as we get ready for the home stretch of packing and finally arriving home.

See you soon!

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 met 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

This is not your typical bible study, it's more of a discussion and follows the lectionary readings for the week. Everything you need will be available on the ushers table in the back of the church, and will be included in the previous week's electronic version of the bulletin that is e-mailed. Coffee is available, bring a snack to share if you'd like. I hope you'll consider joining us in the Heritage Room.

Joyful Noise offering for November

Mary's Room

Mary's Room is dedicated to fostering the well-being of infants and young children through facilitating the donation, collection, and distribution of furniture, clothing, diapers, and other basic items for children to families while assisting them to achieve economic independence.

Food To Go and Grow - Soup Collection

The distribution of food for the weekend program has begun. The shelves are labeled and stocked (in the entrance from the education wing). The weekly schedule is posted above the shelves.

Soups / Pasta needed for November

Nov 1 - Cream of Mushroom Soup

Nov 8 - Tomato Soup

Nov 15 - Chef Boyardee Beef Ravioli

Nov 22 - Tomato Soup

Nov 29 - Chicken Noodle Soup

Thank you:

" To the congregation of Watertown Moravian Church,

Thank you for the donation from the brat fry at Pernat's in Ixonia. It was greatly appreciated and we look forward to working together!"

Ixonia Park & Rec

"Shared Community Mission Group would like to thank you for your generous donation. We were able to give over 343 students a new backpack to begin the school year. We also made sure each Watertown school had several on hand for those who had a need. We also sent fifty up to the tornado-torn town of Menasha to help out as their school kids get ready for school.

Your thoughtfulness has reached across the state.

What a blessing you have been for so many!

Blessings to you and many thanks!"

The Shared Community Mission Group of Watertown.

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:

Oct. 5 – 377; Oct. 12 – 405; Oct 19 - 421; Oct. 26 - 366.

Main courses for meals in November

Nov. 2nd Chicken Legs with Mashed Potatoes

Nov. 9th Chili Dogs and Macaroni Salad

Nov. 16th Pork Chops

Nov. 23rd Chicken Casserole and Glazed Carrots

Nov, 30th Pizza Casserole and Lettuce Salad

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, Lukas Brockway

Welcoming Pastor Ben Lippert

Arrival & Transition: Pastor Ben will begin his role on November 9, with his installation service scheduled for Sunday, November 15.

Welcome Potluck: A celebratory potluck will follow the November 15 installation service. The church will provide chicken, cake, drinks, table settings, and decorations, and members are invited to bring a dish to pass.

Invitations & Outreach: Email invitations are being distributed to the congregation, with phone outreach planned for members without email access. It is also posted in the bulletin, the Courier and our social media accounts.

Worship & Spiritual Growth

Pulpit Supply & Greeters: Guest preachers are fully scheduled through Pastor Ben's arrival, including a Holy Communion service with Rev. Al on November 8.

Leadership Schedule: The worship leader, usher, nursery and greeter schedule is complete through November.

Bible Study: The "One Big Question" Bible discussion group has moved its meeting location to the Heritage Room.

Congregational Care & Community Outreach

Visitor Welcome: New visitor welcome bags are being updated to include WMC-branded pens and Moravian postcards alongside existing coffee mugs and treats.

Missions: The congregation will receive regular weekly updates via email on specific soup items needed to support Watertown Shared Missions.

Administration & Leadership Transition

Office Training & Hours: The church office is operating under new hours (Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM). Incoming Office Administrator Heather is undergoing training with outgoing administrator Esther.

Congregational Meeting & Bylaws: Ahead of the November 1 congregational meeting, leadership is preparing talking points and updating nomination committee lists as the church works toward transitioning annual meetings to January.

Board of Trustees:

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

Parsonage Updates & Maintenance

Air Conditioning & Funding: Klecker's is scheduled to replace the parsonage AC unit. Funding will come from the Memorial Fund and

will be partially replenished by proceeds from the upcoming Chili Supper.

Improvements & Painting: Bedroom painting and appliance testing (including the washing machine) are complete. Window screen replacements, smoke and carbon monoxide detector installations, and lock rekeying are underway.

Thermostats: Three new Wi-Fi digital thermostats are being installed by the heating and cooling contractors.

Church Operations & Maintenance

Lift Inspection & Maintenance: The church lift passed its annual inspection. The Trustees reaffirmed a 3-year maintenance agreement with DME Elevator & Lift, funded through remaining accessibility pledge funds. Aron Uttech is serving as the primary contact.

Property Care & Equipment: A new self-propelled lawn mower with a bagger was authorized for purchase using Scrip proceeds. Plans are also set to add a second accessible seating area in the sanctuary.

Insurance & Contracts: Bell coverage insurance was increased through the church's policy to cover up to $7,000 for handbells.

Tech & Telecommunications: Utilities and telecommunication services were reviewed, with updates being explored for Spectrum and TDS Fiber services.

Financial Administration & Leadership

Office & Banking: Paperwork was completed to add Heather Brockway to the church's BMO Bank accounts as part of the office administrator transition.

Special Collections: Designations for the monthly "Joyful Noise" offerings remain set through the end of the year, supporting causes such as Watertown Family Aid (October), Mary's Room (November), and Moravian Open Door (December).

Upcoming Congregational Meetings & Events

Special Congregational Meeting: Sunday, November 1, 2026, in the sanctuary following worship to vote on temporarily moving the annual meeting date to January.

Joint Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2027, at 6:00 PM to review the upcoming budget.

Annual Church Council Meeting: Sunday, January 31, 2027.

Joint Board:

In Attendance: Aden Ward, Nina Sterwald, Heather Brockway, Sue Gillingham, Tricia Uttech, Aron Uttech, Steve Heroux, Gary Kaiser, Dan Ellis, Todd Fischer, Lukas Brockway, Crist Harris, Esther Flater, Jen Harris, Jenny Meyers

Congregational Governance & Meeting Schedule

Annual Meeting Transition: The Joint Board approved transitioning to a single Annual Church Council Meeting in January, scheduling the next annual meeting for Sunday, January 31, 2027 upon approval of the congregation at the Nov 1 meeting.

Board Term Extensions: Outgoing Elders and Trustees were granted a one-time term extension to continue serving through the January 31 meeting to ensure continuity.

Leadership Nominations: Aron Uttech and Crist Harris have agreed to serve a second term as Trustees. A nominations task group is coordinating additional nominees for 2 open Elder positions and Church Secretary.

Budget Planning: A Budget Task Group led by Todd Fischer will develop the 2027 budget, which will be presented for approval at a Joint Board meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2027, at 6:00 PM.

Preparations for Pastor Ben's Arrival

Pastoral Care List: Aden Ward is collecting names for a visitation list to help Pastor Ben connect with members upon his arrival.

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/Heather 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.

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.

Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign

The Watertown red kettle campaign will begin Nov 21 and extend through Dec 24, 12:00 noon. Bell ringers are needed for this very important community service project. Ringing for as little as one hour would be greatly appreciated.
Volunteers may call Lori at 920-261-7165.
Thank you for volunteering!

WMC Ministry Funding

As of October 18, 2026

Year to Date Offering Income: $.165,161.30
Offering Expense Budget Yr. to Date: $169,468.32
(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: $1,854.87

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 November:

Crist and Jen Harris	11/02
Jeff and Lisa Harris	11/07
Jared and Avery Nickels	11/09
Cody and Gena Heiden	11/21
Tim and Sue Gillingham	11/25
Matthew and Amy Stachura	11/26



Birthdays in November:

Noah Bouziane	11/02
Shirley Engel	11/04
Kayden Keeser	11/08
Lois Munzel	11/08
Tina Wolf	11/08
Kristin Butler	11/09
Korey Johnson	11/10
Carissa Sterwald-Finch	11/10
Elise Davidson	11/12
Taylor Farrey	11/13
Allen Sterwalt	11/15
Jeff Mallach	11/17
Matthew Stachura	11/17
Ozzie Duerr	11/18
Nelson Fischer	11/22
Kianna Harrison	11/22
Dawson Bast	11/25
Judy Bergmann	11/28
Grace Harris	11/28
Lynn Mallach	11/28
Aaron Sellnow	11/28
Sabrina Sellnow	11/28
Ashton Busshardt	11/30
Melissa Koch	11/30

Include in your regular prayers ...

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

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.

BOARD OF
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September 23, 2026

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Greetings!

Thank you for your support of the work of the Board of World Mission (BWM). Your generous gift of $233.58 (check #2223, dated July 30, 2026), for the General Fund helps us continue to make a difference in the lives of our Moravian siblings and their communities. Your donation to the General Fund allows the Board the greatest flexibility to ensure that particular initiatives in need of funding to expand, will receive it.

The support of you and other donors will help to make 2026 be a year of growth and visioning for the future at the BWM. The Ahuas Clinic remains one of the largest projects supported each year by the BWM. The Mission Grants program offers grants and other opportunities to our global partners. The Moravian Disaster Response program continues to send financial support to many areas in need, and is currently sponsoring hurricane recovery efforts in Jamaica, typhoon recovery efforts in Alaska, and is coordinating on-going hurricane recovery efforts in North Carolina. The Blessings Flow Project has provided clean water to over 2,000 families in the La Moskitia region of Honduras through the distribution of household water filters. These are just a few of the notable ministries your support makes possible!

Each financial gift to the Board of World Mission is an investment in healing the sick, feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, and welcoming the stranger. Your support allows us to grow our impact and, more importantly, allows our global partners to dream bigger and be even more creative as we accompany them in this work. As the Moravian Church continues to grow each year, and as new prospective mission areas are identified, we know that we could not serve effectively without you walking alongside us. Thank you for helping us to be faithful to our commitments to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission!

Find the latest updates on our work at MoravianMission.org and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. We also invite you to subscribe to receive our quarterly newsletter straight to your email inbox (click on the "News" tab on our website!)

Thank you again for your support.

Peace and blessings,

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Nov 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30am - Adult Study 9:30am - Worship 9:55am - Annual Church 10:30am - Fellowship	2 4pm - Loaves and Fishes	3	4 8:30am - Clergy Breakfast 5:45pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Vocal Choir	5 12pm - Office Assist 12:30pm - Thursday Bible	6	7 7am - Chili Prep Day
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In essentials, unity;
in non-essentials, liberty;
in all things, love.