

The Star

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To My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Words cannot express my gratitude to each and every one of you for how you have helped me over my past three semesters here at East Hills Moravian Church. Each aspect of ministry with which I have been able to be involved has helped me become a stronger worship leader, a better preacher, and all in all, a person who will become a better pastor. With your love and guidance over the past year and a half, I have learned how to laugh during worship and how to explain complex theological understandings to the children. I have learned the importance of authenticity – of being myself in the pulpit.

From my theater training, I had learned to love the line from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, "To thine own self be true." It is a phrase which has driven me since I first read it in high school English class. It continues to prove important as I am growing in my understanding of ministry. You have helped me find my comfort zone within myself as I transitioned from the role of being a 20 - something into the role of a being a "pastor" while still staying true to myself. For that, I say thank you. Thank you for accepting me for me—for the times when I have messed up words, like Bethphage, called lepers leopards, or made other mistakes. You have accepted that I was learning and shown me more grace than I ever expected.

That grace has let me know what God's grace looks like as it is extended to God's own people. The Gospel of John says that when Christ became flesh, he became the true embodiment of grace: "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14) Christ truly shows us how to extend grace to one another. Such grace is something that this congregation has shown me many times, and I thank you for that. This grace that you have shown me could be from no one but Christ himself.

With grace, comes love—I thank you for the grace and the love that you have shown me. I have loved this congregation for allowing me to be myself, to learn, to love, to comfort, to laugh—to be true to myself and to learn what this means in service to God. Thank you for allowing me to serve you and to be a part of this congregation. Before I even became a pastoral intern here, I felt at home. You have the true gift of God's love in this place.

My eternal thanks is extended to all of you. I will carry all of you with me as I travel forward, and I will never forget what you have taught me.

All my love and blessings to my East Hills Family,
Rebecca J. Schoeneberger

Summer Worship Schedule

With summer approaching, there will be some changes in our worship schedule. We will have two services at **8:30 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.** on **June 3rd**. On **June 10th**, there will be one service only which will be our Anniversary Lovefeast at **11:00 a.m. in the Family Center**. Then, beginning on **June 17th through September 2**, the summer worship time will be in place and we will have one worship service at **9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary**. Our fall worship schedule with two services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. will resume on **September 9th**.

Also for summer, please note the next Star Newsletter will be a combined one **for July and August**. Please have all information to the church office **by June 15th** for that edition. Thank you!

Youth News

Six Young People Confirm Their Faith: On Sunday, May 27th at 11:00 a.m., Rebecca Balazs, Christopher Cooke, Marcus Gichiengo, Vanessa Kaki, Ryan Latham, and Sarah Soska made their public profession of faith through the Rite of Confirmation. Please continue to spiritually support these children of God.

Attention All Campers

There is still plenty of time to sign up for Camp Hope 2012! Information packets, registration forms and Camp Scholarship forms and dates can be found in the Narthex.

~New this year....BAM has generously offered to extend their \$100 scholarship making it available to one friend per active EHMC camper. In addition, the BCE has generously offered to extend their Campership funding to friends of EHMC campers. This scholarship will be paid at a rate of 50% that which is offered to EHMC members and again will be granted to one friend per active member camper. (i.e., Middler camp cost is \$330~ EHMC member receives \$100 from BAM and \$115 from BCE for a total cost of \$115 for the week. One friend per member camper will receive \$100 from BAM and \$60 from the BCE for a total cost of \$175 for the week.)

BCE Membership Shortage

We are still in need of members for the BCE. If you are led to join us, kindly speak with Linda Adams or Pastor French.

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be conducted from June 25 – 29, 2012, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 12:00 noon. The theme this year will be *National Park Adventure*. VBS is open to all children, age 3 (must be potty-trained) through 5th grade. The cost is \$15.00 per child with a maximum of \$40 per family; please make checks payable to "East Hills Moravian Church". Registration forms are available in the narthex and on the table near the Family Center doors and should be returned, with payment, to the church office no later than June 18th. Come and join us!

Graduate Sunday

Graduating High School and College Seniors will be honored at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 3.

Preschool News

We still have a few openings in all our classes for the fall. If you or anyone you know may be interested in attending our preschool, please feel free to give us a call at 610-868-6242. The preschool office will be open throughout the summer.

Health And Wellness News

By Susan Kriebs

It's summertime!

Allow me to share some thoughts that might help you have a healthier summer!

~*Lighten Meal Time*: Eat more fruits and veggies and less sugar and fat. Support local growers – search PennsylvaniaBuyFreshBuyLocal online and select Greater Lehigh Valley (610-703-6954) for lists of local farm stands and markets, or BuyLocalGreaterLehighValley.org for more information about locally grown foods.

~*Keep Moving*: Get outside, walk, bike, canoe or kayak, picnic in the park! DiscoverLehighValley website lists local events, fairs and festivals, many free, some sponsored by church groups. DogFriendly.com lists parks, beaches, and other fun travel/entertainment options for families with pets. The ArtsQuest website contains information about free outdoor concerts - and there is a special “green” area designated for listening with your dog (610-332-1300). Did you know that Pennsylvania has the largest number of rail trail miles? TrailLink.com, sponsored by Rails to Trails Conservancy, has a free listing of trails (1-202-331-9696).

~*Be Safe*: Don't forget to use sunscreen, PFD's, seatbelts, helmets, and most certainly avoid using cell-phones to text or talk while driving!

~*Simplify Your Life*: Say “no” to projects or activities that would increase stress or complicate your life. Learn to delegate to others – include all family members in chores as well as fun. Unclutter your space as well as your schedule.

~*Enjoy The Moment*: Take time to smell the roses, enjoy peace and quiet, and savor the summer beauty around us.

~*Feed Your Spiritual Needs*: Attend worship, meditate, read the Daily Text, the Bible, and other spiritually uplifting literature. For a free, environmentally friendly subscription to the Daily Text online, go to pubs@mcnp.org.



Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities

Moravian Women

Please save June 5th as the date for our final gathering at which time we will have a pot luck meal in the Family Center at 6:00 p.m. and share some laughs. Please let Janet Droney (610-691-1984) know what you will bring. Meetings will resume in September.

Moravian Travelers Upcoming Trips

8/8 – American Music Theatre/"American Icons"- \$85.

10/17 – Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre/"A Second Helping, The Church Basement Ladies Sequel" \$89.

11/7 – Rainbow Dinner Theatre/"Christmas in Paradise"- \$82.00.

12/5 – American Music Theatre/"2012 Christmas Show"- \$95.00.

For more information call Stan Maculesky @ 610-866-1352 or check the bulletin board.

11th Annual Holiday Craft Faire: Save the Date! Saturday, October 6, 2012, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Holiday Craft Faire Opportunity – We are looking for a coordinator for the Goodie Bags that are given to our guests as they arrive at the faire. These bags contain information and flyers promoting our church ministries and activities along with functional items. We have a great crew of volunteers to "stuff" the bags. If you are able to help us coordinate this project please contact Louise Snyder at avon.louise@verizon.net or 610-865-4118.

Time For Spring Cleaning?

We are collecting for the East Hills Moravian Church 2012 Fall Yard Sale to be held on **Saturday, October 20, 2012** from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Donations will be gratefully accepted on Sundays between the hours of 9:00 am and 11:00 am. (Other times by appointment are welcome.) Special collection dates for large items will be Sunday October 16 to Wednesday October 19; 6 pm to 8 pm each day. **Please, no extremely large items until October 16.**

Please make sure donated items are in clean and usable condition. The following items **CANNOT** be accepted: **clothing, mattresses, televisions, computer equipment, sofas, carpeting, or air conditioners.** Any questions or requests for special drop off times can be directed to Ed Zuccarelli at 732-668-9365 or edz@tpez.com.

Adult Fellowship Swim Party

Please join us for sun and fun "splashing around" on Sunday July 29th, beginning at 2pm at Sandy & Joe Gribbin's pool and cabana at 1622 Mark Twain Circle, Bethlehem. Cost TBA (based on the grilling choices). Bring a potluck picnic item and your beach chair. RSVP by Wed. July 24 to Sandy Gribbin @ 610-868-7437.

Also, save Saturday, August 18th for the adult fellowship clam bake/more information to follow.

"Why Knots Knews"

On May 16th the "Why Knots" had their monthly meeting at Sue Hahn's home. For 2 ½ hours we knitted, shared fellowship time, and showed the projects that were completed during the month. We shared an email from the St. Luke's Hospital PATH group and office that stated the hospital is using all of our items. They like the colorful balls we have been making and they always need the blankets. If you want to relax, knit, and share in a time of fellowship, join us at our next meeting which will be June 20th at 7 p.m. at Sue Hahn's home.



All Things Moravian

BAM Trip to Knoebels Amusement Park

Bethlehem Area Moravians invite all to join in the fun with a bus trip to Knoebels on Friday, July 13, from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. The cost of \$12/person, which is payable that day, includes the Transbridge bus and a catered lunch in the park. All rides are "pay as you go" and be sure to bring your bathing suit along to enjoy the water park. Trip will depart from the Christian Education Building parking lot of Central Moravian Church. For more information or to RSVP, contact Central Church @ 610-866-5661 or e-mail at office@centralmoravianchurch.org.



Midway Manor Reunion

Former members and friends of the former Midway Manor Moravian Church are invited to the "Fourth Annual Midway Manor Moravian Church Reunion Picnic" on June 24th, 2012. It will be a pot-luck held at 1:00 PM in the pavilion at the rear of Advent Church, 3730 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem. A good time will be had reminiscing about old times and renewing old friendships. If there are any questions call Dottie Crokus; home-610-841-9035 or cell-610-509-6293.

Moravian Historical Society

Volunteers Needed: Moravian Historical Society is seeking volunteers to join the Maintenance and Grounds Committee which meets once a month in the early evening at the 1740 Whitefield House in Nazareth. The committee offers advice on landscaping and construction related issues, performs odd jobs around the historic property, and assists with rental properties and bidding processes. Volunteers should have an academic or professional background or a strong interest in landscaping and/or construction trades. Architects, architectural historians, preservationists, skilled craftspeople, and contractors are encouraged to join. Please contact 610.759.5070 or info@moravianhistoricalsociety.org for more details.

Arts & Crafts Festival: The Moravian Historical Society is pleased to announce the 34th annual Arts and Crafts Festival--one of the Lehigh Valley's largest outdoor arts and crafts festivals--to be hosted on the lawn of the 1740 Whitefield House at 214 East Center Street, Nazareth, PA, on Saturday, June 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This family friendly day is filled with wonderful arts and crafts, great food, free kids activities, and live musical entertainment. It will feature approximately 75 – 100 local artisans and local orchards, farms, nurseries, and growers. There will be free entertainment by Nazareth Community Chorus, followed by the Nazareth Community Band, (celebrating their 20th year anniversary) and Dave Doll from Martin Guitar on guitar. For more information: call 610-759-5070, e-mail info@moravianhistoricalsociety.org, or visit www.moravianhistoricalsociety.org.

Edgeboro Moravian Church VBS

Edgeboro Moravian will be holding their VBS, which is open to all children ages 3 through 6th grade, from June 18-22; 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The theme this year is SonRise National Park. For more information or to register, call 610-866-8793 or visit www.edgeboromoravian.org/vbs.

Moravian Hall Square Golf Classic

Moravian Hall Square is hosting their annual Golf Classic Event on Monday, June 11th at Northampton Country Club in Easton. The event features a deluxe golf package including greens fees, cart, lunch, dinner and hospitality on the course all for just \$175 per player. (\$45 of the package cost is a charitable donation to the Good Samaritan Fund). This special golf event helps address the community's operational need. Please visit the web site at www.moravian.com to download a registration form on the Giving page.

Expressions of Gratitude

~Dear EHMC Friends,

My heartfelt thanks for all of the prayers, cards and expressions of support and sympathy following my recent hospitalization and the death of my father. Your support always means so much.

Blessings,

Karen Montgomery

~Dear EHMC Friends,

I wish to thank all for their recent concerns and prayers. I am hoping to make a full recovery from my prostatectomy and soon begin my normal routines.

Bruce Montgomery

~ Special thanks to all of the dedicated individuals who led Sunday School classes, Bible Studies or special Sunday events. Also, a huge thanks to our Praise Time Players for getting the church "hopping" on a Sunday morning.

BCE





JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------|--|-------------|---|
| 6/4 | David Kemmerer
Chelsea Mixon | 6/20 | Patti Evans
Catherine Moyzan
Aydan Willman |
| 6/6 | Susan Burgess | 6/21 | Barbara Levan
Tanya Yost |
| 6/7 | Alexander Sawyer | 6/22 | Jim Regina |
| 6/8 | Madison Sauers | 6/23 | Andrea Burns
Mariah Nagle
Polly Skinn |
| 6/9 | Kelly Ent
Diane Peters
Eileen Trapp
John Urban
Sarah Urban | 6/25 | Sarah Olmstead |
| 6/11 | Victoria Coyle | 6/26 | Steven Ent |
| 5/16 | Elizabeth Girou | 6/27 | Susan Hahn
Wayne Shollenberger |
| 6/12 | Kim Bartholomew | 6/28 | Dave Hendricks |
| 6/14 | Andrew Evans
Sue Kriebs | 6/29 | Robert Koehler, Sr.
June Maculesky
Rick Morrissey
Kathy Schankel |
| 6/16 | Marshall Labuda | 6/30 | Aurora Caton |
| 6/17 | Joe Mixon | | |

PLEASE NOTE:
The next Star will be
July/August combined.
The deadline for articles
for the July/August Star is
JUNE 15.

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Please notify the church office of news for
the Sunday bulletin announcement page,
bulletin inserts, or changes in ministry
schedules by the Wednesday morning prior
to that Sunday's service. Thank you!



MOVING? Please be sure to notify the church office
of any changes in mailing address, phone number,
or e-mail address so we can update our records.
Thank you!



June Ministry Page

SACRISTANS

3 Bob & Lynn Greenawald
10 All Sacristans
17 Bob Hauck & Polly Skinn
24 Harry & Louise Snyder

ELDER ON DUTY

3 Amy Frantz **(8:30)**
Susan Kriebs **(11:00)**
10 Brian Davison **(11:00)**
17 Lucy Thompson **(9:30)**
24 Joe Conzola **(9:30)**

USHERS

3 Konrad & Eva Glass **(8:30)**
Greg & Nancy Costa **(11:00)**
10 Mark & Sarah Choi **(11:00)**
17 Bob Sauers & Joyce Signarovitz **(9:30)**
24 Brian & Tanya Yost **(9:30)**

LITURGIST

3 Joe Csrenko **(8:30)**
Laura Davison **(11:00)**
10 Todd Heft **(11:00)**
17 Lisa Mixon **(9:30)**
24 Eileen Ackerman **(9:30)**

COUNTERS

3 Jim Eberly/Jon Ortwein
10 Jim Eberly/Dwight Taylor
17 Mike DelPriore/Dwight Taylor
24 Mike DelPriore/Steve Cooke

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

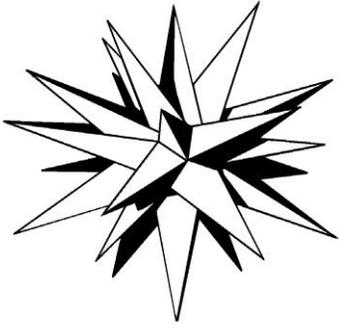
3 Ken & Charmayne Stauffer
Joe & Sandy Gribbin
10 Steve & Lucy Thompson
17 Rachel Reynolds
24 Jan Schanck
Mark & Sarah Choi

FLOWER VISITOR

3 Bruce Montgomery
10 Jan Schanck
17 Bob Stewart
24 Joanne VanBilliard

CRIB NURSERY

Melissa Kaye



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