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"Worship the Lord, Your God!"

The realities of making a living and the often distressing struggles of human society have a way of eroding joy and hope. Without turning to God for spiritual refreshment, our souls are soon as parched as this year's California countryside. To break such a spiritual drought we need the refreshing rain of God's grace at regular intervals. A downpour here and there won't quench our soul's thirst.

The author of the book of Hebrews celebrates God's forgiveness of sin through Christ's life, teaching, death, and resurrection. He says we should enter the sanctuary for worship and "approach with a true heart in the full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience..." Feelings of guilt after a long absence sometimes keep persons from coming back to church. This fear, guilt, or embarrassment which threatens to separate persons from Christ and other believers is what the author describes as "an evil conscience." Don't let an evil conscience keep you away from your church family. Don't let it hinder your spiritual growth and relationship with God.

The author then goes on to describe how God blesses Jesus' followers as they gather for worship. Worship builds Christian community and nurtures the faith of individual members. It offers opportunities to express our gratitude to God, to receive encouragement, and learn from the wisdom of countless believers, both past and present. We hear of God's love for all persons; we reach out to those who are facing difficulties and share in others' joy; and we "consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds."¹ Such mutual support and exhortation allow Christians to "hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering."² Worship is a weekly opportunity to deepen our faith as we come to a more mature understanding of our relationship with God.

Especially in difficult times, it is important that followers of Jesus worship regularly "not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day (of the Lord) approaching."³

1 (Hebrews 10:24)

2 (Hebrews 10:23)

3 (Hebrews 10:25)

September Worship and Sunday School Schedule

~Sunday, September 7 – 9:30 am one service only

Following the worship service please join us for our Sunday School Rally Day in the Family Center. This year's theme is "Family Circus Day".

~Sundays, September 14, 21, & 28 – two worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 am; Sunday School at 9:45 am.

See you in church!





Preschool News

Mary Kay Brezinsky

It is almost time for preschool classes to begin, and we are busy getting ready for the first day of school. Everyone is well rested and looking forward to the return of our preschoolers! The beach chairs are being cleaned off to be used in the Four-Year-Old Class reading area and the bulletin boards are

coming alive again with pictures of our preschool children. Our annual Parent Open House is **Wednesday, September 3** at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary, and our Parent/Child Orientation is **Thursday, September 4**. The first week of classes begin on **Monday, September 8**. We have just a few spots left in our preschool programs and would love to have you join us to **Learn*Play*Explore**. We offer programs from ages 2-4 years old. Please call the office at 610-868-6242 to see our beautiful facility and meet our staff. I look forward to hearing from you!



We offer our congratulations to our former Pastoral Intern, John Fritts, who has accepted the call to serve as chaplain of Marquardt Memorial Manor in Watertown, Wisconsin. His ordination ceremony was held on August 10 at Palmer Moravian Church. Our prayers are with John and Anne as they prepare to move and begin this ministry.

Congratulations to Bob Hauck who was honored as "someone special" on the Bobby Gunther Walsh morning show on WAEB the week of August 18 for his dedication and service to the Miller-Keystone Blood Center. Bob has accumulated 195 hours of service during his first year with the Blood Center!



After many years of service and prayerful thought, Art and Ann-Louise Taylor have decided to retire as Sunday School teachers. Our thanks to Art and Ann-Louise Taylor for their faithful years of service to Christ and his church as Sunday School teachers and for the energy, creativity and enthusiasm they brought to the task. Also, Art & Ann-Louise Taylor would like to thank everyone who helped them with their recent move. They would like to share their new address and contact information: 3871 Easton-Nazareth Highway, Easton, PA 18045. Home Phone: 610-759-5056; Cell (Art): 610-849-6412; Cell (Ann-Louise): 610-849-6413.

Thank you to everyone who came to my ordination and those who were there in spirit. Several of you also sang in the combined choir and played in the bell choir. The music was very moving, and I am grateful for your participation! My time at East Hills was very meaningful and rewarding because of members like you and Pastor Derek. Anne and I will remember you with joy as we continue our ministry in Wisconsin.

God's Blessings, John and Anne Fritts

Thank you to the East Hills Boy Scouts and Jim Roberts for providing a paper shredder for the church office. The Boy Scouts raise funds through recycling of used ink and toner cartridges. There is a collection box in the church office if anyone would like to donate their used cartridges.

The Joint Board wishes to thank Amy Gross and Laura Kemmerer for taking the initiative to organize the summer EPMC Family Fun events.

In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed on September 1.

Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities

Adult Fellowship Events

~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. We will be meeting at the church at 8:30 am on **Saturday, September 13**, and carpooling to the Sculpture Grounds. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors (65+). Contact Phyllis or John Kulp (610-737-7166 or 314-330-3792) to attend.

~On **Saturday, October 4**, Adult Fellowship will sponsor a trip to Eckley Miners' Village. We will carpool from EPMC 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. The Eckley Village, as seen in the movie *The Molly Maguires*, shows a time in our history; this living village has homes, stores, churches and a doctor's office. Also able to be seen is the coal breaker (very large building where coal from the mine was broken). Following the tour, you will have lunch at The Powerhouse (a former power plant) where it will be a BYOL (buy your own lunch). To reserve your place in our group, 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.

Northeast Ministry Food Bank



The number of people relying on the Northeast Ministry Food Bank to help put food on their tables continues to rise. Around 200 local families are helped every month; in fact, 45 families were served during a single 3-hour session in mid-August. Each family is eligible to receive canned and frozen foods to last about 3 days plus frozen meat for one meal; yet visits are limited to one each month. Our **Joyful Noise** donations are used to help maintain adequate food supplies and are frequently used to purchase much needed meat. **A Can A Week** donations have often been providing the only tuna and hearty soups available. Please continue to support these efforts by:

- contributing joyfully to our monthly **Joyful Noise** offering on the last Sunday of each month.
- bringing **A Can A Week** of canned meat/tuna, hearty soup, snack foods, pasta and sauce, or another of the most needed items.

There are also other more personal ways to help feed the hungry. Northeast Ministry is in need of volunteers to help with their food bank. Volunteer to serve directly by:

- distributing food to local family members and stocking the shelves at the food bank.
- offering your time (and large-capacity vehicle, if you have one) to transport food from Second Harvest in Allentown to Northeast Ministry on Fridays.

If you are interested in either of these service options, talk to one of our faithful EPMC members who already are volunteering: Sue and Walt Christoff, Sandy Gribbin, Phyllis and John Kulp, or Susan and Rich Kriebs. We urge you to get involved.

“When did we see you hungry and feed you? When you did it for the least of these!”

~In addition, Zach Borghi from Northeast has requested volunteers for:

After School Homework Club Tutors: Children attend the program Monday through Thursday from 3:30-6:00 pm during the school year for help with homework and to participate in enrichment activities. A tutor can participate as little as one time per month or as often as the program meets. A background check paid for by Northeast Ministry is required. Contact Zach Borghi at 610-691-3355 or email at borghiz@northeastministry.com.

Moravian Travelers

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



EHMC Yard Sale

The Finance Committee and the Joint Board have determined that, due to rental constraints in place at this time, utilizing the Family Center for the amount of time the Yard Sale requires is no longer our best economic option. Therefore, the sale on September 27 has been postponed until further notice. Please do not bring donations to the church at this time. Stay tuned – information will be published as it becomes available.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will begin again in September with the evening group meeting on **Tuesday, September 2** at 7:00 pm at the home of Janet Droney. Please call her at 610-691-1984 if you plan to attend. The morning group will meet on **Wednesday, September 3** at 9:30 am in the church kitchen. Our hostess will be Jean Bennett; please call her at 610-868-9810 if you plan to attend. Both groups will study Lesson 8 on page 43 from last year's book, "Music and Worship – Expressing Our Faith" or copies of the lesson will be available. All women are welcome so please plan on joining us!

Fall 2014 Learning Opportunities For Adults At EHMC

Join us for the following Adult Education Opportunities:

SUNDAY (during Sunday school hour)

- Bible Study in the Parlor - Contact: Kevin Moyzan
- Caring Parents Group in Fellowship Hall - Contact: Peter Diehl
- Coffee Class in the New Kitchen - Contact: Jay Larson

SUNDAY (6:00 pm)

- Study Group in the Parlor - Contact: Peter Diehl

WEDNESDAY (7:00 pm)

- Men's Study Group in the Parlor - Contact: Joe Csrenko



EHMC Book Club

New for the fall; be a part of the East Hills Moravian Book Club! Join us on **Monday, September 29** at 7:00 pm in the Senior High Room (classroom downstairs), to discuss Anita Diamant's "The Red Tent", a New York Times best seller and the basis of an upcoming Lifetime miniseries. Light refreshment will be served. Contact Kat Lehman at k.lehman@mac.com or Amy Gross at bartlet4pres@yahoo.com with questions. Book Synopsis: Told in Dinah's voice (daughter of Leah and Jacob, Genesis 34), Anita Diamant imagines the tradition and turmoil of ancient womanhood—the world of the red tent. It begins with the story of the mothers--Leah, Rachel, Zilpah, and Bilhah—the four wives of Jacob. They love Dinah and give her gifts that sustain her through childhood, a calling to midwifery, and a new home in a foreign land. Dinah's story reaches out from a remarkable period of early history to create an intimate connection with the past.

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.

CROP Walk

Thirty Years – that's how long the Bethlehem CROP Hunger Walk has been raising money in the fight against hunger. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 12** to kick-off the 30th event, walking rain or shine, and you are needed to join in and make this an unforgettable day! Since the first Bethlehem event on May 6, 1985, walkers have raised over \$548,000 and distributed \$137,000 to local area food banks and soup kitchens. This year, you can make a real difference in the fight to end hunger. Just go to www.cwsglobal.org and follow the links. **2013 Results** - Approximately \$18,000 was raised at the 2013 Bethlehem CROP Hunger Walk and \$4,500 was returned and distributed among the following groups: Victory House, New Bethany Ministry, Northeast Ministry, Salvation Army of Bethlehem, West Bethlehem Food Pantry, PA Interfaith Food Pantry, Nazareth Food Bank, Trinity Episcopal Soup Kitchen and New Jerusalem Emergency Food Pantry. Thanks to all our walkers!

Please 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 9/21, 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. In 2013, of the top five churches, East Hills was fifth in both monetary contributions and number of walkers. Let's make it another great year! If you have questions or need more info, contact Bob Wingrove @ 610-867-0537.

Date: Sunday October 12, 2014

Place: Under the Hill-to-Hill Bridge

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

Distance: 1 mile, 5K & 10K courses



EHMC Dart Baseball League

The new dart season will begin on **Tuesday, September 2**, at 6:45 pm with a preseason practice here at EHMC. Women and men are needed for the team; so consider coming out and giving it a try. Our league schedule is as follows with practice beginning at 6:45 pm and games following at 7:30 pm on Monday evenings unless otherwise noted. For more info, contact Wayne Gruver at ufospacehunter@yahoo.com. Come and join us!

Home (H)/Away (A)

Sep: 2-preseason practice (H); 8-Holy Cross (H); 15-College Hill (A); 22-Trinity UCC (H); 29-Bethany (H).

Oct: 6-Holy Trinity (A); 13-First UCC (H); 20-Fritz Wesleyan (H); 27-West Side/Edgeboro (A)

Nov: 3-St. Peters (A); **10 & 11-Double elimination at Christ UCC start @ 6:45 pm**; 17-Christ UCC (A); 24-Christ Lutheran (A)

Dec: 1-St. Matthews (A); 8-Schoenersville (A)

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 October issue will be September 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.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/1
Geoff Latham
9/2
Amy Krey
9/3
Kyle Shollenberger
9/4
Rebecca Balazs
9/5
Sharon Mattox
9/6
Nevada Heft
9/8
Kayla Schankel
9/9
Joseph Conzola
9/10
Mary Stewart

9/11
Morgan Lukievics
Lois Oudheusden
9/12
Stanley Maculesky
9/13
Paige Zimmerman
9/14
Lisa Mixon
Emily Williamson
9/17
James Koehler, Sr.
9/18
Ruth Allen
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 WORSHIP

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 AM ON SEPTEMBER 7

SACRISTANS: Jack & Jean Skillman
ELDER ON DUTY: Jay Larson
USHERS: Sandy Gribbin
Charmayne Stauffer

COUNTERS: Dave Evans/Lois Oudheusden
SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Jim & Lucia Knerr
LITURGIST: Kat Lehman

WORSHIP SCHEDULE OF TWO SERVICES AT 8:30 AND 11:00 AM BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14

SACRISTANS

14 All Sacristans
21 Harry & Louise Snyder
28 John & Phyllis Kulp

ELDER ON DUTY (8:30)

14 Amy Gross
21 Jon Burcaw
28 Joe Conzola

ELDER ON DUTY (11:00)

14 Lucy Thompson
21 Linda Marsh
28 Laura Kemmerer

USHERS (8:30)

14 TBA
21 TBA
28 TBA

USHERS (11:00)

14 TBA
21 TBA
28 TBA

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

14 Bill & Debbie Matz
21 John & Ellen DeStasio
28 David & Rebecca Bieber
The DelPriore Family

COUNTERS

14 Dave Evans/Joe Soska, Jr.
21 Scott Gross/Joe Soska, Jr.
28 Scott Gross/Lisa Mixon

LITURGIST (8:30)

14 Amy Gross
21 Eileen Ackerman
28 Jill Pitman

LITURGIST (11:00)

14 Todd Heft
21 Jean Skillman
28 Ed Zuccarelli



All Things Moravian

BAM Picnic

Sunday, **September 7**, 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.

Camp Hope

As the summer staff is doing a final cleaning, there is a large pile of items left by campers and staff. If you are missing anything, please contact the camp at 908-459-4435 or hopecenter@camphope.org and we will try to find it and return it to you. Items unclaimed by the end of September will go to a rummage sale. We look forward to seeing you all next year!

CROSSROADS

CROSSROADS is a Lay Leadership program designed for the active lay person who wants to discover their unique sense of call, engage in deepening spiritual formation and learn skills to apply to their congregational life and their missional efforts in the community. The following courses are offered:

- Compass – Discovering your call as a layperson.
- Mapping the Route – Conversations on Theology led by a different Moravian Seminary professor each evening in their area of expertise. Come explore your own thoughts of theology.
- Contextual Outreach – Learn how to develop a ministry plan for the neighborhood around your congregation.
- Prayer – A three week special in September to enhance your devotional life.

For more information, visit www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads or email jpeters@moravian.edu.

Spaghetti Dinner

Calvary Moravian Church, 948 N. 21st St., Allentown will hold their annual "all-you-can-eat" spaghetti dinner **Saturday, September 20**; 4:30-7:00 pm. Cost: Adults- \$7 Children (under 12)-\$4.

Moravian Open Door

Mark your calendar for **Monday, September 29**, to help with the annual appeal "envelope stuffing party" for Moravian Open Door, to be held at West Side Moravian Church from 8:00 am until mid-afternoon. Come when you can; stay as long as you can. Lots of fellowship, coffee, and sugar cake, of course.

BAM November Craft Sale

A "Christmas Craft Festival" will be sponsored by the six BAM churches, **Friday, November 7; 2-7 pm and Saturday, November 8, 9 am-3 pm** in the lower level of the Christian Education Building of Central Moravian Church (40 W. Church St., Bethlehem). Homemade baked goods and a luncheon menu will be available. The festival is a juried event, featuring quality crafts by local artisans. The selection will include hand-crafted Santas, specialty Moravian crafts, hand-poured beeswax candles, nutcrackers, jewelry, note card and photo items, wooden toys, original miniature paintings, salvage art, hand-knit scarves, and much more! For a complete list of crafters, please visit www.centralmoravianchurch.org.

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.

German Script Course

Moravian Archives, 41 W. Locust St., is offering a course from **June 1-12, 2015**, 9:00 am-12:30 pm, to learn to read old German handwriting and manuscripts. This is the only course of its kind in the country. Visit <http://www.moravianchurcharchives.org/germanscript.php> or call 610-866-3255.

Concert Of Hope

Schoeneck Moravian Church, 316 N. Broad St., Ext., Nazareth, will host a benefit concert on **Sunday, October 12**, at 2:00 pm to support the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. There will be a variety of talented professional musicians performing. A freewill offering will be taken, and a reception will follow the concert in their fellowship hall.

Singing Through The Centuries

What's new (and old) from the Moravian Music Foundation? Join MMF Assistant Director, Gwyn Michel, for an afternoon of Moravian music-making at the Anthem Reading Session at College Hill Moravian Church, 72 West Laurel Street, Bethlehem. All singers, directors, and music lovers are invited to attend a Moravian Music Foundation reading session on **Sunday, September 14, 2014**, from 3:00-4:30 pm to sing through new MMF editions and new Moravian compositions and for food, fun, fellowship, and the love of singing. All are welcome and, we will provide the music. For more information, call Gwyn Michel at 610-866-3340.

4th Bethlehem Conference On Moravian History And Music

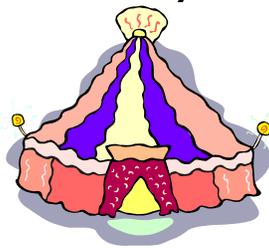
Join us for the Moravian history event of the year; **October 2-5, 2014**, four days of history and music in the historic center of Bethlehem, PA. This conference explores Moravian history and music in a worldwide context from the 15th to 20th centuries through lectures, concerts, art, food and drink.

The program includes:

- opening reception at the Moravian Archives
- Walter Vivian Moses Lecture in Moravian Studies
- 157th Annual Meeting and Lecture of the Moravian Historical Society
- keynote speakers
- discussion panels
- featured performances
- historic beer tasting
- presentation of the David A. Schattschneider Award of Merit
- lectures on new research

For more information visit <http://moravianconferences.org/>

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