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"On The Job Training And Continuing Christian Education For Adults"

Following the "Great Recession" of 2008-2009 many gained new appreciation for the role continuing education plays in making oneself employable. In today's marketplace, no one can afford to be a "one trick pony." The value of "on the job" training and continuing education has long been acknowledged. What's new in this job market is that what once was required to thrive, is now required just to survive.

Given these developments it is surprising how few realize that a healthy and growing faith also needs to be nourished through continuous learning. Many adults haven't engaged in serious Bible study since attending Sunday School as a child. Fewer still have had spiritual formation training or the benefit of a Spiritual Director. On the job faith training is readily available through East Hills' many programs of ministry, and yet, our Board of Christian Education, Emergency Shelter program, choirs and many other church groups are always looking for volunteers.

There may be "nothing new under the sun," but there are ways to look at life through the lens of Scripture which, if not completely new, might at least be new to you. You wouldn't want to negotiate adult life with only the experience and job skills you had at age thirteen would you? Why then, would you expect an adolescent faith to sustain you as you struggle to balance family and career, raise children, care for your aging parents, or deal with the challenges of aging yourself? Worship is a great place to start your continuing education as a disciple of Jesus Christ, but it should not be your only source of spiritual growth. Start a program of home Bible study – or better – attend an adult Sunday School class or evening Bible study or discussion group.

You may feel hesitant to attend if you have not done so in the past, but take heart. Unlike the job market, where only qualified applicants need apply, God accepts all persons regardless of previous experience or training. As has often been said, "God doesn't call the equipped; God equips those he calls." Rest assured there is a place for your gifts, experience, and energy in the ministry of East Hills Moravian Church. Take the initiative and let us know what God is calling you to do!

This fall we invite you to gather at East Hills Moravian Church for worship and adult Sunday School. Learn how to live a life transformed, renewed and blessed by God. Connect with fellow believers in worship and join together in following Christ as we serve others and glorify God through the sharing of our time, talents and financial resources.

See you in church,
Pastor Derek



Preschool News

By Mary Kay Brezinsky

It is almost time for preschool classes to begin and we are busy getting ready! The beach chairs are being cleaned off to be used in the four-year-old class reading area, and colorful bulletin boards will decorate the hallway. All of our wonderful teachers are returning well rested and ready to have some fun with our preschoolers this year! The first week of school begins on Monday, **September 9** preceded by a Parent Orientation meeting on Tuesday evening, **September 3** and a Child Orientation on Wednesday, **September 5**.

~Beginning in September, the EHMC Preschool is offering a new class called "You and Me" on Mondays, from 9:15 am-10:45 am, for two-year olds and their special adult. Both adult and preschooler will have fun singing songs, playing, exploring arts and crafts, and listening to a story together. This is a great class to introduce your child to preschool and to meet parents of other two-year-olds. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested, please call the preschool office at 610-868-6242.

~We have just a few openings left in our preschool programs. We offer programs for 2, 3, and 4-year-olds. We would love to have you join us "**Learn*Play*Explore**". Please contact the office at 610-868-6242 for more information on all of our programs. We invite all to come and see our beautiful facility and meet our staff. We look forward to hearing from you!

Youth News

Rally Day is on **September 8** at 9:45 in the family center. This is a family fun event and we encourage kids and "kids at heart" to join in the fun!

There is a need for Sunday School teachers at the high school level. If you are led to assist with this ministry kindly see Mandi Ortwein.

The Camp Hope Scholarship program sent 12 youths to camp through the summer months. Reports point to a good time being had by all! Thanks to everyone who supported the Yard Sale 2012 initiative to provide this wonderful opportunity!



Wednesday Is Girl Scout Night At East Hills Moravian Church!

If you would like information about joining or helping with Girl Scouts, please contact Sue Larson at GSMom225@aol.com or 610-737-0012.

Parents' Meetings are September 4 at 5:30 and 7:00 pm.

- Daisy (Kindergarten & 1st grade) Troop #8007 - Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Brownie (2nd & 3rd grade) Troop #8795 - Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Juniors (4th and 5th grade) Troop #747 - Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Cadettes (6th to 8th grade) Troop #830 - Wednesday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- Senior/Ambassadors (9th to 12th grade) Troop #8225 - Wednesday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer, please let me know; we are always looking for adults to mentor the girls. You are welcome any time to join us!

Worship Schedule Changes

- Our last summer worship service will be on **September 1 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.
- **September 8 is Rally Day. Sunday School will resume at 9:45 am, and we will go back to two services at 8:30 and 11:00 am.**

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. Scripture teaches that we have a sacred responsibility to look out for the safety and well-being of our brothers and sisters in the faith. Only by working together can we maintain accessibility to our church building and safeguard the children, women, and men who enter its doors. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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.

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.

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

Caring for Our Church

- The Trustees thank all who contribute to the upkeep of the church. We know there are people who do many things that we may not know about. Please feel free to perform acts of kindness for your church, whether it is weeding, picking up trash as you notice it, or bigger projects. If it is a sizable project, please inform Bruce Montgomery, Jim Eberly or Mike DelPriore of your intent.
- Please do not put recyclable cardboard in the **trash** dumpster outside the kitchen entrance. Cardboard must be kept separate from trash, and there is a plastic bin near the back door of the kitchen in the Family Center for the collection of cardboard or it may be placed directly in the dumpster outside the kitchen entrance marked "**mixed recyclables**".
- In order to keep the church office and Narthex presentable, we ask that you not leave items without explanation in the Narthex or church office. If you are making a donation, please contact the church office or responsible party so that all items arrive at their intended destination. Thank you to all for helping to keep our church clean.



****Please note the deadline for information for the next Star (October) will be September 15.****

Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities

Women's Fellowship

Welcome to Women's Fellowship—a time of Bible study, mission, and fellowship. Please plan on joining us as we begin meeting again in September. The evening group will meet on **September 3** at 7:00 pm at Janet Droney's home. Please call Janet at 610-691-1984 if you plan to attend. The morning group will meet on **September 4** at 9:30 am in the church kitchen and hostesses will be Jean Bennett and Barbara Proden. Please call Jean at 610-868-9810 if you plan to attend.

Adult Fellowship Outing

On **September 14**, plan to take a trip back in history to Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, a circa 1800's working farm, near Stroudsburg. Cost will be approximately \$9.00/person. We will leave EHMC at 9:00 am, tour the farm from 10:00 am to 12:45 pm and dine afterwards at the Snydersville Diner. Please contact Bob Hauck at 610-434-8428 or hauck1@ptd.net by **September 8**. All are welcome!



12th Annual Holiday Craft Faire

The East Hills Moravian Church 12th Annual Holiday Craft Faire (HCF) will be held on Saturday, **October 5, 2013**, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

~We have 150 yard signs that we would like to have placed around the Lehigh Valley, New Jersey, the Poconos, and Philadelphia. Signs will be available in boxes behind the information table in the church narthex if you would like to help us advertise our event.

~The printed program for the HCF offers the opportunity to publicize your business and support EHMC financially as well. For a donation of \$25.00 we will publish your business card in the program which is viewed by family members and friends of the 1,000 plus people who attend our show. This is an economical way of reaching several thousand prospective customers at one time. If you or someone you know would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Louise Snyder at avonlouise@ptd.net or 610-865-4118 ASAP.

The program goes to the printer on **September 13th**.

~Volunteers are needed to help set up and assist the crafters unload and carry in their creations the night before and the morning of the show, and, in addition, we also need volunteers to help clean up and assist the crafters to load their vehicles after 3:00 p.m.

~Bakers and candy makers are needed to supply the goodies we sell the day of the show. If you can help with this, please call Jean Skillman at 610-223-0624.

~The HCF is not only a place to volunteer/work but it is a fun place to meet friends, see the fantastic creations our crafters make, buy top quality items for yourself or others and treat yourself to a delicious breakfast and/or lunch. We open for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. with lunch beginning at 11:30a.m. Plan to attend and spend the day!

Moravian Travelers

Remaining trips for this year:

9/17 – Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre/"Menopause The Musical"-\$90.00.

12/3 – American Music Theatre/"2013 Christmas Show"-\$95.00. Lunch at Shady Maple.

12/19 – Sight & Sound/"Miracle Of Christmas"-\$99.00. Lunch at Shady Maple.

Call Stan Maculesky at 610-866-1352 for information.

Homeless Sheltering at East Hills – Team Leaders Wanted

~The Board of Elders has approved continuation of the emergency sheltering program for women on Saturday nights at East Hills Moravian Church for the winter of 2013-14. The Elders took this leap of faith again based on the very positive outcomes and feedback from last winter's experience. East Hills will continue to join other churches from varying denominations in providing shelter to those who are homeless this coming winter season. By working together, these churches will be able to provide shelter to men and women 7 days per week from the beginning of December to the ending of March; the coldest nights of the year.

~This ministry will need a variety of talents, and it will also need leadership and commitment. We will be having 4 teams each responsible for one Saturday night per month. This approach will help share the responsibilities for the weekly ministry, as each pair of team co-leaders will be responsible for just four Saturday nights between December and March. Each team will include a pair of team co-leaders plus many other volunteers, as needed.

~We will be having an information session during the second week of September for all who are potentially interested in serving as a team co-leader. Please contact Site Coordinator, Jay Larson, at 610-691-6334 or jwlarson1@aol.com for details of this meeting and to let him know if you are interested in learning more about this ministry and ways to get involved.

Food Bank Needs

The food pantries at both Northeast Ministries and New Bethany are experiencing shortfalls. We can help by remembering the less fortunate whenever we shop for our own food supplies. Bring your purchased items to church, and Mission & Outreach will deliver them on a regular basis. Specific requests from New Bethany include: peanut butter, jelly, cereal, and canned soups; Northeast Ministries requests canned tuna, beans, fruit, and/or veggies, canned or dry spaghetti, and rice but all non-perishable items are appreciated.

Please Note: Northeast Ministry Food Bank is in desperate need of canned vegetables and fruit. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Thank You From The WhyKnots

The WhyKnots would like to thank everyone for the donations of yarn they have received. At this time, they request that no more yarn be donated with the exception of baby yarn.

There is a need for baby yarn only. Once again we thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Church Directory

Copies of the 2013 EHMC directory will be available in the church office during office hours (Mon-Thu 9 am-3 pm) and on Sundays on the Narthex shelf beginning in September. Please feel free to pick up a directory for yourself or for another member who may not be able to physically make the trip into church. (For confidentiality purposes, directories **will not be e-mailed** nor have we included e-mail addresses within the document.) We have tried to make the contact information as accurate as possible with the information we have on file. Please notify the church office at office@easthillsmc.org or 610-868-6481 as soon as possible of any corrections so we may update our information.



I would like to thank all of you for the many cards, flowers, prayers, and well-wishes during my illness and hospitalization.

Art King

ATTENTION EAST HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!

Buy magazines, sports team gifts, jewelry, seasonal decorations and much more.

For magazines:

- ✓ **RENEW** your existing subscriptions, **ORDER** a new title, or **GIVE** the gift of reading!
 - ✓ **Our church will receive 40% of each order!**
 - ✓ Find best-sellers like People, Readers' Digest, Sports Illustrated, National Geographic Kids, Good Housekeeping, Every Day with Rachael Ray, and over **600 other offers!**
- NEW**
- ✓ **DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTIONS – Download onto your e-readers or I-Pads**
 - ✓ 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.
 - ✓ 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.
 - Gift items available such as: **personalized gifts, wreaths, gift wrap, jewelry, college and sports 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!**
For example: Under the gift tab, select "Inspirational"; then select "simple faith cross necklace". The cost is \$13.50, the church earns \$5.40 from this sale alone, and you get a beautiful cross necklace!

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, pay by credit card, and save 4-6 weeks delivery time
 - It's easy, safe, and secure to go green and support our church!
 - If you do not have a computer and want to order magazines and/or 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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Customers can contact the toll-free online customer service number at 1-800-251-1542.



All Things Moravian

BAM Picnic

Sunday, **September 8**, 4-7 pm at Central Moravian Church (upper church green) with parking in the CE parking lot off of New Street. For more information, contact the Central Church office at 610-866-5661 or visit www.centralmoravianchurch.org. Registration begins at 4 pm, along with free tours of the Moravian Museum; dinner at 5 pm; and music and worship, led by Esperanza at 6 pm. There will be children's activities, a Habitat display, and registration area for the blitz build on Oct. 15-25. We will be collecting donations to make our Habitat build a reality this fall.

Moravian Open Door Mailing

Volunteers are needed to help with envelope stuffing for the annual appeal for Moravian Open Door. It will be held at West Side Moravian Church in Bethlehem from 8:00 am through mid-afternoon on **Monday, September 30**. Stay for as long as you are able and of course there will be coffee and sugar cake!

Prayer Shawls for Northern Province Synod

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of the United Brethren's Church on Staten Island hopes to provide one prayer shawl for each delegate for Provincial Synod in **June 2014**. A total of 250 shawls are needed and we have commitments for close to 100. If anyone is interested in helping with this endeavor, please contact Kate Reynolds at ksrcreate@embarqmail.com.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2014

Join Pastor Hopeton and Shelia Clennon on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land **January 2-11, 2014**. All-inclusive price is \$2,928/person flying from Newark or Kennedy airport. Brochures are available in the Central Moravian Church office; call 610-866-5661. Visit: www.EO.travel/find_trip, Tour = HL14, Date = 010214N, ID # = 49552.

Travel To Our Historical Moravian Roots

Central Travelers and the Moravian Archives present a trip to Moravian roots in the Czech Republic and Germany **June 30 to July 11, 2014**. Stops and tours will include many significant Moravian towns. In Herrnhut we will share the celebration of Jan Hus Remembrance Day and the 250th Anniversary of the Unity Archives in Herrnhut. Contact Craig Mosebach at 610-625-4576 or cmosebach@rcn.com for more information.

Northeast Ministry Opportunities:

~Volunteers are needed for the after school homework club which children Mon-Thur, 3:30-6:00 pm during the school year for help with homework and enrichment activities.

Volunteers can participate one time per month or as often as the program meets. A background check paid for by Northeast Ministry is required.

~Food bank assistants are needed to help at least one day per month but can help as often as possible on food distribution days, Tue & Thur, 9:30 am-12:30 pm.

~Steve Godbolt Golf Classic at Locust Valley on **September 12** at 1:00 pm. Details: shotgun start; four person scramble; golf \$75 per person or foursome \$300; dinner \$25; registration begins at 11:30 am with light refreshments; prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd team, closest to pin, Pot O' Gold, and longest drive plus hole-in-one wins a car; dinner, beverages, and hot dogs included with entry fee. Sponsorships for event (\$1500-\$500) or hole (\$150). Register by **9/9** checks payable to Northeast Ministry (PO Box 1463, Bethlehem, PA 18016). Contact Ann Gibson at 610-691-3355 or gibson@northeastministry.com for more information.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/1 Geoff Latham
9/2 Katelyn Burcaw
 Amy Krey
9/3 Kyle Shollenberger
9/4 Rebecca Balazs
9/5 Sharon Mattox
9/6 Nevada Heft
9/7 Rhys Yuhas
9/8 Leia Moore
 Kayla Schankel
9/9 Joseph Conzola
9/10 Schuyler Laidlaw
 Mary Stewart
9/11 Morgan Lukievics
 Lois Oudheusden

9/12 Stanley Maculesky
 Nicholas Musnikey
9/13 Jason Weiss
 Paige Zimmerman
9/14 Lisa Mixon
9/17 James Koehler, Sr.
9/18 Carol Grace Hicks
9/19 Christine Darrah
 Laura Davison
9/20 Russ Costa
 Sam Hicks

9/25 Eileen Ackerman
 Hunter Shook
9/27 Bill Burgess
 John DeStasio
9/28 Jessica Taylor
9/29 Jennifer Cooke
 Sarah Hull
 Art King
9/30 Zachary Gibson
 Betty Hippenstiel

SEPTEMBER MINISTRY

One worship service at 9:30 am on September 1.

SACRISTANS: Jim/Lucia Knerr
ELDER ON DUTY: Jay Larson
USHERS: Konrad/Eva Glass
LITURGIST: Bob Stewart

COUNTERS: Randy Emmons/Yvonne Gerlach
SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Gribbin/Latham
FLOWER VISITOR: Bob Stewart

Regular worship schedule of two services at 8:30 and 11:00 am begins September 8

SACRISTANS

8 James/Anna Koehler
15 All Sacristans
22 Jay/Sue Larson
29 Peter Diehl/Eileen Mera

ELDER ON DUTY (8:30)

8 Joe Mixon
15 Jon Burcaw
22 Amy Frantz
29 Jon Burcaw

ELDER ON DUTY (11:00)

8 Lucy Thompson
15 Linda Marsh
22 Joe Conzola
29 Carol Grace Hicks

FLOWER VISITOR

8 Bruce Montgomery
15 Jan Schanck
22 Bob Stewart
29 Joanne VanBilliard

USHERS (8:30)

8 James/Anna Koehler
15 Jim Knerr/Bob Koehler
22 Harry Snyder/Bob Stewart
29 Phil/Donna Kromer

USHERS (11:00)

8 Bill/Debbie Spinney
15 Steve/Nicholas Cooke
22 Jim Eckerd
 Bruce Montgomery
29 Brian/Tanya Yost

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

8 Knerr
15 Matz
22 DeStasio
29 Reynolds

COUNTERS

8 Randy Emmons
 Dave Evans
15 Randy Emmons
 Joe Soska, Jr.
22 Scott Gross/Joe Soska, Jr.
29 Scott Gross/Lisa Mixon

LITURGIST (8:30)

8 Lisa Mixon
15 Jeff Adams
22 Bob Hendricks
29 Eileen Mera

LITURGIST (11:00)

8 Ann-Louise Taylor
15 Joyce Signarowitz
22 Kat Lehman
29 Bob Hauck