

# The Epistle

The Newsletter of St. Paul's Moravian Church  
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## WATCHWORD FOR 2022

For us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. 1 Corinthians 8:6

## 2022 MORAVIAN DAILY TEXTS



The Daily Texts is available in journal (\$17.50), large print (\$14.50) and paperback (\$12.00) editions. They are available for pick up at the church. (Please complete the enclosed envelope). Checks or exact change only.

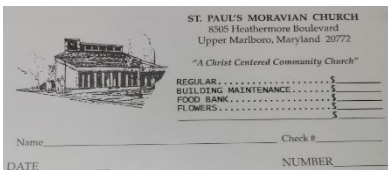
## ADVENT - CHRISTMAS THANKS

The Advent and Christmas season and services were truly blessed due to the creativity, hard work and faithfulness of so many servants of Jesus! We want to mention specifically our Sacristans, Organist, Musicians and Vocalists, Media, and Zoom Technician for all their dedication during the Holiday Season. The decorations in the Sanctuary were gorgeous! Every volunteer who gave a special readings during the Advent Season did an excellent job and brought a blessing to the rest of us! Thank you, one and all!!

## 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have not yet picked up your offering envelopes for the 2022, please do so at your earliest convenience. This will save the church the labor and expense of mailing them to you.

\*\*\*Please be sure to write your number and name on your envelope when you use it.



## HAVE YOU HAD AN "EPIPHANY?"

Do you think an epiphany is a special insight, a sudden clarity never realized before? You are not alone – that's the common understanding. But the epiphany Christians celebrate (January 6) is so much more! In Jesus' day it could describe a visit from the king or even the Emperor! It was an event to be planned for and anticipated with excitement. Imagine the President or Governor visiting St. Paul's. We would want to see and hear him, to shake his hand. Our Epiphany means we celebrate the visit of Jesus to our planet, his coming to and living among the human race. Through the Scripture and sacraments we can "see" Him and "hear" Him, and touch him as we remember his life and ministry. And through the Holy Spirit He is no longer a visitor but a constant and abiding presence every moment of this life. I hope you have had and continue to have this "Epiphany!" It is God's gift to us to receive by faith. Trust God's Word and trust the Son, begotten before all time and creation, living in our hearts today and every day of 2022!

God bless you – Pastor Bill

## 2022 WATCHWORDS

Watchwords are a special Moravian custom in which we choose by lot a Scripture verse for the coming year. We believe God will guide us through that verse as we follow Him. Watchwords are available at the church for you to pick up.

## TREASURER'S UPDATE

Praise God!! And a big "Thank you!!" to all the givers who helped reduce the deficit for the year from (\$27,000) down to (\$11,300) with a very strong December. Thank you for all your prayers and offerings. Please continue to pray that 2022 will also bring many blessings to our church.

**Thanks, Jeff**

## FOOD BANK MINISTRY



We ask that you please keep the food bank families in your prayers and thank you for all the food and monetary donations given during this season.

**Trudy Smith, St. Paul's Representative**

## JANUARY CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS



We have openings for children ages 2-5 in our Pre-K program and K-6 in our school age program. If you know anyone who wants high quality childcare, have them call us at 301-627-4202 for a tour. More information can be found on our website at [stpaulsccc.org](http://stpaulsccc.org).

*"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." Colossians 4:2*

**Mr. Christopher Antoine, Director**

## 2022 CHURCH COUNCIL

The annual business meeting of St. Paul's Moravian Church will be held after worship on Sunday, January 30, 2022. The meeting will be live from the Sanctuary and available over zoom. The agenda will include the election of officers and approval of a budget. Members are expected to attend, and friends of St. Paul's are welcome to attend, without vote. If you would like to serve as a Teller please contact the church office.

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORTS

The boards and groups of the church are asked to submit a report on their activities from 2021. Our goal is to make them available to the congregation by January 16. In order for the reports to be edited they must be emailed to the church office by January 12. We are grateful for your help and cooperation in this matter.



# January



St. Paul's Moravian Church

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						NEW YEAR'S DAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10am Worship Service Holy Communion	9:30am Adult Bible Study	10:30am Women's Bible Study	6:00pm Board of Governors Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer	Epiphany of the Lord 10:00am Board of Elders Meeting		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10am Worship Service	9:30am Adult Bible Study	10:30am Women's Bible Study	7:00pm Evening Prayer			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10am Worship Service	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	10:30am Women's Bible Study	7:00pm Evening Prayer		7:00pm Kid's Club	11 AM James Masters memorial service
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10am Worship Service 7:00pm Youth Bible Study	9:30am Adult Bible Study	10:30am Women's Bible Study	7:00pm Evening Prayer	7pm Board of Trustees meeting		
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10am Worship Service Church Council	9:30am Adult Bible Study					