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“Our Heavenly Father: Lessons for Earthly Dads and the Rest of Us for Fathers’ Day”

“Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name ...”

(Matthew 6:9)

While Hebrew scripture draws upon many images to convey the relationship of God to humanity, language depicting God as divine King or holy Lawgiver often predominates. As some prophets before him, Jesus preferred to use more intimate, familial language when speaking about (or to) God. Jesus often referred to God as his Father and encouraged his followers to do likewise. Indeed, our Lord starts his model prayer with the words “Our Father.” What was Jesus’ trying to convey about God when he used this “father” language? How does this inform our understanding of human fatherhood?

To be sure, children are to obey the fifth commandment to honor their fathers and mothers. Yet healthy father-child relationships are based more on love than obedience. The ideal father - and it is the ideal which Jesus lifts up as an image of God - loves his children unconditionally. As father he provides for his children and looks to their ultimate well-being by giving them rules for living in harmony with creation and each other. Given the presence of free-will and self-determination in this world, fathers may not be able to shield their children from all suffering, conflict, and misfortune but they certainly do not willingly afflict them. (See Luke 11:11-12)

For Jesus, the father is more than just chief provider and protector of the family. The father is also as emotionally engaged in the lives of his children as their mother - rejoicing when they experience joy, and weeping when they are hurt or suffer loss. Like the mother, the father is also a nurturer. He provides wise rules to keep his children from getting into trouble and exercises his responsibility to discipline them when they go astray. Yet he also takes them into his arms and comforts them when they have been hurt. “As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.” (Psalm 103:13) God as Father is thus empathetic and caring as well as strong. In contrast to image of God as a king who maintains a certain distance from his subjects, God as a Father is actively present on a daily basis in the lives of his children.

As we celebrate Fathers’ Day, we give thanks to the Creator for men in our lives who have, in whatever small ways, resembled the ideal of our heavenly Father. Earthly dads are not perfect. All have flaws and some so damage their children’s concept of “father” that the latter have difficulty using this language in reference to God. Perhaps anticipating the stumbling block such earthly fathers could become to believers Jesus advises us: “And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven.” (Matthew 23:9)

Derek French



Preschool News

Mary Kay Brezinsky

EHMC Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2014-2015 school year is underway. We offer classes for: 2, 3, and 4-year olds. For more information, please call the preschool office at 610-868-6242 or pick up an information packet outside the Preschool or Church offices.

Summer Worship Schedule Changes

Please make note of our schedule for services during the summer months:

- On **June 1, one service only at 11:00 am** to celebrate our Anniversary Lovefeast.
- On **June 8, one service only at 11:00 am** for Pentecost/Holy Communion/Confirmation.
- On **June 15**, our summer worship schedule begins with **one service only at 9:30 am**. This service will be held in the Sanctuary unless there is a high heat index in which case the service will be held in the Family Center.
- **June 22** – Pastor Derek will be attending Provincial Synod; therefore, the 9:30 am worship service will be a hymn sing of congregational favorites.

Congratulations

Cradle Roll

On May 11, Logan Darrah turned three years old and graduated from Cradle Roll at East Hills Moravian Church! Cradle Roll is a Christian based age appropriate program where information is mailed monthly to all parents of children from birth (adoption) through three years. Once a child turns three, they graduate from Cradle Roll and become eligible to attend Sunday School nursery class. Cradle Roll also provides a card that is given to the family at baptism. If you know of any church members who have a child from birth (adoption) through three years old that is not receiving Cradle Roll monthly age appropriate mailings, please let Denise Kohn know by phoning 610-867-8467 or contact the church office.

Also, on May 18 at the 11:00 am service, we welcomed **Juliana Michelle Keirle**, daughter of John and Amanda (Gbur) Keirle, into Christ's Church and the fellowship of this congregation through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Service Award

Congratulations to Frieda Soska who received the Lions Club Melvin Jones Award on May 4 for faithful service to the Mountainville Lions Club.



Star Newsletter

The deadline for all information to be published in the Star is the **TENTH** of every month to enable us to publish the information in a timely manner. Please remember to keep information as brief as possible due to space limitations. Thank you for your cooperation!

There will be one combined issue of the Star for July/August

****Please note the deadline for information for this issue will be June 10.** Thank you!**

Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities

Calling All Graduates

Do you have a high school or college graduate that you would like recognized? If you have not already done so, send a short bio with a picture to the Cookes via e-mail, (jjcooke@rcn.com) by **June 4**. It will be included in our "Graduate Sunday" presentation during worship in June and in the July/Aug Star.

Laughing At My Nightmare

The second annual Laughing At My Nightmare 5k Run, Walk, and Roll will be **Saturday, June 21** at 9 am with the start/finish line of this fun event at East Hills Moravian Church. If you would like to volunteer to help the night before and/or the day of the event, personally sponsor, or participate in the event, please contact Jon Burcaw at email jsbur886@gmail.com or 610-428-0703. All proceeds benefit Laughing At My Nightmare, Inc 501C3 nonprofit. LAMN, Inc promotes a message of positivity and laughter to face life's challenges and raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy research.

East Hills Moravian Summer Fun Events

Join members of EPMC for summer fun for the whole family at these upcoming events:

- **Friday, June 13;** 5-8 pm at Putt U Miniature Golf, 5201 Pennsylvania 309, Center Valley, PA 18034. At the admission window, tell them you are part of the East Hills group for the \$4.50 per person group rate.
- **Sunday, July 13;** 5-8 pm in the EPMC Family Center for family game night. Bring your favorite games to play and your favorite ice cream topping to share for our ice cream sundae bar.
- **Wednesday, August 13;** 5-8 pm: Save the date! The theme of August's family fun is being planned. Stay tuned for more details!

Questions: Contact Amy Frantz, 610-217-6008, amyfrantz@alumni.moravian.edu or Laura Kemmerer, laura.noel@gmail.com, 610-504-5114.

Iron Pigs Family Outing

Join us **Friday, June 27**, for the Adult Fellowship Iron Pigs family outing. This is a night game with fireworks! Only 6 tickets are left at \$10 each and need to be paid for at the time of order. Contact Nancy Costa for tickets at 610-442-6056.

A Can A Week

Did you know that only about 57% of people with food shortages are income-eligible for food stamps (SNAP) while 26% are not income-eligible for any federal food assistance and 75% of all SNAP households include a child, an elderly person, or a disabled person? Yet food stamps do not provide sufficient food to last an entire month. Through your participation in our **Joyful Noise** and **A Can A Week** ministries, you help to bridge these gaps by providing food assistance to many local families served by Northeast Ministry. As we serve "the least of these" we serve our Lord. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Moravian Travelers

2014 trip list brochure is available on the Narthex shelf. For info or reservations call Stan Maculesky at 610-866-1352.

6/5 – Ehrhardt's Waterfront Banquet Center at Lake Wallenpaupack/"Patsy Cline Tribute"- \$79.00.

7/13 – Woodloch Pines Resort/"All Things Italian"- \$79.00. Includes their "famous" smorgasbord.

8/26 - Rainbow Dinner Theatre/"Drinking Habits"- \$79.00.

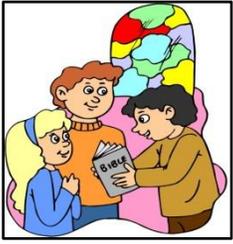
9/10 – American Music Theatre/"Music Of The Night" - \$95.00. Lunch at Shady Maple.

9/16 – Sight & Sound Theatre/"Moses" - \$99.00. Lunch at Shady Maple.

11/5 – American Music Theatre/"Christmas Show" - \$95.00. Lunch at Shady Maple.

Communications

Do we have your current address, phone number, and e-mail address? Please notify the church office of any updates at office@easthillsmc.org or 610-868-6481.



Bethlehem Area Moravian Vacation Bible School
THE B-I-B-L-E:
Dance, Sing, Create, and Explore your way
through our Holy Scriptures together!

An Advent, Central, College Hill, and East Hills Moravian Church project

Join us this summer for a week of Bible discoveries as we learn about the different parts that make up the thousands of years of our conversation with God. There will be games, crafts, music and fun!

- **June 23 – 27, 9 am – 12 pm** at the Christian Spring Spiritual Center (of Central Moravian Church), 3765 Christian Spring Rd, Bethlehem Township. Third grade (completed) - Sixth grade (completed).
- **July 7 – 11, 9 am – 12 pm** at East Hills Moravian Church Family Life Center, 1830 Butztown Rd., Bethlehem. Ages 4 - Second grade (completed).

Cost is \$20/child for one week.

Please complete the registration form below and return with payment (cash or check payable to Central Moravian Church) to the East Hills church office by June 1.

Friends are welcome and encouraged!

***Volunteers are needed for all levels and all are welcome including senior high students. If interested, please contact Pastor Derek.**

Name of child: _____

Age/Grade Completed: _____ **Gender:** _____

Food Allergies: _____

Medical Conditions: _____

Parent(s): _____

Email: _____

Emergency Phone #: _____

By signing this form, I give my permission for my child to attend VBS
Check the appropriate week below

____ **June 23-27 at Christian Spring (completed 3rd-6th grades)**

____ **July 7-11 at East Hills Moravian Church (age 4-completed 2nd grade)**

Signature

Print Name

Camp Hope Scholarship Program Summer 2014

The Board of Christian Education is excited to present the following "camperships" for East Hills Moravian Church youth. (Friends of EHMC youth members may receive one-half of the scholarship amount; ex: scholarship = \$120/friends receive \$60.) Please circle the scholarship(s) you wish to receive and return the completed form to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Annemarie Soska at 610-758-8876.

CAMP	BAM	EHMC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP	FINAL COST
Pre Primary (\$225) June 22-June 25 Completed Grades 1&2	\$100	\$62.50	\$62.50
Primary (\$340) June 29-July 5 Completed Grades 3&4	\$100	\$120	\$120
Fishing (\$360) June 29-July 5 Completed Grades 6-10	\$100	\$130	\$130
Middler (\$340) July 6-12 Completed Grades 5&6	\$100	\$120	\$120
Jr High (\$340) July 13-19 Completed Grades 7&8	\$100	\$120	\$120
Musical Theater (\$360) July 20-26 Completed Grades 3-8	\$100	\$130	\$130
Swimming (\$340) July 20-26 Completed Grades 3-6	\$100	\$120	\$120
Sr/Post Hi (\$340) July 27-August 2 Completed Grade 9 through age 21	\$100	\$120	\$120

Parent Name/ Phone #: _____

Camper's Names: _____





JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/4

David Kemmerer
Chelsea Vossler

6/8

Madison Sauers

6/9

Kelly Newhall
Diane Peters
Sarah Urban

6/11

Victoria Coyle

6/14

Andrew Evans

6/17

Joe Mixon

6/20

Patti Evans
Catherine Moyzan

6/21

Barbara Levan
Tanya Yost

6/22

Jim Regina

6/25

Christopher Johnson

6/26

Steven Ent

6/27

Susan Hahn

6/28

Dave Hendricks

6/29

Robert Koehler, Sr.
June Maculesky
Kathy Schankel

6/30

Aurora Caton

JUNE MINISTRY

SACRISTANS

- 1 All Sacristans
- 8 Jack/Jean Skillman
- 15 Steve/Lucy Thompson
- 22 Harry/Louise Snyder
- 29 John/Connie Fuchs

USHERS

(11:00)

- 1 Jeff Adams/Bob Hauck
- 8 Sharon/Christopher/
Zachary Beamer

(9:30)

- 15 Joe/Frieda Soska
- 22 Harry Snyder
- 29 Phil/Donna Kromer

COUNTERS

- 1 Jim Eberly
Bruce Montgomery
- 8 Andy Donatelli
Ellen DeStasio
- 15 Andy Donatelli
Ellen DeStasio
- 22 Andy Donatelli
Yvonne Gerlach
- 29 Mike DelPriore
Yvonne Gerlach

ELDER ON DUTY

(11:00)

- 1 Carol Grace Hicks
- 8 Lucy Thompson

(9:30)

- 15 Jon Burcaw
- 22 Jay Larson
- 29 Joe Conzola

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

- 1 Sandy Gribbin
Charmayne Stauffer
- 8 Rachel Reynolds
- 15 Bob/Mary Stewart
Art/Chere King
- 22 Steve/Lucy Thompson
- 29 Robert/Heather Frantz

LITURGIST

(11:00)

- 1 John/Sam Hicks
- 8 Steven Ent

(9:30)

- 15 Bill Matz
- 22 Laura Kemmerer
- 29 Cathy Taylor

**Over 1,000 Gift Ideas For June Holidays
That Give 40% To Our Church!**



FATHERS' DAY



GRADUATION



FLAG DAY

Gifts like: magazines, sport team gifts, jewelry & seasonal decorations, baby & kid gifts, woven treasure, gourmet grocery, custom plaques, personalized stoneware and much more.

For magazines:

- ✓ RENEW your existing magazine subscriptions, ORDER a new title, or GIVE the gift of reading!
- ✓ Over 600 best-sellers for example: Time 26 issues for \$15, Entertainment Weekly 52 issues for \$25, Sports Illustrated 56 issues for \$29, Golf 24 issues for \$20, FamilyFun 20 issues for \$20.
- ✓ 86 digital subscriptions or 59 print and digital subscriptions available to download onto your e-readers or iPads!
- ✓ To view our digital offerings, go to store.gafundraising.com and follow steps 1-3 listed below; then click on "Digital Magazines," under the Easy Access Tabs on the left side of the page.
- ✓ Examples of Digital Subscriptions: "O", 12 issues for \$24, Seventeen 10 issues for \$20, Guidepost 12 issues for \$17, Better Home & Gardens 12 issues for \$15, Outdoorlife 12 issues for \$14.
- ✓ Examples Print and Digital magazines: Boating World 9 issues for \$14, Men's Fitness 10 issues for \$15, Quilter World 12 issues for \$40, Christianity Today 12 issues for \$25, TV Guide 56 issues for \$39

For Gift Items:

- ✓ Gift items available such as: Personalized gifts, wreaths and gift wrap, jewelry, college and sport team items (such as pillows and blankets) custom plaques and much more.
- ✓ Example of gift items: lunch cooler bags \$10-\$20, collegiate products like a Penn State large cooler \$43.20, gourmet grocery items like chicken cordon bleu (six 7oz \$38.00), personalized stoneware items like family coasters set \$21, custom plaques like arch marker address sign \$104.13, woven treasures like Thomas Kinkade ("The Night Before Christmas") throw \$45, or your photo on a throw \$64, for kids & babies: rainforest biosphere dome terrarium \$34, personalized baby afghan \$55.
- ✓ Our church will receive 40% of each order!

How Do I Order Magazines And Gift Items?

Go To Store.Gafundraising.Com

Then Follow the easy steps outlined below:

Our NEW Church ID: 2768554

1. Click on "Shop Now!"
2. Under "School or organization online ID" write: 2768554 (that is our church ID)
3. Under "Support student of your choice" write: Your First and Last Name
4. Select your magazine and pay by credit card. Please print a copy of your order.
 - ✓ You will receive a quarterly statement in the mail showing the amount of your donation to East Hills Moravian Church. (This can be used for taxes.)
 - ✓ Shop online 24-7 and pay by credit card and save 4-6 weeks delivery time.
 - ✓ If you do not have a computer and want to order magazines, gifts, or if you have any other questions, contact: Denise Kohn-Lesko at dkohnlesko@gmail.com or phone 610-867-8467.

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All Things Moravian

Annual Arts & Crafts Festival

At the Moravian Historical Society, 214 E. Center St., Nazareth, **Saturday, June 7**, 9a-3p. **Free** event featuring local artisans, crafters, farmers, live music, and children's activities. For more information visit www.moravianhistoricalsociety.org, email info@moravianhistoricalsociety.org; call 610-759-5070.

Midway Manor Moravian Potluck Picnic

All former members and friends of Midway Manor Moravian Church are invited to our 6th Annual Potluck Picnic to be held **Sunday, June 8** in the pavilion behind Advent Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem. We will begin gathering at noon and plan to eat at 1:00 pm. Any questions, please call Dottie Crokus at 610-841-9035.

Strawberry Festival

Mountainview Moravian Church, 331 Constitution Ave., Hellertown, will hold its strawberry festival on **Saturday, June 14**, 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Contact the church office at 610-838-9344 for information.

Edgeboro Moravian Church VBS

Edgeboro Moravian Church, 645 Hamilton Ave., Bethlehem, will hold its Vacation Bible School **June 16-20**, from 9:00 am-Noon. This year's theme is "SonTreasure Island". Contact the church at 610-866-8793 for more information or to register.

Hands-On History Camp

The Moravian Historical Society announces its first Hands-On History Camp for children between the ages of 8 and 13. The camp will be held **Monday, June 23-Friday, June 27** from 10 am-2 pm at the Whitefield House, 214 East Center Street, Nazareth. Children will have the opportunity to work with local scholars and professionals to experience Moravian life in early America. For more information or to register: www.moravianhistoricalsociety.org, 610-759-5070, or info@moravianhistoricalsociety.org.

Knoebels Bus Trip

BAM is sponsoring a trip to Knoebels Park on **Friday, July 25**, from 9 am-8 pm. Cost of \$12/person covers the bus and a catered lunch at the park; rides are "pay as you go". Bus will depart from Central Moravian Church. Call Central's office at 610-866-5661 or e-mail centralmoravianchurch.org to reserve your spot for a fun-filled day!

Moravian Cursillo – Save The Date

Registrations for the **2015** Moravian Cursillo weekends are now being accepted. The men's weekend is **April 16-19, 2015** and the women's weekend is **April 23-26, 2015**. For more information about Cursillo and a registration form, contact Tom F. Mosser, 1208 W. North St., Bethlehem, PA 18018 at 610-691-6259 or tfmosser@aol.com. The registration deadline is **November 1, 2014**, and registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Church Safety

For the safety of others using our building, if you unlock a door, **PLEASE** remember to **re-lock and check the door** to make sure it is latched when you leave the premises. **If you unlock, please re-lock even if there are still others in the building when you leave.** Thank you for your assistance.