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**Pastor Linda is off on Mondays.*

The Star



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A Word from Pastor Linda Wisser:



The STAR Monthly Newsletter: Final Edition

In 1957, Dwight Eisenhower was president of the United States. The average median family income was \$5000. "Leave it to Beaver" was among the top ten shows on television. Buddy Holly and the Crickets released their smash hit, "That'll Be the Day", and the first portable electric typewriter was placed on sale in Syracuse, New York. It was also the year that East Hills Moravian Church was chartered in Bethlehem, PA and the first edition of The Star monthly newsletter was published. Much has changed since 1957.

One of the most apparent shifts in our lives has been in communication. In 1957 and for the decades that followed, the mailing of the monthly church newsletter was the primary way EHMC members would know what was happening the life of the church. It was quite a production, with teams of people enjoying each other's company as they served each month to assemble the pages and prepare for bulk mailings. In the last decade, the bulk mailings were no longer necessary as most members opted to receive the news via email and only a few received it in the mail. Still, The STAR averages 12-15 pages of printed material and often takes 12-15 hours each month for office staff to produce, even in email format.

Recently our Communications Team noted that the STAR pre-dates our weekly Thursday email blast, and it contains most of the same news we share every Thursday. Church news is also shared in various other ways, such as pre-service PowerPoint projections on Sundays, on the screens in the narthex daily, bulletins, on Facebook, and on our church website. With all these things considered, the Joint Board has decided to discontinue producing and distributing the monthly STAR Newsletter.

We understand that changes are not always easy and that for some, this change may not be quickly embraced. But please be assured that if you currently receive the Thursday news in the mail, you will continue to receive those weekly mailings. And things such as the monthly calendar and birthday list found in the STAR will be in the Thursday news on the last Thursday of each month. We are excited to utilize effective, modern ways to communicate and to adapt our use of the resources God gives us for the work of ministry!

Have a blessed May!

In Christ,

Pastor Linda

Pastoral Care: Contact Pastor Linda via email at 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=UFIBRDl3cG5jTHNNaGNtakhnU05vdz09>

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



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.
			1 May Day	2	3	4 Anti-Bullying Day 
5 Cinco de Mayo 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, Praise Service, Joyful Noise, Mission Moment from Camp Hope	6 7:00 pm – CEC 7:00 BAM Ministries meeting	7 6:00 pm Joint Board meeting 7:00 pm Women's Fellowship	8 No Socks Day 	9	10 Golf Day 	11
12 Mother's Day  9:30 Coffee & Conversation Group 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship	13	14 7:00 pm Trustees	15 Chocolate Chip Day	16 Mimosa Day	17	18 Armed Forces Day 
19 (Last Sunday School Class for the Summer. Worship moving to 9:30 am starting 5/26 for the Summer) 9:30 Coffee & Conversation Group 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship, Holy Communion	20	21 7:00 pm Elders	22 7:00 Why Knots	23	24 Asparagus Day 	25
26 8:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 9:30 Worship, Trinity Sunday	27 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	28	29 Flip Flop Day  7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee	30	31 Smile Day 	



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.

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.



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.



The East Hills Moravian Book Club
Contact the church office.

Why Knots - members meet on the fourth Wednesday evening throughout the year to knit, crochet, and sew together. We enjoy the wonderful fellowship this provides and always welcome newcomers to join us. We happily share our skills with others, teaching the needle and hook arts we enjoy so much. We use our skills to make items for ourselves of course, but our main purpose is to create items for donation throughout our community. We also have begun to make lap robes and prayer shawls for distribution by our Pastor or Care Team. For information, please contact the church office.

Women's Fellowship is reading "Rolling with the Rock" by Rev. Jason Andersen. The May meetings will be **in-person on Sunday, May 5th at 9:30 am** in the Board Room and **on ZOOM on Tuesday, May 7th at 7 pm**. We'll be discussing **Session 8** "Jesus Reinstates Peter" John 21:2-21. Contact the church office.

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 if you wish to participate in this ministry.

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.



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 or Bob

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES



FEED THE HUNGRY

NECC FOODBANK UPDATE/A CAN A WEEK/JOYFUL NOISE:

AT this time, Second Harvest is not able to provide a full complement of food for local Foodbanks. That situation has left NECC foodbank shelves quite empty, and they have sought other sources for some of the food they wish to provide. They recently received a grant enabling them to purchase fresh produce weekly, and another grant which will allow them to purchase hygiene products for a separate “closet” which will open in a few months. We can also help! By bringing A CAN A WEEK, we can provide food to fill some of the gaps on their shelves. Our JOYFUL NOISE donations are also used to purchase food to fill gaps in their supply. Your generous support of these vital ministries is urgently needed and greatly appreciated.



RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES



TREX recycling: The bagging dates are **May 12th & 26th.**



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.

COMING TO EHMC THIS SUMMER--



Vacation Bible School



VBS 2024...CAMP FIRELIGHT

July 8 – 12 from 9-12 each day.

Registration form available at:

[Vacation Bible](#)

[School July 8-12, 2024 \(google.com\)](#)

Or register on the church website:

Easthillsmc.org.

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



JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

May Birthdays!





Welcome to all our new members!

