

# A Publication of East Hills Moravian Church

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Bethlehem, PA 18017

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Thursday - Office is open 9:00-3:00

\*Pastor Linda is off on Mondays.

## The Star



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*A Word from Pastor Linda Wisser:*



In Christ, Pastor Linda

**Pastoral Care:** Contact Pastor Linda via email at [pastorlinda@easthillsmc.org](mailto:pastorlinda@easthillsmc.org), via phone or text message at 484-764-8629.

**Prayer Requests:** Have a prayer request? Please contact the church office or fill out a prayer card in Sunday worship.

**Giving:**

**Online Giving:**

<http://www.easthillsmc.org/online-giving/>



**VENMO** at:

**Mail:** Mail pledges to the church at: 1830 Butztown Rd. Bethlehem, PA 18017.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:**

Please check Channel 69 News Storm Center and/or East Hills Moravian Church Facebook Page for schedule changes and closings. The office staff will follow the Bethlehem Area School District decisions for closings and delayed openings.

**Refreshments:**

**Weekly worship refreshments**

**schedule:** Please contact Louise Snyder to schedule your donation of refreshments for after worship. All donations are appreciated! Contact the church office.



**Come join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 - In person, on ZOOM, or anytime on YouTube at:**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/EastHillsMoravian/videos>

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83858077423?pwd=UFIBRD13cG5jTHNNaGNtakhnU05vdz09>

**Dial-in by phone:** Call 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID enter 838-5807-7423#

Participant ID enter #

Password enter 175584#



**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study - 9:30 am in the Church Lounge.**

Peter Diehl facilitating.

**Sunday Coffee & Conversation Group – 9:30 am**

**Sunday School for Children and Youth – 9:30 am**






Flowers This Week

**Sanctuary flowers:** If you wish to provide sanctuary flowers on Sunday:

- 1) **Enter your name on the Flower Chart** on your preferred week.
- 2) **Call florist - Mycalyn's - 610-759-9060** to place order by the Tuesday prior to your requested date. Pay the florist directly.
- 3) **Provide the church office with the date and dedication** you would like printed in the bulletin by the Tuesday prior to your requested date.
- 4) **Take the flowers with you after the service!** Please **DO NOT** leave them in the church for someone else to deal with. Bring your own vases or wrap them in paper towels.
- 5) **PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THE FLOWER INSERTS, THEY CANNOT BE REPLACED.** Thank you.

## What's Happening at East Hills...

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	<b>1 April Fool's Day</b>  Easter Monday – Office Closed	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm Women's Fellowship  Sandy-vacation	<b>3</b> 7-8:15 pm Inquirer's Class  Sandy – vacation	<b>4</b> 7:00 pm - CEC	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30 Coffee & Conversation Group 9:30 Women's Fellowship 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship, Joyful Noise Collection, birthdays - Worship Series – "How Shall We Live? – We WALK in the LIGHT!"	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm Trustees	<b>10</b> 7-8:15 pm Inquirer's Class	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b> 9:30 Coffee & Conversation Group 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship, New Member Lovefeast, Worship Series – "How Shall We Live? – We ABIDE in CHRIST!"	<b>22 Earth Day</b> 	<b>23</b> 7:00 pm – Worship & Music Committee	<b>24</b> 7:00 Why Knots	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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### HOPE with Narcan Training - HEROIN AND OPIOID

#### PREVENTION EDUCATION – April 15<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm at EHMC.

Nearly 110,000 people died of a drug overdose in 2023 and about 75% of those deaths involved an opioid. Fentanyl, currently the deadliest drug available, can be found in all street drugs, including marijuana, THC oil, cocaine, and methamphetamine. The Lehigh Valley is greatly affected by the fentanyl crisis and we all have a part to play in reducing harm and saving lives. Education is an important weapon in the fight against substance misuse.

### CHILI CHALLENGE – Sunday, April 21, 2024 –

#### 5:00-7:00 pm - East Hills Moravian Church

Tickets: Adults - \$9 Children under 10 - \$5  
Family max - \$28

Contact the church office.

Other menu items – hot dogs, nachos and cheese, corn bread and drinks.

Come participate or judge!

**Book Buddies – A Literacy Program with Governor Wolf Elementary School** - We began working with staff and students at Governor Wolf Elementary School twice a week, serving by reading to and with the children at the school in the morning. For now, if you are willing to serve once a month or once a week as a reader with kids, please call the office or speak with Pastor Linda.



**Why Knots** - members will be meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of January, and monthly throughout the New Year. If you are interested in joining in our effort to make items for donation to various community organizations, you are invited to contact the church office for information.

**Medical equipment loaner closet:**

Church and community members have contributed so generously to the closet that further acceptance of donations (except for knee scooters and travel wheelchairs) has been suspended for now. We can currently offer shower seats with and without backs and side handles, tub transfer benches, wheeled walkers, crutches, commodes, raised toilet seats, travel wheelchair with footrest and one without footrests, bed assist rails, a suction grab bar and sock aide. Please continue to encourage anyone in need to use it. At this time, we are not accepting any additional equipment donations. Call the church office.

**Cash Cards for Shopping and Gifting -**

Consider gift cards for gifts or for yourself. Every sale benefits EHMC! Giant, Gerrity's Valley Farm Market, and ShopRite cards are available every Sunday after worship. A full list of other retailers is available at RaiseRight.com or on the RaiseRight app. The East Hills enrollment code is 8897CBD34973. E-cards are available immediately after purchase. Physical card orders will be released in early March. To find out more or to place an order, contact the church office.

**Women's Fellowship** is reading "Rolling with the Rock" by Rev. Jason Andersen. The April meetings will be **in-person on Sunday, April 7th at 9:30 am** in the Board Room and **on ZOOM on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7 pm**. We'll be discussing **Session 7** "Sonce Bitten, Twice Shy" Matthew 26:58-75, Mark 14:54-72, Luke 22:54-61, John 18:15-27. Contact the church office for questions.

**Zoom Meetings are at:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81049150487?pwd=d0luM01YaFVvTVRRd2ZvbG1sdmo1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 810 4915 0487  
Passcode: 252978

**Victory House:** East Hills will be providing a dinner on second Tuesday of each month, for the men of Victory House again in 2024. We are in need of volunteers for the tasks of shopping, kitchen prep, and serving at the shelter. Please contact Randy Emmons at [taperandy@gmail.com](mailto:taperandy@gmail.com) if you wish to participate in this ministry.

**You are Invited**--The Freezer Ministry along with BES are offering – **Cooking for Crowds - A ServSafe Program Presented by Penn State Extension**

What: Join us to hear how to safely prepare and serve meals.

When: Tuesday April 16, 2024  
5:30 pm – 8:15 pm  
Where: East Hills Moravian Church  
1830 Butztown Rd.  
Bethlehem, PA 18017

**To RSVP:** Use this Sign-Up Genius Link – [Click Here to RSVP](#)

To let us know which group you represent - Please add FM, BES or a different church/group name in the comment field.

Hope to see you there.

**The East Hills Moravian Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, **April 30th at 7pm** to discuss James McBride's "Heaven and Earth Grocery Store." Questions? Contact the church office.

**Men's Fellowship:** Men's Fellowship is available to assist members whenever possible. We have an email chain setup so that if a member needs some sort of assistance, an email can be sent out looking for the proper assistance. For example, if a member becomes ill and needs some temporary jobs/outside chores completed he/she can let one of us know and we can try to find a volunteer to help accommodate that need. As of now, social distance and safety guidelines need to be met to safeguard each of us. If you need anything feel free to reach out to Pete Norman at [petewnorman@gmail.com](mailto:petewnorman@gmail.com) or Bob Wingrove at [bobandkathyw@rcn.com](mailto:bobandkathyw@rcn.com). We will try to assist you as best we can.



**Enjoy playing cards?** Come join a fun group every **Wednesday from 1-3 pm** at the church. Come when you can. Most times Pinochle is our game but open to other games as well. Contact the church office.

## DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Northeast Community Center:** We have had a close relationship with the foodbank at Northeast Community Center for many years. Two of our current ministries provide an opportunity for each one of us to get involved. A CAN A WEEK provides a weekly opportunity for each one of us to shop for those in need and bring our donations to our special collection bins in the Narthex. We can watch announcements for the most-needed items and then add those items to our shopping list. JOYFUL NOISE is a special collection held on the first Sunday each month, but you can donate any time! The funds are used on a regular basis to fill in the gaps at the foodbank. Our ongoing support of both of these ministries is always greatly appreciated by clients and staff at NECC. Thanks for your help!



**FEED THE HUNGRY**



**A CAN A WEEK/JOYFUL NOISE:** Your generous support of this ministry is greatly needed at this time when the NECC foodbank is experiencing food shortages. Please join in our effort to have full participation in A CAN A WEEK.

**JOYFUL NOISE** is collected in our “cow cans” on the first Sunday each month, but donations are welcome at any time. Send a check to the church office or place an earmarked donation in the offering at any time. Let’s all get on board with our ongoing ministries in support of the Foodbank at the Northeast Community Center. A CAN A WEEK was designed to provide each one of us with the perfect opportunity to follow Jesus’ command to feed the hungry. Please join our effort by adding A CAN A WEEK to your regular shopping list, and watch our weekly announcements and Facebook posts regarding the most-needed items.



## RECYCLING



**TREX recycling:** The bagging dates are **April 14 & 28**.



**RECYCLE  
PRINTER CARTRIDGES  
HERE**



**Used printer cartridges:** The Boy Scouts continue to collect used printer cartridges in the box in Fellowship Hall. They are recycled and the proceeds benefit the Boy Scout troops and EHMC.



**Caring for Creation Tips** for reducing use of plastics Did you know that most plastics you recycle still end up in a dump in another country, or in the ocean killing sea life? We now all have microplastics in our bodies due to over use of plastics. Here are some ideas to reduce your use.

- One Brita bottle with a filter replaces cases of bottled water. A filtered pitcher or faucet mounted or whole house filter costs less than a year’s supply of bottled water.
  - Put taking reusable grocery bags at the top of your grocery list.
  - Replace detergent bottles with sustainably packaged pods for laundry, hand soap, DW.
- Available online from Dropps, Grove Collective (carries multiple cleaning and personal care products, with all recyclable containers and locally from the FD market at Promenade shops. FD market also sells refillable shampoo, shampoo bars, non-plastic toothbrushes.

**JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS**



**COMING TO EHMC THIS SUMMER!**



**Vacation  
Bible School**

VBS 2024...SAVE THE DATE – July 8 – 12  
from 9-12 each day.

## East Hills Moravian Church Car Show

Sat. September 14th.

1 to 4 PM

1830 Butztown Road  
Bethlehem, Pa

open to all cars - classic, vintage, hot rods  
sports cars, imports, you name it!

This is a neighborhood family friendly event  
come and enjoy yourself  
for info or to reserve a space

E-mail Jim at [easthillscars@outlook.com](mailto:easthillscars@outlook.com)

