



# The Star

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## “In All Generations ...”

The familiar hymn, “O God Our Help in Ages Past,” was written by Isaac Watts to respond to a political crisis and the resulting anxiety among the people of his nation and parish. Queen Anne of England was dying with no heir apparent to follow her. Many feared a recurrence of the turmoil and religious persecutions which had occurred in the past when one party had succeeded another in power.

If polls are to be believed, a substantial number of US citizens are apprehensive about the upcoming election. A political angst not unlike that of Watts' time looms over us. Pondering events in his own time, Watts found assurance and inspiration in Psalm 90.

“Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.” (Psalm 90: 1)

The resulting hymn celebrates God's faithfulness and guidance in the past and affirms the Creator's sovereignty in the midst of present uncertainty. Though we face constant change in our own lives and in the course of nations, a pattern of continuity and security emerges when we resolve to “dwell in the Lord.” God is “our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.”

Watts composed his hymn to respond to a time of crisis but its lyrics are equally apt for any occasion during which the church marks the passage of time and looks forward to see where God will lead it in the future.

Please join us on **June 5<sup>th</sup>** when we sing this hymn during 9:30 am worship as we observe the anniversary of East Hills Moravian Church. We will pause to remember what God has done for, with, and through this congregation in the past and then join with the psalmist in praying:

“Let the favor of the Lord be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands.” (Psalm 90:17)

*Derek French*

# Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities

## Six Young People Confirm Their Faith

On Sunday, May 15, at the 11:00 am worship service, Nathan Bowden, Andrew Davison, Steven Ent, Alec Lutz, Joshua Lutz, and Grace Taylor made their public profession of faith through the Rite of Confirmation. Please show continued spiritual support to these children of God.

## Summer Worship Schedule Changes

Please make note our summer worship schedule **begins June 5. There will be one worship service only at 9:30 am and no Sunday School.** Services will be held in the Sanctuary unless there is a high heat index in which case the service will be held in the Family Center.

## Special Church Council Meeting

A special church council meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 5 immediately following the 9:30 am worship service** to present the following proposal for congregational vote:

### East Hills Moravian Church Worship Schedule

#### **Sunday School Year – September through May**

Two Worship Services:

- 8:30 – 9:15 am Worship
- 10:30 – 11:30 am Worship
- Sunday school – 9:30–10:15 am

#### **Summer Worship Schedule – June through August**

- One Worship Service: 9:30 am
- No Sunday School

## EHMC Book Club

All are welcome to join the East Hills Moravian Church Book Club, **August 29 at 7 pm**, in the parlor to discuss A Man Called Ove. A Man Called Ove was first published in 2015 so should be easily found at your favorite book seller. From People Magazine: "A charming debut...you'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll feel new sympathy for the curmudgeons in your life. You'll also want to move to Scandinavia, where everything's cuter." If you have any question, contact Amy Frantz Gross, [bartlet4pres@yahoo.com](mailto:bartlet4pres@yahoo.com).

## Wings & Wheels "Extravaganza"

Airplanes, Autos and Dancing - what a great combo! Join Adult Fellowship as we travel to Bethel, PA on **Saturday, July 9**, for an Aviation & Automotive show. Cost: Adults \$8, Children 6-12 \$4. Visit the Golden Age Air Museum and enjoy an evening Big Band Concert & Swing Dance with The Lebanon Big Swing Band. Families are welcome! The airshow gates open at 9:00 am, and the concert begins at 7:30 pm. We will be carpooling to this event or you can drive independently. For more details, or to sign up **by July 6**, contact Jim Knerr, 610-882-9198, or Steve Thompson, 610-691-2708.

## Camp Hope 2016

Camp Hope/"campership" information is available in the Narthex or at [www.camphope.org](http://www.camphope.org).

## Star Newsletter

**There will be one combined issue of the Star for July/August with a deadline of June 10.** If you have any news for upcoming summer or early September events, please e-mail that information to the church office as soon as possible. Please help us distribute information in a timely manner by meeting this deadline and keeping information as brief as possible due to space limitations.

## 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.

### **EHMC Preschool Registration**

Registration for the 2016-17 school year is underway. We offer classes for 2, 3, and 4-year olds to learn, play and explore in our fun preschool program. For more information, please call the preschool office at 610-868-6242 or pick up an information packet outside the Preschool or Church offices. We look forward to hearing from you and having your child join us for a wonderful and exciting learning experience!

### **Graduation 2016**

If someone in your family has graduated from college or will be graduating from high school this spring, please e-mail the office ([office@easthillsmc.org](mailto:office@easthillsmc.org)) with their name, where they graduated from, future plans, and a short description of any activities they were involved in so we can honor them at a future date. Thank you!

## **Thank You!**

Dear Members of East Hills Moravian Church,



Thank you very much for the generous donation of food to the Northeast Ministry Food Bank in April! Northeast Ministry's Food Bank served 196 families in the month of April. This includes 290 adults, 223 children, and 76 senior citizens. Your donations allow us to offer a variety of food items to pantry participants that are not otherwise available. It seems that the need for food in our community is constantly growing, even in the warmer months, and it's always comforting to know that the members of East Hills are thinking about the members of our community. Thank you for continuously supporting the work of Northeast Ministry. There are many great causes you could support so we are thankful you chose our agency!  
Paula A. Johnson, Assistant Executive Director, Northeast Ministry

### **Thank You/Please Help**

Thank you to all who contribute to the upkeep of the church. It takes the whole church community to maintain our facility and keep it presentable. Please make an effort to clean up after an event or service, pull weeds, pick up trash, etc. Every little bit helps; please don't assume "someone else will take care of that". If you are making a donation, please contact the church office or other responsible party so that all items arrive at their intended destination. Please do not leave items without explanation in or around the church.

### **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.

## **Happy Fathers Day**



## June Worship Schedule

Summer Worship Schedule Begins June 5: One service only at 9:30 am/No Sunday School

### June 5

#### **Anniversary Lovefeast/Church Council**

**Sacristans**-All Sacristans

**Elder**-Rob Sauers

**Liturgist**-Karen Davison

**Ushers**-Heather Frantz/Bobby Shimer

**Counters**-Jay Larson/Bruce Montgomery

**Flowers**-Jan Schanck

**Flower Visitor**-Jeff Adams

### June 12

**Sacristans**-Jim & Anna Koehler

**Elder**-Jeff Adams

**Liturgist**-Beth Jensen

**Ushers**-Steve & Lucy Thompson

**Counters**- Dwight Taylor/Bruce Montgomery

**Flowers**-Sandy Gribbin/Steve & Lucy Thompson

**Flower Visitor**-Jay Larson

### June 19

#### **Fathers' Day**

**Sacristans**- Bob & Lynn Greenawald

**Elder**-Sue Larson

**Liturgist**-Debbie Matz

**Ushers**-Bob Hauck/Jim Knerr

**Counters**-Dwight Taylor/Ellen DeStasio

**Flowers**-Rachel Reynolds

**Flower Visitor**-Jean Bennett

### June 26

#### **Hymn Sing**

**Sacristans**- Gary & Linda Marsh

**Elder**-Todd Heft

**Liturgist**- Anna French

**Ushers**-Jean Bennett/Bruce Montgomery

**Counters**- Dwight Taylor/Ellen DeStasio

**Flowers**-Robert & Heather Frantz

**Flower Visitor**-Jon Burcaw



JUNE

- 4 David Kemmerer
- 8 Madison Sauers
- 9 Kelly Newhall, Sarah Urban
- 11 Victoria Coyle
- 14 Andrew Evans, Sue Kriebs
- 17 Joe Mixon
- 19 Gabriella Stocklas, Ryan Stratton
- 20 Patti Evans, Catherine Moyzan
- 21 Barbara Levan, Tanya Yost
- 25 Julia Demko, Christopher Johnson
- 26 Steven Ent
- 27 Susan Hahn
- 28 Dave Hendricks
- 29 Robert Koehler, Sr., June Maculesky

**ATTENTION EAST HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH MEMBERS & FRIENDS**

- **DO YOU READ MAGAZINES AND NEED TO RENEW?**
- **DO YOU READ MAGAZINES OR NEWSPAPERS ON YOUR PORTABLE DEVICE?**
- **DO YOU NEED A SMALL GIFT FOR A NEIGHBOR OR FRIEND?**

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please follow the directions below and our church will receive **40%** of each order!

Go to **STORE.GAFUNDRAISING.COM**

**Our Church ID: 2768554**

Follow the easy steps outlined below:

1. Click on "Shop Now!"
2. Under 'School or organization online ID' write: **2768554** (that is our church ID)
3. Under 'Support student of your choice' write: **Your First and Last Name**
4. Select your magazine and pay by credit card. Please print a copy of your order.
  - You will receive a quarterly statement in the mail showing the amount of your donation to East Hills Moravian Church. (This can be used for taxes.)
  - Shop online 24-7, and pay by credit card and save 4-6 weeks delivery time
  - It's easy, safe and secure to go green and support our church!
  - If you do not have a computer and want to order magazines, gifts or if you have any other questions contact: Denise Kohn-Lesko at [dkohnlesko@gmail.com](mailto:dkohnlesko@gmail.com) or phone 610-867-8467.



**Customers** can contact the toll-free online customer service number at 1-800-251-1542.



## All Things Moravian And Other Community Events

### **BAM Knoebels Trip**

Join the Bethlehem Area Moravians for a trip to Knoebels Amusement Park on **Friday, July 15, at 8:45 am**. Knoebels 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 by June 30; no refunds are available after JUNE 30.** Order form is available in this newsletter or at the church. Contact Carol Grace Hicks, [carolgracehicks@yahoo.com](mailto:carolgracehicks@yahoo.com) or the East Hills Moravian Church office at (610) 868-6481 for reservations.

### **Suriname Dinner/Presentation**

In February, women from around the worldwide Moravian Unity gathered in Paramaribo, Suriname for the Fourth Unity Women's Consultation to discuss issues women face such as violence against women, women in ministry, health care, poverty, parenting for justice, and education. Delegates were asked to share the results of the consultation with congregations in their districts and provinces. You are invited for dinner on **Tuesday, June 7 at 6 p.m. at East Hills Moravian Church**, followed by a time of informal sharing by Mandy Mastros and Bishop Blair Couch about the work of the Unity Women's Desk, and the Unity Women's Consultation. Contact Mandy Mastros at 717-723-0958 or [mmastros@live.com](mailto:mmastros@live.com) if you have any questions or need details.

### **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](http://www.walkforahealthycommunity.org) and choose ShareCare when registering.

### **Golf Charity Classic**

Tournament on **Monday, June 6**, at Green Pond Country Club to benefit Victory House. Call 610-691-3373, ext. 312, for more information or to register.

### **Crossroads Book Club**

#### **Tuesdays at 7 pm at Moravian Theological Seminary**

Join us for these four very different evenings talking about fascinating books that will enhance your personal spiritual formation and increase your ministry skill set. This series is sponsored by Moravian Theological Seminary's CROSSROADS Lay Leadership Program and is open to the public. Cost is only \$10 per night or \$30 for the whole series. You are welcome to bring friends. Register online at <http://www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads> or contact Jill Peters at [jpeters@moravian.edu](mailto:jpeters@moravian.edu). We are looking forward to connecting with old friends, making new friends and having some great discussions! Register today. Order your books through your favorite bookstore. Start your summer reading.

- **June 28 – Keeping The Sabbath Wholly** by Marva Dawn
- **July 12 - Creative Confidence** by Kelley & Kelley
- **July 26 - Accidental Saints** by Nadia Bolz-Weber
- **August 16 - Falling Upward** by Fr. Richard Rohr



**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 KNOEBELS 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                  College Hill                  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.**

Knoebels 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

## JUNE 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>*Summer Worship Schedule begins June 5 . One service @ 9:30 am No Sunday School</p>			<p>1 5:00 pm Girl Scout Event 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>2 5:30 pm LAST Youth Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm LAST Senior Choir</p>	3	4
<p>5 Anniversary Sunday 9:30 am Worship Lovefeast 10:30 am Church Council  6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>6 7:00 pm CEC Meeting</p>	7	<p>8 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	9	<p>10 *Deadline for July/Aug Star Information</p>	11
<p>12 9:30 am Worship  6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>13 VBS-9:00 am –12:15 pm 7:30 pm Worship Cmte.</p>	<p>14 Flag Day  VBS-9:00 am –12:15 pm 7:00 pm Preschool Board</p>	<p>15 VBS-9:00 am –12:15 pm 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>16 VBS-9:00 am –12:15 pm  7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>17 VBS-9:00 am –12:15 pm</p>	18
<p>19 Fathers' Day 9:30 am Worship  6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>20 Summer Begins </p>	<p>21 7:30 pm Trustees</p>	<p>22 Eastern District Synod  7:00 pm Why Knots 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>23 Eastern District Synod</p>	<p>24 Eastern District Synod</p>	<p>25 Eastern District Synod</p>
<p>26 9:30 am Worship Hymn Sing  6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	27	<p>28 7:00 pm Elders</p>	<p>29 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	30		