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"Tithing as Testimony"

Tithing is a tangible expression of gratitude for God's past blessings. It is a statement of trust in God's future care. Tithing testifies to the centrality of faith and relationship with God in one's life. To tithe is to dedicate the first tenth of one's income to the work of the Lord. Because Jesus is no longer physically present we give to God by giving to institutions which carry out Christ's work. Chief among these is the church – which scripture describes as the "body of Christ." (Ephesians 1:22-23 and elsewhere)

St. Paul understands of the spiritual need of the believer to give and the blessings which generosity conveys to both recipients and givers still rings true:

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. (2 Corinthians 9:6-12)

Our Joint Board trusts in the bounty of God and the miracle of generosity. We have selected *The New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* in order to present the biblical, spiritual perspective on giving and assist those who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship and worship. We encourage persons to progress towards intentional, proportional, systematic giving in response to the question:

"What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

On Consecration Sunday, November 2nd we will ask worshippers to make their financial commitment to support East Hills Moravian Church's ministries of worship, education, outreach, and mission through its general budget for the year 2015. All attending will have the opportunity to make their commitments as a voluntary, confidential act of worship. Afterwards we will gather in the Family Center to share a celebration brunch.

November Worship/Sunday School Schedule

Sunday November 2: Consecration Sunday

One unity service worship at 9:30 am followed by brunch

Sundays, November 9, 16, 23, & 30:

Two worship services at 8:30 & 11:00 am/ Sunday School at 9:45 am

Preschool News

Mary Kay Brezinsky



The leaves are changing, the weather is turning colder and every November, just before Thanksgiving, a group of Pilgrims and Indians dressed in their native attire gather together and share a feast at our Preschool. Each class prepares some of the foods themselves, learning to measure, pour, bake, and cook until it is time to sit together and enjoy a wonderful feast. The three-year-old classes have a traditional Thanksgiving breakfast and the fours have a Thanksgiving lunch. Our two-year-old program also shares a special snack and talks about what they are thankful for. All the children make special placemats that they take home as a Thanksgiving keepsake to be used for years to come! Our preschool feast is a very special occasion for all.

In the days leading up the feast, the children learn about the first Thanksgiving, and they learn to thank God for the many blessings in their own lives including family, friends, home, school, church and other things they might be thankful for. Thanksgiving gives us a wonderful opportunity to teach little children about what it means to be thankful and in this process, we reminded as well.

There are two other important dates to remember in the month of November:

- We are thankful for the freedoms we enjoy as a nation and the privilege of voting on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4.
- We are thankful for all the men and women who have served our country in the military, some giving their lives, and we remember them on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11.

I would also like to thank everyone who participated in the Preschool Fall Fundraisers; your support is very much appreciated! If you have not yet given us your Giant Rewards card number, please feel free to add your number to the clipboard on the church office door. The children will benefit from your efforts.

A few spaces are available in our 3 and 4-year-old programs. We welcome all to our school at any time of the year. If interested, please call the preschool at 610-868-6242.

Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities

It's Mossing Time!

Mossing will take place on **Sunday, November 2**, (rain date November 9). We will carpool from the church leaving at noon immediately following the brunch on Consecration Sunday and returning home before 5:00 pm. Please bring a tool to scrape moss off of the rocks and dress appropriately for the weather that day including shoes that can get dirty. Contact Peter Diehl for more info at petersdiehl@gmail.com or 610-435-4651.

SAVE THE DATE: Putz construction begins **Sunday, November 16**, at 2:30 pm and continues through Wednesday, November 19.

EHMC Book Club

Our first meeting was a great success! We will meet again **Monday, December 8**, at 7 pm to discuss our next book, The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Light refreshment will be served. The letters comprising this small charming novel begin in 1946, when single, 30-something author Juliet Ashton writes to her publisher to say she is tired of covering the sunny side of war and its aftermath. When Guernsey farmer Dawsey Adams finds Juliet's name in a used book and invites articulate (and not so articulate) neighbors to write Juliet with their stories, the book's circle widens, putting Juliet back in the path of war stories. The occasionally contrived letters jump from incident to incident including the formation of the Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society while Guernsey was under German occupation. In the letters, Juliet finds inspiration for her next work and for her life—as will readers. Contact Amy Gross, 610-217-6008 or bartlet4pres@yahoo.com.

Why Knots

Why Knots is a women's fellowship group that meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Sue Hahn's home. (**Please note we are meeting on Wednesday, November 19 this month due to the holiday.**) We knit, crochet and quilt baby items for sale and also make washcloths, bibs and other items for donation to St. Luke's. We are currently working on winter hats, mittens, and scarves for teens and adults.

Women's Fellowship

November Meetings: The evening group will meet on **November 4** at 7:00 pm at the home of Marcia Mielnik. Please call Marcia at 610-866-5366 if you plan to attend. The morning group will meet on **November 5 at 10:00 am (please note new time)** in the church kitchen with Betty Damm as hostess. Please call Betty at 610-625-0252 if you plan to attend. All women are invited!

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.

EHMC Dart Baseball League

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)

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)

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!

****The next issue of the Star will be a December/January issue with a deadline of November 10.**

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. Also, if you hold a key to the church and no longer need it, please return it to the church office.** Thank you for your assistance.

Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering

East Hills Moravian Church is handing off the sheltering of women on Saturday nights during the emergency sheltering season to Central Moravian Church. It is hoped that this arrangement will be much more convenient for the guests but not be the end of our involvement in this critical ministry. We have been invited by Central to provide leadership and staffing for one of the Saturday nights each month, which equates to 4 of the 17 weeks, and we will be setting up a Sign-up Genius page to help organize these efforts. Additionally, volunteers will be needed for each of the nights at each of the sites for this 7-day-a-week ministry from December 1 through March 31. A training session will be held on **Wednesday, November 12, 7-9 pm** at Advent Moravian Church; 3730 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, and volunteers are encouraged to attend. To register, please visit www.bethlehememergencysheltering.org, scroll down and click on BES Volunteer Training, fill out the form and check your choice of training date. For more information or questions on training, please call 484-893-0818 or e-mail bethlehemsheltering@gmail.com.

Reminder

East Hills Moravian Church wants to help members of the congregation who need assistance securing enough food, medicine, and fuel to care for themselves and their families. If you need such help please see Pastor French. All inquiries and assistance given are kept confidential.

Communications

Please help us keep our information up to date! Do we have your current address, phone number, and e-mail address? Please notify the church office of any updates for yourself or any family members at office@easthillsmc.org or 610-868-6481.

Christmas Poinsettias

We are offering poinsettias for purchase in the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve. They may be taken home after the last service Christmas Eve. Plants are \$9 each; orders must be placed by December 4. Order blanks are in each Sunday's bulletin or are available on the EHMC website. For more information, contact Jim or Anna Koehler at nyaapa@aol.com or 484-256-5697.



Poinsettias

ORDER FORM

We are offering poinsettias for purchase to place in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. They may be taken home after the last service Christmas Eve. Please order by completing this form and returning it with payment to: Anna Koehler 2124 Abington Rd, Bethlehem PA 18018. Order deadline is Saturday, December 4, 2014.

\$9.00 each

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENTED BY: _____

PHONE #: _____

This is how it will appear in the bulletin.

Fill in the line you wish to have included in the bulletin:

In Honor of _____

In Loving Memory of _____

For Blessings Received _____

Please make checks payable to East Hills Moravian Church or EHMC.



11/1
Betty Heft
11/3
Barbara Shimer
11/4
Kyle Peters
11/5
Cory Kohn-Lesko
11/6
Olivia Kuhns
Doris Rice
11/7
Amanda Keirle
Mikela Ortwein
11/8
Gerry Kichline
Mary Ellen Rudolph
11/9
David Bieber

11/11
Linda Adams
Victoria Creamer
11/13
Cayden Creamer
11/15
Lucy Thompson
Donald Zeitner
11/16
Jean Bennett
11/18
Jams Epler
Phillip Gruver
Patricia Kuhns
11/20
Megan Clem
Kim Donatelli
Brian Yost
Macy Yost

11/23
Elmer Brogdon
Lois Meixell
11/24
Emily Turton
11/25
Sandra Gribbin
Megan Latham
11/26
Michael Clem
David Sommers
11/27
Stephanie Demko
Robert Hauck
11/29
Mark Gibson
Anna Koehler
Caroline Radchuk
11/30
Katrina Lehman
Thomas Walz



NOVEMBER WORSHIP

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 AM ON NOVEMBER 2 – CONSECRATION SUNDAY

SACRISTANS: Bob Hauck/Eileen Ackerman

ELDER ON DUTY: Jon Burcaw

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Kuhns

COUNTERS: Dwight Taylor/Bill Matz

USHERS: Bruce Montgomery

LITURGIST: Brian Davison

FLOWER VISITOR: Jeff Adams

WORSHIP SCHEDULE OF TWO SERVICES AT 8:30 AND 11:00 AM NOVEMBER 9, 16, 23, & 30

SACRISTANS

9 Jim/Lucia Knerr
16 Jim/Anna Koehler
23 John/Phyllis Kulp
30 All Sacristans

ELDER ON DUTY (8:30)

9 Lucy Thompson
16 Joe Conzola
23 Jon Burcaw
30 Amy Gross

ELDER ON DUTY (11:00)

9 Carol Grace Hicks
16 Laura Kemmerer
23 Jay Larson
30 Linda Marsh

FLOWER VISITOR

9 Jean Bennett
16 Bruce Montgomery
23 Sue Hahn
30 Earl/Lou Jackson

USHERS (8:30)

9 Joe/Frieda Soska
16 TBA
23 Joe/Frieda Soska
30 TBA

USHERS (11:00)

9 Greg/Nancy Costa
16 TBA
23 TBA
30 TBA

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

9 Snitker/Bieber
16 Reimer
23 Regina
30 Mera

COUNTERS

9 Dwight Taylor
Bruce Montgomery
16 Dwight Taylor
Bruce Montgomery
23 Jim Eberly/Jane Weber
30 Jim Eberly/Jane Weber

LITURGIST (8:30)

9 Jeff Adams
16 Barb Hendricks
23 TBA
30 Eileen Mera

LITURGIST (11:00)

9 Bill Matz, Jr.
16 Peter Diehl
23 TBA
30 Debbie Matz

Ushers Needed

If you are interested in being an usher at one of our worship services, please contact Jill Pitman at jmpitman0713@gmail.com or 484-626-2236.

In case of inclement weather please check Channel 69 News Storm Center and/or East Hills Moravian Church Facebook Page for schedule changes and closings.



All Things Moravian

Worship Service

A Taize Prayer Service being led by West Side Moravian Church and Holy Trinity ELCA Church will be held **Sunday, November 2** at 6:30 pm at West Side Moravian Church, 402 Third Avenue, Bethlehem. For more information contact Pastor Keith Harke at 610-417-3420.

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! Please visit www.centralmoravianchurch.org for more info.

Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

On **Saturday, November 8**, 4-7 pm, College Hill Moravian, 72 W. Laurel St., presents its annual pork & sauerkraut dinner. Cost: adults-\$12, children (5-11)-\$5, and under 5-free. Takeout is available. For tickets or info, call 610-867-8291.

Salute To The Troops Concert

A concert, in recognition of our armed forces worldwide, will be presented by the Allentown Band at Northeast Middle School on **Sunday, November 9**, at 3 pm. Cost: adults-\$10 and students-\$5 with proceeds to benefit the Victory House Homeless Veterans Program. Contact Amy Lukow at 610-691-3373, ext. 310, or email alukow@victoryhouselv.org. In addition, honor an armed forces member or veteran by sponsoring an ad in the 2014 Salute The Troops Brochure. For more information on this, visit www.victoryhouselv.org or email pdiluzio@victoryhouselv.org.

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.

Christmas In Nazareth

Saturday, December 13 – Save the date for this annual community wide event benefitting the Moravian Historical Society in Nazareth. Enjoy food, music, a live nativity and other family-friendly activities from 1-6 pm. Wristbands for the event are on sale now. Visit the Historical Society's website for more information – www.moravianhistoricalsociety.org.

New Walking Tours Of Moravian Nazareth

Enjoy an exciting stroll through beautiful, historic Nazareth with a costumed tour guide from the Moravian Historical Society. This walking tour features an overview of the early colonial Moravian lifestyle, a visit to the oldest Moravian buildings in North America, and stops at important community buildings to explore important crafts, industries, and personalities. Join us at the 1740/1743 Whitefield House at **3 pm on the second Saturday of November and December**.

Girls' Retreat At Camp Hope

"You Are God's Masterpiece" to be held **Friday, January 30 beginning at 6:30 pm through Sunday, February 1, 2015, at 2:00 pm**. for girls in third through eighth grades. The cost for the weekend is \$60. The focus will be on "who we are in God's eyes, how we live out our faith when times are hard, how we can help build each other up, and how to be a good friend". Space is limited so please contact Linda Wisser at 610-965-6067 or The Rev. Jodie Harney at 610-838-9344 to register soon.

Star and Candle Shoppe

Central Moravian Church's Star and Candle Shoppe, 40 W. Church St., (located in the CE Building, right across the hall from the putz) will open its doors for a "preview sale" after worship on **Sunday, November 23, noon-3 pm**. Come and see our wonderful selection of handcrafted Christmas gifts created by artists from Bethlehem to Nepal. The "Christmas Attic" table will feature all sorts of gently used miscellaneous items. If you have something you would like to contribute, please contact Shoppe Manager Carol Reifinger at 610-837-2312 to arrange for drop off during the week of November 17. Proceeds from the Shoppe benefit the Christopher Scott Seifert Fund for Christian Education, as well as a number of local and international causes.

Crossroads

Road Hazards, our Congregational Ethics course, begins **Saturday, November 1**, and runs four consecutive Monday evenings from 6-9 pm (Nov 3, 10, 17 & 24) plus four consecutive Saturday mornings from 9 am-noon (Nov 1, 8, 15 & 22). Learn about common financial issues, protecting children, power/control, decision making, and other issues within congregations. In addition, participants work on a project about a societal ethical issue of their choosing to present to the class. Traditional ethical systems are explored along with a look at marketplace ethics. For more information contact Jill Peters at jpeters@moravian.edu or www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads.

Thanksgiving Concert

On **Sunday, November 23**, the Nazareth Moravian Church (on the circle), 4 S. Main St., Nazareth, will host a Community Thanksgiving Lovefeast Concert at 3:00 pm to be given by the Federal City Brass Band/26th North Carolina Regimental Band. The sources of music the band plays include original band journals and sheet music of the Civil War era and most of the instruments are original dating to the mid-19th century. The original band was made up of Moravian musicians who enlisted in the early spring of 1862 and served until the last week of the Civil War. A freewill offering will be received.

Chicken Potpie Dinner: Saturday, November 15, 4:30-7:00 pm at Calvary Moravian Church, 948 N. 21 St., Allentown. Cost: Adults-\$8/Children under 12-\$4.



Sunday November 2: Consecration Sunday

One unity service worship at 9:30 am followed by brunch