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"How Grounded Are You?"

Have you accepted Jesus as your Lord, as well as your Savior? Many gladly embrace God's forgiveness and the promise of eternal life offered in Jesus Christ, yet try to do so without committing to make Christ Lord of their lives. It can't be done. Don't take my word for it; listen to Jesus. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. ... Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!" (Matthew 7, 21, 26-27).

Live



Gather



Connect



Serve



Give



Multiply

During our six week program on discipleship and stewardship, we are providing practical guidance for those who desire to act on Jesus' words and build their lives on a solid foundation. On the final Sunday of this series, we will offer all present the opportunity to recommit their lives to Christ during worship by passing in their yellow personal commitment card. In preparation for this, we ask that you prayerfully consider what steps you need to take in order to be faithful disciples and good stewards.

Will you live a life transformed by God's grace and gather regularly with the congregation for worship? Will you connect with others to grow in faith and serve? Will you support the ministry of the church financially and help share God's good news with others?

Those who are on the fence about making such a commitment can find spiritual guidance by reading Matthew, chapters 6 and 7 in their entirety. This selection, which includes the Lord's Prayer, places everything in proper perspective.

On the reverse of the commitment card there is an estimate of giving. Spiritually it is important for all followers of Christ to commit to honoring God with their finances as well as their time, talents, and priorities. While the amount one chooses to pledge is very important for the Trustees as they attempt to come up with a budget for next year, it is of less significance spiritually. Making a commitment of financial support for God's work - of any amount - is what counts. Jesus tells the story of an impoverished woman who placed two small coins in the temple offering. He deemed her gift to be greater than all others because of what it signified about her commitment to God. If you miss worship on **Commitment Sunday, October 13th**, you may mail your commitment to the church office or come by at some other time to place it in the glass bowl at the rear of the sanctuary.

See you in church,
Pastor Derek



Preschool News

By Mary Kay Brezinsky

The beginning of school went smoothly and everyone had fun! We have met so many new friends and have already learned many new songs and games. The children are now starting to learn and experience the season of fall. The Four-Year-Old

Program will be off to the Pumpkin Patch on **October 21** to experience a hayride and pumpkin picking with their friends and families. The Three-Year-Old Program will experience their first Halloween Parade at East Hills, and the Two-Year-Olds will be happy making Halloween/fall projects and singing songs about fall.

We are starting a new class this year on Monday mornings from 9:15 am-10:45 am for your two-year-old and their favorite adult called **"You and Me."** This class is a great first experience for preschool as the children attend with their favorite adult and experience a typical preschool day! **This class will start in the beginning of October.** Feel free to stop by the preschool office or give us a call if you are interested in joining the fun.

Our staff this year is a wonderful group of experienced teachers who teach many different classes. We are enthusiastically looking forward to our year together.

- ★ Mary Synoracki and Susan Mills, Teachers of the Blue 3-Year-Old Program
- ★ Kathy Bevan and Heather Amatore, Teachers of the Yellow 3-Year-Old Program
- ★ Theresa Uliana, Pam Seitz, and Karen McLaughlin, Teachers of the Blue 4-Year-Old Program
- ★ Anne Conzola, Susan Mills, and Heather Amatore, Teachers of the Yellow 4-Year-Old Program
- ★ Mary Synoracki and Kathy Bevan, Teachers of the Wednesday 2-Year-Old Class
- ★ Theresa Uliana and Pam Seitz, Teachers of the Thursday 2-Year-Old Class
- ★ Creative Playgroup Teachers are Karen McLaughlin, Heather Amatore, Pam Seitz, and Theresa Uliana

We hope your children will join us for our **Creative Playgroup Program on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons from 11:45 am–3:00 pm.** Crafts, games, songs, gym, and outdoor play will make for a fun afternoon. Children bring their lunch and eat with their friends. Cost is \$15.00 per day or \$7.50 until 1:00 pm. A Creative Playgroup Sign-Up sheet is located on the Creative Playgroup Board in the hallway.

For information about any of our preschool programs, please call the preschool office, 610-868-6242. Enjoy the Fall!



Thank you for all the cards, flowers, phone calls and prayers. I am recovering now at home and will see all of you as soon as I am able. Ginny Yanzsa

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



Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

Twice a year, Young Adult Ministry (YAM) sends care packages to college-age youth attending school, in the military, or in the job force. If you are a young adult or know of a young adult (your child), please give his/her mailing address to Lucy Thompson (610-691-2708 or slmicro@ptd.net) or Bobby Shimer (610-868-0179 or barbara.shimer@gmail.com). The young adult will be added to our list and receive a package from us in late October. Many of the young adults receiving a box are thrilled to receive it and enjoy the food and fun contained inside. We also need bakers to supply two dozen baked items, individually wrapped; individually wrapped candy; or small fun activities (age does not matter) for these youth. We are also collecting monetary donations to cover mailing costs. The deadline for contributions is **Sunday, October 27**. If you wish to donate or have questions, you may contact Lucy Thompson or Bobby Shimer at the contact info listed above. Thanks for caring!

Women's Fellowship

The evening group will meet on **October 1** at 7:00 pm at the home of Lucy Thompson. Please call Lucy at 610-691-2708 if you plan to attend. The morning group will meet on **October 2** at 9:30 am in the church kitchen and hostess will be Barb Cressman. Please call Barb at 610-799-5349 if you plan to attend. We should have new study books for October; however if they are not available, we will use Anna--A Prophetess, page 10, from Linda Marsh's study, "Women Who Made A Difference" which we used in 1997.



12th Annual Holiday Craft Faire

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

Emergency Sheltering at East Hills – Volunteer Training

Many volunteers will be needed to support the network of churches that will be providing emergency sheltering in Bethlehem, PA to homeless men and women 7 days per week starting December 1, 2013 and ending March 31, 2014; the coldest nights of the year. East Hills Moravian church will again provide this gift of hospitality to women on Saturday nights. Important training for volunteers in the emergency sheltering ministry will be offered on **Tuesday, October 15** from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and **Saturday, November 2** from 10:00AM to noon. If you are a team leader or other volunteer in this ministry please mark your calendar and plan to attend one of these training sessions. (Locations are yet to be determined.) If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact our Site Coordinator, Jay Larson at 610-691-6334 or jwlaron1@aol.com.



Food Bank Needs

The food pantries at Northeast Ministries and New Bethany are experiencing shortfalls, and we can help whenever we shop for our own food supplies. Bring purchased items to church, and Mission & Outreach will deliver them. Thank you!
New Bethany – peanut butter, jelly, cereal, and canned soups.
Northeast Ministries – canned fruit/veggies, tuna, beans, canned/dry spaghetti, and rice.

Adult Fellowship Event

Weather permitting; the EHMC Adult Fellowship will sponsor a Historic Bethlehem Heritage Trail Audio Walking Tour on **Saturday, October 26** along the Monocacy. We will wind along the creek that brought life to Burnside Plantation, Illick's Mill, and the Colonial Industrial Quarter. At designated spots there will be a narrated explanation of the significance of the area to Bethlehem's history. Everyone will meet at the church at 10:00 am, carpool to the start of the trail, and end with lunch at the Brew Works on Main Street after the walk. **Wear comfortable walking shoes.** Come join in a fun morning of exercise, local history, beautiful fall foliage, and Moravian fellowship. All ages are welcome. Other plans are in place in case of inclement weather. Contact Lucy and Steve Thompson (610-691-2708) or John and Phyllis Kulp (610-737-7166) by **Thursday, October 24** to reserve your spot.

EHMC Dart Baseball League

Practice starts at 6:45 pm; games begin at 7:30 pm. Anyone is welcome to come and play or if you prefer, just "dart" in to watch! For more info, contact Wayne Gruver at The schedule for our league is as follows: Home (H)/Away (A)

Oct: 7-Christ UCC (H); 14-St. Matthew's (H); 21-Holy Cross (A); 28-College Hill (H)

Nov: 4-Fritz Wesleyan (A); 11&12 tournament @ Christ UCC (A); 18-Holy Trinity (A); 25-First UCC (Hellertown) (A)

Dec: 2-Bethany UCC (A); 9-Christ Lutheran (A)

It's Mossing Time!

If you and your family are looking for a great way to spend time together outside this fall, please consider going "mossing". Every fall, church members--in what has become a tradition for some families--spend some time in the Poconos collecting moss to use on our putz. This year the date is **October 20** with a rain date of **October 27**. Come to church with a bagged lunch (snacks will be provided), a tool to scrape moss off of the rocks, dress appropriately for the weather that day (including shoes that can get dirty), and plan on having fun! We will carpool from the church and leave after the 11:00 a.m. service usually returning home before 5:00 p.m. If you have questions, contact Peter Diehl at 610-435-4651.

SAVE THE DATE: Putz construction begins **Sunday, November 17**, at 2:30 p.m. and continues through **Wednesday November 20**. More information to follow!

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.

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.

Moravian Travelers

Two trips remaining for this year. Call Stan Maculesky at 610-866-1352 for information.

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.

Church Directory

Copies of the 2013 EHMC directory are available in the church office (Mon-Thu 9 am-3 pm) and on Sundays on the Narthex shelf. Feel free to pick up a directory for yourself or another member who may not be able to 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.

Time To Order Magazines

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!**
- ✓ **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. 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!

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Our NEW Church ID: 2768554

Then Follow the easy steps outlined below:

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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All Things Moravian

Crop Walk

Join your fellow "East Hillers" and members of over 25 other area churches in this year's **CROPWALK**, to help fight hunger here in Bethlehem, across the country, and around the world. A table will be in the Narthex on Sundays, beginning 9/22, for you to stop by and sign-up to walk or sponsor. East Hills has a fine tradition of having good numbers of both walkers and contributions to CROP for its fight against hunger so let's make it another great year! If you have questions or need more info, contact Bob Wingrove @ 610-867-0537.

Date: Sunday October 13, 2013

Place: Under the Hill-to-Hill Bridge

Time: Registration--1:00 pm/Walk--1:30 pm

Distance: 1 mile, 5K & 10K courses

Women's Retreat at Christian Spring Spiritual Center

Spiritual Director Emily Wallace will lead a women's retreat on **Saturday, October 19**, from 9:00 am–2:30 pm on "Standing in the Broken Places". You are warmly invited to join with other women in the Bethlehem area for the day at Christian Spring Spiritual Center to find "the possibilities of mending". Silence, readings, stories, poetry, prayer, music, and listening to each other all have mending power. Friends and visitors are welcome too! Please contact Central Church office at office@centramoravianchurch.org or 610-866-5661 to register and receive more details.

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.

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.

Rummage Sales

~**Saturday, October 5**, 8 am-1 pm at Schoeneck Moravian Church, 316 N. Broad St. Ext., Nazareth

~**Friday, October 11**, from 3-7 pm and **Saturday, October 12**, from 9 am to 12 noon at Nazareth Moravian Church, 4 S. Main St., Nazareth.

~**Friday, October 11**, from 5-8 pm and **Saturday, October 12**, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at Palmer Moravian Church, 2901 John St., Easton.

Many wonderful treasures and delicious food will be available at all the sales.



Faith Builders

Starting this October, we will have the chance to express and build our faith as we join brothers and sisters in other congregations to build a Habitat for Humanity Lehigh Valley house. We are calling our team of Bethlehem Area Moravians, First Presbyterians (Bethlehem), and Nativity Cathedral Episcopalians "The Faith Builders", and, for a little over a year, we will be joining together to make a safe, affordable house possible for a family in need. Each of our three church groups will be responsible for donating a portion of the \$85,000 needed for materials and skilled labor. Through the generosity of the Bethlehem Area Moravian Board and Ministries Committee, we received a \$15,000 grant and with additional spring/summer fundraising we are working toward our goal of \$25,000. Donations will still be joyfully received; checks can be made payable to East Hills Moravian Church with a memo line: Habitat Build.

Our three church groups will be asked to share in the building; an exciting opportunity to be a part of the construction process! There will be a blitz build from **Tuesday, October 15** through **Saturday, October 26** (excluding Sunday) from 8:00 am–3:30 pm (two shifts, 8 am-12 pm and 11:30am-3:30 pm). On a Blitz Build, a Habitat Home will be framed and "under roof" in 10 days. The volunteer activities will include carpentry, framing, and hammering, cutting and carrying lumber, site-clean up, wrapping, siding, doors, windows, and more. We also are looking for individuals or groups to provide breakfast and lunch on **October 19, 21, and 22**. After the blitz build, we will be looking for regular volunteers as the work requires it. More information will be made available. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Harry Tachovsky at (harry.tachovsky@gmail.com, 610-691-3737) or register on-line sign at www.HabitatLV.org. Use our join code of BAM and list the church affiliate as Bethlehem Area Moravians.



Star Deadline:

Please note that all information for the Star newsletter should be submitted to the church office **no later than the 15th of each month** so items can be published in a timely manner. Thank you for your assistance!

Welcome Autumn!





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1

Antonio DelPriore
Barbara Hendricks

10/9

Steve Cooke

10/10

Derek French
Jaclyn VanBilliard

10/11

Connie Fuchs
Ryan Torcivia

10/13

Ann-Louise Taylor

10/15

Aaron Bowden
Norma Snitker
James VanBilliard, Sr.

10/16

Gabriel Caton

10/18

Andrew Conzola
Michael DelPriore
Garret Kline

10/19

Caleb Barnello

10/20

Karina Epler

10/21

Greg Costa
Lisa Epler
Sarah Koch
Molly Peters

10/22

Andy Donatelli

10/24

Nicholas Cooke
Joshua Friedman
Virginia Knerr
Stacia McCoy

10/25

Sarah Marsh

10/27

Dorothy Kuhfahl

10/28

Jerome Hymans
Denise Kohn-Lesko

10/29

Barbara Proden

10/30

Joyce Signarovitz
Joseph Soska, Sr.

10/31

Julianna Conrad

OCTOBER MINISTRY

SACRISTANS

6 Kevin/Catherine Moyzan
13 Peter Diehl/Eileen Mera
20 Jack/Jean Skillman
27 Jim/Jane Regina

ELDER ON DUTY (8:30)

6 Jon Burcaw
13 Joe Mixon
20 Joe Mixon
27 Jay Larson

ELDER ON DUTY (11:00)

6 Lucy Thompson
13 Joe Conzola
20 Carol Grace Hicks
27 Linda Marsh

FLOWER VISITOR

6 Jeff Adams
13 Jean Bennett
20 Earl/Lou Jackson
27 Barb Levan

USHERS (8:30)

6 Joe/Frieda Soska
13 Jean Bennett
Bertha Murphy
20 Tom/Nancy Walz
27 Joe/Lisa Mixon

USHERS (11:00)

6 Bob Savers
Joyce Signarovitz
13 Brian/Tanya Yost
20 Jack/Jean Skillman
27 Steve/Lucy Thompson

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

6 Dorothy Kuhfahl
Kevin/Catherine Moyzan
13 Steve/Lucy Thompson
20 Jim/Lucia Knerr
27 Marybeth Friedman
Jay/Sue Larson

COUNTERS

6 Scott Gross/Lisa Mixon
13 Phil Turton/Jack Skillman
20 Phil Turton/Jack Skillman
27 Phil Turton/Dwight Taylor

LITURGIST (8:30)

6 Jean Bennett
13 Eileen Ackerman
20 Ed Zuccarelli
27 Randy Emmons

LITURGIST (11:00)

6 Joyce Signarovitz
13 Peter Diehl
20 Kat Lehman
27 Anna French