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“The Case of Jan Hus”

Jan (John) Hus was a 15th century church reformer who was burned to death as a heretic on July 6, 1415, by order of the Council of Constance. In 1457, a number of Hus' followers established the Moravian Church in its homeland of Bohemia. We will commemorate Hus' martyrdom with a service of Holy Communion on **Sunday, July 6.**

Among factors leading to the Council's condemnation of Hus, were differences between their view of the nature of the church and his. Officially, membership in the institutional church and participation in its sacraments was not only necessary for salvation but guaranteed it. Hus, who had observed and was troubled by widespread corruption and questionable morality among church leaders, believed participation in the institutional church was **not** the same thing as being part of Christ's “true church.” Instead, Hus claimed that the church was like the net of fish in Jesus' parable. Some in the church were saved; others were not.

“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a fishing net that was thrown into the water and caught fish of every kind. When the net was full, they dragged it up onto the shore, sat down, and sorted the good fish into crates, but threw the bad ones away. That is the way it will be at the end of the world. The angels will come and separate the wicked people from the righteous, throwing the wicked into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 13: 45-50)

Hus' view challenged the power of the Roman Church. Doubtless there were those on the Council who simply wanted to preserve the church hierarchy's position of privileged authority. With the benefit of hindsight however, impartial observers must also admit that the Council's fears of church schism and social unrest were not unfounded. Radical followers of Hus launched the Hussite Wars of 1420-1431. Within a hundred years of Hus, the cohesiveness of the Western Church was fractured by the Protestant Reformation and European society was wracked by wars between Catholics and Protestants.

There is much to be learned from the case of Jan Hus. Sometimes it takes courageous prophetic action to reverse entrenched corruption and injustice and make the church more faithful to Christ. Hus' actions and those of other reformers won fresh appreciation for the authority of Scripture and increased roles for laypersons.

Yet, prophetic action was costly for reformers, church, and society. Unintended consequences including schism and accompanying violence followed the reformers' radical reinterpretation of the Christian life. Believers on both sides responded in ways which did not reflect the love of Christ. In 1999, Pope John Paul II expressed “deep regret for the cruel death inflicted on Hus.”



Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities



Adult Fellowship Swim Party

Please join us for sun and fun on **Sunday, July 20**, at 2 pm at Sandy & Joe Gribbin's pool at 1622 Mark Twain Circle, Bethlehem. Cost to be announced. Bring a potluck picnic item and your beach chair. **RSVP by Wed. July 16** to Sandy Gribbin @ 610-868-7437.

East Hills Moravian Summer Fun Events

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

- **Sunday, July 13:** 5-8 pm in the EHMC 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 on the lawn of East Hills Moravian Church for a "beach(less)" party with wet (and some dry) games. Bring a towel and a snack to share and join in the fun!

For more info or questions, contact Amy Frantz, 610-217-6008, amyfrantz@alumni.moravian.edu or Laura Kemmerer, laura.noel@gmail.com, 610-504-5114.

Adult Fellowship Events – Save The Dates

~On **Saturday, September 13**, we will be headed to the Grounds For Sculpture in Trenton, NJ. Grounds For Sculpture opened its doors to the public in 1992 and is an indoor/outdoor sculpture garden which includes works from such notable artists as Clement Meadmore, Anthony Caro, Beverly Pepper, George Segal, and Isaac Witkin. The park, located in Hamilton Township, NJ, welcomes nearly 160,000 visitors annually. On May 4, 2014, Grounds For Sculpture opened the largest and most significant exhibition in its history—a presentation of work by its founder, Seward Johnson. This exhibit features more than 287 works, including 91 painted trays, his much-acclaimed Forever Marilyn, The Awakening, and Unconditional Surrender. Works will be sited in three indoor galleries as well as across the 42-acre park campus. Save the date on your calendar and plan to join us!

~On **Saturday, October 4**, Adult Fellowship will sponsor a trip to Eckley Miners' Village. We will carpool from EHMC to Eckley, PA and have a 90 minute, guided walking tour of the village. The cost is: adults \$10, seniors \$9 and children (age 6-12) \$8. Following the tour, you can have lunch at The Powerhouse (a former power plant) where it will be a BYOL. To reserve your place, contact Bobby Shimer at barbara.shimer@gmail.com or 610-868-0179 by **September 28**. Just a warning - if the weather is too bad, the guide can cancel a tour.

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

Brochure available on the Narthex shelf. For info/reservations call Stan Maculesky at 610-866-1352.

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.





Congratulations To Our Graduates!

On Sunday, June 8, we acknowledged the following 2014 graduates and wished them well in their future endeavors:

Our High School Graduates

~**Peter Conzola** graduated from Freedom High School. While at Freedom, Peter was a member of National Honor Society and a four year member of the swim team. During his high school swimming career Peter was a seven time individual district champion and a state champion. Peter will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall where he will continue his swimming career. He is undecided on a major at this point, but is considering several areas of study. Peter has been attending East Hills for ten years and was also confirmed at EHMC.

~**Brendan Cunningham**, grandson of Ruth Allen, graduated from Liberty High School. He was a member of the National Honor Society in his junior and senior years, a member of the varsity tennis team, and he played #1 doubles in his senior year. Brendan received the Lamp of Knowledge Award, the Scholar Athlete award, and he graduated with highest honors. In the fall, Brendan will be attending PARSONS - THE NEW SCHOOL in Manhattan, New York where he plans to major in Product Design/Fashion Design.

~**Joshua Friedman** graduated from Freedom High School. A "straight- A" student throughout high school, Josh was named an AP Scholar with Honor and was a National Merit Commended Student. He played in the Freedom High School Band and was a section leader for the trumpets. He was the president of the orchestra as well as a member of the wind ensemble, jazz band and pit orchestra. Active in the community, Josh completed over 700 hours of community service. He was a member of the National Honor Society and was president of the German club. Josh will be attending Fordham University (Honors College) in NYC where he will be majoring in Urban Studies.

~**Elliot Laubach**, son of Gretchen and the late Jon Laubach, grandson of Susan and Rich Kriebs, graduated from Emmaus High School. While at EHS, Elliot was admitted to an advanced media class each year and co-designed and directed the lighting for EHS theater productions. He will be attending DeSales University on scholarship studying TV and Film.

~**Madison Sauers** graduated from Liberty High School. Madison was a member of the Liberty Hurricanes swim team all four years in high school. She was also a member of the Lehigh Valley Aquatics swim team for 6 years and the Hanover Stingrays for ten years. Madison will be continuing her education at Moravian College. She is currently undecided what her major will be but is excited to be attending Moravian and looks forward to becoming part of the Greyhound family.

~**Jaclyn VanBilliard** graduated from Freedom High School and will be attending Northampton Community College pursuing a degree in Culinary Arts.

~**Rhys Yuh**

Our College Graduates

~**Shane Burcaw**, son of Jon and Sue Burcaw, recently graduated Summa Cum Laude from Moravian College with a Bachelor of Arts in English. He spent his extra time at Moravian writing and editing for the school newspaper, researching and publishing Disability Identity articles with a psychology advisor, and serving on the Discipline Review Committee. He hopes to continue working for his nonprofit organization, Laughing At My Nightmare, Inc. and writing additional books after his first book comes out in October 2014.

~**Shane Cunningham**, grandson of Ruth Allen, graduated from West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia. He graduated from the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences with a degree in Communication Studies. Shane plans to celebrate his graduation this summer with a trip to Madrid and Barcelona, Spain with his brother Brendan, his sister Bridget, and his Great-Aunt Pam. In the fall, Shane plans to move to California to pursue a career in the music industry.

~**John Fritts**, a member of Palmer Moravian Church and former Pastoral Intern here at EHMC, graduated from Moravian Theological Seminary on May 10 with a Masters of Divinity degree.

~**Alexis VanBilliard** graduated from Moravian College on May 10 with a degree in Environmental Policy & Economics.

Congratulations!

Four Young People Confirm Their Faith

On Sunday, June 8 at the 11:00 am worship service, David Balazs, Andrew Evans, Christopher Johnson, and Lauren Soska made their public profession of faith through the Rite of Confirmation. Please join in showing continued spiritual support to these children of God.

Join Us For VBS: There is still time to register for VBS to be held at East Hills Moravian Church **July 7–11, 9 am–12 pm** for ages 4 years through second grade (completed). Cost is \$20 for the entire week. Friends are welcome and encouraged! Registration forms are available on our website or in the church office. Payment should be cash or check payable to **Central Moravian Church**.

EHMC Yard Sale

Save **September 27** for fun, food, and shopping for lots of bargains at the “famous” EHMC yard sale from 9 am-3 pm! Information will be provided soon for accepting donations. Help is needed in organizing donations; if interested in helping, or for further information, please contact Ed Zuccarelli at 732-668-9365 or edz@tpez.com.

Join Us For Preschool

East Hills Moravian Preschool is looking for children ages 2, 3, and 4 years old to learn, play and explore in our fun preschool program. Please call 610-868-6242 or pick up an information packet outside of the East Hills Moravian Church office. We look forward to hearing from you and having your child join us for a wonderful and exciting learning experience!

Women's Fellowship

On May 18 following both worship services, the Women's Fellowship hosted a bake sale in conjunction with the WhyKnots who had three tables of beautiful baby outfits, quilts, and baby blankets for sale. This sale was a success and we raised \$500 which was given to the Church. On May 24, the Fellowship provided a luncheon following the funeral service for Joe Proden. Thank you to all who helped at both events. On June 3, thirty-seven women, along with friends and family members, shared a delicious meal at the Palace Restaurant. Following the meal, we enjoyed viewing the many talents of our group with the women showing us quilting, painting, woodworking, needlework, and many other hobbies. A big thank you to Chere King, Marcia Mielnick, Jean Bennett, and all who helped make this a very special time. Meetings will begin again September 2 (7:00 pm) and September 3 (9:30 am). We will continue with the Moravian Heritage Book, Session 8 – “Music and Worship” found on page 43. Have a wonderful summer!

Liturgists

From Kelly Newhall:

I would like to thank everyone for the great response of those wishing to read the Liturgy. I am still looking for young folks who would be interested in reading; if I have not contacted you and you are interested in reading, please contact me. Please be patient if you haven't read in a while as I am trying to fit everyone in (new and past readers). If you know of anyone that would like to read and is not on our Facebook, please relay this information to them. Thank you and enjoy your summer!

Save The Date

30th Anniversary Bethlehem CROP Walk for Hunger – Sunday, October 12, 2014.

Enjoy Your Summer!





JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1

Sue Diehl
Lauren Soska
Kathy WIngrove

7/4

Karen Montgomery

7/5

Robert Frantz
Michael Koch

7/9

Joanne VanBilliard

7/12

Brian Davison

7/14

Katherine Emmons
Patricia Hoffert

7/15

Jon Burcaw
Susan Clem

7/16

Bertha Murphy

7/17

Ryan Conrad

7/18

Steven Calderon

7/19

Wayne Gruver
Debbie Matz
Bill Spinney

7/21

Justin Gichiengo

7/22

James Eckerd

7/23

Pat Hymans

7/24

Tylor Darrah

7/27

Barbara Cressman
Anna French

7/28

Barbara Kemmerer

7/29

Allison Conzola

7/30

Ariel Mixon



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/2

Patricia Conklin
Lynn Greenawald

8/3

Jack Skillman

8/7

Andrew Calderon
Kevin Moyzan, Jr.

8/8

John Hicks

8/9

Aidan Harms

8/10

Anne Conzola
Robert Sauers

8/11

Donna Kromer

8/12

Sue Christoff

8/13

Marcus Gichiengo
Cathy Taylor

8/14

Robert Conrad

8/15

Charmayne Stauffer

8/17

Rachel Shook

8/18

Marissa DeStasio

8/20

Lisa Culver
Matthew Kemmerer

8/21

Andrew Burcaw
Angelina Serratore

8/22

Nathan Conrad
Madeline Koch
Art Taylor

8/23

Ben Adams
Nancy Kichline
Megan Shook

8/24

James Binder

8/25

Abigail Cooke
Shari Dunstan
Marybeth Friedman

Lucia Knerr

Ryan Latham
Kathryn Schleifer

8/26

Randy Emmons

8/27

Benjamin Moyzan

8/28

Laura Eberly
Vanessa Kaki

8/30

Cole Donatelli
Lex Donatelli
Allison Shook
Virginia Yanzsa
Trevor Yost

JULY MINISTRY

SACRISTANS

- 6 Bob & Lynn Greenawald
- 13 Scott & Amy Gross
- 20 Wayne & Debbie Gruver
- 27 Bob Hauck
Eileen Ackerman

ELDER ON DUTY

- 6 Laura Kemmerer
- 13 Jay Larson
- 20 Linda Marsh
- 27 Amy Gross

USHERS

- 6 Dave & Pattie Evans
- 13 Jack & Jean Skillman
- 20 Jim Knerr/Bob Koehler
- 27 Steve & Lucy Thompson

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

- 6 Scott/Amy Gross
- 13 Tom/Nancy Walz
- 20 Jim/Jane Regina
- 27 Eileen Mera

COUNTERS

- 6 Mike DelPriore
Jon Ortwein
- 13 Mike DelPriore
Jon Ortwein
- 20 Andy Donatelli
Rich Kriebs
- 27 Phyllis Kulp
Rich Kriebs

LITURGIST

- 6 Ben or Greg Adams
- 13 Peter Diehl
- 20 Aaron Bowden
- 27 Ed Zuccarelli

AUGUST MINISTRY

SACRISTANS

- 3 Jim & Lucia Knerr
- 10 Jim & Anna Koehler
- 17 John & Phyllis Kulp
- 24 Jay & Sue Larson
- 31 Harry & Louise Snyder

ELDER ON DUTY

- 3 Lucy Thompson
- 10 Carol Grace Hicks
- 17 Ted Gilbert
- 24 Joe Conzola
- 31 Jon Burcaw

USHERS

- 3 Bob Sauers/Bertie Knisley
- 10 Jim Eckerd
Yvonne Gerlach
- 17 Bob Sauers/ Bob Stewart
- 24 Greg & Nancy Costa
- 31 Dave & Patti Evans

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

- 3 Jim/JoAnne VanBilliard
- 10 Bill/Debbie Matz
- 17 Jim/Jane Regina
- 24 Joe/Frieda Soska
- 31 Sandy Gribbin

COUNTERS

- 3 Andy Donatelli
Debbie Spinney
- 10 Andy Donatelli
Debbie Spinney
- 17 Phyllis Kulp
Randy Emmons
- 24 Phyllis Kulp
Randy Emmons
- 31 Dave Evans
Lois Oudheusden

LITURGIST

- 3 Ted Gilbert
- 10 Eileen Mera
- 17 Barb Kemmerer
- 24 Joe Csrenko
- 31 Jon Burcaw

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- ✓ 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.
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- ✓ 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.
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Second Bus For Knoebels Trip

The first bus for the trip to Knoebels Park on **Friday, July 25**, from 9 am-8 pm is full. The possibility of renting a second bus is being considered; **if interested, please let the Central Moravian Church office know by July 7 (610-866-5661)**. 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.

Enjoy Summer Days at Christian Spring

Share in the beauty of Central Moravian Church's Christian Spring Spiritual Center (3765 Christian Spring Rd., Bethlehem Township, just past the Leisers off Rt. 191) during our lunches on **Sundays, July 27 and August 24** from 11:30 am- 3 pm. Join us at Christian Spring for a hot dog picnic lunch and bring a side dish or dessert to share. The pool will be open with a lifeguard for everyone to enjoy. Invite a friend!

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.

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.

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!

****Please note the deadline for information for the September issue will be August 10.** Thank you!**

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.

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF 6/22/14

Weekly Balanced Budget Requirement*	\$6,515
6/22/14 Contribution + EFT	\$3,216
*Includes Averaged EFT Contributions	
EHMC Expense through 5/31/14	\$192,787
EHMC Income through 5/31/14	\$176,601