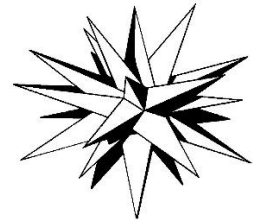


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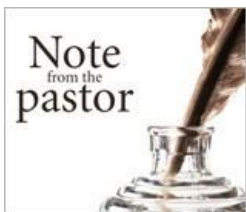
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A Word from Pastor Linda Wisser



A "Friends and Neighbors Kiosk"

You may have been curious over the past few weeks about the small construction project in front of the church building near the sidewalk and street. What is it? Who built it? Why is it THERE?

As you may well know, East Hills Moravian Church has a history of building things. In 1957, a house was built, and that was the start of building the EHMC campus. Then the Fellowship Hall and classrooms, and later the sanctuary, and office space and more classrooms were built. Next, a Family Center and commercial kitchen, and most recently, the renovations to the sanctuary were built. And now? This curious little box with plexiglass doors in front of our church? Why was THIS built, you may ask?

One of the priorities our Joint Board has discerned over the past year and a half is the need to continue doing what East Hills does so very well.... building! Only the building we are most interested in at this time, is building relationships.... Strengthening relationships with our members after 2 years of Covid, AND, also, building new relationships in our neighborhood.

In a 2021 workshop attended by several East Hills MC members, a workshop led by Ben Ingebretson, Director of Church Planting and Emerging Ministries for the Moravian Church Northern Province, Ben described the basics for congregations to connect with people in their neighborhood. He shared some national statistics on community engagement that reflected 22% of people attend church regularly, 27% are considered 'nones' (people without a church home by choice), 45% consider themselves to be Christian but do not regularly attend worship or participate in congregational life, and 6% are people of other faiths. His point in sharing those stats centered on the idea that there's a large percentage of people in our surrounding neighborhood who believe in Jesus but who are not actively growing in their discipleship through participation in the local church. His contention was also that relationships precede participation.

So how might we begin to build relationships with people in our neighborhood? A first step is really for us to become acquainted with our neighbors and for our neighbors to become acquainted with East Hills Moravian Church.

The “Friends and Neighbors Kiosk” now located in front of our building, was constructed as an Eagle Scout Project by Owen Reilly. Owen is part of the troop who meets at East Hills. Owen worked closely with Scout leadership and a committee of EHMC Board members to determine the design and construction of the project, and we extend our thanks to Owen and all who worked on the project.

The Kiosk will offer a small sampling of what’s inside our Main building.... Books with an invitation to take one or leave one, as well as information on our Book Club; non-perishable food and information about the Freezer Ministry; knit hats from the Why Knots in winter; and more. The Kiosk also comes with the invitation to interact with us, through the Neighborhood Prayer box and our commitment to pray for the needs of our neighbors.

This is just one small step in our long-term commitment to get to know people who live and work and play near our church building. It’s really just a starting point for us and our neighbors to become acquainted with one another. Acquaintance, engagement, and involvement are 3 key movements in any relationship. Jesus commands his followers to love our neighbors. Please join us in praying for our neighborhood and becoming acquainted with those we are called to love.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Linda

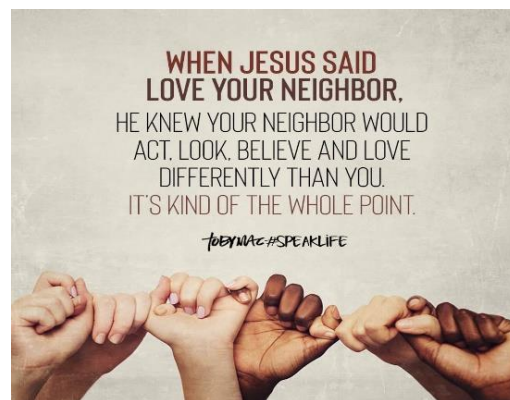


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Administrative Items



The church office hours are Monday - Thursday from 9:00 – 3:00.

*** Summer Office Hours ***

Staff will work remotely on Mondays and be physically in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. You can reach out to them through the church voicemail or email on Mondays.

Phone: 610-868-6481

Email: office@easthillsmc.org

Church website: <https://easthillsmc.org/>

*Please note that no one is checking voicemail or email outside of office hours. If there is an emergency, please contact Pastor Linda at 484-764-8629.



Prayer Requests: Have a prayer request? Please the church office at 610-868-6481 or office@easthillsmc.org. We will not be mentioning persons by other than first name during worship or delving too deeply into individual circumstances since the YouTube broadcast is available to the world.



Pastoral Care: Contact Pastor Linda via email at pastorlinda@easthillsmc.org, via phone or text message at 484-764-8629.



Online Giving: Please visit our website for online giving at: <http://www.easthillsmc.org/online-giving/>.

You can donate using your checking or savings account, debit card from your financial institution, or Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express credit card. If you're donating for the first time, you'll be asked to set up a profile with your email address and financial information. Then you can schedule a one-time donation or weekly or monthly recurring donation. Your financial information is completely secure.



You may also mail pledges to the office at the church. The mail is being checked daily so that no money or checks are sitting in the mailbox for long. 1830 Butztown Rd., Bethlehem, 18017.

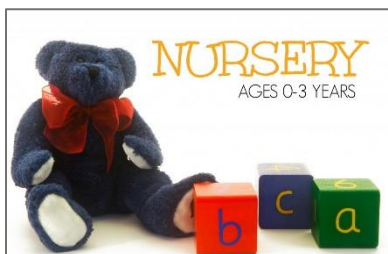


VBS 2022 Thank you: St. Matthew's United Church of Christ in Kunkletown, PA sent a thank to EPMC for allowing them to borrow our VBS decorations. They are very thankful for a successful VBS and are "on a roll with God."



Moravian Disaster Response to the Ukrainian Crisis - The Moravian Board of World Mission in North America (BWM) continues to be in conversation with our Moravian partners in Europe to see how we can best help those who are giving refuge to families fleeing the war in Ukraine. Please continue to pray for them. For ongoing updates, pictures, and videos, please visit MoravianMission.org. For further information, contact the Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler at chris@moravianmission.org or 610-868-1732.

To contribute to these efforts, please send checks to: Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018 or make your donation online at MoravianMission.org/Give. Please indicate that your gift is for "Ukraine."



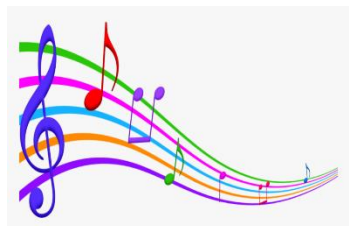
Childcare During Sunday Worship - Help Us Serve Young Families -

The Board of Elders is excited as we anticipate serving young families at East Hills in the coming year. Plans are in place for children's Sunday School. We are also planning to provide childcare during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service, starting September 18th.

We ask your help to serve as a volunteer on an occasional basis. We will staff the childcare room with 2 adults (age 18 on up) each week. All volunteers will be provided with access to free Criminal History/Child Abuse clearance applications and will be asked to serve periodically from about 10:15 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. during morning worship.

Please know that the Board of Elders is so committed to preparing a church environment that is ready to welcome families, that each Elder will take a Sunday in the childcare room to get us started.

Please join us in this effort to create a place where children and families are warmly welcomed so they may grow to know and love Jesus! Contact Mandi Ortwein (ortwein111@yahoo.com) to sign up or to receive more information.



Music shared by David Thompson:

God of our Fathers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eu6Nu6ks23s&list=PLfthzkSGa2Fli2YJBLFWixCnzcliDeBI6&index=6>

In Omnibus Caritas {In All Things Love} [Album]:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zTb5aInFbH0&list=PLfthzkSGa2Fli2YJBLFWixCnzcliDeBI6&index=7>

My Country Tis of Thee:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFXdIbzMKts&list=PLfthzkSGa2Fli2YJBLFWixCnzcliDeBI6&index=17&t=1s>

Lunch and Learn: "Freed Up" MMFA Series – EHMC, 12-1 pm
on Oct. 11th, 18th, 25th, and Nov. 1st, 8th, and 15th

The Moravian Ministries Foundation in America will host a series called, "Freed Up". See the details below from Laura Watson, and please register directly with Laura for the series.

To encourage East Hills folks to participate, we will host "lunch and learn" at East Hills from 12-1 pm on Oct. 11th, 18th, 25th, and Nov. 1st, 8th, and 15th in the Board Room. Join Pastor Linda for lunch (Bring a bagged lunch of your own) and we will log on with Laura and learn how to become more "Freed Up" with finances.

Freed Up is a financial stewardship program that offers current resources to help guide and equip people of faith to manage money in healthier ways, through Biblical wisdom. It's for anyone in any financial situation, not just those in crisis. The course is a combination of videos, readings, and individual work completed through an app and an accompanying workbook; it pairs helpful financial tools with stewardship theology.

The app addresses all components of financial stewardship. Including:

- **Earning**
- **Spending**
- **Giving**
- **Debt**
- **Saving**

Email Laura to get started. **We need to have people signed up by September 26 so that there's time for you to receive your workbook before we begin on 10/11.**

Laura Sides Watson - Director of Stewardship - Moravian Ministries Foundation in America
336-725-2589 - lwatson@mmfa.info - www.mmfa.info



News from the Worship Committee

DID YOU KNOW??????

Did you know....That we have 3 fledging Christian congregations that use our beautiful building on Sundays and during the week?

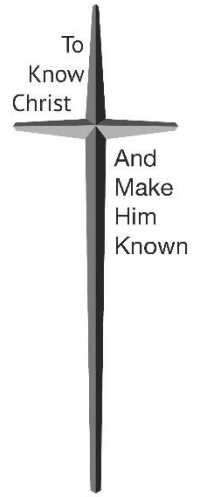
1. Jesus Saves Ministry - Bible Study - Tuesday evenings at 5:00 pm in the Parlor; Sunday Worship - 4:00-5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
2. God's Embracing Ministry - Sunday Worship - 1-3 in Fellowship Hall; Bible Study - Friday Evenings from 6-9 in the Board Room
3. Love of Jesus Bethlehem - Sunday Worship - 1-3:30 pm in the preschool classroom; possibly additional time soon

Please welcome these siblings in Christ if you see them, and respect their use of the building if you are there to use the building yourself during those times.

Did you know....That the Worship Committee has a position called Member-at-Large. Charmayne Stauffer is our Member-at-Large representing all members of the congregation. If you have a concern, an encouragement, a request or question about anything pertaining to worship you can contact her by phone (610-691-1430), e-mail (ken.stauffer.ks@gmail.com) or following the worship service on Sundays.

Did you know.... That Louisa Snyder is now our Liturgist Coordinator? Louise replaces Candace Weis who served as coordinator for the past year. We thank these ladies for their faithful service!

East Hills Moravian Church



News from Your Stewardship Team

Dear friends and fellow members,

Our fall stewardship series will focus on three familiar themes (time, talent, and treasure) and one that might be less familiar (legacy).

Time, Talent, Treasure, and Legacy

Legacy focuses on what will endure. It's about passing on things of lasting value to those who will live on after us. Legacy involves living intentionally and aiming to build into the next generations for their success. Legacy may be of one's faith, ethics, and core values. A Legacy may be monetary or other assets. A Legacy may come from one's character, reputation, and the life you lead – setting an example for others and to guide their futures. We are excited that we will be building on three familiar themes and expanding our thinking about what stewardship means this coming fall.

“Looking to Tomorrow” Endowment Fund

We are also excited to share that a new **“Looking to Tomorrow” Endowment Fund** has been established by our Joint Board. With an initial amount of \$50,000 the fund has already grown to \$55,000 through a generous contribution. As the fund grows it will create a permanent endowment of financial support, a living memorial, and a long-term revenue stream to support the mission and ministries of East Hills Moravian Church. Endowment funds will not be used for those parts of the church's established programs which are normally included in the operating budget, and which are funded through the regular giving of members. Earnings are used exclusively for the support of either “Building and Grounds” or “Mission and Ministries” purposes.

Planned Giving

You may already be aware that in addition to the new **“Looking to Tomorrow” Endowment Fund** our church has established two additional funds to receive and use planned gifts: the Building and Grounds Fund and the Mission and Ministries Fund. The **Building and Grounds Fund** is used to maintain the church buildings and grounds, infrastructure systems, physical security, worship, fellowship, and educational spaces. It also renovates, repurposes, upgrades, and expands the church's structures and property. Additionally, funds may be used to acquire new real property and/or build new facilities. The **Mission and Ministries Fund** is used to further develop or establish congregational ministries of worship, learning, and service. It also provides for partnership with shared ecumenical ministries within the community. As a friend or member of East Hills Moravian Church, we encourage you to remember one or each of these funds in your estate planning. Additionally, planned gifts may be used for a specific ministry and purpose. For more information and to speak with someone regarding Planned Giving, please call the Church Office at 610-868-6481.

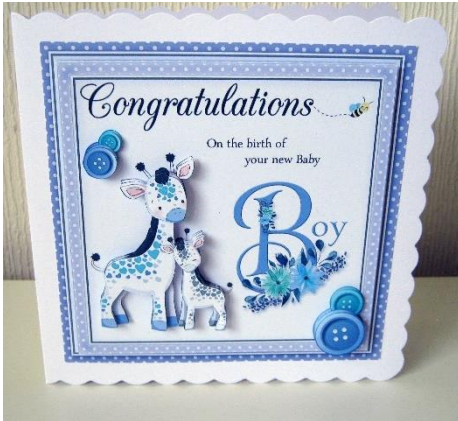
Thank you, peace, and blessings today and always,

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Congratulations to Our Members



Congratulations to Scott and Amy Gross on the birth of their son Spencer

Spenser is our newest member of Cradle roll here at East Hills Moravian Church. Spenser was born on July 13th, 2022.

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 rolls monthly age appropriate mailing please let Denise Kohn Lesko know by phoning (610) 867-8467 or contact the church office.

Once again congratulations Amy and Scott on the birth of your son Spencer our newest family member at East Hills Moravian Church.



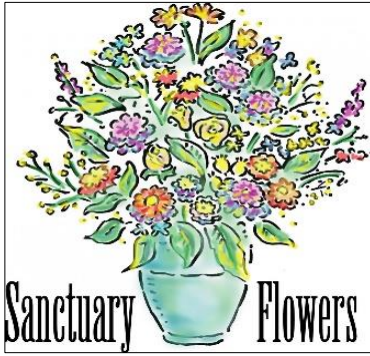
Congratulations to Frieda Soska who recently accepted the **Outstanding Senior Volunteer Service Award** from Northampton County Area Agency on Aging.

She received letters of recognition from: the Senate of PA from Senator Lisa Boscola; the PA House of Representatives, Speaker of the House, Bryan Cutler; the US Senate from Senator Patrick Toomey; a Certification of Special Congressional Recognition from Congress

Woman Susan Wild; and a congratulatory note from US Senator Bob Casey, Jr.

The award states: "As a blood donor, Ms. Soska has donated her time to Miller-Keystone Blood Center for more than 13 years and amassed more than 1,800 volunteer hours. She offers her services in the canteen, completing office work, asking donors pre-screening questions and taking temperatures. Additionally, Ms. Soska is active in her church and the local Lyon's Club. She tirelessly endeavors to better the lives of her fellow citizens, and thereby has distinguished herself as a sterling example of the most cherished traditions of duty, compassion, and sacrifice. Motivated by the needs of others, Ms. Soska embodies the true spirit of volunteerism and humanitarianism."

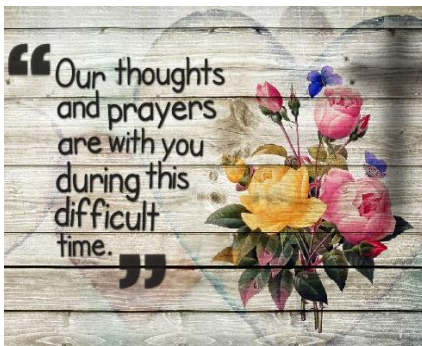
We add our congratulations as well as our thanks to Frieda for her 30 years of service to East Hills Moravian Church as the Sanctuary Flower Coordinator, usher, shopper for church kitchen supplies and support for the church office. Thank you Frieda!



Sanctuary Flower Process

- 1) **Enter your name on the Flower Chart** (on the bulletin board in the Narthex) on your preferred week.
- 2) **Call florist - Mycalyn's - 610-759-9060** by the Tuesday prior to your requested date.
- 3) **Order flowers, pay florist directly, and have them delivered to the church for the requested date.**
- 4) **Provide the church office with the date and dedication you would like printed in the bulletin** by the Tuesday prior to your requested date.
- 5) **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.
- 6) **PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THE FLOWER INSERTS, THEY CANNOT BE REPLACED.** Thank you.

Christian Sympathy and Resurrection Hope



Our Christian Sympathy and Resurrection Hope upon the passing of **Konrad Glass** on August 3rd, 2022. Our prayers to Eva, Dieter and family.

Our Christian Sympathy and Resurrection Hope upon the passing of Megan Clem on August 21st, 2022. Megan is the daughter of Susan Clem, sister of Michael Clem, and granddaughter of Andrea Neith.





**September 2022
Worship Schedule**

**WE WILL RETURN TO OUR REGULAR WORSHIP TIME
OF 10:30 am ON SEPTEMBER 11th!**

SEPTEMBER 4th -

9:30 am Worship

ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

SEPTEMBER 11th -

10:30 am Worship, Rally Day

ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

SEPTEMBER 18th -

10:30 am Worship

ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

SEPTEMBER 25th -

10:30 am Worship, New Member Love Feast, meet & greet with
Joint Board after worship.

ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.



Worship Information & Opportunities



WE WILL RETURN TO OUR REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE ON SEPTEMBER 11th!

- **Worship - 10:30 a.m.**
- **Adult Bible Study - 9:30 am - 10:15 am**

**Come join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 am!
In person, on ZOOM, or on YouTube.**



Weekly Worship is available live on ZOOM **Sunday mornings at 9:30.**
You may also dial in by phone or check YouTube for pre-recorded services and sermons each week.

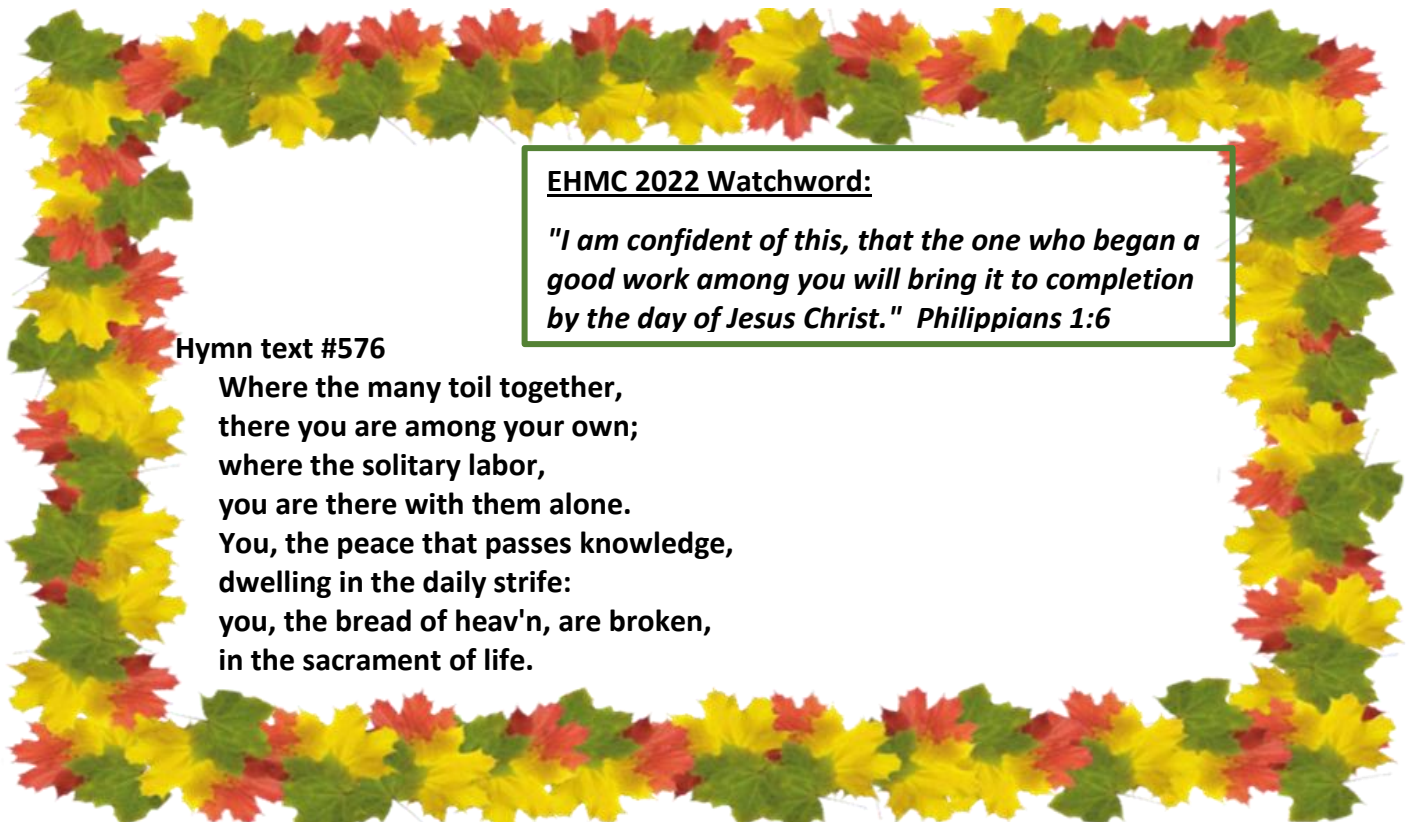
Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83858077423?pwd=UFIBRDI3cG5jTHNNaGNtakhnU05vdz09>
Meeting ID: 838-5807-7423
Password: 175584

YouTube Link: All the YouTube church services can be found at the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/EastHillsMoravian/videos>

Dial-in by phone: For anyone without a computer, tablet, or smartphone, wishing to join the Church Service may do the following. This will be the audio only for landlines and cellphones.

1. Call 1-929-205-6099 (New York - other cities available on request)
2. At the prompt for the Meeting ID enter 838-5807-7423 followed by #
3. At the prompt for your Participant ID enter #
4. At the prompt for the Password enter 175584 followed by #

SEPTEMBER	4-Sep	11-Sep	18-Sep	25-Sep
Sacristans/Color	Ozimek/Green	Skillman/Green	All/Green	Yost/Green
Elders	Mike Taylor	Bob Wingrove	Debbie Matz	TBD
Liturgist in person	Jean Skillman	Ellen DeStasio	Debbie Matz	Eileen Mera
Liturgist online	Jon Burcaw	Candace Weiss	Lucy Thompson	Karen Montgomery
Ushers	Jack & Jean Skillman	Jon Burcaw & Jane Regina	Jack & Jean Skillman	Sandy Gribbon & Charmayne Stauffer
Counters	Brian Yost & John Kulp	Gary Marsh & Mike Del Priore	Karen Davison & Joe Soska, Jr.	Ellen DeStasio & Bruce Dague
PowerTeam	Steve Thompson	Jay Larson	Steve Thompson	Antonio Del Priore



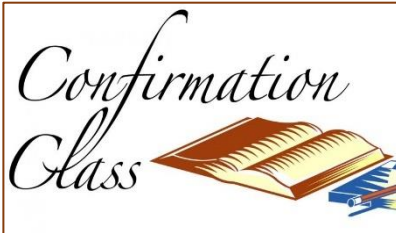
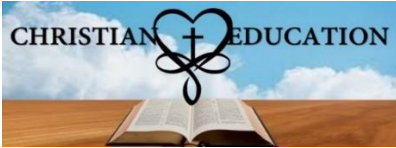
EHMC 2022 Watchword:

"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6

Hymn text #576

**Where the many toil together,
there you are among your own;
where the solitary labor,
you are there with them alone.
You, the peace that passes knowledge,
dwelling in the daily strife:
you, the bread of heav'n, are broken,
in the sacrament of life.**

Christian Learning Opportunities



New Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class Parent/Student meeting is planned for Sunday, September 18th immediately following worship for all parents and youth who are interested in Confirmation Class this coming year. Please call the office for more information and to sign up.



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study!

Please join us **Sunday mornings from 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM in the Church Lounge**. Peter Diehl will be facilitating. We hope to see you there!



EHMC Sunday Morning Coffee Class – **Will resume in this Fall. Stay tuned for more information**



Children's Sunday School – **Rally Day is September 11, 2022.**

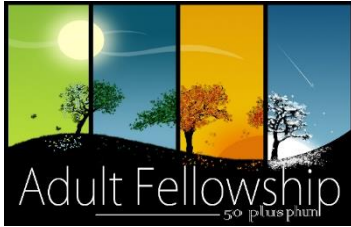
Rally Day, our traditional kickoff to the Sunday school year, is almost upon us! Our theme this year is an extension of our successful VBS theme, "On a Roll With God!" We are calling it "On a Roll With God- 2.0, International!"

The entire congregation is invited to join us! There is something for everyone!

1. The Sidecar Ride Zone...yes, that's right! You can get a (brief) ride in a Sidecar, weather permitting
2. Game Zone... cornhole, hoola hoop, bowling, etc. in the family center
3. International Food Zone... sample baked goods made from ancient family recipes, or from Giant just down the street!
4. Multilingual Zone... learn to speak the VBS "God is Great" prayer in a languages other than English. If there are any bilingual speakers who would be willing to assist with this fun way to learn, please contact Jon Burcaw at 610-428-0703 for the easy details!

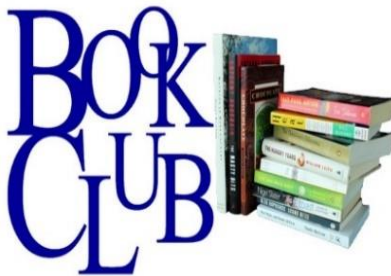
The church service following Sunday school will lift up the teaching staff and pray them on their way to another year of Christian education!

Fellowship Opportunities

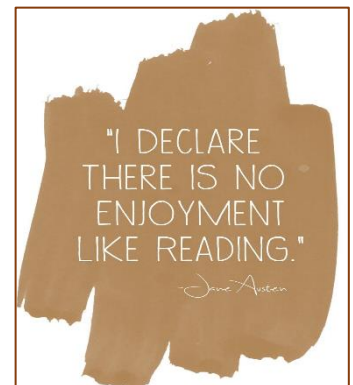


Adult Fellowship outings are resuming!

- ❖ **Saturday, September 10, 2022** – Adult Fellowship Outing – Get out your walking shoes. Belvidere, NJ, is having a Heritage Day event on Saturday, September 10, 2022. It runs from 9AM to 6PM. It includes an antique car show, music, historic demonstrations, community exhibitors, food vendors, etc. There is no main entrance fee but you may have to pay for parking. Come and go as you please or join a group leaving EHM at 10AM. Please contact Dave or Becky Bieber at 610-691-6086 for more information or if leaving with group from the church.
- ❖ **Saturday, October 1, 2022** - The Adult Fellowship will be traveling to Birdsboro in Berks County to tour the **Daniel Boone Homestead**, a Pennsylvania Trails of History site. The tour will include a movie at the visitor center and a guided tour. There are 8 structures on the site and you will get a chance to see the operation of the water-powered Bertolet Sawmill, one of only a handful in operation in North America. More details about the trip will be coming.



EHM Book Club: The East Hills Moravian Church Book Club will meet at 7 pm on **Thursday, September 15th via Zoom** to discuss "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. All are welcome to join the discussion. A Zoom link is forthcoming. Questions: Amy Frantz Gross – bartlet4pres@yahoo.com.



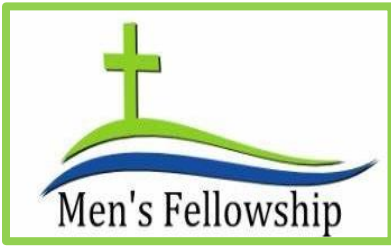
EHM Car Show – September 17th – 1 – 4 pm

Open to all cars, family friendly event, hot dogs, popcorn and soda available, live music by The Sidecars. Come and enjoy yourself!

For more information or to reserve a spot, email Jim at easthillscars@outlook.com



Women's Fellowship - Will not meet in July or August. Contact Lucy Thompson or Susan Kriebs for information. All are welcome to join back with us in September.



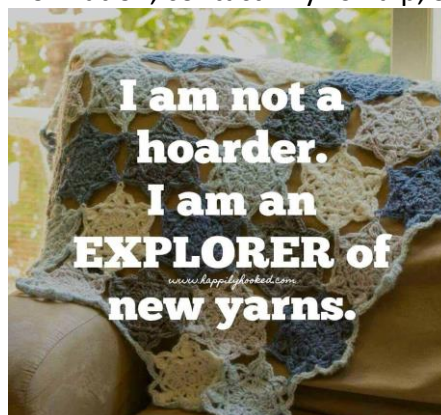
Men's Fellowship: Men's Fellowship Group wants to let you know we are still here. Many of our fundraising events were canceled and we had to scale back our donations to causes that we earmarked funds for. Men's Fellowship is available to assist members whenever possible. We have an email chain setup 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:pewnorman@gmail.com) or Bob Wingrove at bobandkathyw@rcn.com. We will try to assist you as best as we can. We hope you all stay safe in this uncertain time.



Cash Cards for Shopping and Gifting - Consider small denomination gift cards as gifts for others or for yourself! Available cards include large retailers like Amazon and Walmart, streaming and gaming sites such as Sling TV and Xbox, restaurants, coffee shops, and gas stations. Full list of retailers is available at ShopWithScrip.com. To find out more or to place an order, contact Julie Del Priore (610/417-2071), Heather Frantz, or Lucy Thompson.



WHY KNOTS - WHY KNOT members are busy working throughout the year to provide goods for a variety of different community organizations. This year, we are once again planning to provide winter scarves and hats for children in the Marvine-Pembroke community through Northeast Community Center, as well as some hats for outreach to our church neighbors. Some of our members are also working on special hats for Chemo Bags. We knit, crochet, sew, weave, and quilt, and always welcome new members as we seek to teach and learn from each other. Interested in joining our efforts? We meet monthly throughout the year in the Parlor, 7:00 pm, each fourth Wednesday. For information, contact Phyllis Kulp, Sandy Gribbin, or Susan Kriebs



CROPWALK 2022

Date: **Sunday October 9, 2022**

Time: EH Walk 9:30 AM
During Sunday School

Where: **Group- EH Neighborhood**
Individuals – Your Path & Date



East Hills has been walking for 38 years - that's how long the Bethlehem CROP Hunger Walk has been raising money in the fight against hunger. Mark your calendars! Sun. Oct. 9, walking in rain or shine and they need you to join in and make this a successful event.

CROPWALK has decided to continue virtual again this year. This allows groups or individuals to select where and how the walkers support the cause.

East Hills will be participating in two ways:

Group – During Sunday School time on Oct. 9, we will meet at the church and walk around the neighborhood. If rain, we'll do laps in the Family Center.

Individuals – Walk based on your schedule, just let us know you participated, so we can count you in the total number of walkers and collect your pledges.

A table will be in the Narthex on Sundays, starting Sep. 18, for you to stop by and sign-up to Walk and/or Sponsor. You also can donate on-line at the follow link -

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/east-hills-walkers>

Since the first Bethlehem event on May 6, 1985, walkers have raised over \$714,000 of which \$173,000 was distributed to local area food banks and meal centers.

Have questions or need more information - contact Bob Wingrove 610 867-0537.

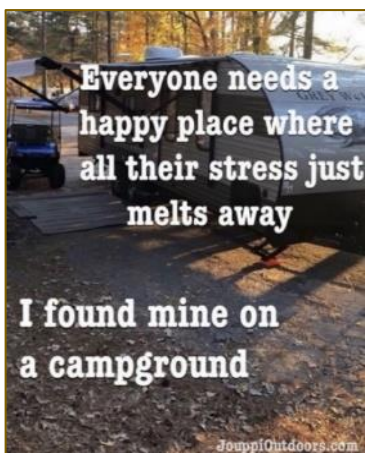


SPIRITUAL COMPANIONING GROUPS FORMING AT EAST HILLS

Spiritual Companionship groups are a way to create a safe, sacred space where a group of 3 to 5 people can share their life journey and listen for God's movement in their lives using spiritual listening—with their hearts. This is based on methods used by the early renewed Moravian Church in the 1700's Two such groups are already active at East Hills, and the church would like to start up another group of 4-5 people each.

They would be led by an experienced Spiritual Director or a student in Spiritual Direction from Moravian Theological Seminary and would meet for 2 hours, monthly, for a commitment of 4-6 months. This can be done on Zoom if that is what the participants prefer. More detailed information about how these groups work and benefit the participants can be found in the July 2018 edition of The Moravian magazine, and can be found just by typing 'Spiritual Companionship, The Moravian' in a search engine. Please contact Karen Montgomery at 484-894-0604 or montgomerykaren04@gmail.com if you are interested. Also feel free to ask Jay Larson, Kevin Moyzan, Lucy Thompson, Jane Regina, Karen Davison, Barbara Hendricks, Nancy Costa, or Janice Keim about their experiences with this type of fellowship.

MORAVIAN YOUNG ADULT CONVO – REGISTRATION CLOSES SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 for a unique spiritual pilgrimage following in the Brazen and Blazin’ steps of the early Moravians at Young Adult Convo 2023. Brazen and Blazin’ Young Adult Convo 2023 will take place in the summer of 2023, beginning July 3rd and concluding July 11th. The per person cost of Young Adult Convo 2023 is \$2,650.00. Be bold in your faith, following in the steps of the early Moravians. Experience Bohemian life as you travel to Prague – the home of Bethlehem Chapel, Husinec – the birthplace of Jan Hus, and Tabor – where the Hussite movement began. Engage in mission outreach with Czech Young Adults in Kunvald – the birthplace of our church, worship at Chalice Rocks, walk the Moravian path of spiritual renewal in Herrnhut, Germany, and sing your favorite hymns in Dresden, Germany. For more information, please go to <https://www.moravian.org/ccd/2023-young-adult-convo/>



RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE: October 22nd 9-2 and 23rd 9-12

15 Ridgeway Ave.
Blairstown, NJ 07825
Lower Lodge, follow signs
Please bring your own bags. Food will be available for sale in the upper lodge.
Cash only.

Camp Hope's need for financial assistance from you... An anonymous donor has asked, “If I give Camp Hope \$10,000, do you think you can match it?” Our response? “YES!” There is so much love for Camp Hope—we see it in the stories, memories, pictures, and lasting friendships that started at camp

decades, years, weeks, and even just days ago. As the Summer of 2022 sessions come to a close, we know that Camp Hope has had a positive impact on both campers and staff. Unfortunately, the high costs of food, gas, and most everything else, along with the uncertainty of COVID, have had an impact on camp’s finances. Our goal is to pay our bills without incurring debt. Can you help?

Thank you for your support.

CAMP HOPE THANK YOU TO EHMC: The Men’s Fellowship Group received a thank you for their donation of \$500.

9 August 2022

Dear Men’s Fellowship Group,

On behalf of the Board of Management of Hope Conference and Renewal Center, thank you for your recent gift of \$500.00 that will be applied towards our campership fund. As summer ends, we know that Camp Hope has had a positive impact on both campers and staff.

Camp Hope offers camps, conferences, and retreats for all ages. Your gift will help provide a camp experience for a child in need. We appreciate your support and thank you again for your generous gift.

In peace, love, and hope,
Suzanne E. Curtis

Bethlehem area Moravians (BAM) News

The BAM Picnic is back! - Sept. 11th 4-6 p.m. at East Hills MC. Plans are in the works to gather for great food and fellowship at the BAM annual picnic. The event will be catered by our own Bob Wingrove, music by Sue Diehl and EHMC band members, kids activities and more. The picnic is a casual event with no formal program. There will be games for all ages, fun music, delicious food, and, most importantly, a chance to mingle with fellow Moravians from other congregations. There is no cost and no need to bring anything except a lawn chair or picnic blanket. Chairs and tables will be available in a shaded tent for those who do not wish to bring their own. On the day of the event, please park in the lower lot. Accessible parking is in the upper lot. The event will be held rain or shine unless weather is severe. See you in September!



Pay What You Can Community Café in West Bethlehem

Essential News for the PWYCCC (Pay What You Can Community Café)

(8/11)

Our architect recently completed the cafe design, including a ramp and accessible bathroom. These plans are now in the hands of our lawyers and will be presented to the appropriate city officials this month. We anticipate a date with the zoning board sometime in the next month to review and hopefully approve(!) the "permitted use" of the parsonage. This will be an important meeting and we'll need YOU to participate - especially if you live within the city of Bethlehem. Residents will have an opportunity to voice their support of this project during the meeting. Our lawyer indicated those present will have an opportunity to state their name and whether they are in favor or opposed to the establishment of a cafe on our site. As you might imagine, your input will be very important at this time. The meeting date will be shared as soon as it becomes available. Please plan to attend.

(8/25)

We submitted articles of incorporation Friday, August 19th. We visited Palmer Moravian Church to check out a variety of dishware they would like to donate to the cafe. As we were about to leave the lovely folks at Palmer gifted us a beautiful glass Moravian Star to hang in the cafe. We are delighted by the generous support and look forward to serving cafe visitors with the plates and hanging the star on the porch as a functional and decorative piece.

The Essentials Café Working Team includes Dawn Fenner, Rebecca Miller, Kasey Thomas, and The Reverends Tammie Rinker, Lynnette Delbridge, and Christine Johnson.



What's Happening at EHMC?

SEPTEMBER 2022						
Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 Elders?
4 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 9:30 Worship 2:30 Worship at Moravian Hall Square	5 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	6 7:00 pm Women's Fellowship	7	8	9	10
11 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship returns, Rally Day 4:00 – 6:00 BAM picnic	12 7:00 pm Joint Board	13 7:00 Trustees	14	15	16	17 EHMC Car show
18 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship	19	20 7:00 Elders	21	22	23	24
25 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship, Love Feast with 2022 new member social following service	26	27 7:00 pm Worship & Music Com.	28 7:00 – Why Knots	29	30	1

Donation Opportunities

**DONATE
FOOD
HERE**



NEW! A CAN A WEEK/JOYFUL NOISE:

JOYFUL NOISE COLLECTION will resume in October! On the **first Sunday** each month, beginning on October 2, we will resume our monthly JOYFUL NOISE collection during the worship service. We look forward to having our children participate in this ministry by passing the “cow cans” to collect our NOISY coins as well as the quiet whispers of our much-needed dollars in support of the Foodbank at Northeast Community Center. Many thanks to those who have continued to provide donations during these past 2 years! Thanks also to those who have been diligent in bringing A CAN A WEEK. Both of these ministries have been crucial in providing food for hungry people in our community.



Northeast Community Center: NECC has exciting news! They are the proud recipients of a grant from Lowe’s which will be used to expand and update the Foodbank area. This will allow for the storage and distribution of greater quantities and varieties of food, as well as accommodate a larger number of clients. We continue to support the foodbank with two important ministries: A CAN A WEEK from each worshipper on a Sunday morning has the potential to provide a

substantial amount of the most-needed food items. JOYFUL NOISE funds continue to be used to purchase food in larger quantities to fill empty shelves.



Drive-By Food Pantry at Central Moravian Church with much needed items for our next food distribution. The drive by is located in Central Moravian Christian Ed parking lot, access road between Kemmerer Museum & God’s Acre (follow signs). **Sunday, September 4, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Volunteers will be there to receive your donations rain, or shine. Food Pantry items especially needed include: boxed (shelf stable) milk, powdered milk, flour, sugar, rice, jelly, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, ground coffee, ketchup, mustard, cake mixes, spices, toilet paper, infant and adult diapers, soap bars. We are asking that donations come in

paper bags (doubled) or cardboard boxes. Those can be recycled or repurposed.

Extra Produce in Your Garden? Donate to Our Food Pantry

Do you have a few too many tomatoes? Cucumbers or zucchini coming in by the dozens? Lots of beans, lettuce, kale, spring onions, herbs, or raspberries? Our Food Pantry would welcome your ‘extras’ during this growing season. We have food distributions to various Food Pantry clients on the following days each month:

- Second Friday of the month
- Third Friday and Saturday of the month
- Fourth Thursday of the month

You may bring your extras (in bags or cardboard containers) to the Church Office (73 W. Church Street) THE DAY BEFORE one of the above- mentioned days. That will ensure that the items will be fresh, and in time, for distribution. We thank you for your generous contributions!

TREX Plastic Challenge Update – BAM Churches – 2022



Two TREX benches on site!

A special thank you goes to Nazareth Moravian Church for their donation of 61.95 pounds of plastics towards our third bench!

Join us for plastics weighing in the East Classroom on September 11th and 25th, immediately following worship. It takes about 15 minutes to "bag and tag" the accumulated plastics in preparation for drop-off to the consolidation site.

The Trex company has posted a clear graphic of recyclable materials on their website, along with a FAQ to answer some of your recycling questions. Check it out: <https://recycle.trex.com/view/educate#materials1>

Please continue to be vigilant to recycle only acceptable materials.

Your recyclables can be dropped off during normal Church Office hours and Sundays, before and after worship.

Keep Recycling!

Barb Hendricks

TREX Plastics Challenge volunteers: Lucy Thompson, Phyllis Kulp, John Kulp, Deb Spinney, Chere King, Art King, Susan Kriebs, Rich Kriebs, Barb Hendricks (610-434-7305, E-mail: bzhendricks@gmail.com).

ACCEPTABLE PLASTICS

Plastic shopping bags
Produce and bread bags
Grocery bags
Cereal box liners
Ice bags
Wood pellet bags
Salt bags
Ziplock and other re-closable bags
Case overwrap
Newspaper sleeves
Dry cleaning bags
Bubble wrap & air pillows
Pallet wrap and stretch film

NOT ACCEPTABLE PLASTICS

Plastic bottles or other rigid plastic containers
Degradable/compostable bags
Pre-washed salad mix bags
Frozen food bags
Candy wrappers
Any Chip bags
Dried fruit and nut bags
Six-pack plastic rings
Pouch packaging
Cheese wrappers
Grocery store zip-lock bags (produce and deli)
Plastic film food wrap, i.e. Saran Wrap
Bread wrappers with little air holes
Cellophane wrappers
Bird seed or other bulk bags that are not #4
If material does not stretch easily or is shiny & crinkles or crunches.

**** All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue. ****

Serious and Silly Celebrations This Summer

Sept. 1st – Random Acts of Kindness Day



Sept. 5th - Labor Day



Sept. 11th – 9/11 Remembrance Day and Grandparents Day



Sept. 13th – National Peanut Day



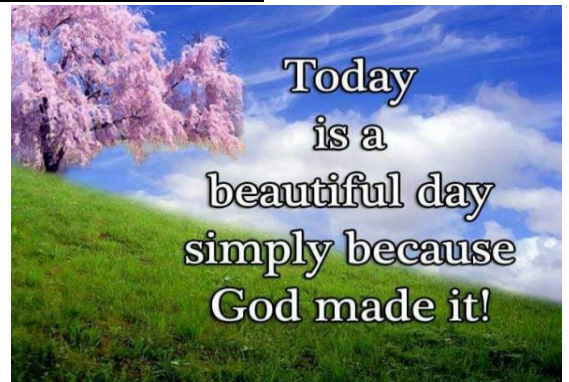
Sept. 17th - National Clean Up Day



Sept. 28th – National Drink Beer Day



Every day remember...



Birthday Celebrations



SEPTEMBER

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

Happy Birthday



*Please contact the office if anyone is missing or needs to be removed. Thank you!