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"The Moravian Church As A Unity"

What does the word "church" mean to you? Does it elicit thoughts and memories of the persons, activities, and building which comprise our congregation or a former congregation to which you belonged? Or does the term embrace all who love and follow our Lord? Is the church merely a human institution, or something more – a transcendent reality not yet fully realized on earth as it is in heaven?

I urge you to reflect on the following words from the Ground of the Unity as we prepare ourselves to celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 4th. This is who we, as Moravian followers of Jesus are, or seek to become. We are a connectional body, bound to each other and to all Christians through a common relationship to our Lord. "*Unitas Fratrum*" is the official Latin name of the world-wide Moravian Church.

¶16. We believe in and confess the Unity of the Church given in the one Lord Jesus Christ as God and Savior. He died that He might unite the scattered children of God. As the living Lord and Shepherd, He is leading His flock toward such unity.

The *Unitas Fratrum* espoused such unity when it took over the name of the old Bohemian Brethren's Church, "*Unitas Fratrum*" (Unity of Brethren). Nor can we ever forget the powerful unifying experience granted by the crucified and risen Lord to our fathers in Herrnhut on the occasion of the Holy Communion of August 13, 1727, in Berthelsdorf.

It is the Lord's will that Christendom should give evidence of and seek unity in Him with zeal and love. In our own midst we see how such Unity has been promised us and laid upon us as a charge. We recognize that through the grace of Christ the different churches have received many gifts. It is our desire that we may learn from each other and rejoice together in the riches of the love of Christ and the manifold wisdom of God.

We confess our share in the guilt which is manifest in the severed and divided state of Christendom. By means of such divisions we ourselves hinder the message and power of the Gospel. We recognize the danger of self-righteousness and judging others without love.

Since we together with all Christendom are pilgrims on the way to meet our coming Lord, we welcome every step that brings us nearer the goal of unity in Him. He Himself invites us to communion in His supper. Through it He leads the Church toward that union which He has promised. By means of His presence in the Holy Communion, He makes our unity in Him evident and certain even today.

Amen!

Dear Congregation,

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity on the 20th anniversary of my ordination. It is a great joy to serve the Lord as your pastor and to partner with you in carrying out the Savior's work at East Hills Moravian Church. I shall always think fondly of you whenever I wear my new surplice.

With gratitude and praise,
Pastor Derek



Preschool News

Mary Kay Brezinsky

The beginning of school went smoothly, and we have all met new friends! The Four Year Old Program will be off to the pumpkin patch on Friday, October 2 and will all be wearing our cool new EHMC Preschool T-shirts. We will all celebrate Halloween with a parade, a short song fest for our families, and a Halloween party with lots of goodies.

We have added a new class this year, a 3-day Three Year Old Class which meets on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings, and it is full! Our Two Year Old program is also full! We do have a few spots left in our 2-day Three Year Old Class and in the Four Year Old programs. Please tell your friends and have them give the Preschool Office a call at 610-868-6242.

Our staff is a wonderful group of teachers, and we are enthusiastically looking forward to our year together.

- Mary Synoracki, Karen McLaughlin, Kathy Bevan, Heather Amatore, Teachers of the 3 Year Old Program.
- Theresa Uliana & Pam Seitz, Teachers of the 4 day 4 Yr. Old Program & Teachers of the 2 Yr. Old Class and CPG.
- Anne Conzola & Karen McLaughlin, Teachers of the 3 Day 4 Yr. Old Program.
- Mary Synoracki & Kathy Bevan, Teachers of the Wed. 2 Yr. Old Program.
- Charmayne Stauffer, Administrative Assistant.

The Preschool participates in the Giant A-Plus Rewards Program which runs from October through March. Please sign up with your Giant Rewards Card number either through the Preschool office or on the clipboard located on the church office door. Giant totals all the purchases by all the rewards club members and gives the Preschool a certain percentage in cash in May. This is an easy way for us to raise money! We thank you for your help with this fundraiser.

Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities

Worship Schedule Changes

Our unity worship services (**one worship service only at 9:30 am followed by Sunday School at 10:30 am** the first Sunday of every month) will resume **October 4**. The remaining Sundays of each month will follow the schedule of two worship services (8:30 and 11:00 am) with Sunday School at 9:45 am.

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 at 610-691-2708 or slmicro@ptd.net or Bobby Shimer at 610-868-0179 or barbara.shimer@gmail.com. The young adult will be added to our list and receive a package from us in early November. 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. If you wish to donate, please make checks payable to *East Hills Moravian Church*, memo: YAM. The deadline for contributions is **Sunday, November 1**. If you wish to donate or have questions, you may contact Lucy Thompson or Bobby Shimer at the contact info above. Thanks for caring!

New EHMC Directory

Copies of the updated 2015 directory are available in the Narthex or from the church office. We have tried to make the contact information as accurate as possible with the information we currently have on file. Please notify the church office as soon as possible if corrections are necessary so we can keep our database current. The directory will not be sent electronically or posted on the website due to confidentiality.

EHMC Book Club

The East Hills Moravian Book club has scheduled its next meeting for **Monday, October 26 at 7 pm**. We will be discussing Paul Torday's, Salmon Fishing in the Yemen. What does it take to make us believe in the impossible? For Dr. Alfred Jones, life is a quiet mixture of civil service at the National Centre for Fisheries Excellence and marriage to Mary—an ambitious, no-nonsense financier. But a strange turn of fate from an unexpected direction forces Jones to upend his existence and spend all of his time in pursuit of another man's ludicrous dream. Can there be salmon in the Yemen? Science says no; but if resources are limitless and the visionary is inspired, maybe salmon fishing in the Yemen isn't impossible. Then again, maybe nothing is. Shop for Salmon Fishing in the Yemen by Paul Torday including information and reviews on www.betterworldbooks.com. Questions, contact Amy Frantz Gross, bartlet4pres@yahoo.com or 610-217-6008.

CROPWALK

Date: Sunday October 11, 2015

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

Distance: 1 mile, 5K & 10K courses



Thirty-One 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 11 to kick-off the 31st event, rain or shine. 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 \$575,000 and distributed \$143,975 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. **2014 Results** - \$27,447 was raised at the 2014 Bethlehem CROP Hunger Walk with \$6,875 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 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 future Sundays for you to stop by and sign-up to walk or sponsor. Let's make it another great year! If you have questions or need more info, contact Bob Wingrove @ 610-867-0537.

Request For Volunteers

A few more individuals are needed to help set up, coordinate pick up of food, paper products, etc., or fill in for ushering or other duties for funerals held here at EHMC. If you can give any of your time for this ministry, please contact Louise Snyder at avonlouise@ptd.net, 610-865-4118, or see her in church.

Why Knots

All are invited to the Why Knots' sale and fall celebration in the EHMC Family Center on **November 1 after the 9:30 am unity worship service**. The Why Knots will be holding **one** annual sale per year to offer our winter wear for all ages. If you enjoy knitting/crocheting or want to learn, come enjoy the fellowship of this group. We meet all year on the **fourth Wednesday of every month at 7 pm**. For more information call Ginny Yanzsa, 610-704- 2591.

Cradle Roll Update

Congratulations to Caleb Barnello, who turns 3 years old on October 19 and graduates from Cradle Roll here at East Hills Moravian Church! Cradle roll is a Christian based age appropriate program where information is mailed monthly to all parents of children from birth (adoption) through three years. Once a child turns three, they graduate from cradle roll and become eligible to attend Sunday School nursery class. Cradle roll also provides a card that is given to the family at baptism. If you know of any church members who have a child from birth (adoption) through three years old that is not receiving Cradle Roll's monthly age appropriate mailing, please contact Denise Kohn at 610-867-8467 or contact the church office.

New Members at East Hills

Our New Members Lovefeast was held on Sunday, September 20 to recognize and welcome those who have joined our congregation since last September. Our new members welcomed at East Hills were: Connie Cuellar; Michelle Prall and Children-Tanamarie Williams and Donald and Frances Wood; Jimmy Stocklas, and Phil & Tracy Stratton and Children-Adra, Ryan, and Cady.

Star Newsletter

The deadline for all information for the **November issue of the Star will be October 10**. Please help us distribute information in a timely manner by meeting this deadline and keeping information as brief as possible due to space limitations and costs. Thank you!

East Hills Moravian Facebook Page Guidelines

The East Hills Communications Committee has established the following guidelines. Anyone who is a member of the East Hills Moravian Facebook page may post messages.

Our Facebook Page is used for the following:

- Announcements of church events
- Church related media (articles, videos)
- Church Family news
- Congregational "Classified" (I have... I need...)

What Not to Post:

- Solicitations
- Committee business (i.e., meeting minutes, schedules)
- Photos of people without their permission (especially youth)
- Personal health information of others

It's Mossing Time

Mossing will take place on **Sunday, November 1**, (rain date November 8). We will carpool from the church leaving at **noon** 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 THESE DATES:

- Putz construction begins Sunday, November 15
- Hanging of the greens – Sunday, November 22

Women's Fellowship

October Meetings: The evening group will meet on **October 6 at 7:30 pm** at the home of Joanne VanBilliard, and the morning group will meet on **October 7 at 10:00 am** in the church kitchen. Please call Janet Droney at 610-691-1984 if you plan to attend **either** meeting. Please bring your study book from **last year** as we will be doing Lesson 6 on page 40, "How To Pray". Please plan on joining us after the 9:30 am unity service on **Sunday, November 1**, for the Women's Fellowship bake sale in conjunction with the Why Knots annual winter wear sale.

Thank You

~My heart is so full from all the love shown to me and my family through visits, phone calls, food, flowers, cards, and prayers. All have meant so much to me. May God continue to bless each one of you. In Christian Love, Jean Bennett

~Phyllis and John Kulp would like to thank the members of EHMC for their love, support, and caring throughout Phyllis's mother's illness and her subsequent death. Lorraine enjoyed the alter flowers immensely, as well as the many cards and notes sent from the congregation. Mom always felt welcomed by everyone at East Hills. John and I have felt surrounded by the love of the congregation during this difficult time. Mom is at peace and home at last. Thank you, Phyllis



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- 1 Antonio DelPriore, Barbara Hendricks
7 Philip Stratton
9 Steve Cooke
10 Derek French, Jaclyn VanBilliard
11 Connie Fuchs
14 Cady Stratton
15 Aaron Bowden, Norma Snitker, James VanBilliard, Sr.
16 Gabriel Caton
18 Andrew Conzola, Michael DelPriore
19 Caleb Barnello
20 Karina Epler, Sarah Williams
21 Greg Costa, Lisa Epler, Molly Peters
22 Andy Donatelli
24 Nicholas Cooke, Joshua Friedman, Stacia McCoy
27 Dorothy Kuhfahl
We invite you to celebrate Dorothy Kuhfahl's 90th birthday with her by participating in a card shower. Please mail cards to her at: Phoebe Home, 1925 W. Turner St., Allentown, PA 18104.
28 Jerome Hymans, Denise Kohn
30 Joyce Signarovitz, Joseph Soska, Sr.
31 Julianna Conrad

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October Worship Schedule

October 4

One service at 9:30 am; Sunday School at 10:30 am

Sacristans- John & Phyllis Kulp

Elder- Amy Gross

Liturgist- Bruce Montgomery

Ushers- Harry Snyder/Jean Bennett

Counters- Karen Davison/Jane Weber

Flowers- Jackson

Flower Visitor- Earl & Lou Jackson

October 11

Two services at 8:00 am and 11:00 am; Sunday School at 9:45 am

Sacristans- TBA

Elder (8:30) Meg Norman **(11:00)** Jay Larson

Liturgist (8:30) Eileen Mera **(11:00)** Bill Matz, Jr.

Ushers (8:30) Jeff Adams/Bruce Montgomery **(11:00)** Sandy Gribbin/Charmayne Stauffer

Counters- Karen Davison/Jim Eberly

Flowers- Thompson

Flower Visitor- Jay Larson

October 18

Two services at 8:00 am and 11:00 am; Sunday School at 9:45 am

Sacristans- Jack & Jean Skillman

Elder (8:30) Lucy Thompson **(11:00)** Meg Norman

Liturgist (8:30) Amy Gross **(11:00)** Jill Pitman

Ushers (8:30) Steve & Lucy Thompson **(11:00)** Dave & Patti Evans

Counters- Steve Cooke/Jim Eberly

Flowers- Knerr/Schanck

Flower Visitor- Bill & Debbie Matz

October 25

Two services at 8:00 am and 11:00 am; Sunday School at 9:45 am

Sacristans- Harry & Louise Snyder

Elder (8:30) Jon Burcaw **(11:00)** Linda Marsh

Liturgist (8:30) Joe Csrenko **(11:00)** Lucy Thompson

Ushers (8:30) Tom & Nancy Walz **(11:00)** Sharon, Christopher, & Zachary Beamer

Counters- Steve Cooke/Lois Oudheusden

Flowers- Friedman/Gaugler-Bartholomew

Flower Visitor- Linda Marsh





All Things Moravian

Bethlehem Area Moravians 2015 Craft Sale

A "Christmas Craft Festival" will be sponsored by the 6 churches of the Bethlehem Area Moravians on **Friday, October 23, 2015 from 2 – 7 pm and Saturday, October 24, 2015, from 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 delicious luncheon menu will be available. The Festival will once again feature quality crafts by local artisans, and we look forward to having several new crafters join us this year! Proceeds will be shared equally with Esperanza for Bethlehem, the Moravian Church's tutoring and healthy foods programs for local children in need, and with the overnight Emergency Shelter, sponsored by a group of churches in Bethlehem.

The Star & Candle Shoppe

The Shoppe opens on **November 27** in the Christian Education Building of Central Moravian Church, 40 W. Church St., Bethlehem....right across the hall from the putz. We have beautiful stars in many sizes and colors, handmade beeswax candles, nutcrackers, ornaments, jewelry, delicious homemade baked goods.....something for everyone on your Christmas list. Open Friday, November 27 through Sunday, December 20. **Hours: Thurs/Fri: 1-7 pm; Sat: 10 am-8 pm; Sun: 1-5 pm; closed Mon, Tues, and Wed.**

Christmas In Nazareth

The Moravian Historical Society would like to invite area Moravian congregations to participate in this year's Christmas in Nazareth celebration on **December 12** from 11 am – 6 pm. They have space upstairs in the museum area to accommodate one 6-foot table per congregation for selling arts & crafts, baked goods, or general outreach. There is **no cost** to reserve a table; please contact Derrick Clark at 610-759-5070 or operations@moravianhistoricalsociety.org on or before **November 1** if interested.

German Script Course

Moravian Archives, 41 W. Locust St., is offering a course from **June 1-14, 2016**, 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 and registration is limited. Visit <http://www.moravianchurcharchives.org/programs/german-script-course/> or call 610-866-3255.

Genealogy Course

Have you ever wanted to find out more about your Moravian ancestors? Assistant archivist Tom McCullough will host a genealogy workshop on **October 16 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm** in the reading room of the Moravian Archives located at 41 W. Locust Street, Bethlehem. The fee for the workshop is \$60.00 and includes the following instructional materials:

- Color reproductions
- Handouts
- Binder for storing instructional material
- Coffee, tea during breaks

Register at <http://www.moravianchurcharchives.org/events/genealogy-workshop/>, call 610-866-3255, or e-mail info@moravianchurcharchives.org.

EAST HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH EVENTS

OCTOBER 2015

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