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**Moravian Love Feast:** On Sunday, December 18th, at 5:00 p.m., we will celebrate Christmas at Saint Paul with a Moravian Love Feast. The Moravian Love Feast Service comes from the tradition of the Moravian Church to gather and break bread to celebrate and affirm the Unity of Christians as brothers and sisters in Christ. During the Love Feast, a small meal of a bun and a mug of coffee is served. Christmas Carols and Anthems are sung by the Congregation, Special Choirs and Soloists. The Christmas Love Feast is the most special with the addition of candles which are lit at the end of the Service as a reminder of the Light of Christ's Love. A Dessert Reception will follow the Service in the Fellowship Hall.

The Methodists have ties with the Moravians. John Wesley made an Atlantic Ocean Crossing with the Moravians and was very impressed by the strong faith they displayed when their ship almost sank in a particularly bad storm. It was Peter Boehler, a Leader of that Moravian group, who told Wesley he must preach faith until he got faith. Wesley took part in a Moravian Love Feast in 1783 and introduced it to his fellow Methodists the following year.

**In Your Prayers, Please Remember:** Friends serving in the Armed Services: Michael Abowd, John Broom, and Dylan O'Neal, and , Michael Gravley, Travis Scott and Paul. (all deployed to Afghanistan), Carroll Anthony, Cliff Belcher, Kiele Binsted, Calvin Bostic, Zonelle Boykin, Bill and Joe-Ellen Brockman, Ann Brown, Randy and Linda Burchet, Connie Cox, Lilli Curry, Virginia Dowis, Beverly Everett, Don Everett, Blaine Frazier, Travel Mercies for Galina and Nikolai, Eva Gillespie, Luke Gilliam, Louise Gilstrap, Rev. Enrique Gordon, Courtney Dobson *Grass*, Walt Hawkins, Jimmy Head, Martha Jameson, Kristina Kimbrell, Pat Larson, Al Lupo, Dot and "Mac" MacMillan, Buddy Miller, Karsyn Miller, Roy Patterson, Rhonda Pearson, The Family of Michael Rice, The Family of Syble Byars (Beth Rogers grandmother), Jimmy Senn, Nancy Sizemore, David and Madeline Snow, Susan Snow, Jane Snyder, The Family of Jimmy Senn's brother-in-law Kenneth Stauffer, Linda Terminato, Eric Thrasher, Belvin and Georgia Ware, Hazel Welborn, the victims of the earthquakes in Japan, those affected by the recent storms, floods and tornados, the people in all countries experiencing disasters and the United States of America and our leaders. Names are kept on the Prayer List for 4 weeks. If you wish to keep a name on the list after 4 weeks or to add a new name, please notify the office. **Bold** = New Addition, *Italics* = Currently in Hospital.

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