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“God Is In The Stillness”

When is the last time you experienced quiet and the absence of potential distraction? If you are like most Americans, probably not very recently. Scientists use the phrase “ambient noise level” to define sound pressure at a given location. Sound pressure is measured in decibels. In the wilderness, you might experience an ambient noise level of 30 to 45 decibels. In contrast, many urban areas have an ambient noise level of 85 to 90 decibels. That’s just the background noise. To that, one must add the ringing of cell phones, the volume of the television, radio or iPod, and any other noise that you or others near you might be making. We live in a noisy world surrounded by different messages competing for our attention. Often it is the loudest, most frequent, or most dramatic message which arrests our attention and shapes our worldview.

As often as not, these messages seek to manipulate us into buying a certain product or buying into a certain world-view. Some are irrelevant, some annoying, some frightening, and some harmful. Most do little to further spiritual growth or nurture our relationship with Christ. Even the greatest of prophets of a more quiet past needed times of silence and freedom from distraction to hear the still, small voice of God.

Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”
(1 Kings 19: 12-13)

As Lent continues during March, now might be a good time to consider setting aside a few moments each day to spend with God. During this time you may wish to...

- read the Bible,
- reflect on what messages are shaping your life,
- focus on aspects of your life for which you are thankful,
- ponder where and how you sensed God’s presence in your life or that of others,
- consider changes might you make in your life to be a better follower of Jesus, or simply heed the wisdom of Psalm 46, verse 10.

“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”



Preschool News

Mary Kay Brezinsky



I am not sure how many genuine Irishmen we have among our preschool families, but for a few days in March, we all get into the spirit of celebrating St. Patrick's Day. The magic of leprechauns hiding gold around the church and lots of green art and snacks adds merriment to our classes. In the process, we learn a little bit about St. Patrick.

Registration for the 2015-16 school year is now in full swing. We welcome families into our school to observe our classes and see our beautiful facility. We enjoy meeting new friends and look forward to them joining our school family in September. If you know of anyone looking for a preschool, have them give us a call, 610-868-6242. We welcome their visit!



Mark Your Calendars For Breakfast With The Easter Bunny/Silent Auction

Saturday, March 28, in the Family Center - 8:30 am and 10:00 am seating

Tickets go on sale March 9: Adults-\$8/Children 2-11 yrs.-\$5/Under 2 yrs.-free

If you don't have time for breakfast, stop by from 8:30-10:45 am to bid on our Silent Auction items such as: Iron Pigs Tickets, 4 VIP tickets to Live with Kelly and Michael, 4 tickets to Rachael Ray Show, 4 tickets to The Chew, and many more items! For tickets or more information, call 610-868-6242. Proceeds benefit our preschool.

Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities

Adult Fellowship Wine Tasting

Get lucky on **Friday the 13th, of March**. Join Adult Fellowship's 10th annual wine tasting party, starting at **7 pm**, which Sue and Rich Kriebs are once again hosting. A full menu of foods and desserts, selected to complement the various wines, will be prepared and served by the Wingroves, Kriebs, and Mielniks. Wine glasses for tasting are provided, and other beverages will also be available. This year's winery choice is Cardinal Hollow Winery, located in West Point (near Lansdale), PA. For those who have previously enjoyed this event, we hope to see you again, and for those who have not, please join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, food, and drink. Contact Sue or Rich (610-867-5971, or skriebs@gmail.com) for info or to reserve. The cost is \$20 per person. Payment is due no later than **Sunday, March 8**, but earlier payment is always appreciated. Please **reserve early** because space is limited, and to help us plan the event.

Adult Fellowship Events

SAVE THESE DATES! Plan to attend any or all of these events and put the dates on your calendar. More information about individual events with contact information will be in future editions of the Star and/or Sunday bulletins.

- March 13-Wine Tasting at the home of Rich and Sue Kriebs-7:00 pm-\$20.00.
- April 18-Support MDA fundraising event at Nancy Run Fire House-see Jon Burcaw,
- May 16-Weekend Get Away-Visit Chanticleer (Gardens) on Saturday and Valley Forge on Sunday. Events can be done separately without overnight stay.
- June 7-Breakfast for the congregation (Fundraiser for Yam's).
- June 13-Visit to Pearl Buck's Home in Perkasie.
- June 26- Iron Pigs Baseball Friday evening game with fireworks -Families welcome \$10.00-See Nancy Costa for tickets.
- July 19-Swim party at the home of Sandy and Joe Gribbin.
- August 29-Northlandz-Model train display in Flemington, NJ.
- September 26-Grounds for Sculpture, Trenton, NJ.
- October 17-Unangst Farm Corn Maze.
- November-Date to be announced for Phantoms Hockey; families welcome.

Women's Fellowship

March Meetings: The evening group will meet on **March 3** at 7:00 pm at the home of Sue Hahn; please call Sue at 610-865-2304 if you plan to attend. The morning group will meet on **March 4** at **10:00 am** in the church kitchen. Please call Janet Droney at 610-691-1984 or Jean Bennett at 610-868-9810 if you plan to attend. Both groups will study Lesson 3 on page 22: "What the Bible Says About Prayer". All women are invited to join us.

Reception of New Members, Baptism, and Confirmation

February 22 was a busy day in the life of our East Hills Moravian Church family.

- **Philip and Tracy Stratton** joined East Hills through the Reaffirmation of Faith.
- **Adra Claire, Ryan Pierce, and Cady Lynne Stratton**, children of Philip and Tracy, were welcomed into Christ's Church and the fellowship of this congregation through the Sacrament of Baptism.
- **Laura Davison** confirmed the covenant into which she was baptized through the Rite of Confirmation.

Please join in showing continued spiritual support to these fellow children of God and your brothers and sisters in Christ.

EHMC Book Club

The East Hills Moravian Church Book Club will meet **Monday, April 13**, at 7 pm in the Parlor. We will be discussing "The Rosie Project: A Novel" by Graeme Simsion. "Filled with humor and plenty of heart, The Rosie Project is a delightful reminder that all of us, no matter how we're wired, just want to fit in." Light refreshments will be served. Contact Amy Gross, bartlet4pres@yahoo.com or 610-217-6008.

EHMC Yard Sale

The yard sale is scheduled for **Saturday, May 30, 8 am-2 pm**, rain or shine. We will accept donations May 25-29 from 11am-6 pm. We will not be accepting clothing, furniture, or electronics. Volunteers are needed to set up the floor, accept donations, separate the items, help out at the sale, and clean up May 24-May 30. Contact Wayne Gruver at 610-867-7818/ ufospacehunter@yahoo.com.

LV Iron Pigs Family Outing

Join us for a fun family event on **Friday, June 26**, at the Iron Pigs game. Game time is 7:05 pm with fireworks following the game. Tickets cost \$10 (same as last year) and need to be paid for by May 26. Contact Nancy Costa at 610-442-6056 to reserve your tickets.

Time For YAM Care Packages

Young Adult Ministry (YAM) sends care packages to college-age youth attending school, in the military, or in the job force twice a year. 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 the spring. 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; or 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, April 5 (Easter)**. If you wish to donate or have questions, please contact Lucy Thompson or Bobby Shimer at numbers/e-mails listed above. Thanks for caring.

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. Home (H)/Away (A)

Mar: 2-W/S-Edgeboro (H); 9-St. Peter's (H); 16-Christ UCC (H); 23-Christ Lutheran (H).

Apr: 6-St. Matthew's (H); 13-Schoenersville UCC (H).

Magazine & Gift Orders Benefit EHMC

Last year, with only 4 people participating, our church earned over \$154. If you have a current magazine subscription, you can re-order your magazine now, have your current subscription extended, or order gift items, and 40% of your order goes to our church!

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3/25

Greg Adams
Scott Gross

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Sara Pinter

3/29

Keri Greenawald

3/30

Beth Jensen
Andrea Neith

Flowers for Easter

ORDER FORM

We are offering lilies, daffodils, and tulips for purchase to place in the sanctuary for Easter.

They may be taken home after the last service Easter morning.

Please order by completing this form and returning it with payment to: Anna Koehler in person or mail to: 2124 Abington Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

Order deadline is March 22, 2015



Lilies \$10.00



Tulips \$8.00



Daffodils \$8.00

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Select one Lily Daffodil Tulip

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For Blessings Received _____

Select one Lily Daffodil Tulip

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

March Worship/Sunday School Schedule

Sunday March 1: One unity service at **9:30 am** followed by Sunday School.

****Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 8; don't forget to turn your clock ahead so you don't miss worship and Sunday School!****

Sundays March 8, 15, 22, & 29:** Two worship services at 8:30 & 11:00 am/ Sunday School at 9:45 am

Wednesdays March 4, 11, 18, & 25: Lenten Dinners with programming for adults and children in Fellowship Hall; dinner at 6:00 followed by programs at 7:00 pm.

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.

March 1: One unity service worship at **9:30 am** followed by Sunday School.

Sacristans-John & Phyllis Kulp; **Elder**-TBA; **Ushers**-Bill & Debbie Spinney; **Liturgist**-Karen Montgomery; **Counters**-Joe Csrenko/Jane Weber; **Flowers**-Thompson; **Flower visitor**-Bruce Montgomery.

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

Sacristans-TBA; **Elder (8:30/11:00)**-TBA; **Ushers (8:30)**-Tom & Nancy Walz; **(11:00)**-Girl Scouts; **Liturgist (8:30)**-Lisa Mixon; **(11:00)**-Girl Scouts; **Counters**-Joe Csrenko/Jane Weber; **Flowers**-Bennett/Glass; **Flower visitor**-Jan Schanck.

March 15: Two worship services at 8:30 & 11:00 am/Sunday School at 9:45 am.

Sacristans-Jack & Jean Skillman; **Elder (8:30/11:00)**-TBA ; **Ushers (8:30)**-Steve & Lucy Thompson; **(11:00)**-Bobby Shimer/Joyce Signarovitz; **Liturgist (8:30)**-Barb Hendricks; **(11:00)**-Peter Diehl; **Counters**-Joe Csrenko/Jim Eberly; **Flowers**-Costa/Girl Scouts; **Flower visitor**-Jeff Adams.

March 22: Two worship services at 8:30 & 11:00 am/Sunday School at 9:45 am.

Sacristans-Harry & Louise Snyder; **Elder (8:30/11:00)**-TBA ; **Ushers (8:30)**-Bob Koehler/Jim Knerr; **(11:00)**-Dave & Patti Evans; **Liturgist (8:30)**-Randy Emmons; **(11:00)**-Ann-Louise Taylor; **Counters**-Karen Davison/Scott Gross/Jim Eberly; **Flowers**-DelPriore; **Flower visitor**-Jon Burcaw.

March 29: Two worship services at 8:30 & 11:00 am/Sunday School at 9:45 am.

Sacristans-Steve & Lucy Thompson; **Elder (8:30/11:00)**-TBA ; **Ushers (8:30)**-Bruce Montgomery/Jon Burcaw; **(11:00)**-Sharon, Chris, & Zach Beamer; **Liturgist (8:30)**-Bob Hauck; **(11:00)**-Jean Skillman; **Counters**-Karen Davison/Lois Oudheusden; **Flowers**-Eric & Jodi Evans/Bruce Dague; **Flower visitor**-Lucy Thompson.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday

Sanctuary, March 29
8:30 & 11:00 am Services

Holy Week Reading Services

Fellowship Hall, Sunday through Wednesday
March 29-April 1 at 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

Sanctuary, April 2 at 7:00 pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Sanctuary, April 3 at 7:00 pm

Easter Services

Sanctuary, Sunday, April 5
6:00 am Easter Dawn
8:30 am Communion
11:00 am Resurrection

Les Misérables Behind The Scene Tour And Christian Fellowship

Join us on Friday June 19 at 6:30 pm at The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival on the campus of DeSales University to see Les Misérables and take a backstage behind the scene tour all for \$42. Make checks payable to Denise Kohn and mail the completed form below to Denise Kohn at 105 Brandywine Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18020 by **April 15**. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for your tickets. We only have 40 seats reserved, so get your checks in early to get a seat!

- See the musical Les Misérables which starts at 8:00 pm; the all new production with Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival artists featuring professional PSF actors from New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Los Angeles. The production will be directed by Associate Artistic Director Dennis Razze, who has directed all of PSF's musical productions. All 22 performances are expected to sell out.
- The Behind the Scene Tour starts at 6:30 pm and lasts 30-60 minutes. The tour includes the stages of both Main Stage Theatre and Schubert Theatre. Learn about the lights and sound, see the wig room and talk to the wig master, and see the costume shop and costume master.
- Listen to live renaissance music "On the Green" from 7-7:45 pm. The Shakespeare Café offers salads, sandwiches, and sweets for sale for those people not meeting for dinner. (See below for details.)
- If you are interested in dinner, meet at Copperhead, which is located a few miles from DeSales University at 5737 Route 378, Bethlehem, PA 18015, at 5:00 pm. Please let Denise know if you plan to meet for dinner so she can make reservations.
- If you are not having dinner, meet at DeSales University at 6:25 pm.

People attending _____ Phone number _____

Address _____

Check here if you need a ride Check here if you have room to take others

Check if you are meeting at Copperhead for dinner

** Please cut out and return this form to Denise Kohn, 105 Brandywine Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18020, with a check for \$42 payable to Denise Kohn and include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Star Newsletter

The deadline for all information **for the April issue of the Star will be March 10**. Please remember to keep information as brief as possible due to space limitations. Thank you!

Church Safety

PLEASE remember to **re-lock and check all doors** to make sure they are locked when you leave the church premises. **If you unlock, please re-lock even if there are still others in the building when you leave.** If you hold a key to the church and no longer need it, please return it to the church office.



All Things Moravian

Snow Tubing

Join Edgeboro Moravian at Blue Mountain on **Friday, March 6, 6-9:00 pm**, for an evening of fun and bring your friends too! Cost: \$20 plus signed waiver by March 1. (You must be 36" tall). To come and watch is \$2. Hot dogs, soda, water, and desserts provided; please bring a "munchie" to share. Contact Blake Messman at 610-954-5173 or messmanblake@gmail.com.

German Script Course

Due to the high number of registrations, the Moravian Archives will offer a second course in German Script from **July 7-17**, 9:00 am-1:00 pm each day (no class on weekends). For more information, visit the website <http://www.moravianchurcharchives.org/programs/german-script-course/>, call 610-866-3255, or e-mail info@moravianchurcharchives.org.

Spring Rummage Sale: The annual spring rummage and bake sale will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 8 am-1 pm**, at Schoeneck Moravian Church, 316 N. Broad St. Ext., Nazareth. The rummage sale features hundreds of bargains in children's and adult clothing, housewares, toys, books, and furniture along with fresh baked goods, breakfast sandwiches, homemade soup, and hot dogs.

Museum Trip: Central Moravian Church invites you to the Reading Public Museum on **Sunday, March 22**, 12:30-8 pm. Bus will leave the Christian Education parking lot at 12:30 pm to see a new special exhibit, *Spirits of the Passage: Story of the Transatlantic Slave Trade* which focuses on the English merchant-slaver ship, the *Henrietta Marie*, which wrecked off the coast of Key West, FL in 1700. This interactive display explores the history of the slave trade. Also included are a planetarium visit and *Adventures with Clifford the Big Red Dog* (great for kids). Seating is limited and reservations with payment required by **March 8**. Cost: \$40 per person; \$34 for seniors and students (ages 3 and up) and includes bus, box lunch, and museum admission with planetarium show. Does **not** include cost for dinner stop on the way home. Contact the church office at office@centralmoravianchurch.org, or 610-866-5661.

