



# The Star

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## ***"The Lord is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed! Now What?"***

One of the cherished memories of my youth is playing trumpet in the Easter dawn service held on God's Acre in Winston-Salem, NC. I recall years of glorious sunrises as well as cold and rainy years, the sound of a five hundred piece Moravian band, and the spectacle of thousands of Christians gathering to celebrate their Lord's Resurrection.

One of the repressed memories of my youth is the utter fatigue which overcame me each year when, with the arrival of dawn and the conclusion of worship, the sustaining power of Krispy Kreme doughnuts, coffee, and Moravian Sugar Cake no longer sufficed to keep me awake.

Sometimes we complete Easter feeling a bit like that – fatigued – even if we didn't get up at midnight to begin early morning rounds with the band. If we embrace the discipline of Lent, with its weekly services, the nightly services of Holy Week, and attend the Easter Sunrise Service, we do so in addition to our other responsibilities to family and career. Then too, we may have lost loved ones in the past year, faced illness, or loss of a job. Sometimes what we need most after Easter is rest.

It was that way for the disciples. They had faced the persecution of the state and religious leaders of their day. They had seen their friend, Lord, and Savior crucified. They had experienced the depths of despair and a rebirth of hope beyond their wildest imagination. Now what they needed was time to process all that they had done, experienced, and seen.

Previously Jesus had urged his followers to action on behalf of God towards those who were most vulnerable in the society of that day. Now Christ tells them to be still - to wait for the Lord to act.

After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; or John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Acts 1: 3-5

The human soul has seasons just like the year. There are times for vigorous action and times for contemplation and rest. Without both we cannot fully become what God desires us to be. Are you getting adequate spiritual, emotional, and physical rest and rejuvenation in your life? If not, what adjustments do you need to make to return to health and draw closer to your God?

See you in church,  
Pastor Derek



## **Preschool News**

**By Mary Kay Brezinsky**

We are certainly ready to see buds on the trees and the grass to turn green with the arrival of spring. The children are excited for the warmer weather to get out and play on the playground. In April, we promote "Reading as a Family." As each child reads a book at home, they cut and color a special picture and bring it back to school. We see how many books we all read in the month and celebrate at the end of the month with a "Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae Party". This is fun for all!

The Preschool enjoyed the annual "Bunny Breakfast" on Saturday, March 23rd. This is always a fun day for all. The Family Center looked so beautiful all decorated with the children's artwork. I would like to thank all of the Preschool Advisory Board members, the Preschool Staff, the EPMC preschool families, and everyone who helped us create this fun morning for all. Also, we extend a special thank you to Michelle Coleman and Trisha Brady for all their extra help and to the youth servers who got up early to help us. The pancakes and sausage were cooked to perfection, and we had a very special Easter Bunny who did a great job! This is a time when church members, preschool families, and people of the community all come together to celebrate the season of Easter. This is one of my favorite days of the preschool year, and it was a great morning for everyone!

Our registration process is ongoing until all of the classes are filled. We offer programs in the morning and the afternoon for 2's, 3's and 4 year olds. New next year is a class called "You and Me." This class is for two year olds who will attend school with a special adult. "You and Me" is on Monday mornings from 9:15 am-10:45 am. We welcome and encourage the church community to stop by to see the excitement that fills the hallways on a daily basis.

### ***Expressions of Gratitude***

Susan and Rich Kriebs wish to thank our church family for the many cards, calls, thoughts, and prayers during our time of grief over the sudden loss of our son-in-law, Jon.



## Youth News

### BCE News

- ❖ **Sunday School Lenten Offering** – Thank you for the wonderful response to the Board of Christian Education's Lenten book collection. As of Palm Sunday, we have collected **677** books. We will continue to collect books through April 7 to replace books lost during Super Storm Sandy in New Jersey and New York. Please consider donating new or gently used books for children and youth ages 1-18 yrs. A bookshelf is located in the Narthex for your donations, or you may purchase Barnes & Noble gift cards after church from Louise to help with this effort. The books we collect will be delivered by *Hands Helping Humanity*, and the point person for this Lenten offering is Cathy Taylor, a founding member of this nonprofit organization. She can be reached at 610-216-5422 or [cathy@handshelpinghumanity.org](mailto:cathy@handshelpinghumanity.org).
- ❖ **Vacation Bible School** – Plan to join us June 17-21 from 9:00 am to 12 noon each day for a fun-filled week of Vacation Bible School. This year we will be co-hosting VBS with Central Moravian Church at the Christian Springs Retreat Center. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help with VBS.
- ❖ **Camp Hope** – Camp Hope season is rapidly approaching! Registration packets, along with Campership information, will be available soon. Happy Camping!
- ❖ **Save The Date** – Our annual Sunday School breakfast will be held on May 12 at 9:45 am in the Family Center. Hope to see you all there!

If you have any questions or need more information, please see Linda Adams in church or contact her at 610-868-1405.

### **Employment Opportunity**

EHMC is in need of a Sunday morning nursery attendant who will care for children ages 5 and under during the 11am worship service. He/she should be available for additional worship services during Advent, Lent and Holy Week. Salary is \$34 per service. Interested persons should submit resumes to the church office or to Phil Turton, Chair, Personnel Committee ([phillip.turton@yahoo.com](mailto:phillip.turton@yahoo.com)). Employment is contingent on passing appropriate background checks.

Also, In order to increase child safety and supervision, we will now require the presence of a parent volunteer to support the Sunday nursery attendant. ***It is essential that ALL parents who use this service sign up to volunteer on a rotating basis;*** therefore, beginning in April, please sign up on the schedule form that will be provided in the nursery room.

### **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](mailto:office@easthillsmc.org) or 610-868-6481.

Join the conversations, post photos, and get announcements simply by visiting and joining the group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/109455987443/>.

***\*Please note the deadline for information for the next Star will be April 15.\*\*  
Thank you!***

**Camp**  
**2013**

**HOPE**

**Hope Conference and Renewal Center**



# SUMMER JOBS!

## POSITIONS OPEN FOR SUPPORT STAFF

at Church Camp in Northern New Jersey

- Term dates: June 17- August 10, 2013  
(week of August 12 - 16 optional)
- Live with other staff members in air-conditioned cabins
- All meals provided
- Lifeguard & food service certifications are reimbursed
- Weekly salaried positions in food service, lifeguard, maintenance, custodial
- NO EXPERIENCE needed. Will train.

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED NOW  
WITH JOB PLACEMENT BY APRIL 30, 2013  
Contact Camp Office for registration materials.

**Administrator : Stephen Sobczak**

**Office: Susan Dreydoppel**

**(15 Ridgeway Ave.)**

**PO BOX 165, Hope, NJ 07844**

**908-459-4435 fax 908-459-5571**

**Web site: [www.camphope.org](http://www.camphope.org)**

**email: [hopecenter@camphope.org](mailto:hopecenter@camphope.org)**

## **Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities**

### **Moravian Women's Fellowship**

Our next evening meeting will be **Tuesday, April 2** at 7:00 pm and will be at the home of Marcia Mielnik. The morning fellowship group will meet on **Wednesday, April 3** at 9:30 am in the church kitchen with Betty Heft as hostess. Both groups will study page 52, "Easter: Resurrection". If you plan on attending a meeting, please call the corresponding hostess ahead of time. This month's contact information: Evening hostess – Marcia Mielnik at 610-866-5366; Morning hostess – Betty Heft at 610-866-4659 or call Janet Droney at 610-691-1984. Thank you to all the ladies who helped prepare the delicious Lenten meal on March 13. Also, please note there is a Regional Spring Rally on April 20 and information will be made available once it is received.

### **Adult Fellowship Martin Guitar Tour**

On **Tuesday, April 9**, we will leave the church at 9:30 am for a great tour of Martin Guitar at 10:00 am led by our own Dave Evans followed by lunch at Nazareth Diner. Contact Ken or Charmayne Stauffer at 610-691-1430 or Nancy Costa at 610-868-7042 for more information or to sign up.

### **Adult Fellowship Family Event**

On **Sunday, June 16**, Father's Day, the Adult Fellowship will be running a family outing to the Iron Pigs game against the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Yankees. The game is at 1:35 pm and tickets are \$10. We have 50 tickets so to reserve your ticket, contact Nancy Costa 610-868-7042.

### **Sanctuary Flowers**

Sponsors are needed for several dates for the Sanctuary flowers. Please check the sign-up board located in the Narthex for available dates and consider sponsoring our flowers for worship. Thank you!

**Moravian Travelers:** 2013 trip list brochure is now available on the Narthex shelf and on the bulletin board next to the preschool office. For info or reservations call Stan Maculesky at 610-866-1352.

5/9 – American Music Theatre/"Broadway Now & Forever"-\$79.00. Lunch at Shady Maple.

6/5 – Rainbow Dinner Theatre/"Marriage Go Round"-\$75.00.

7/16 - Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre/"South Pacific"-\$90.00

### **Our Church Family**

Come and see the photos of our church family members on the wall of Fellowship Hall. If you do not have a photo on the wall and would like one taken, or, if you would like to update an existing photo, see Jim Knerr after church or contact him at [jkracing@rcn.com](mailto:jkracing@rcn.com) or 610-882-9198.

### **Building Usage Reminder**

The ministries of East Hills Moravian Church are the first priority for building usage; therefore, all ministry coordinators/leaders are encouraged to complete a building reservation form for all meetings and events. This will ensure that your required space is available and reserved for your particular event. Thank you for your cooperation.

## ATTENTION EAST HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS! HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR OUR CHURCH AND SAVE TIME SHOPPING!

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- ✓ They have added *Sports Illustrated*, *People*, *Fortune* and *Time* to this category. Ordering any of these selections gives the customer both the print and digital edition.

**For gift items:** Gift items available, such as: **personalized gifts, wreaths, gift wrap, jewelry, college and sport team items** (such as pillows and blankets) **custom plaques** and much more.

- To view the gift items follow steps 1-3 listed below and then select your gift category under the Easy Access Tabs on the left side of the page.
- Our Church earns 40% on all sales!  
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## All Things Moravian

### **Celebrating Our Worldwide Church**

Join with our global partners in a service of song and prayer on **Friday, April 12**, 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Old Chapel, on the campus of Central Moravian Church In downtown Bethlehem (Parking located in the Christian Education lot off New Street).

The Board of World Mission, in collaboration with Bethlehem Area Ministries and Central Moravian Church, invites members of our Moravian community to come together to meet the heads of our Moravian Partner Provinces in Costa Rica, the Eastern-West Indies, Guyana, Honduras (including the Unity Province, the new Mission Province, and the Director of the Medical work) Labrador, Nicaragua, Western Tanzania, and the new mission area of Cuba. We will share with them in word and in song and will pray together for our worldwide Moravian Church. Please join us in welcoming these Moravian leaders to this historic home of Moravian work.

\*In conjunction with this visit, on **Thursday, April 11** at 6:30 pm, these leaders from the worldwide Moravian Church will be gathering at East Hills for dinner. Volunteers are needed to assist with the dinner that evening. Please contact Carol Grace Hicks at 1-202-415-8068 or [carolgracehicks@yahoo.com](mailto:carolgracehicks@yahoo.com) if you can help.

### **Northeast Ministry Italian Buffet**

**Saturday, April 6**, from 4-7 pm at East Hills. Adults-\$10/Children (6-12)-\$5/Under 5-free. For tickets call 610-691-3355.

### **Spring Rummage/Bake Sale**

Nazareth Moravian Church-On-the-Square, 4 S. Main St., Nazareth, will be holding a rummage and bake sale on **Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** from 3 – 7 pm and on **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** from 9 am – 12 noon. For more information, please contact the church office at 610-759-3163.

### **ShareCare Brunch & Auction**

**Sunday, April 21**, from 1-4 pm at East Hills; brunch served at 1 pm. Cost: \$20/person (\$25/person after April 17). Contact 610-867-2177 for more information and tickets.

### **Lititz Moravian Market**

Crafters and artists are invited to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Lititz Moravian Market to be held **April 27**. For more information, contact Matt Good at [matt@lititzmoravian.org](mailto:matt@lititzmoravian.org) or 717-823-0747.

### **Unitas Chorale Concert**

**Sunday, April 28**, at Advent Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Rd., Bethlehem. Prelude will begin at 3:45 pm; concert at 4:00 pm. This year's concert features the music of Moravian composer Johann Frederic Peter (1746 – 1813) in commemoration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death and is part of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Advent congregation. *Admission is free.*

### **Annual Spring Bazaar**

West Side Moravian Church, Third & Prospect Avenues in Bethlehem, will be holding their women's annual spring bazaar from 9 am until 2 pm, **Saturday, May 4**, at the church. Lunch will be available. Call 610-865-0256 for more information.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

**4/2** Charlene Trux  
**4/3** Janet Droney  
 Katie Jensen  
 Blair Mielnik  
 Louise Snyder  
**4/4** Emily Zieger  
**4/5** Martin Smith  
**4/7** Dwight Taylor  
**4/9** Matthew Gribbin  
 Eileen Mera  
**4/10** Noah Cottrell  
 Walter Hoffert  
**4/11** Paul Skinn  
 Tori Toth  
**4/12** Niall Gardner  
 Jean Skillman

**4/13** Nancy Costa  
**4/14** Beth Shollenberger  
 Annemarie Soska  
**4/15** Ellen DeStasio  
 William Kuhfahl  
 Robbie McVicker  
**4/16** Rachel Febert  
 Kelly Torcivia  
**4/17** Kevin Marsh  
**4/19** Audrey Yuhas  
 Lydia Yuhas  
**4/20** Steve Thompson  
 Millicent Zeitner

**4/22** Bruce Dague  
 Adam Evans  
 Jenni Kuhns  
 Cameron Sauers  
 Wendy Willman  
**4/23** Laurie Moore  
**4/24** Alexis VanBilliard  
**4/26** Richard Kriebs  
**4/28** Jim Knerr  
**4/29** Wendy Lutz  
 Helen Sinko  
 Michael Taylor



## APRIL MINISTRY

### SACRISTANS

**7** Jack/Jean Skillman  
**14** Harry/Louise Snyder  
**21** Steve/Lucy Thompson  
**28** Jim/Jane Regina

### ELDER ON DUTY (8:30)

**7** Joe Mixon  
**14** Amy Frantz  
**21** Linda Marsh  
**28** Jon Burcaw

### ELDER ON DUTY (11:00)

**7** Lucy Thompson  
**14** Carol Grace Hicks  
**21** Jay Larson  
**28** Brian Davison

### FLOWER VISITOR

**7** Jean Bennett  
**14** Earl/Lou Jackson  
**21** Barb Levan  
**28** Marcia Mielnik

### COUNTERS

**7** Phil Turton/  
 Lois Oudheusden  
**14** Phil Turton/Jane Burcaw  
**21** Phil Turton/Jane Burcaw  
**28** Bill Matz/Joe Soska, Jr.

### USHERS (8:30)

**7** Bruce Montgomery/  
 Jean Bennett  
**14** Jon Burcaw/  
 Bertha Murphy  
**21** Joe/Lisa Mixon  
**28** Bill/Debbie Spinney

### USHERS (11:00)

**7** Jeff Adams/Bob Hauck  
**14** Sharon/Christopher/  
 Zachary Beamer  
**21** Steve/Lucy Thompson  
**28** Bertie Knisley/  
 Yvonne Gerlach

### LITURGIST (8:30)

**7** Lisa Mixon  
**14** Eileen Ackerman  
**21** Dave Hendricks  
**28** Eileen Mera

### LITURGIST (11:00)

**7** Laura Davison  
**14** William Kuhfahl  
**21** Bob Hauck  
**28** Steve Thompson

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

**7** Ken/Charmayne Stauffer  
 Sandy Gribbin  
**14** Marybeth Friedman  
 Neville/Linda Gardner  
**21** Greg/Nancy Costa  
**28** Jim/Jane Regina  
 Rev. William/Rev. Mary Matz

