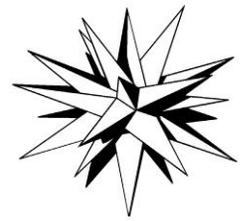


# EAST HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>LAST SUNDAY OF SUMMER SCHEDULE IS SEPTEMBER 3</b>	*Deadline for October Star Information is SEPTEMBER 10				1	2
<b>3 LAST</b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b>  6:00 pm Bible Study	<b>4</b>  <b>LABOR DAY</b> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>5</b>  7:00 pm Women's Fellowship	<b>6</b>  10:00 am Women's Fellowship 5:00 pm Preschool Open House 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	<b>7</b>  5:00 pm Chancel Choir 5:30 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm Senior Choir	8	9
<b>10 RALLY DAY</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Rally Day 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Handbells 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Venture Crew	<b>11</b>  7:00 pm CEC Meeting 7:30 pm Worship Cmte.	<b>12</b>  7:00 pm Preschool Brd.	<b>13</b>  5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	<b>14</b>  5:00 pm Chancel Choir 5:30 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm Senior Choir	15	16
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# The Star

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## **“Learning For Life”**

The next time you are around an infant observe how he or she absorbs all the world's new sights, sounds, and experiences. Children are veritable sponges when it comes to learning. Once upon a time, we all walked in their shoes. While the dividends are great, such rapid learning is exhausting. No wonder many small children sleep upwards of fifteen hours a day. Perhaps, in combination with all the additional responsibilities of adulthood, this explains why many persons' active learning tapers off after their school years. That's a shame because learning keeps one's mind nimble and one's outlook on life youthful.

Jesus once said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:2). He was thinking of humility as the childlike characteristic which marks those worthy to enter the kingdom of God; he just as easily could have called our attention to a child's hunger for learning. After all, one aspect of humility is not thinking ourselves wiser than we are (Romans 12:16). It's easy to think that by a certain age one knows all one needs to know about an issue such as Christian faith.

In our infancy and youth, we learn a lot of the mechanics of daily life. That's also true of Christian spiritual education. If we were fortunate enough to attend worship, Sunday School, or Vacation Bible School as a child, teachers introduced us to the stories of the faith. Really good teachers helped us see the application for our lives; yet their teaching was only a beginning point in opening up to us God's wisdom for the living of our lives.

As we grow older, our context and, therefore, the application of what we have learned regarding our faith, changes. To give but a brief example: the sentence “Now Sarai was childless because she was unable to conceive” from the biblical story of Abram and Sarai (Abraham and Sarah) takes on a whole new significance when, as adults, we or our peers face the grief of infertility. Suddenly, we understand her situation in a way no child could. We may find God touching us in our own situation in ways we had not previously considered.

East Hills Moravian Church is blessed with an active body of adults seeking to learn more about their faith together. If you are not already involved in one of these opportunities for deepening your understanding of how faith relates to daily life, I invite you to consider joining an adult Sunday School class or bible study this Fall.

No matter what age you are God desires that you live an abundant life. As Einstein once noted, “Once you stop learning, you start dying.”

*Duck French*



## Preschool News

Mary Kay Brezinsky

It is almost time for preschool classes to begin, and we are busy getting ready for the first day of school. Everyone is well rested and looking forward to the return of our preschoolers! The beach chairs are being cleaned off to be used in the Four Year Old Class reading area, and the bulletin boards become alive again with the artwork from our Preschool children. Our annual Parent Open House is on **Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. Our Parent/Child Orientation is on **Thursday, September 7**. The first week of classes begins on **Monday, September 11**.

We have **EXCITING NEW HOURS** for the preschool this year. We have added a **Breakfast Club from 8:00 – 9:15 am** for the children to come to school early, play with their friends, and enjoy a breakfast snack of their choice. Also, we have extended our **Creative Playgroup hours from 11:45 am – 4:00 pm**. This will give our children more time to learn, play, and explore in our classrooms with their friends! Please contact the preschool office for more information. We want to help our Preschool families with their childcare needs, and please let all your friends know that we have expanded our hours!

We still have just a few spots left in our classes that range from ages 2-5 years. Please call the office at 610-868-6242, come see our beautiful facility, and meet our staff; we look forward to hearing from you!

## Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities

### Women's Fellowship

We will resume our meetings beginning in **September** as follows:

- The evening group will meet on **September 5 at 7:00 pm** in the church parlor.
- The morning group will meet on **September 6 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 begin studying session 9 – "Hanging in With Inner Conflict/A Lesson in Freedom", (Romans 7 and 8) from this past year's study book.

### Confirmation Class Forming

A new confirmation class will be forming and is open to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. We will meet in the Board Room the first and third Sundays of each month beginning **September 17 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm**. More information will be sent out to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade families.

### Star Newsletter

The deadline for all information for the **October issue of the Star will be September 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!

### Cash Card Program Changes

After more than a decade and a half of faithful and diligent service, Louise Snyder has decided it is time to step down as administrator of our Cash Card program. She has handed over the reins to Sue Larson, who will do her best to serve capably. During this transition, Sue asks for your continued support of the program and patience as she makes the transition. She will also be making some changes in the program to accommodate her schedule and administration style. Sue will be in the church office immediately following worship for those wanting to purchase cards that are on hand. (At the time of the newsletter deadline, Sue was not yet up-to-speed and able to resume ordering new cards to fulfill orders.) If you are not able to see Sue and have questions or need some cash cards, please feel free to contact her at [610-737-0012](tel:610-737-0012) or [gsmom225@aol.com](mailto:gsmom225@aol.com).

## September Worship Schedule

### Worship Schedule Changes

Our current summer worship schedule with one service at 9:30 am and no Sunday School will run through **September 3**. Please join us when our regular worship schedule resumes on **Sunday, September 10** for **worship at either 8:30 or 10:30 am and our special Rally Day Sunday School opening celebration, "Journey With Jesus", in the Family Center at 9:30 am.**

### September 3 – LAST SUNDAY OF SUMMER SCHEDULE

#### **ONE SERVICE AT 9:30 AM**

**Sacristans-**John & Phyllis Kulp

**Elder-**Jeff Adams

**Liturgist-**Laura Davison

**Ushers-**Bob Hauck/Mike Taylor

**Counters-**Chris Gaugler/Mike DelPriore

**Flower Visitor-**Jean Bennett

**Flowers-**Gribbin/ Stauffer

### September 10 – BEGINNING OF REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE/RALLY DAY

#### **TWO SERVICES AT 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/RALLY DAY CELEBRATION IN FAMILY CENTER AT 9:30 AM**

**Sacristans-**Gary & Linda Marsh

**Elder-**(8:30) Meg Norman (10:30) Todd Heft

**Liturgist-**(8:30) Peter Norman (10:30) Phil Turton

**Ushers-**(8:30) Tom & Nancy Walz (10:30) Steve & Lucy Thompson

**Counters-** Chris Gaugler/Randy Emmons

**Flower Visitor-**Sue Hahn

**Flowers-**Knerr

### September 17

#### **NEW MEMBER LOVEFEAST AT 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM**

**Sacristans-**All Sacristans

**Elder-**(8:30) Rob Sauers (10:30) Dave Sommers

**Liturgist-**(8:30) Randy Emmons (10:30) Debbie Matz

**Ushers-**(8:30) Joe & Frieda Soska (10:30) Jack & Jean Skillman

**Counters-** Chris Gaugler/Randy Emmons

**Flower Visitor-**Jay Larson

**Flowers-**Matz

### September 24

#### **TWO SERVICES AT 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM**

**Sacristans-**Jack & Jean Skillman

**Elder-**(8:30) Ellen DeStasio (10:30) Laura Kemmerer

**Liturgist-**(8:30) Michael Clem (10:30) Peter Diehl

**Ushers-**(8:30) Rob Sauers/Heather Frantz (10:30) Jim Eckerd/Sam Hicks

**Counters-** Sue Larson/Deb Spinney

**Flower Visitor-**Bill & Debbie Matz

**Flowers-**Adams/Larson

# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Geoff Latham
- 2 Amy Krey
- 6 Nevada Heft
- 9 Joseph Conzola
- 11 Morgan Lukievics, Lois Oudheusden
- 13 Paige Zimmerman
- 14 Lisa Mixon
- 15 Mark Ozimek
- 17 James Koehler, Sr.
- 18 Ruth Allen, Carol Grace Hicks
- 19 Christine Darrah, Laura Davison
- 20 Russ Costa, Sam Hicks
- 25 Eileen Ackerman, Hunter Shook
- 27 John DeStasio
- 28 Jessica Taylor
- 29 Jennifer Cooke, Sarah Hull, Art King
- 30 Betty Hippenstiel

### Cradle Roll Update

Congratulations Terralyn! On August 3, Terralyn Shea Marsh turned three years old and graduated 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 let Denise Kohn know by phoning 610-867-8467 or contact the church office. Once again, Happy Third Birthday Terralynn!

### Thank You

~Phyllis and John Kulp would like to thank the congregation for their support, cards, prayers, and expressions of condolences as Phyllis's sister, Carole Everitt, battled and finally succumbed to cancer on June 20. Carole always enjoyed attending East Hills' dinners and viewing the Putz. She often commented on what a warm reception she, Dick, and my mom received here at East Hills and appreciated being on our prayer list. Carole was honored to receive altar flowers during one of her most difficult periods. Thank you for always being there for us as we supported her.

~I would like to thank everyone for the visits, cards, dinners, messages, and prayers during my recent surgery. It is a long haul until I am fully healed, but I am making great progress! Your love and support mean so much to me and my family.

Love,  
Wendy Lutz



## All Things Moravian And Other Community Events

### **Save The Date**

**Saturday, October 7**, join the Adult and Men's Fellowships of East Hills Moravian Church and travel to Eagle Mere, PA for the town's Bi-Planes, Trains and Automobiles Exhibit. The exhibit includes both their Auto (pristine collection from the 50's & 60's) and Air (travel back to the golden age of flying) Museums. **Open to all members/all ages of East Hills.** More details to follow. Contact Bob Wingrove at 610-730-3929 or 610-867-0537.

### **Camp Hope Avon Fundraiser**

Volunteers from each Lehigh Valley Moravian church are needed for this event. The volunteer contact will be responsible for the following:

- display brochure request form and give a brochure count to the coordinator by **September 25**
- distribute the Avon brochures & order forms
- collect order forms & payments due to the coordinator by **Wednesday, November 1**
- pick up orders from coordinator and distribute to participants at your church

Each church also has the option of placing orders online @ [www.youravon.com/lepler](http://www.youravon.com/lepler). If your church is interested in participating and you would like to be the volunteer contact person, please call/text Lisa Epler at [484-223-8687](tel:484-223-8687) or email at [colorsofayon@gmail.com](mailto:colorsofayon@gmail.com). Please join our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CampHope.Avon> for year-round specials & offers. Thank You!

### **Annual BAM Picnic**

Join your fellow Moravians and friends **Sunday, September 10, at 4:00 pm at Advent Moravian Church** for good food, music, games, and fellowship!

### **Moravian History Tour Of Europe**

Central Travelers and the Moravian Archives announce a trip to Europe to visit Moravian sites in 2018 including Prague, the Kalich Rocks, Herrnhut, Berthelsdorf, Gross Hennersdorf, Niesky, Kleinwelka, Herrnhag, Neuwied, Zeist, Comenius's grave at Naarden, and Christiansfeld. Moravian archivist and historian, Paul Peucker, will travel with the group to provide historical information and insights.

**Departure date is NEXT YEAR--July 4, 2018; return on July 15, 2018.** Contact Craig Mosebach, [cmosebach@rcn.com](mailto:cmosebach@rcn.com) or 610-625-4576, or the Moravian Archives at 610-866-3255 to receive a flyer (available fall 2017) with more details.

### **500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of Reformation**

Celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation in the context of reformations in our church, past and present. "Reformations Yesterday and Tomorrow": Craig Atwood (Moravian), Kelly Denton-Borhaug (Lutheran), and Brian Pavlac (Episcopal) will be the speakers, with Steven Simmons (Presbyterian) as the moderator. Bishop Sean Rowe (Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem), Bishop Sam Zeiser (Bishop of the Northeast Pennsylvania ELCA), and Rev. David Bennett (Eastern District President, Moravian Church Northern Province) will be present as event hosts, and we will enjoy a full-communion celebration of Eucharist. All this and lunch for a free will offering on **Tuesday, October 31, at Moravian Theological Seminary, 9:00 am-1:30 pm.**

Register at [www.moravianseminary.edu/registration](http://www.moravianseminary.edu/registration).



## BOARD OF WORLD MISSION

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Almost 400 Senior and Post-High campers and counselors from North Carolina, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and D.C. got connected with MISSION this summer by:

- Taking part in small-group mission discussions
- Doing “hands-on” mission projects
- Learning about past models of Moravian mission
- Studying Bible principles and asking, “How Did Jesus Do It?”
- Discovering that, as Moravians, mission is not only in our DNA (it's in our genes!), it also challenges us to NDA (Notice, Discern, Act!) and we can do this ADN (Anywhere Disciples Needed!).
- Experiencing a taste of many cultures where Moravians are present and active.
- Planning future mission involvement by noticing real needs around them (and beyond!). Brainstorming and planning actual ways to respond to those needs with their gifts and talents.
- Connecting to the BWM through the website and through communication with BWM staff and interns.

Please pray that God will keep this mission energy alive and active as a summer of camps and conferences comes to an end!

### **Also.....**

The Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church in North America has begun the search process for the position of Executive Director. After more than six years of strong and faithful service, the current BWM Executive Director, Rev. Judy Ganz, has announced her intention to retire at the end of this year.

The position of Executive Director facilitates the defining, evolving, and articulating of a vision for mission for BWM and the North American Moravian Church and promotes mission engagement among the congregations and agencies of the Moravian Church, our global and ecumenical partners, and the worldwide Unity. The Executive Director is responsible for the staffing, development, and implementation of all programs and policies and oversees budget planning. Above all, this position seeks to promote the Good News of the Savior by helping the church discern its call to engage in missions.

The Search Committee will review applications and begin interviewing candidates in August and September. Applications will remain open until the position is filled; those received by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 will receive full consideration. We hope to have the next Executive Director on staff by the end of 2017.

We invite you to prayerfully consider applying or nominating a gifted individual you feel is qualified for the position. We would love to hear from you! Please send an email to [search@moravianmission.org](mailto:search@moravianmission.org) to get the conversation started.