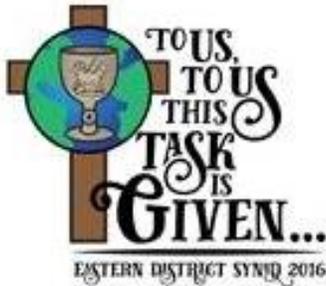


The Star

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“To Us, To Us This Task is Given” Eastern District Synod 2016

Mission and outreach on behalf of the Savior, rather than denominational expansion, was the initial focus of Moravian work in North America. Collectively and individually the church willingly made great sacrifices to bring the good news about Jesus Christ to persons who otherwise would never have heard it.

This summer's Eastern District Synod (June 22-25) seeks to re-ignite our passion for the Savior's ongoing work through a special focus on local and world mission. Before joining together in mission teams to prayerfully consider congregational and district mission initiatives, delegates will participate in a “hands-on” mission learning experience at one of many sites throughout the Lehigh Valley. It is hoped that their experience will inform the work of synod and encourage Eastern District congregations to reach beyond the walls of the sanctuary and their member rosters in spreading God's Word.

The title of the synod is taken from the third stanza of “Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord,” written by the late Moravian bishop Edwin Kortz:

But not for us alone this news
was brought by Christ our Lord.
'Twas meant for all the world to hear
and thus with one accord
with all God's children everywhere
his name and sign with pride we bear.
To us, to us this task is giv'n:
to spread God's word. Amen.

I find it interesting that God has most abundantly blessed the Moravian Church whenever its members have “lost themselves” in the Savior's work with little concern for how doing so would benefit them individually or institutionally. Perhaps as we reflect on our history there are lessons for us as we set the ministry priorities of our congregation and district.



Preschool News

Mary Kay Brezinsky

As the school year comes to a close, we would like to thank our preschool staff. Our teachers work so hard to make their classes exciting, educational, and fun! This makes for an outstanding year for everyone. We all would like to thank Church Secretary Deb Worrich and Pastor Derek for always being there to help us out and to guide us spiritually. Lastly, we would like to thank all of our families for sharing their children with us. We really enjoyed them!

On May 23rd our school year will end with the Four-Year Old Program's Graduation Ceremony. We are all excited for them to continue their journey in Kindergarten although we will miss their smiling faces in the classrooms. It is bittersweet to say goodbye to our friends but we know they have an exciting road ahead. We look forward to seeing our Two's and Three's back for another year in the fall along with many new faces. I always suggest to everyone to take their beach chairs out, rest and relax in order to be ready for another school year!

We still have just a few spaces left in our Two, Three, and Four-Year Old Programs. Please recommend us to your friends or give us a call at 610-868-6242 if you are interested.

Have a great summer everyone!

Thank You!

To All My Dear East Hills Friends,

Heartfelt thanks for your cards, visits, flowers, and most of all for your prayers. I have recovered well and am ready for spring! Susan Sommers

Dear EPMC Members,

I can't thank you enough for all of the prayers, well wishes, and encouraging words with both of my surgeries. Your prayers helped me see this through, and I am on the road to recovery; hope to be back on my dancing feet soon! My test results came back with good results, and, while I will need to have follow-up testing twice a year, I pray I will continue to receive good news. Thank you for keeping me in prayer and making smile when I was down. Love, Tanya Yost

To My East Hills Family,

Thank you to all for your cards, calls, and prayers. My surgery went very well, and I can write much better now. Blessings to you all, Janet Droney

Dear Pastor Derek, Friends, Neighbors, & My EPMC Family,

Thank you seems so inadequate when I think of all the ways so many of you have helped me during my past two hospitalizations: prayers, the hours spent with me in the emergency room or in doctors' offices, cards, flowers, meals, shopping, visits, phone calls and the list just goes on. How blessed I feel to have so much support from so many!! My sincerest thanks to all; you have been my guardian angels. Sue Hahn

Dear East Hills Family,

My sincere thanks to all for your cards, visits, and prayers during my recent illness. All were very much appreciated. Millie Zeitner

Dear EPMC Members,

Northeast Ministry thanks you for your kindness through food and monetary donations. During the month of February, we were able to feed 179 families!

Dear East Hills,

Thank you again for all the support you have given me this year! I really enjoyed my year at Penn State; it flew by, and I am looking forward to coming home soon. Adam Evans

Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities



EHMC Spring Cleanup

All hands on deck! Please plan to join us **Saturday, May 7**, from **8:00 am to 1:00 pm** for a spring cleanup of the building and grounds at East Hills. Bring your gardening tools and gloves; stay the whole time or for as long as you are able. Need more information or have questions? Contact Joe Csrenko at jjdark1@aim.com or see one of the Trustees.

Women's Fellowship

May Meetings: The evening group will meet on **May 3 at 7:30 pm** in the church kitchen, and the morning group will meet on **May 4 at 10:00 am** in the church kitchen; please contact Janet Droney at 610-691-1984 if you plan to attend either meeting. Both groups will study Lesson 12, "Prayer is the Greatest Privilege" on page 78 of the red book. These will be our final meetings before our "summer" break, and we will resume our regular meetings in the fall.

EHMC Book Club

All are welcome to join the East Hills Moravian Church Book Club which will meet on **Monday, May 9, at 7:00 pm** in the Parlor. We will be discussing Nadia Bolz-Weber's Accidental Saints. In Accidental Saints, New York Times best-selling author Nadia Bolz-Weber invites readers into a surprising encounter with what she calls "a religious but not-so-spiritual life". Visit her website at

<http://www.nadiabolzweber.com/books/accidental-saints>.

Questions; contact Amy Frantz Gross, bartlet4pres@yahoo.com.

Yard Sale Update

The EHMC Yard Sale will be held **May 21 from 8 am – 2 pm**.

Item drop-off times are as follows:

- **May 14 – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm** (Set up will begin **May 14**)
- **May 15 – 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm**
- **May 16 through May 19 – 9:00 am – 5 pm**
- **May 20 – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Trip To Valley Forge

Saturday, June 18, adult fellowship will be visiting Valley Forge. We will meet in the church parking lot at **7:45 am** and travel to Valley Forge where we will see a brief informational film before taking a guided 1 ½-hour trolley tour through the National Park with two opportunities to get off the trolley and walk around. Cost: \$17.50 per person/\$14.50 for seniors, payable the day of the tour with deadline for sign-up of **May 20. Please respond as soon as possible as space on the trolley is limited.** We will stop on the way home for a late lunch. Contact Phyllis Kulp, 610-737-7166 or Charmayne Stauffer, 610-691-1430 to sign up or for more information.

Save The Date: Adult Fellowship is planning a trip to the Wings & Wheels Extravaganza (an Aviation & Automotive Show) on **Saturday July 9**, along with an option for an evening Big Band Concert & Swing Dance. Cost: Adults-\$8, Children (6-12)-\$4. For more details, contact Jim Knerr, 610-882-9198 or Steve Thompson, 610-691-2708.

Star Newsletter

The deadline for all information for the **June issue of the Star will be May 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!

Update Contact Information

If you have a change in name, address, phone number, e-mail address, etc., **please** notify the church office so we can keep our database current and keep you notified of upcoming events.

May Worship Schedule

May 1

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

Sacristans-John & Phyllis Kulp

Elder-Sue Larson

Liturgist-Bill Matz

Ushers-Sharon, Christopher, and Zachary Beamer

Counters-Joe Csrenko/Lisa Mixon

Flowers-Joe & Frieda Soska

Flower Visitor- Joanne VanBilliard

May 8

Two services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am; Sunday School at 9:45 am

Sacristans-Scott & Amy Gross

Elder (8:30) Amy Gross **(11:00)** Lucy Thompson

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

Ushers (8:30) Dave & Patti Evans **(11:00)** Greg & Nancy Costa

Counters-Joe Csrenko/Joe Soska, Jr.

Flowers-Jack & Jean Skillman

Flower Visitor-Bill & Debbie Matz

May 15 – Pentecost/Holy Communion/Rite of Confirmation at 11:00 am

Two services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am; Sunday School at 9:45 am

Sacristans- Wayne & Debbie Gruver

Elder (8:30) Jeff Adams **(11:00)** Todd Heft

Liturgist (8:30) Bruce Montgomery **(11:00)** Jean Skillman

Ushers (8:30) Joe & Frieda Soska **(11:00)** Tom & Nancy Walz

Counters-Joe Csrenko/Jim Eberly

Flowers-Steve & Jen Cooke

Flower Visitor-Marcia Mielnik

May 22

Two services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am; Sunday School at 9:45 am

Sacristans- Bob Hauck/Eileen Ackerman

Elder (8:30) Meg Norman **(11:00)** Laura Kemmerer

Liturgist (8:30) Eileen Ackerman **(11:00)** Wendy Lutz

Ushers (8:30) TBA **(11:00)** Jeff Adams/Jon Burcaw

Counters-Dwight Taylor/Bill Matz

Flowers-Steve & Jenni Kuhns

Flower Visitor-Bruce Montgomery

May 29

Two services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am; Sunday School at 9:45 am

Sacristans- Jim & Lucia Knerr

Elder (8:30) Rob Sauers **(11:00)** Meg Norman

Liturgist (8:30) Joyce Signarovitz **(11:00)** Bertie Knisely

Ushers (8:30) TBA **(11:00)** Jim Eckerd/Steven Ent

Counters- Dwight Taylor/Bill Matz

Flowers-Connie Cuellar

Flower Visitor-Jan Schanck



MAY

- 2 Natalie Eberly, Susan Stellato
- 3 Angela Febert, Mandi Ortwein, Jon Ortwein, Harry Snyder
- 4 Sue Burcaw, Isaac Gichiengo
- 6 Wanda Sedlock
- 7 William Darrah, Don Kemmerer
- 9 Dave Evans, Heather Frantz, Shannon Sauers, Donald Wood
- 10 Zoli Heft, Gehrig Stellato
- 11 Logan Darrah
- 12 Zachary Beamer, Faith Newhall
- 15 Greg Destasio
- 16 Elizabeth Girou
- 17 Laura Kemmerer, Mary Louise Lukievics, Joni Wambold
- 18 Meredith Sauers
- 19 Sarah Moyzan
- 20 Jim Dunstan
- 21 Sue Larson
- 24 Alec Lutz, Joshua Lutz
- 26 Lorraine Febert
- 27 Connie Cuellar, Bob Mielnik
- 28 Sharon Beamer, Shane Burcaw, Joseph Csrenko, Jane Weber
- 30 Dana Greenawald
- 31 Andrew Davison, James Stocklas

CAMP HOPE INFORMATION 2016

www.camphope.org

PRE-PRIMARY	(grade 1-2)	June 19 - 22
PRIMARY	(grade 3-4)	June 26 - July 2
MIDDLER	(grade 5-6)	July 3 - 9
JR HIGH	(grade 7-8)	July 10 - 16
SR/POST HIGH	(grade 9-age 21)	July 24 - 30

SPECIALTY CAMPS

FISHING CAMP	(grade 6-10)	June 26 - July 2
SWIMMING CAMP	(grade 3-6)	July 17 - 23
MUSICAL THEATER CAMP	(grades 5-9)	July 17 - 23

FAMILY AND ADULT RETREATS

Camp Hope Alumni Retreat	March 11 - 13
Memorial Day Family Camp	May 26 - 30
Memorial Day Picnic	May 30
Quilt Camp (Women's Retreat)	September 28 - Oct 1

For "campership" information for the 2016 summer, contact Annemarie Soska at 610-758-8876 or sos4am@juno.com.



All Things Moravian And Other Community Events

Open Mic Night

Lehigh Valley Moravian Youth Network presents "Open Mic Night" on **Sunday, May 1, 6-9 pm (open mic starts at 7 pm)** at East Hills Moravian Church for all youth and friends, grades 8-12. Sing, play an instrument, read poetry, perform a skit alone or with a group of friends! Food and games provided. For more information, contact Bob Wingrove at 610-867-0537 or 610-730-3929.

Support ShareCare

ShareCare is participating in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on **Saturday, June 4**, at DeSales University; registration begins at 7:45 am in Conmy Hall with the walk starting at 9:00 am. All proceeds designated to ShareCare support ShareCare programs. Please visit www.walkforahealthycommunity.org for more information or to register. Please be sure to choose ShareCare when registering. Thanks for your support!

Vacation Bible School

Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love this summer as East Hills, Advent, and Central Moravian Churches come together for "Surf Shack", our 2016 Vacation Bible School, to be held at East Hills, **June 13-17**, from 9:00 am-12:15 pm. All children and their friends ages 4 years through sixth grade are invited. Cost is \$25 for the first child; \$20 for additional siblings. Registration form is included in this newsletter or available at the church.

BAM Knoebel's Trip

Please join the Bethlehem Area Moravians for a trip to Knoebel's Amusement Park on **Friday, July 15, at 8:45 am**. Knoebel's is an historic park with pay-as-you-go rides for all ages, lots of shade and benches, a large swimming pool, and covered pavilions for picnicking. Cost: \$15 includes round-trip bus transportation, a catered lunch and light snack before departure; or for those who would like the option of bringing their own lunch--\$10 includes round-trip bus transportation and light snack before departure. Reservations are available on a first come, first served basis and must be purchased **in advance** from the East Hills Moravian Church office by **June 30. No refunds are available after JUNE 30.** Contact Carol Grace Hicks at carolgracehicks@yahoo.com or the East Hills Moravian Church office at (610) 868-6481 for more information. Order form is available in this newsletter or at the church.

Golf Charity Classic

Tournament to be held **Monday, June 6**, at Green Pond Country Club to benefit Victory House. Brochures available on bulletin board or call 610-691-3373, ext. 312, for more information or to register.

Board Of World Mission

The Board of World Mission is holding a young adult mission event, **September 2-5**, at Mt. Morris Camp and Conference Center in WI. The event is called "FIT", as we prepare ourselves to be FIT for Mission by learning to approach our call with **F**ocused **I**ntensity over **T**ime! More information will be out soon. The BWM is hoping to offer some scholarships and would ask you to consider a donation towards this effort. (A \$150 donation would cover all expenses for one participant!) For more information, contact Justin Rabbach, Director of Mission Engagement at Justin@moravianmission.org.

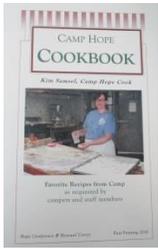


In observance of Memorial Day, the church office will be closed on May 30.

Camp Hope Celebration

~As part of its 70th anniversary celebration, Hope Conference & Renewal Center is collecting photos and images of past camps, campers and events at "Camp Hope" and Hope Conference Center to use in anniversary displays. If you have some to contribute, either by scan or by sending the originals, please contact the camp office at 908 459-4435 or e-mail hopecenter@camphope.org by **May 15**.

~Join us for the "Camp Hope" 70th Anniversary Celebration and Banquet, **Sunday, May 29**, at the campgrounds at 15 Ridgeway Ave., Hope, NJ. The opening program is at 4:00 pm, followed by an Anniversary Banquet, vespers, a closing circle and a campfire. Come in the afternoon to enjoy displays and memories, check out what's new, and enjoy the pool and lakefront. No charge for the event or banquet; please RSVP to 908-459-4435 or hopecenter@camphope.org by **May 23**.



Camp Hope Cookbook

Hope Conference & Renewal Center has just published a cookbook featuring classic camp meals and camper favorites with recipes adapted to a size suitable for a family. The cookbook costs \$5, and is available this summer at the camp store or by mail from the Hope Center office. If ordering by mail, please add \$1 postage for the first book ordered, and 50¢ extra postage for each additional book ordered (make checks payable to Hope Conference Center). Mail orders can be sent to Hope Conference Center, PO Box 165, Hope, NJ 07844.

Hope Conference & Renewal Center Food Service

Hope Conference Center can now provide food to groups who rent the facilities for a retreat or event. Food can be prepared in the kitchen at the Upper Lodge or in the kitchen attached to the lower dining hall in season. The camp Cook/Executive Chef will prepare or oversee the meals. Groups can choose how many meals they need, based on their schedule, and can select the menus from several choices in consultation with the cook. The price includes all food, use of the kitchen, and all staff (although groups can save a little money if they provide people to help with washing dishes and a few small tasks). The camp food service is optional, and must be arranged at the time the event is scheduled or in advance of the event date. Groups may still use their own cook and kitchen staff and bring their own food, as they have in the past. For more information or to add food service to your camp rental, contact the Hope Conference Center office at 908 459-4435 or hopecenter@camphope.org.





**Surf Shack
Vacation Bible School
June 13-17, 2016
9:00 am – 12:15 pm**

An outreach of Advent, Central,
and East Hills Moravian Churches

At East Hills Moravian Church,
1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017
610-868-6481

All children and their friends, ages 4-years through sixth-grade are invited.

Registration/Medical Form

Name of Child: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Grade Completed in School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent(s) or Responsible Adult(s) _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parents' Church/Religious Affiliation: _____

Contact in Case of Emergency: _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Physician's Name and Address: _____

Physician's Phone: _____

Medical Alerts: _____

Allergies - Food: _____

Bee Stings? _____ Medical? _____ Other: _____

Over the course of the week, we will be taking pictures of VBS activities which may include your child. Do we have permission to use photographs of your child for uses such as bulletin boards, newspaper articles, church website, and church publications? _____ Yes _____ No

Registration Fee Enclosed: _____ Yes _____ No (\$25 for first child; \$20 for additional siblings)

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CENTRAL MORAVIAN CHURCH
AND TURN IN TO YOUR LOCAL CHURCH OFFICE.**

Parent or Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

**BETHLEHEM AREA MORAVIANS
KNOEBEL'S PARK TRIP**

Friday, July 15, 8:45 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Bus pulls out at 9:00 am from East Hills Moravian Church parking lot!

Your Name: _____

Please list all members of your group, with ages if under 18, on the back of this form. Update trip coordinator on day of the trip if participants change.

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Congregation: (circle one) Central Advent West Side
Edgeboro East Hills Esperanza Other: _____

Number of "A" Reservations at \$15 _____
"A" reservations include transportation,
catered lunch, and light snack
before departure

Number of "B" Reservations at \$10 _____
"B" reservations include transportation
and light snack before departure

(Those who purchase "B" reservation may bring their own lunch or purchase it at the park and are invited to sit with the group for the lunch meal.)

Total enclosed: _____

Payment is required in advance

No refunds are possible after 6/30/16.

Knoebel's is an historic park with pay-as-you-go rides for all ages, lots of shade and benches, a large swimming pool, and covered pavilions for picnicking. A limited number of seats are available for this trip on a first-come, first-served basis. **Departure is promptly at 9:00 am from the East Hills Moravian Church parking lot at 1830 Butztown Road.** Return time is approximately 8:00 pm. **Payment is required in advance. Make checks payable to East Hills Moravian Church and mail with this form to 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017. No refunds are possible after 6/30/16.** Due to bus requirements, all children must have a reserved seat; either "A" or "B".

For more information, call Carol Grace Hicks at (202) 415-8068.

EAST HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH EVENTS

MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 am Unity Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am Handbells 5:00 pm Confirmation Dinner 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Open Mic</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:30 pm CE Task Force</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 pm Moravian Women</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 am Moravian Women 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:30 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 am Outdoor Cleanup Day</p>
<p>8</p> <p>*Mothers' Day 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 pm Book Club 7:30 pm Worship Committee</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 pm Preschool Board June Star News Deadline</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:30 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9 am-5 pm Yard Sale Set up begins today</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Pentecost/Communion 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Rite of Confirmation Noon-5:00 pm Yard Sale 12:15 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9 am-5 pm Yard Sale</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9 am-5 pm Yard Sale 7:30 pm Trustees</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9 am-5 pm Yard Sale 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9 am-5 pm Yard Sale 5:30 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9 am-2 pm Yard Sale</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Yard Sale 8 am-2 pm</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School Moravian Heritage Trip 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 pm Elders</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Last Day of Preschool 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm WhyKnots</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:30 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p> <p> Memorial Day Church Office Closed</p>	<p>31</p>				