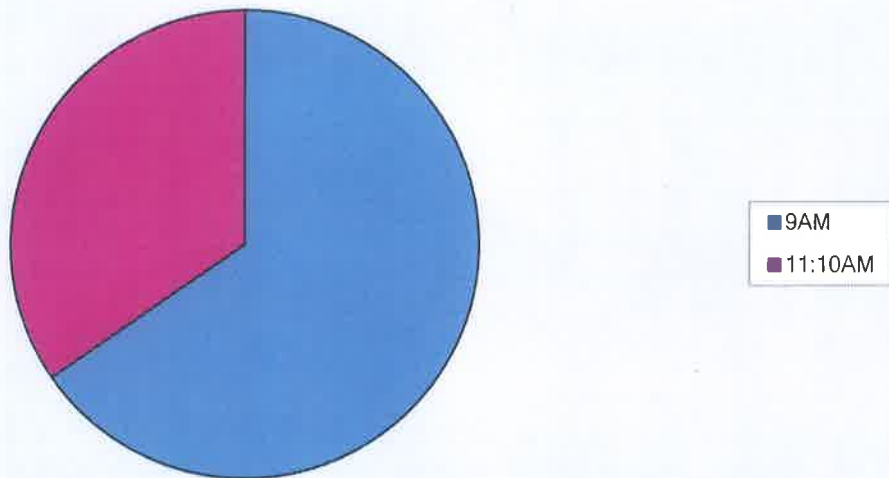


New Philadelphia Moravian Church - Worship Survey

Which service do you attend?

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 9AM | 65.4% | 263 |
| 11:10AM | 34.6% | 139 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 402 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | | 7 |

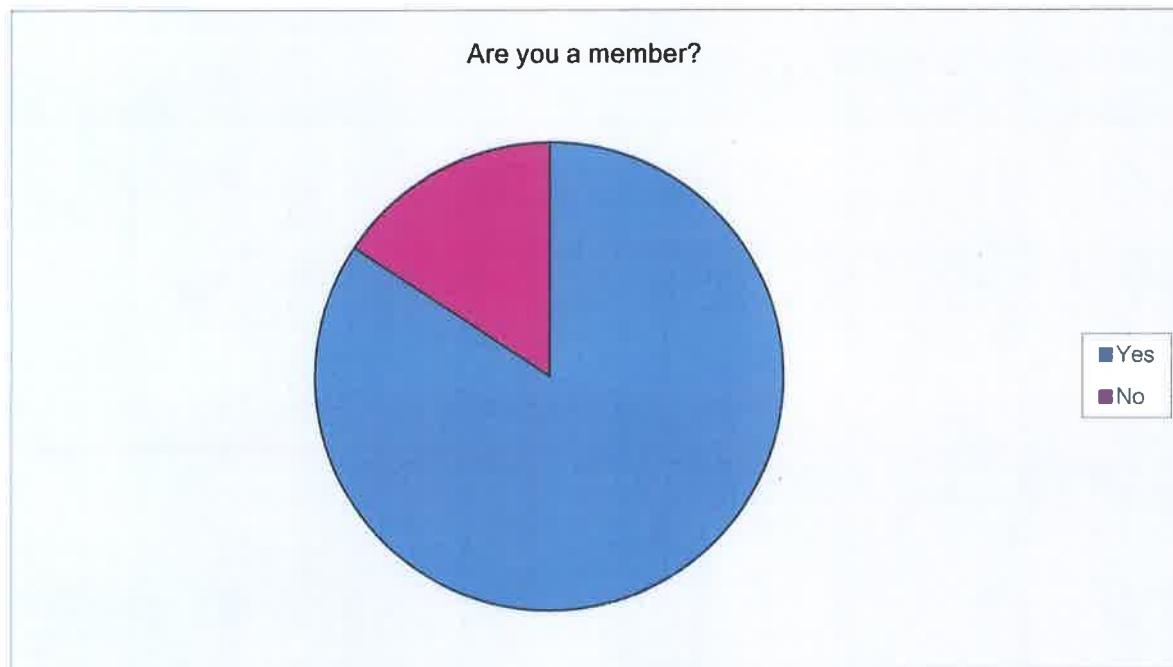
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New Philadelphia Moravian Church - Worship Survey

Are you a member?

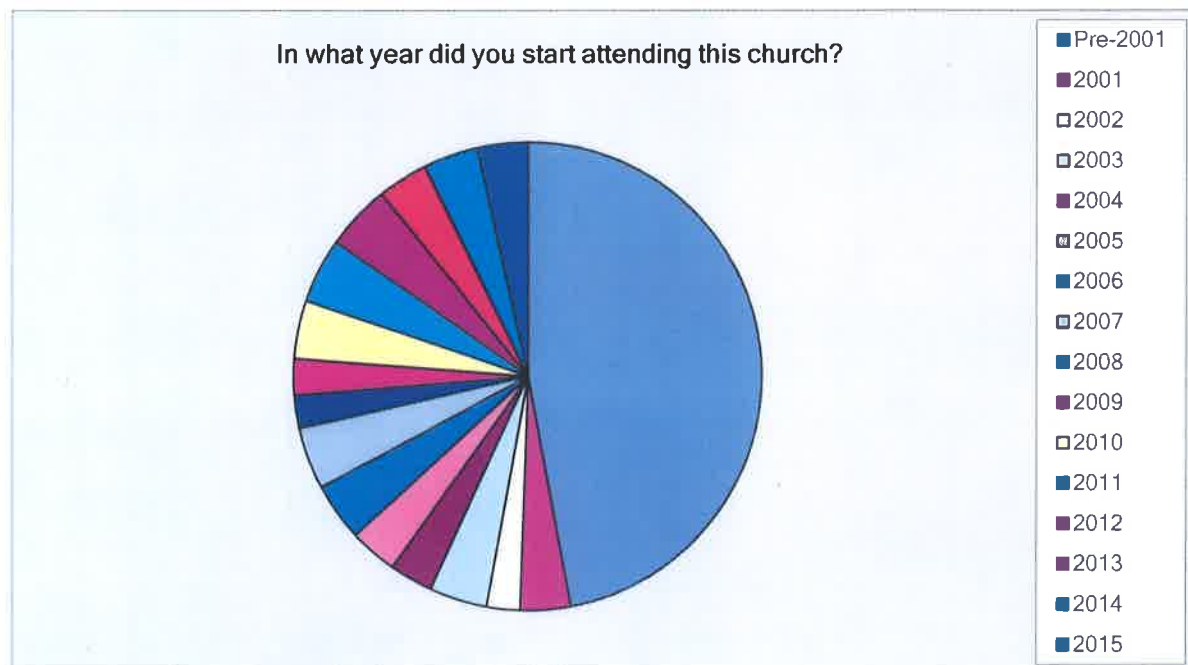
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 84.3% | 338 |
| No | 15.7% | 63 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 401 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | | 8 |



New Philadelphia Moravian Church - Worship Survey

In what year did you start attending this church?

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Pre-2001 | 47.1% | 188 |
| 2001 | 3.5% | 14 |
| 2002 | 2.3% | 9 |
| 2003 | 4.0% | 16 |
| 2004 | 3.0% | 12 |
| 2005 | 3.3% | 13 |
| 2006 | 4.0% | 16 |
| 2007 | 4.3% | 17 |
| 2008 | 2.3% | 9 |
| 2009 | 2.5% | 10 |
| 2010 | 4.0% | 16 |
| 2011 | 4.5% | 18 |
| 2012 | 4.5% | 18 |
| 2013 | 3.5% | 14 |
| 2014 | 3.8% | 15 |
| 2015 | 3.5% | 14 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 399 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | | 10 |

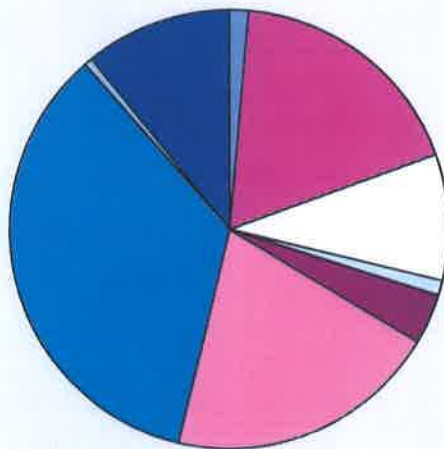


New Philadelphia Moravian Church - Worship Survey

What was your church affiliation immediately before joining New Philadelphia?

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Lutheran | 1.4% | 5 |
| Methodist | 18.1% | 64 |
| Presbyterian | 9.3% | 33 |
| Episcopal | 1.1% | 4 |
| Catholic | 3.7% | 13 |
| Baptist | 20.1% | 71 |
| Other Moravian | 34.8% | 123 |
| Charismatic/Pentecostal | 0.6% | 2 |
| None | 10.8% | 38 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 353 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | | 56 |

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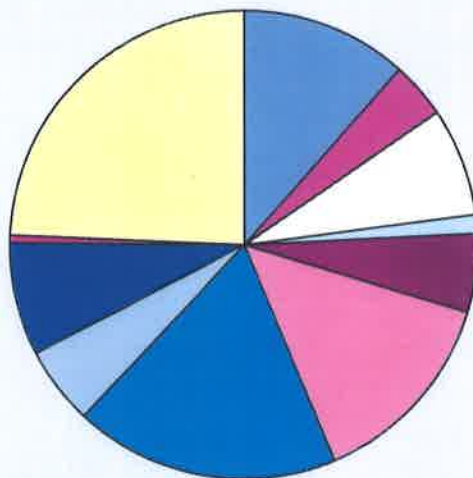
- Lutheran
- Methodist
- Presbyterian
- Episcopal
- Catholic
- Baptist
- Other Moravian
- Charismatic/Pentecostal
- None

New Philadelphia Moravian Church - Worship Survey

What drew you to New Philadelphia?

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Neighborhood | 11.6% | 45 |
| Children's Program | 3.9% | 15 |
| Music | 7.5% | 29 |
| Sunday School | 1.3% | 5 |
| Youth Program | 5.4% | 21 |
| It's my church family | 14.0% | 54 |
| Preaching | 18.3% | 71 |
| Preschool Program | 5.4% | 21 |
| My friends go here | 7.8% | 30 |
| Bible Study | 0.5% | 2 |
| Other | 24.3% | 94 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 387 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | | 22 |

What drew you to New Philadelphia?



- Neighborhood
- Children's Program
- Music
- Sunday School
- Youth Program
- It's my church family
- Preaching
- Preschool Program
- My friends go here
- Bible Study
- Other

New Philadelphia Moravian Church - Worship Survey

Would you like to see children and youth more involved in our worship services?

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 31.0% | 109 |
| No | 25.9% | 91 |
| If yes, how: | 43.2% | 152 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 352 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | | 57 |

If yes, how:

current level ok

Youth will feel more a part of the church

Ushering, youth music - praise band, etc., taking part in more services on a regular basis, reporting on mission trips or other activities

scripture reading sometimes, particularly in 2nd service; other ways on a periodic basis

Regular segment of main service

monthly children's church; ushering; more youth music (choir and a youth band), participating in the worship service with scripture reading, prayer, etc.

invite children for a few minutes to the front for worship like we used to do

Childrens message during worship

singing, telling us about their lives

children's worship @ 11:10

dramas, singing, etc.

Youth singing is very meaningful and great for the kids

ushering, being more involved overall

a small part of the service for kids

bulletins - handing out/greeting

singing, sharing, caring

I miss the children's sermon (or moment) during
worship

music

more instrumentalists

older youth helping with liturgy, scripture

short, children's message

I think that Christy has taken care of this with
Children's Church. Great job!

well - Youth Sunday, yes; but not normal worship

Yes, need to discuss

program; children's message during service; singing

usher, sometimes reading liturgy, children' story

perform or have group involvement

greeting, order of worship

choir, ushers

choir, liturgical readers

music, readers - scripture/liturgy

youth but not children - I enjoy youth Sunday

usher, offering, liturgy, scripture

drama, special children's stories

more singing

children's sermon

a few select are serving as ushers, give all a chance

giving a 2 minute talk about God; what He means to
them.

music, children's sermon

absolutely. we have failed miserably with our youth.

reading scripture, ushers, choir, prayers

worship that is also designed for them

reading scripture, singing, ushers

reading Scripture

Not sure of specifics, only that being involved was important to my spiritual growth as a youth

children's sermon, scripture reading, attendance
Bible story during service and break away for all
(toddler/elementary after story
service of their own in fellowship hall if they wish
singing

every way - regular worship first
music, bring back children's sermon
especially variety of music
more older youth, public speaking
song

participate w/ushers collection, prayers, liturgy,
staged discussion between 2-4
upfront

more youth in the regular choir, ushers, greeters,
reading scripture like the youth do at Temple.

I think it is important for the faith, the serving,
growing up, be respectful of God.

I loved the kids getting up in front of church. I think it
is important for their faith growing up. Be respectful
of God and the service.

Bring back children's worship time in front of the
church

music
singing

I enjoyed seeing/hearing the Children's Sermon
bells, band, witness

choir, ushering, children's worship lesson
the youth actively singing in our choir

high school youth use 5th Sundays; children have
palms in aisles Palm Sunday
singing

more children's time during worship
so all ages are represented
...but not giving the sermon
Youth service for young kids
talking about their service and what Jesus Christ
means to them

participation as ushers, soloists, greeters, readers
music; youth directors attending services
leading liturgy - sharing faith story
scripture, choir
may help to provide them their own service
more visible during our services and groups
children's message
Not sure, maybe just more often
various ways

If they feel left to be more involved we should let
them.

more youth Sundays and events during the service
with congregation
singing/music/speaking
a summer lovefeast (featuring lemonade); a child
choir/instrument cantata

Indifferent

Through music, such as youth bells. Children's
message was a nice as well.

usher, participate in service
do as will follow the Holy Spirit
musically

children's choir

senior high - usher/offering collection

delivering children's message, music (solos), youth
have much to offer

music

Scout Sunday, Youth Christmas program, more
children's choir
storytelling to children
singing
singing
Children's sermon, ushering, offering collection,
leading the liturgy, leading the benediction
aspects that hold their interest and make them want
to participate
Mostly with the music
children's worship (children's sermon)

Is not a simple fix in that they tend to be very
involved in other activities as well. I try to encourage
all I know to be involved as much as possible.
more music & bible memory verses
children's moments/sermon - more youth ushers,
scripture readers
possibly announcements or scripture
reports and programs
Love to watch, and hear them full of spirit.
singing, skits, service projects

I used to love children's church (children's sermon)
I miss the children's church at the front of the church
(children's sermon)
jr. usher, greeters, liturgy, scripture reading
scripture reading, usher
music, children's sermon
music
readings
more children's choir
anything
more programs/music with them
Do Youth Sunday more than once a year

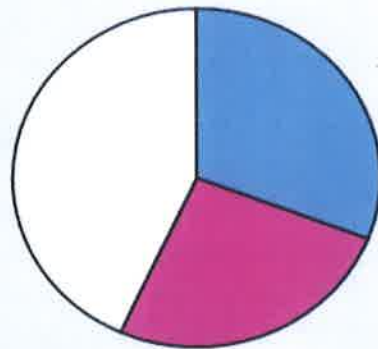
singing, prayer, etc
more singing or playing instruments
lay readers, users, music
singing and providing a worship service for a Youth
Sunday service
announcements, offering, greeters
youth choir
choir, youth sermon
amount of involvement now is good - would not
change
ushering, reading scripture, music
ushering
music
Music, contemporary wordhip
Read liturgy, sing, ushers...

I enjoyed the boy Scouts and Seniors when they led
the worship service. Once a month or every 6 weeks
would be a good arrangement; possibly reading the
daily scripture??

singing
good to see young people involved
music, childrens church, more than one youth
service a year
childrens sermon
lead liturgy
music, reading scripture
some
music, play, etc
depends
childrens sermon or maybe they could usher once in
a while
choirs, bells, bands, ushers, presenters
singing, choir, child teaching
music
enjoy the youth bible lessons and singing

childrens choir
TBA with Adult and Children conversations
reading scripture, musicians, solos

**Would you like to see children and youth
more involved in our worship services?**



■ Yes

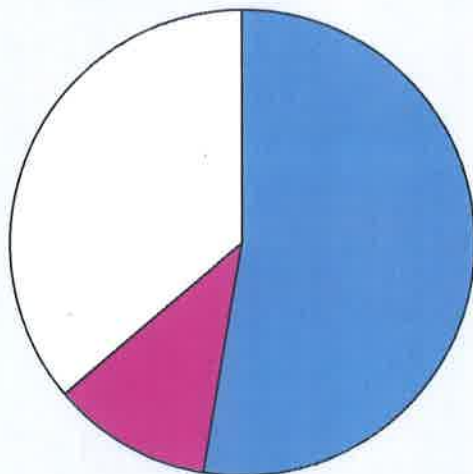
■ No

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Would you be comfortable if people were encouraged to wear casual attire to the 11:10AM service?

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 52.7% | 204 |
| No | 11.1% | 43 |
| Yes, but it's not for me | 36.2% | 140 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 387 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | | 22 |

Would you be comfortable if people were encouraged to wear casual attire to the 11:10AM service?



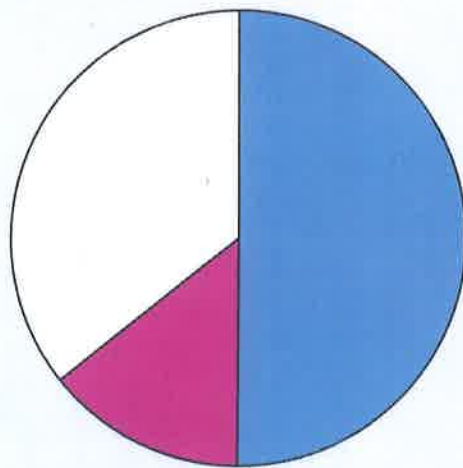
☒ Yes
☐ No
☐ Yes, but it's not for me

New Philadelphia Moravian Church - Worship Survey

Would you be comfortable with the Beracah Choir leading 11:10AM worship without robes?

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 50.1% | 198 |
| No | 14.2% | 56 |
| I attend the 9AM service | 35.7% | 141 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 395 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | | 14 |

Would you be comfortable with the Beracah Choir leading 11:10AM worship without robes?



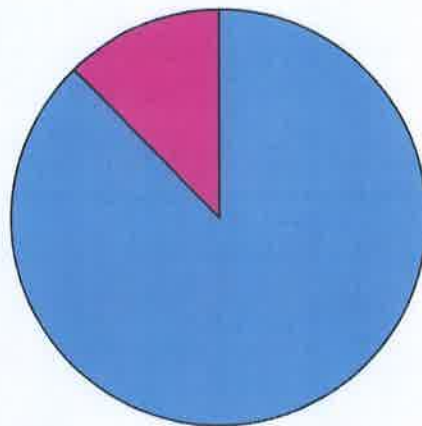
- Yes
- No
- I attend the 9AM service

New Philadelphia Moravian Church - Worship Survey

Would you be willing to worship at a different time if this were deemed crucial to the congregation and it was discussed and voted on at Congregational Council?

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 87.7% | 334 |
| No | 12.3% | 47 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 381 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | | 28 |

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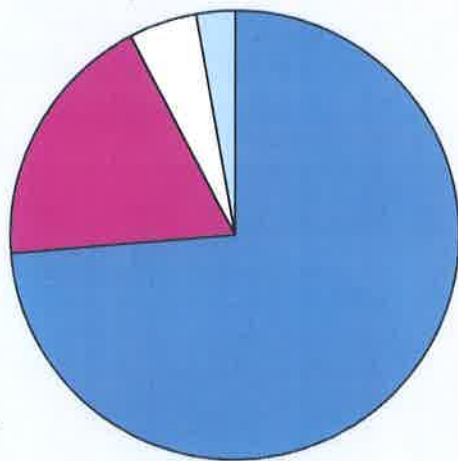


New Philadelphia Moravian Church - Worship Survey

Which of the following statements comes the closest to your view of the use of hymns in worship?

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| Hymn singing is essential to worship | 73.7% | 286 |
| Hymn singing adds an important ingredient to worship | 18.6% | 72 |
| Hymn singing is an enjoyable aspect of worship but is | 4.9% | 19 |
| Hymn singing is an insignificant aspect of worship | 2.8% | 11 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 388 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | | 21 |

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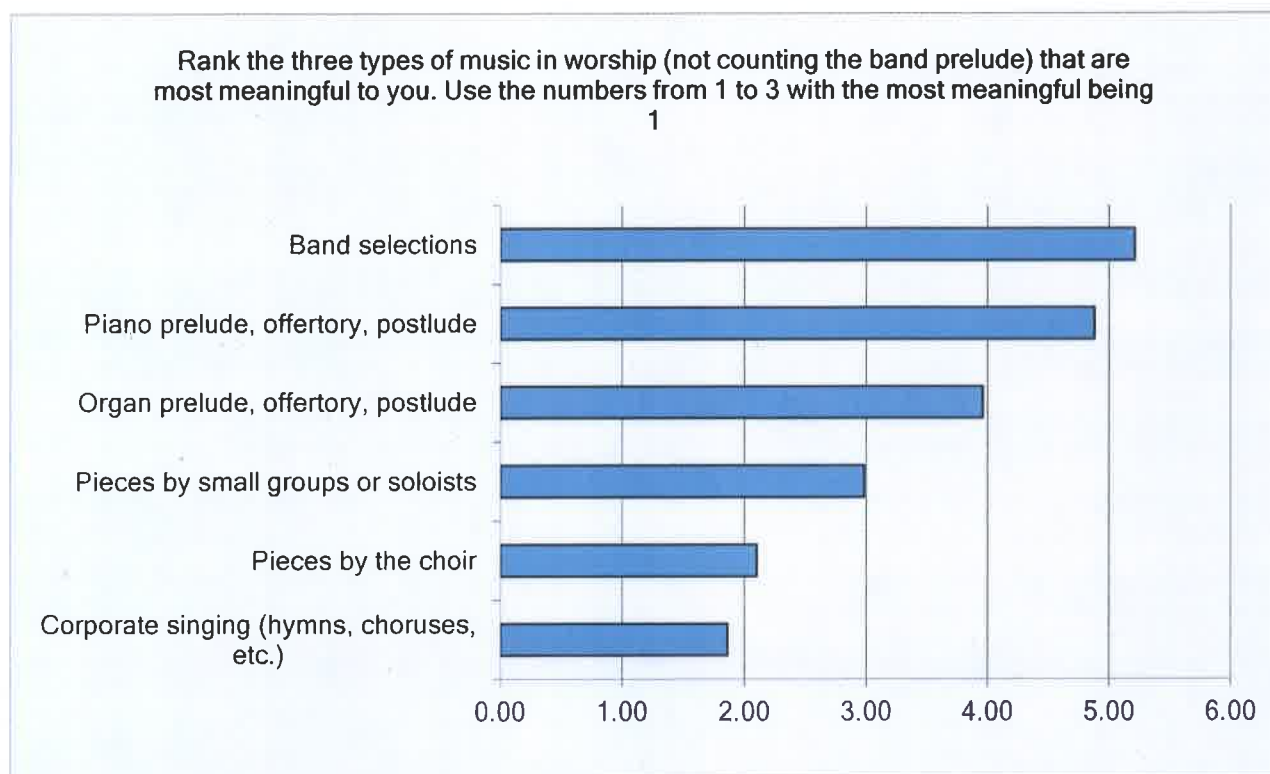


- ☒ Hymn singing is essential to worship
- ☒ Hymn singing adds an important ingredient to worship but is not essential to it
- ☐ Hymn singing is an enjoyable aspect of worship but is neither essential nor important
- ☐ Hymn singing is an insignificant aspect of worship

New Philadelphia Moravian Church - Worship Survey

Rank the three types of music in worship (not counting the band prelude) that are most meaningful to you. Use the numbers from 1 to 3 with the most meaningful being 1

| Answer Options | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Rating Average | Response Count |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------|----------------|
| Corporate singing (hymns, choruses, etc.) | 211 | 62 | 55 | 43 | 3 | 2 | 1.86 | 376 |
| Pieces by the choir | 101 | 177 | 61 | 33 | 4 | 0 | 2.10 | 376 |
| Pieces by small groups or soloists | 38 | 82 | 127 | 110 | 15 | 4 | 2.98 | 376 |
| Organ prelude, offertory, postlude | 11 | 23 | 51 | 180 | 106 | 5 | 3.96 | 376 |
| Piano prelude, offertory, postlude | 6 | 12 | 30 | 4 | 245 | 79 | 4.88 | 376 |
| Band selections | 9 | 20 | 52 | 6 | 3 | 285 | 5.21 | 375 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | | | | | | | 376 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | | | | | | | | 33 |

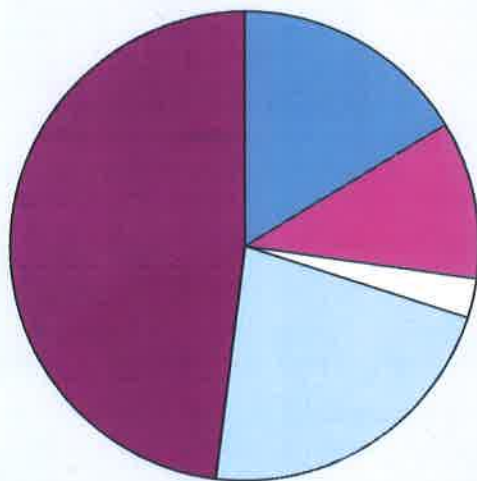


New Philadelphia Moravian Church - Worship Survey

Which of the following statements comes the closest to your view of the kind of music to be used in worship? (Choose 1)

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--|------------------|----------------|
| All styles of music are appropriate to worship | 16.4% | 62 |
| Any music is appropriate as long as it is sung or played | 10.9% | 41 |
| Any kind of music is appropriate as long as I find it | 2.7% | 10 |
| Since music in worship is an offering to God, only the | 22.0% | 83 |
| Any kind of music is appropriate as long as the | 48.0% | 181 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 377 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | | 32 |

Which of the following statements comes the closest to your view of the kind of music to be used in worship? (Choose 1)



■ All styles of music are appropriate to worship

■ Any music is appropriate as long as it is sung or played with sincerity

□ Any kind of music is appropriate as long as I find it enjoyable

□ Since music in worship is an offering to God, only the best is appropriate

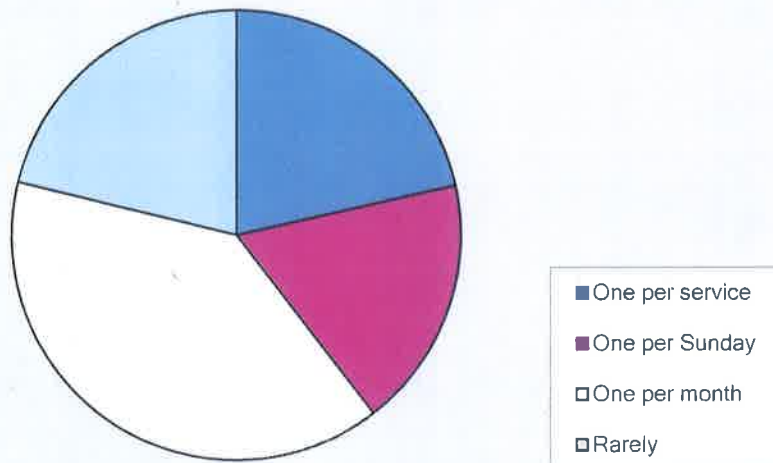
■ Any kind of music is appropriate as long as the congregation can use it to praise God

New Philadelphia Moravian Church - Worship Survey

How often would you like to sing new or unfamiliar songs (hymns, songs, or choruses) in worship? (Choose 1)

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| One per service | 21.5% | 82 |
| One per Sunday | 18.1% | 69 |
| One per month | 39.3% | 150 |
| Rarely | 21.2% | 81 |
| answered question | | 382 |
| skipped question | | 27 |

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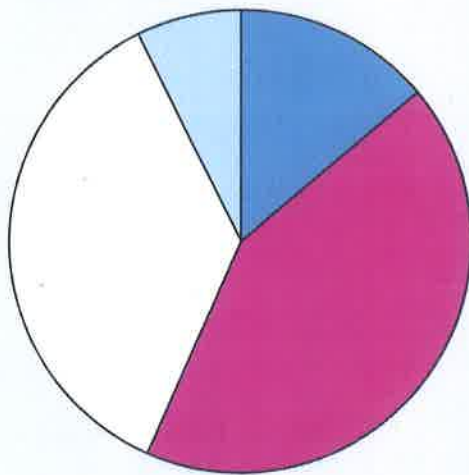


New Philadelphia Moravian Church - Worship Survey

How many non-congregational music presentations should be in the Sunday morning service? (Choose 1)

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| One by the adult choir | 13.9% | 51 |
| Have a least two, utilize ensembles and soloists, and | 42.7% | 157 |
| Have one and vary the participation of the choir, soloists, | 36.1% | 133 |
| Have a minimum of two and decrease the singing by the | 7.3% | 27 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 368 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | | 41 |

How many non-congregational music presentations should be in the Sunday morning service? (Choose 1)



■ One by the adult choir

■ Have a least two, utilize ensembles and soloists, and keep the number of congregational hymns the same

□ Have one and vary the participation of the choir, soloists, and ensembles

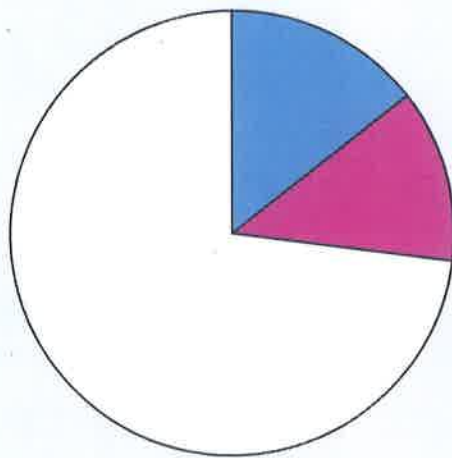
□ Have a minimum of two and decrease the singing by the congregation

New Philadelphia Moravian Church - Worship Survey

At present we offer Holy Communion during Sunday worship 9 times each year. (Choose 1)

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| I prefer to have more Communion services | 14.5% | 53 |
| I prefer to have fewer Communion services | 12.6% | 46 |
| I prefer no change | 73.0% | 267 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 366 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | | 43 |

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- I prefer to have more Communion services
- I prefer to have fewer Communion services
- I prefer no change

New Philadelphia Moravian Church - Worship Survey

In this question, we have included the elements found in many Sunday worship. Please rate the importance of the presence of each one by choosing the appropriate column
Creative/Meaningful

| Answer Options | Yes | No | Response Count |
|--------------------------------------|-----|----|----------------|
| Band Prelude | 243 | 0 | 243 |
| Organ Prelude | 218 | 0 | 218 |
| Piano Prelude | 197 | 1 | 198 |
| Call to Worship/Choral or Spoken | 252 | 0 | 252 |
| Liturgy/Responsive Reading | 254 | 1 | 255 |
| Interview/Mission Moment | 131 | 2 | 133 |
| Announcements | 181 | 1 | 182 |
| Welcome | 229 | 1 | 230 |
| Ritual of Friendship (Shaking Hands) | 219 | 2 | 221 |
| Offertory Prayer | 270 | 0 | 270 |
| Anthem | 263 | 0 | 263 |
| Use of Other Musical Instruments | 251 | 1 | 252 |
| Doxology | 217 | 0 | 217 |
| Scripture Reading | 276 | 0 | 276 |
| Congregational singing | 259 | 0 | 259 |
| Sermon | 318 | 0 | 318 |
| Baptism | 286 | 0 | 286 |
| Holy Communion | 285 | 0 | 285 |
| Lovefeast | 309 | 1 | 310 |
| Benediction | 281 | 1 | 282 |
| Choral Benediction | 227 | 0 | 227 |
| Postlude | 212 | 0 | 212 |

Acceptable

| Answer Options | Yes | No | Response Count |
|--------------------------------------|-----|----|----------------|
| Band Prelude | 121 | 0 | 121 |
| Organ Prelude | 148 | 0 | 148 |
| Piano Prelude | 146 | 0 | 146 |
| Call to Worship/Choral or Spoken | 107 | 0 | 107 |
| Liturgy/Responsive Reading | 97 | 0 | 97 |
| Interview/Mission Moment | 183 | 0 | 183 |
| Announcements | 163 | 0 | 163 |
| Welcome | 113 | 1 | 114 |
| Ritual of Friendship (Shaking Hands) | 122 | 0 | 122 |
| Offertory Prayer | 101 | 1 | 102 |
| Anthem | 91 | 0 | 91 |
| Use of Other Musical Instruments | 103 | 0 | 103 |
| Doxology | 133 | 0 | 133 |
| Scripture Reading | 88 | 1 | 89 |
| Congregational singing | 101 | 0 | 101 |
| Sermon | 54 | 0 | 54 |
| Baptism | 79 | 0 | 79 |

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----|---|-----|
| Holy Communion | 86 | 0 | 86 |
| Lovefeast | 62 | 0 | 62 |
| Benediction | 91 | 0 | 91 |
| Choral Benediction | 132 | 0 | 132 |
| Postlude | 147 | 0 | 147 |

Needs Improving

| Answer Options | Yes | No | Response Count |
|--------------------------------------|-----|----|----------------|
| Band Prelude | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Organ Prelude | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Piano Prelude | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Call to Worship/Choral or Spoken | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Liturgy/Responsive Reading | 13 | 2 | 15 |
| Interview/Mission Moment | 26 | 2 | 28 |
| Announcements | 20 | 2 | 22 |
| Welcome | 26 | 2 | 28 |
| Ritual of Friendship (Shaking Hands) | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| Offertory Prayer | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Anthem | 14 | 2 | 16 |
| Use of Other Musical Instruments | 17 | 1 | 18 |
| Doxology | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Scripture Reading | 11 | 2 | 13 |
| Congregational singing | 13 | 2 | 15 |
| Sermon | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| Baptism | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| Holy Communion | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Lovefeast | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Benediction | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Choral Benediction | 8 | 1 | 9 |
| Postlude | 7 | 2 | 9 |

Not Needed

| Answer Options | Yes | No | Response Count |
|--------------------------------------|-----|----|----------------|
| Band Prelude | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Organ Prelude | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| Piano Prelude | 13 | 1 | 14 |
| Call to Worship/Choral or Spoken | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Liturgy/Responsive Reading | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Interview/Mission Moment | 19 | 1 | 20 |
| Announcements | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Welcome | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ritual of Friendship (Shaking Hands) | 21 | 4 | 25 |
| Offertory Prayer | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Anthem | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Use of Other Musical Instruments | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Doxology | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Scripture Reading | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Congregational singing | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Sermon | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|
| Baptism | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Holy Communion | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lovefeast | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Benediction | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Choral Benediction | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Postlude | 2 | 0 | 2 |

| Question Totals | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| <i>answered question</i> | 379 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | 30 |

New Philadelphia Moravian Church - Worship Survey

Listed below are a number of general characteristics which can be applied to the "style" in which worship is conducted. Based on your understanding of these styles, indicate your preference with a yes or no:
More of this characteristic

| Answer Options | Yes | No | Response Count |
|--|-----|----|----------------|
| Formality and dignity | 45 | 1 | 46 |
| Spontaneity and extemporaneousness | 100 | 1 | 101 |
| Reverence and holiness | 104 | 1 | 105 |
| Congregational participation & lay involvement | 107 | 1 | 108 |
| Liturgy & planned worship aids (prayers, responsive) | 65 | 1 | 66 |
| Drama, pageantry, & banners | 43 | 2 | 45 |
| Innovation and experimentation | 127 | 1 | 128 |
| Humor, laughter | 126 | 1 | 127 |

About the same as the present

| Answer Options | Yes | No | Response Count |
|--|-----|----|----------------|
| Formality and dignity | 285 | 0 | 285 |
| Spontaneity and extemporaneousness | 234 | 0 | 234 |
| Reverence and holiness | 257 | 0 | 257 |
| Congregational participation & lay involvement | 238 | 0 | 238 |
| Liturgy & planned worship aids (prayers, responsive) | 275 | 0 | 275 |
| Drama, pageantry, & banners | 223 | 0 | 223 |
| Innovation and experimentation | 191 | 1 | 192 |
| Humor, laughter | 222 | 0 | 222 |

Less of this characteristic

| Answer Options | Yes | No | Response Count |
|--|-----|----|----------------|
| Formality and dignity | 32 | 1 | 33 |
| Spontaneity and extemporaneousness | 19 | 4 | 23 |
| Reverence and holiness | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Congregational participation & lay involvement | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| Liturgy & planned worship aids (prayers, responsive) | 17 | 1 | 18 |
| Drama, pageantry, & banners | 74 | 3 | 77 |
| Innovation and experimentation | 35 | 1 | 36 |
| Humor, laughter | 8 | 1 | 9 |

Question Totals

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| <i>answered question</i> | 370 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | 39 |

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There are a number of musical styles for congregational singing. Based on your understanding of these, indicate your preference with a yes or no

More of this characteristic

| Answer Options | Yes | No | Response Count |
|---|-----|----|----------------|
| Traditional hymns that are widely recognized to have a | 127 | 1 | 128 |
| Gospel songs largely out of the revivalist tradition that | 112 | 2 | 114 |
| Contemporary songs whose texts address current issues | 141 | 1 | 142 |
| Brief choruses, usually learned and sung by memory, | 93 | 0 | 93 |
| Liturgy & planned worship aids (prayers, responsive | 63 | 1 | 64 |

About the same as the present

| Answer Options | Yes | No | Response Count |
|---|-----|----|----------------|
| Traditional hymns that are widely recognized to have a | 215 | 0 | 215 |
| Gospel songs largely out of the revivalist tradition that | 196 | 0 | 196 |
| Contemporary songs whose texts address current issues | 155 | 0 | 155 |
| Brief choruses, usually learned and sung by memory, | 197 | 1 | 198 |
| Liturgy & planned worship aids (prayers, responsive | 269 | 0 | 269 |

Less of this characteristic

| Answer Options | Yes | No | Response Count |
|---|-----|----|----------------|
| Traditional hymns that are widely recognized to have a | 24 | 0 | 24 |
| Gospel songs largely out of the revivalist tradition that | 43 | 2 | 45 |
| Contemporary songs whose texts address current issues | 62 | 2 | 64 |
| Brief choruses, usually learned and sung by memory, | 58 | 3 | 61 |
| Liturgy & planned worship aids (prayers, responsive | 26 | 0 | 26 |

Question Totals

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| <i>answered question</i> | 371 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | 38 |

New Philadelphia Moravian Church - Worship Survey

Other Comments

#18 - 'traditional hymns' whose tradition?

Many of the 'traditional' hymns are like funeral dirges and the wording is ancient.

I 'believe' the major-major portion of our congregation are birth right (many-many generations) Moravian. This means the strong (almost egotistical) tradition of music is at least equal to message is core to "Moravian" soul. New birthright Moravians do not have this in their worship genes.

Worship is the corporate community gathering. A warm, friendly, smile and words to regular visitors and newbies create an accepting, loving atmosphere for our corporate worship hour.

Holding on to tradition in a changing world environment and church population is difficult and has been for over 2000 years. The 'old' have to yield to the new and the new yield to the old, a balance is our challenge.

NPMC overall, in this environment, is doing ok. To push too far in either direction can be bad, in that it pops some people out of the box to bring others in.

All 'traditional' established churches of all denomination are going through some process, Moravians are 'deeper' in tradition. The smaller population and regional factors encourage holding fast.

This 'strong' tradition and history has an appeal to some. It also emphasizes or isolates those non-birthright members to being converts to the truth. It's just a fact we have got to be sensitive to and

live with all establish churches have same problem, Moravians are just more entrenched.

Recognition of newbies with a warm friendship smile is welcoming. Better signage and give road map to church - simple one page handout to church 'floor' plan.

Volunteer worship, welcome committee (you don't have to wear suit and tie type)

The extensive use of praise choruses in the 2nd service concerns me. Many of our children attend that service. Will they know the traditional hymns later in life?

Great church. Beautiful services that have become known throughout surrounding communities and even adopted by others. Good people. I hope truth from the scriptures and Jesus Christ (not political correctness, fear of offending, or not gaining members fast enough) will always be the focus for this beautiful church. An "Ask the Pastor" section posted on the church website might be nice if pastor Green has time to pick one from those submitted and respond to it once or twice a month--with the submitter remaining anonymous to the rest of the congregation. And as long as it doesn't turn into a "complaint box" of sorts. But I realize he's so very busy already. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this survey.

Change is inevitable for any organization to grow and flourish. It may be small changes or big changes, but staying the same (even if it fits our comfort zone very well) will not make us a more dynamic congregation reaching others with the examples of Christ and his boundless love. We have a church van and several apartment complexes within a mile or so radius, not to mention the surrounding single family homes. Why aren't we reaching out and sending the van to provide transportation? And, yes, I know we may only get the children and that may make us free baby sitters in a sense, but how wonderful would it be to have many young ones at our church every Sunday learning about the love of God? And reach the children and make them feel welcome and important, and the parents will follow. And yes, I know that this will take a lot of work, but I'm willing if a few others are as well. I'll pass out fliers, learn to drive the van, teach Sunday School, etc. We could also make our church a place where those with special needs feel welcome and accommodated. How about a Sunday School class for children with special needs? It would take planning and we would need to have someone on hand with qualifications to oversee its function, but other churches have done this successfully and we can too. I would like to see a welcoming committee at every service to identify visitors and help them in any way necessary (finding a Sunday School class, etc. and follow up with contact the next week by phone, mail, etc.).

Concerning the worship service - we are blessed to have a senior pastor who gives us wonderful sermons and teachings as do others who take the pulpit. But there are other things we can do to make the services interesting and dynamic without abandoning the wonderful Moravian traditions that we cherish, whether new to the denomination or a life long member. Give youth ongoing roles in ushering, prayers, music, an occasional sermon, etc. And make them feel important. One thing I hear regularly is that the youth do not feel as if they are important to the church. This may not be true, but if that is their perception, then it might as well be. Vary the music in the types of hymns we sing, the choral groups sing and the band plays without losing the Moravian music tradition so important to many. Make a real effort to expand the talent. There is a lot of talent in

the church, but we only hear a few folks featured. And while this is a blessing to have, let's expand that to others who can be a blessing, too. It would be nice to have featured instruments in the band prelude or during worship services and the bell choir is so beautiful, they should be heard more often. I don't know why they were left off this survey. I would like to see more attention paid to the larger community and its issues. We are very committed to Sunnyside, Laurel Ridge, and feeding the hungry and that's as it should be at least to Sunnyside and feeding the hungry. Laurel Ridge is important to the Moravian Church as it is to many at NPMC, but not to everyone and it isn't accessible or convenient for many. I am happy to support its maintenance but have heard more than I need to about the slab. It would help if I understood why that is so important. It is my belief that home missions are just as important as other missions and we should learn more about community challenges and how we can make a real difference in addressing them. We can't be all things to all people, but we can expand our knowledge and understanding. I have no desire to belong to a mega-church. If I did I wouldn't be at NPMC. But I would like to be a member of a thriving and dynamic congregation committed to sharing the love of God and the messages of Jesus through outreach and action.

The Moravian faith has always been based on "simplicity, consistency, and humility." In recent times, we have lost sight of these traits. We need to get back to these instead of trying to embrace so many changes in order to be "all things to all people."

I like the combination of traditional liturgical worship with contemporary music.

#17 - I actually think that there is a good amount of humor/laughter already, but you can never have too much.

Structure of 1st service is good in my opinion.

Flexibility of experimentation should be key to 2nd.

Melding the 2 on occasion would be interesting.

The hymns are old and dreary.

-more weekday (evening) programs for young people to become involved in the church.-start health related workshops to educate congregation.-welcoming committee to reach out to visitors.-outreach to the immediate community.

I really can't rate the elements of worship because worship for me is something I feel inside no matter what is going on.

#8 - whatever they prefer

#17 - drama, pageantry, banners - Sure

#17 - innovation and experimentation - the 60's are over

#17 - humor, laughter - 24-7

Instead of taking surveys, I think we should try to not limit how God presents himself to us. If a worship needs more of one element let's use it. This would allow God to use Worth as his instrument instead of limiting Worth & worship

#7 - I wear casual attire - casual, yes - inappropriate, no - cutoff jeans.

#9 - however, drastic changes such as not on Sunday morning may impact my attendance.

Any style of music, done with reverence, is meaningful and can lift congregation. Reverence can be joyful and fun!

#14 - on some Sundays but not all

#15 - would be amenable to more but not fewer

#16 - Would like to see Doxology at 11:10

#16 - Would like to see choral benediction at 11:10

#18 - not 7 words sung 11 times

My opinions matter little - what is needed, as noted in the sermon, are a lot of prayers to ask God what He wants us to do - we need to spend a multiple of this time in prayer!

#13 - Would like to have music notes - hard to follow in second service if you don't know the tune.

#17 - drama, pagentry, banners - N/A

As long as we have the music! More instruments - I miss Anita Cirba. More variety of solos - love the Grays but would love to hear others too.

Some of these questions are too overlapping

more musical instruments would be nice - drums, etc.

I find worship here to be spirit led and inspiring. It seems the volunteers who participate may need some coaching i.e., ushers often chatter between during their downtime which significantly disturbs those of us in the pew. Many times my engagement in the service is hampered. I once heard a parent tell a child to remember to speak softly because people around are talking to God and we don't want to disturb them. Had that experience today where the folks behind me chose to discuss a recipe instead of listening to the awesome choral call to worship

I like traditional reverent service - church is not for entertainment. Please never put audio visual screen in the sanctuary

I would like to see the sermons reflect more current events and how our faith plays out in decision making with more relevant examples. The services are sometimes dated and vary widely between 9 & 11, none of these need to be big changes but there are a lot of hymns that the congregation needs to learn.

Service as is - Board of Elders should discuss seeking better attendance

To come to church is to worship and honor the Lord who gave his life so I could live mine. This is a building & is holy only when the Holy Spirit is present so treat it (building) with respect.

#7 - what constitutes casual attire - depends?

#8 - Beracah choir w/o robes..choir is choir - traditional

#7 - Who cares?!

#8 - Don't care!

#9 - Like when?

"Bystander Leadership" will never optimize what this church can and should be. The current downward slide would be completely avoidable if we had adequate organizational leadership.

More Moravian anthems.

Trumpet or trumpets on Easter Sunday.

Lovefeast on a Mission Sunday.

#4 - lifelong NPMC

#12 - keep traditional not contemporary or praise music

#16 - flute or violin - not fiddle

#16 - need more Lovefeasts (ex: church anniversary)

#16 - need more time for prelude

Please do not get rid of our traditional service. I do not care for the 2nd service style of worship or music. I am a lifelong Moravian and love our traditions and church. Some things do not need to change. Why change to get people to stay - minister to those who have been here through thick and thin, not to those who come and go!

I enjoy the choice of 2 services (times and tradition vs nontraditional)

Love this church!

Let us not forget music is a large part of the Moravian Church. We need to include "Moravian" songs/music.

Contemporary/gospel is not for everyone.

Reason for 2nd service

But most of all - music - is for giving praises to our Lord!

Thank you for the opportunity to give our thoughts to you,

Choir needs more trained voices.

#7 - Casual attire - totally unimportant at either service

#8 - Berakah Choir w/o robes - also totally unimportant

#7 - Attire should be a non-issue. Not a discussion point.

#11 - Bells@ please do not leave them out!

Steve Gray and Franklin are the best. Love the songs they do together.

#10 & #12 provide for poor choices and the results of these answers will provide for little insight for future decisions.

Why were the Bells not listed for feedback? Major oversight!

Pastor Worth Green excellent sermons.

attend to Christian love openly.

assimilate

be careful of those who do not follow the teachings of the Bible.

The congregation needs the notes of the music to sing the songs better in second service.

As far as the children's involvement - when the kids used to sit on the steps and have a children's lesson/story - I would like to see that at least once a month.

Thank you, glad to have our church and congregation.

Doing a wonderful job.

ISIS is on the way if we back off or get weaker! It is time to stand up now for Christ and our way of life.

I really enjoy coming to this church. I often receive a blessing from the sermon. I have been touched many times by the words and leadership of Worth.

No need to read announcements - they are in the bulletin.

For a better understanding of responses more classification data would be necessary, i.e., age - gender - family size attending service - frequency of attendance, perhaps other.

We start with lively music and usually end with traditional - often times the last 2 hymns are downers - The music needs to be related to the message.

The call to worship ushers in the Presence of the Holy Spirit - I would love to see more freedom of worship. Worship is an experience. We need a screen to use rather than hymnals. Freedom to worship!

Keep everything the same!

need contemporary book/songs of worship from Grays

We do not need to have the announcements read to us. They interrupt worship. Better to do as in 2nd service at the time before worship begins. This has disturbed my worship for years.

#12 - very unclear what is being asked - keep the traditional service

#14 - band and handbells

Allow Reverend Christy Clore to occasionally deliver the message to help alleviate the load on Pastor Worth and present a variety to the congregation.

Today Pastor Green said as part of the sermon that "it is even more scary to allow the world to make decisions for us." Yet I see the church moving in a worldly politically correct direction.

This congregation "lights up" when the choir sings an 'old fashioned' gospel song. Turn off the organ more and let's tap our toes. (old fashioned gospel is not 7/11 music - praise music - 7 words repeated 11 times).

I'm offended that Handbells were not included!

I enjoyed the enthusiasm Joel contributed to the life of our congregation and would enjoy more personal challenge as I worship. I believe we are at a crossroads of change to be able to open to the spirit making a place for all.

I have been a member for nearly 20 years. I love my church home and family.

additional Wednesday night services or Bible study

whatever the style, prefer upbeat/uplifting

music of joyful worship

Baptism: would like to have the child taken around to congregation that we may see his/her face

A mid-week service would be good for those who cannot attend Sundays because of work conflict/other reasons.

good preaching

good fellowship

worship with Holy Spirit

Our worship service is perfect the way it is. Love Worth, the band every Sunday and the choir.

Thank you for asking the congregations opinion.

#5 - music, preaching

#16 - organ/piano prelude should be one

Love this church!

-more contemporary service - even if its the 11:10 service

-praise band

-social area (parlor renovation?) before services for all (coffee, water, etc) - then again after services for visitors

-more social media

-if you want to grow (draw the 18-35 crowd) you have to attract them.

-btw, Worth's sermons are very good

more Lovefeasts

more congregational singing

more old hymns

The band is too loud and plays too long. Brass bands should be outside.

I am a 'recurring' visitor from another Moravian church in the Southern Province. I think New Philadelphia is excellent, I can't think of one change this church should make! This is why I am considering changing my membership to your church.

#1 - I go to 9A because I like the early time slot

#8 - I wish Berakah choir lead 1st service

#9 - prefer earlier time slot and early completion

#12 - prefer contemporary music

#13 - all the time

#16 - yes! use of other musical instruments

more guitar and brass contemporary music in 1st service. Blue hymnal please. David dance and praised God.

Sermons based more on Bible with less references from other authors and books. Need more spiritual feeding

#4 - Quaker

#14 - don't want a template for services#16 - rather than rate each of these I think of the combination in different proportions as essential. All of these activities are what makes our service "work". I would be remiss to make a "not needed" check - knowing that someone else may very much enjoy that.#17 - as always, a blend of all these ingredients is a good thing.

I love my Lord and I love my church. I will attend every Sunday as long as I am able. I never miss church.

A youth service in the fellowship hall.

Contemporary w/praise music.

#16 - Announcements: I suggest a lay person help out until we hire more pastors

#16 - Welcome: name tags, welcome committee like Kville Moravian

#16 - some contemporary hymns

To be a welcoming church, I suggest we consider Kernersville Moravian church method of wearing name tags and having volunteers welcome and issue name tags to visitors. Okay with one service incorporating more contemporary music with the old; open to separate service, very contemporary, in fellowship hall w/multi-media use.

Would like to have silent prayer incorporated into the worship service maybe 1 - 2 times per month of intentional silent prayer.

#3 - all my life, 90 years

definitely could reduce the number of hand shaking during communion

#3 - 1983

#5 - married a church member

#4 - Quaker

Change of leadership

more enthusiasm

Music/songs with just words and no 'notes' makes it difficult to participate when you do not know the song.

#12 - usual hymns in first service

A mixture of traditional hymns and the use of some contemporary songs at 9AM service

What is congregational council?

#4 - Church of Christ

I really enjoy being part of this congregation! Thanks for all that you all do and all that is offered! We felt very welcome from the first visit and still do.

Please share survey, results. Information is power.

#11 - Including bells - zinzendorf's statement about Bible being God's response to us and hymns are our response to God.

#7 - allowed but not necessarily encouraged

#8 - but I like the robes

#12 - but I like it well performed to inspire me

#14 - but we don't need to sing all the verses

#16 - we shouldn't shake hands!

I love the way we worship.

#4 - Disciples of Christ

#5 - music, sunday school, preaching, bible study

I think the 11:10 worship needs to have a more casual appearance. If we intend to attract the younger generation, we need to be more casual. That is what they are looking for. We can do this without giving up our values and traditions

#5 - sunday school, youth program, felt welcomed

#8 - attend 9AM mostly

Do not turn the 11:10 service into a very casual service. We need to keep a service that is not totally casual. Have less organ hymns, they seem too formal and do not have an uplifting spirit.

Was attracted to NPMC because of formality. Please do not turn into a contemporary service where everyone is too casual like River Oaks

#3 - 1928

have one traditional and one contemporary worship

#8 - does not matter to me, whatever they want to do is fine.

#4 - Quaker

I love New Philadelphia and honestly don't want to leave Winston just so I don't have to leave the Moravian Church.

some of the traditional hymns are repeated too much during the year. some of the old hymns are unsingable

I would like to see improvement in the quality of our choral offerings, with more attention to traditional choral works, and less of the "gospel" or "contemporary" offerings. I really enjoy the guest instrumentalists that enhance our worship experience.

Would like mid week worship service for those who cannot attend Sunday worship

Worth , I hope you don't change your sermons .. You talk to me each Sunday . Thank you ..

The music at the 11.10 service is what I like at that time.

You all are hard working and thank you for all you do.

The 9:00 service played an important role in choosing to join and attend this church.

Less handbells. The vocalist (non-member maybe) accompanying the bells rarely sings on key. Consider a standard traditional service and truly contemporary service option. The less causal 11:10 service is not contemporary. Maybe the contemporary service could be in the fellowship hall. I attend the 11:10 service because I can no longer get out early for the 9:00. I prefer a more traditional style of worship as the 9:00, but accept the 11:10.

#4 - Wesleyan

we must look at the growing churches - coffee, pastries, book store (library could be good use, involved congregation in worship, vibrant music

Love the church the way it is. Beautiful!

I started carrying/bringing my personal Bible as a testimony to anyone that may not know what it is. Whether its seen in my car/truck I hope folks will see and ask about what's in it.

#1 - attend both equally

Love the church's emphasis on scripture and the Word of God, To me the most important thing along with the sermon

#1 - attend both services (varies)

#5 - location

#7 - put on your best for the Lord

#8 - the robes add a special touch

#9 - the 11:10 service is nice. If I miss the first one, I can come to the second.

-keeping traditions is important & comforting in a world where all things are changing.

Adapt to more inclusive and welcoming environment

I do not like the dreary old, moravian hymns.

#4 - always a Moravian

*some old, moravian hymns sound dreary - no more of these

I was born into the church (1963)

#18 Use more from the Red & Blue Hymnals