

THE MUSTARD SEED



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WORSHIP!

Worship Schedule

May 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Guest Pastor: Rev. Vicki Jens-Page

Acts 7: 55-60

I Peter 2:2-10

May 10

Sixth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Guest Speaker: Tom Cafilich

Worship Assistant: Shirley Block

John 14:15-21

May 17

Ascension Sunday/Holy Communion

Guest Pastor: Rev. Bruce Nelson

Luke 24:13-35

May 24

Pentecost Sunday

Guest Pastor: Rev. Bruce Nelson

John 20:19-23

May 31

Trinity Sunday

Guest Speaker:

Megan Vanderbloemen

Matthew 28:16-20

Our Youth are Downright Phenomenal!

If you weren't present at church for Camp Promotion Sunday, you missed one of the most invigorating services our building has hosted in quite some time. It was a true delight to witness

Megan Vanderbloemen lead worship while involving the youth. Their energy and enthusiasm truly brought life and joy to the service.

Megan's leadership was exceptional, and seeing the youth so engaged was a refreshing change.

Reaching the Next Generation: Beyond Just Bringing Them Back

Many churches today are grappling with a crucial question: How can we attract the younger generation back to church? While this is an important inquiry, it may not be the ideal starting point.

Rather than solely concentrating on "bringing them back," we might consider: How can we create a church environment where younger generations genuinely want to belong?

Younger individuals today—teens, young adults, and young families—aren't necessarily rejecting faith. In reality, many are deeply interested in purpose, justice, community, and spirituality. What they often find lacking is a space where these aspirations can be fulfilled authentically and meaningfully.

Authenticity Over Perfection

This generation places a high value on honesty. They are less attracted to polished appearances and more inclined towards real individuals sharing genuine faith. Churches that openly discuss doubts, struggles, and questions foster deeper connections.

Relationships Matter Most

Programs alone won't attract or retain individuals. It is meaningful relationships that truly matter. Mentorship, intergenerational

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friendships, and simply knowing someone by name can create a lasting impact. A welcoming smile is nice; a genuine connection is far better. We can meet the youth where they are at, support them by attending sports/school events. Create a deeper connection with them by taking an interest in them outside of church.

Participation, Not Just Observation

Younger generations seek involvement, not mere attendance. By inviting them to serve, lead, create, and contribute, they gain ownership and a sense of purpose within the church community.

Clear Purpose and Impact

They are drawn to causes that hold significance. When the church actively engages in serving others—both locally and globally—and effectively communicates its mission, it resonates deeply. Faith transforms into something that is lived, not just spoken about.

Flexibility and Accessibility

In today's busy, fast-paced environment, flexibility is essential. Providing diverse opportunities for gathering—whether through small groups, service projects, or digital connections—helps meet people where they are.

Listening First

Perhaps most importantly, we must listen. What are younger individuals expressing about faith, church, and life? Creating space for their voices—without judgment—cultivates trust and opens doors.

A Shared Responsibility

Engaging the next generation isn't about overhauling everything or sticking to the status quo. It involves being rooted in our faith while remaining adaptable in how we live it out.

The objective isn't merely to fill pews; it's to foster a community where individuals of all ages can encounter God, grow in faith, and discover belonging.

This journey begins with each of us—through invitation, relationship, and a commitment to walk alongside the next generation in faith.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS –

Kay, Marlene, Marty, Jill & Kari - others are welcome.



ALLOWABLE ITEMS TO BE SOLD:

Household & Kitchen items, Small Kitchen Appliances, Crafts, Holiday or Seasonal Décor, Framed Prints & Wall Hangings, Games, Books, Puzzles, Toys, Small Furniture Items that can be carried by one person.



NOT ACCEPTED FOR SALE:

No Clothing, No Used Infant/Toddler Car Seats, No Recalled Infant/Toddler Equipment, No Bike Helmets.



WHEN/WHERE TO DROP OFF ITEMS AT CFMC:

Feel Free to bring items to church beginning on Sunday, May 3rd. Place items on the tables provided along the window wall in the Fellowship Hall. Items can be dropped off in boxes or totes – label any tote you wish to have returned to you after the Rummage Sale.



SIGN-UPS FOR VOLUNTEERS:

to Sort, Organize and Price Items and to Work the Rummage Sale will be available in the e-News and a Manual Sign Up available next Sunday.

★ *Unsold Items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul* ★

25% of what is raised will be donated to the Norski Sharing Shed.



thank you

- We are grateful to everyone who purchased a lily to enhance our sanctuary for Easter, with a special shout-out to Shirley Block for collecting and arranging them at the church.
- A heartfelt thank you to Jill Stephens for providing beautiful music during all the Holy Week services.
- Our appreciation goes out to all those who showed leadership during the Good Friday Tenebrae Service.
- A huge thank you to our youth for taking the lead on the Easter Breakfast, to Whitney Sobek for organizing the event, and to everyone who generously contributed items.
- We thank Shirley Block, Toni Reigstad, and Ken Glienke for their hard work in cleaning the church this April.
- A big thank you to Peg Landgraf and Paige Caulum for teaching Sunday School throughout April.
- Our gratitude also extends to Peg Landgraf, Toni Reigstad, and Jerry & Cheryl Mayr for hosting fellowship after worship during April.
- Thank you to everyone who donated to and participated in the Spring Salad Luncheon on April 16, and to Women's Fellowship for coordinating this wonderful event
- Lastly, we appreciate Megan Vanderbloemen and our youth for leading worship on Camp Promotion Sunday.
- Thank you to Jerry Mayr & Bob Hudecek for mowing the church lawn.



Happy Birthday
 5th – Taylor Vanderbloemen
 10th – Bev Bisbee
 20th – Jeanne Vincent
 22nd – Thomas Harke
 26th – Dale Sobek
 28th – Daniel Block
 29th – John Scepaniski

Happy Anniversary
 17th – Rich & Laurie Vanderbloemen
 26th – Doug & Shirley Block
 27th – Jason & Amy Andersen

WITH DEEPEST Sympathy

Please keep the family and friends of Betty Timm in your prayers. A visitation will be held at Christian Faith on Saturday, May 17 from 10:00 am–11:00 am. The memorial service will be at 11:00 am, officiated by Pastor David Sobek with a luncheon at Rude's Lanes following the service.



MAY Mustard Seed
 ELDER'S APRIL MEETING SUMMARY

OPENING

Shirley opened with prayer.
 March minutes approved.
 No Pastor's or Music Ministry report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Member list updates (letters coming)
- Christian Education updates (Adults & Youth)
- Lenten & Holy Week review
- Easter services & breakfast recap

NEW BUSINESS

- Spring Salad Luncheon – April 16
- WI Listening Session – April 18
- Camp Promo Sunday – April 26
- Church camp sign-ups underway
- Community Event: Christian Comedy
- **Rummage Sale – May 14 & 15**
- Summer Worship begins May 31
- Norski Nibbles – week TBD
- 4th of July Float – volunteers needed

NEXT ELDERS MEETING:
MAY 4

"Let your light shine..." – Matthew 5:16

Mt. Morris Summer Camp

Christian Faith Moravian Church is eager to support our youth attending church camp. The Joint Board has approved covering half the camp costs for kids after they register. Additionally, Christian Faith will cover half the expense for one friend to join them, provided they also pay the registration fee. Once you register online, please reach out to Joel or Kari Caulum to complete a form, so we can keep track of participants and the camps they are attending.

Junior Camp

When: August 2nd - 6th, 2026

Who: Campers who have completed 2nd- 5th gr.

Cost:*** \$250- This fee covers all lodging, meals, and program costs.

A \$50 down payment is due at the time of registration.

***Early Bird Pricing in effect until June 30, 2026.

After which, registration is \$300.

Winmor

When: July 26th - August 1st

Who: Campers who have completed 6th - 8th gr.

Cost: ***\$350- This fee covers all lodging, meals, and program costs. A \$ 50 down payment is due at the time of registration.

***Early Bird Pricing in effect until June 30, 2026.

After which, registration is \$400.

Chetek

When: July 19th - 25th 2026

Who: Campers who have completed 9th gr. - age 21

Cost:*** \$350- This fee covers all lodging, meals, and program costs. A \$ 50 down payment is due at the time of registration.

***Early Bird Pricing in effect until June 30, 2026.

After which, registration is \$400.

Visit www.mt-morris.org for registration and more information.

☀️ Summer Schedule ☀️

Join us as we move into our summer rhythm starting Sunday, May 31st:

🕒 Worship – 9:00 AM

☕ Fellowship – 10:00 AM

During the summer months, our Sunday Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, and Worship Choir will take a break.

🎵 Interested in sharing your musical gifts? We'd love to hear from you! Please contact our music director, Jill Stephens, to provide special music this summer.

We look forward to worshipping and connecting with you all season long!



Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to acquire a much-needed lawn mower!

We received an exciting offer from an anonymous donor who initiated a matching gift challenge. Every dollar contributed to this project was matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$4,000.00. This means that your gift—regardless of its size—had double the impact. We successfully reached this goal with a total of \$4,100.00 donated!

It's truly remarkable what a church of our size can achieve together.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important cause!

Contemporary Worship

We are excited to announce that we will be having a Contemporary Worship Service once a month for the summer months. The dates of our contemporary worship services are May 31, June 21, July 19 & August 16.

A Successful Spring Women's Salad Luncheon

Our Spring Women's Salad Luncheon was incredibly successful, thanks to the dedicated efforts of the ladies involved. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone—women and men alike—who contributed their time and resources, whether by helping out before, during, or after the event, or by providing salads, bars, or chicken dishes. A special thank you to those who attended and brought friends. After covering expenses, we raised \$1,011.00 to support our Moravian Women's budget.

Supporting Our Community

Each year, our Women's group purchases essential supplies for the church kitchen and cleaning materials, contributes to the CFMC General Fund, and provides meals for funerals. Additionally, we support Provincial Women's Projects, the Board of World Missions, Mt. Morris, Tricklebee Café, and the Lake Mills Moravian Women's Retreat. Last year, our group allocated \$1,986.87 to cover these budgeted expenses. In the coming year, we aim to support these items while also addressing necessary parsonage upgrades, including a new kitchen stove and window coverings.

Join Us for Fellowship

While we may be affectionately known as the "Church Basement Ladies," we also enjoy gathering for breakfast and fellowship every Wednesday morning at 8 AM at the DeForest Family Restaurant. On the third Wednesday of each month, we discuss the Women's study provided by the Provincial Women's Board. This year, we are exploring the significance of August 13th and the beginnings of Moravian Spiritual Renewal with the Herrnhut Development. All women are warmly invited to join us; we would love to see you!

Marty Karow, Chair of CFMC Moravian Women

MAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Church Cleaner Coordinator: Peggy Landgraf	Worship Hosts Coordinators: Jerry Mayr & Bob Hudecek	Call to Worship	Scripture Reader	Sunday School Teacher	Fellowship Host
May 3	Toni Reigstad	Peg Landgraf and Megan Vanderbloemen	Megan Vanderbloemen John 14:1-14	Rev. Vicki Jens-Page	Paige Michels	Marlene Sobek
May 10	Peg Landgraf	Daniel Block and Terry Miller	Shirley Block Psalm 66:16-17	Laurie Vanderbloemen John 14:15-21	Peg Landgraf	Shirley Block
May 17	Peg Landgraf	Bob Hudecek and Kristi Thering	Nick Blecha Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	Megan Vanderbloemen John 17:1-11	Michelle Larkins	Joyce Simon, Ken Glinke, and Kay Kinderman
May 24	Kristi Thering	Ken Glinke and Paul Vanderbloemen	John Scepanski Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Nick Blecha John 20:19-23	Trey Coller	Peg Landgraf
May 31 summer worship begins	Kristi Thering	Michelle and Mike Larkins	Bob Hudecek Psalm 8	Cheryl Mayr Matthew 28:16-20	No Sunday School	John Scepanski and Sandi Newell



The poster is framed with a dashed black border and decorated with patriotic elements: a string of American flag bunting at the top left, fireworks in the top center, and balloons (red with white stars, white with blue stars, and blue with white stars) at the top right. At the bottom left is an American flag on a pole, and at the bottom right is a blue and red firework. The text is arranged in a central column with three team descriptions, each in a colored box with an icon. A banner at the bottom reads 'WE NEED YOU!' and a final line of text encourages contact with church office or team leaders.

4TH OF JULY

PARADE FLOAT

★ FAITH ★ COMMUNITY ★ FREEDOM ★



DESIGN TEAM

We need a few volunteers to help us design the float that CFMC will have in this year's 4th of July Parade in DeForest. Team members will also work on hand out ideas to give parade watchers along the route.



CREATION TEAM

Once the float design has been created – we need people to help build the float or acquire the necessary materials and signage for the float. Some of the creation team members would put together or acquire the necessary materials for the handout.



PARADE PARTICIPANTS

Would you be willing to be on the float or walking along the route next to the float to hand something to the parade watchers along the route?

Let's celebrate our freedom and share God's love!

WE NEED YOU!

Interested? Contact the church office or speak with a team leader today!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Socialize with Us!

Support Our Youth by Sponsoring a Camper

We saw the youth's enthusiasm during Camp Promo Sunday and their eagerness for camp. Each summer, we can support the Youth For Camp Program, aiding families in sending their children to camp. If inspired, please consider making a monetary donation, big or small, to enhance their camp experience.



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

We are a few weeks into our new Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study. This study, titled "Being a Christian Citizen: A Bible Study for Our Time," provides participants with a comprehensive handout each week, featuring insights from the MCCL, relevant Bible passages, engaging background information, and thought-provoking discussion questions.

The Provincial Elders' Conference endorses this study as an excellent opportunity for open-hearted and respectful conversations regarding the complexities of being a Christian citizen in today's world.

