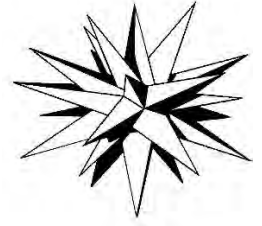


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## *A Word from Pastor Linda Wisser*



### Stewards of the Holiday Season

Reflecting on the key points of our recent worship series, “Stewardship: The Life that is Truly Life”, I invite us to apply some of those practices as we approach this Christmas season. In terms of our discipleship, one focus of Advent is making a space in our hearts and lives for the Christ to inhabit and grow. How might that look for us as stewards of time, talent, treasure and legacy?

**Time:** Redeeming our time/reclaiming our time. Isn't it true that time often slips by for us without noticing, especially around the holidays? This Advent, the invitation is to reclaim your time for God's good purpose. Claim an hour for worship on Sundays, claim an hour for private devotions or study in community with us during the Lunch and Learn series, claim time to serve another. Notice how God inhabits those times with you.

**Talent:** As we share our skills or abilities with others, whether it is cooking or fixing something or helping someone shop or hosting a gathering this season, might we do it with a servant's heart in Jesus' name?

**Treasure:** Enjoy and deploy! Whether we have a little or a lot, every one of us is invited to attend to the treasure God has placed in our care. This season can be an especially meaningful time to enjoy and deploy our resources, not out of obligation, but in a true spirit of generosity and joy!

**Legacy** – How do you pass on the story of Jesus' birth to others? Maybe it's a storybook with children. Maybe it is by bringing friends to experience the Putz? Or an invitation to Christmas Eve worship. Maybe it is by learning more about endowment giving to perpetuate the ministry of East Hills Moravian Church. We are recipients...heirs to a faith we ourselves did not create but rather inherited and called to pass on for others.

Throughout this newsletter, you will discover some ways to Steward the Holiday Season well through participating in the life of Christ's church. Allow His presence to fill your heart and mind to overflowing, such that His love spills out into the world! It is the best gift...ever and always!

May all the blessings of life in Christ be yours, Pastor Linda



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## All Things Christmas...



**CHRISTMAS EVE:** We will have two Candlelight Services with Lovefeast in person and on Zoom. Please join us at 4:00 pm or 7:30 pm or both!

The 7:30 service will be on YouTube as well.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83858077423?pwd=UFIBRDl3cG5jTHNNaGNtakhnU05vdz09>

Meeting ID: 838-5807-7423; Passcode: 175584; Dial-in for audio only: 1-929-205-6099



**CHRISTMAS DAY:** 10:30 am worship in person, on ZOOM and YouTube.



## ADVENT Bible Study – Lunch and Learn

**Wednesdays from noon until 1 p.m. - December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>**

The weeks leading up to Christmas can be a time of excitement, a time of anxiousness, a time of sadness, a time that is busy. It can be experienced many ways. Our Lunch and Learn Advent study will be a way for us to ground the season in faith. Please bring a bagged lunch and join us to discover what Scripture speaks to us this season. **Please call or email pastor Linda if you can attend.**

**December 7<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 35:1-10, Matthew 11:2-11

**December 14<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25

**December 21<sup>st</sup>:** Isaiah 52:7-10, John 1:1-14



## HOLIDAY DINNER DECEMBER 14th

**EAST HILLS  
MORAVIAN CHURCH  
1830 BUTZTOWN RD**

**Crafts at 5:30 PM - 6 PM Dinner - 7PM Santa**

**RSVP there is no cost  
GSMom225@gmail.com**



## A Shepherd's Journey - Sunday, December 18, 2022 - 3:00 – 5:00 Pm – EHMC

Take your children on an exciting journey back in time to the streets of Bethlehem on the night that Jesus was born! - Ages 2 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - **Each child should bring two pennies and a small towel and headband to dress in "shepherd's" clothes.** Send \$3 check and registration form to the office by **Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**. (More information available in the weekly announcements or see flyer in Narthex.)



## The 2022 EHMC Putz Schedule -

Showings will be: **Fridays, 6-8 p.m. - Saturdays 3-8 p.m. - Sundays 3-8 p.m.**  
Other times as requested by groups and scheduled with Building Use calendar.  
**Starting the first Sunday in Advent. Volunteers to show Putz needed.**



## PICK AN ANGEL:

1) If you picked an NECC "Angel" from the tree in the narthex, **THANK YOU!** The gifts should be returned to the gift wrapped box in the narthex by **Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**. Make sure to attach the angel tag to you gift and cross your name off the list.

2) If you picked an additional "Angel" from Governor Wolf Elementary School, **THANK YOU** as well! Please return gifts by **Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** and place them under the tree in the narthex. Make sure to attach the angel tag to you gift and cross your name off the list.

## Church Flowers

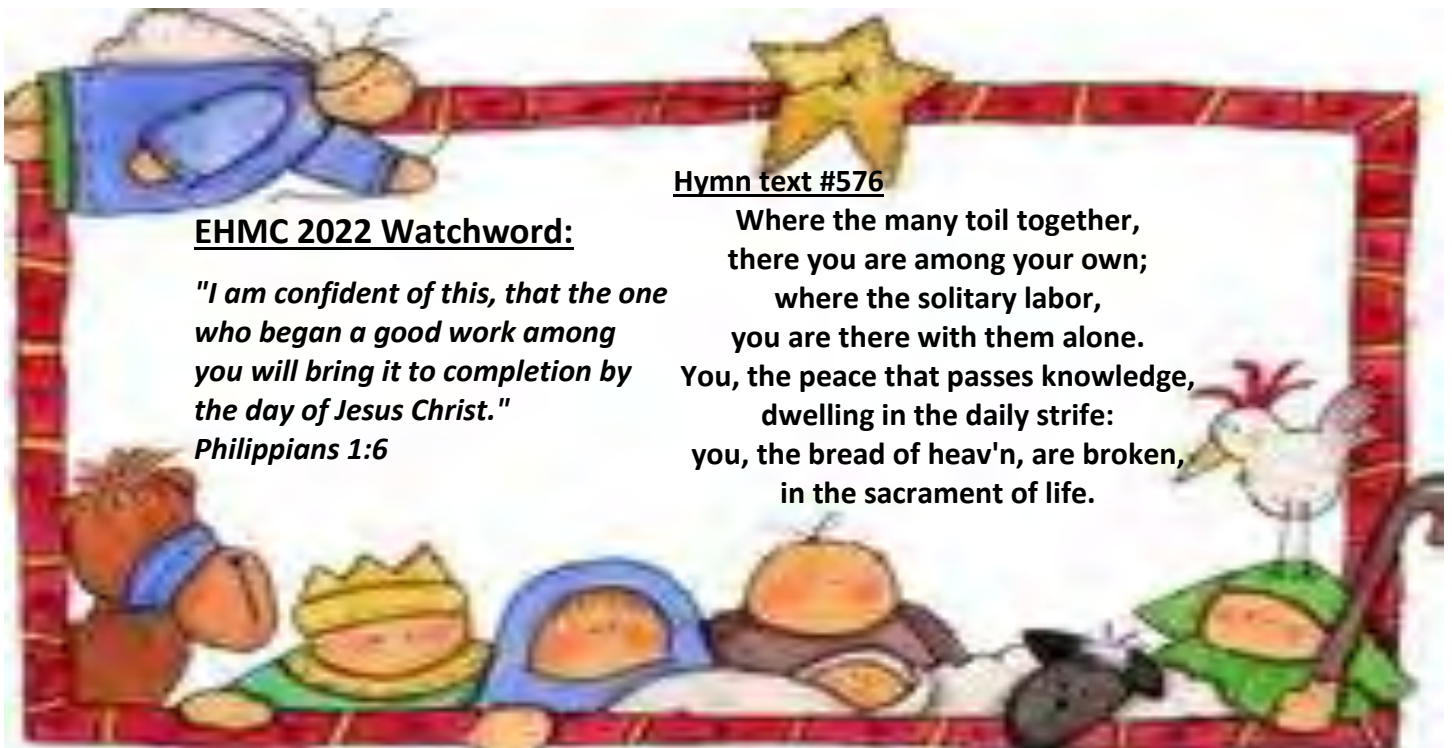


- 1) Enter your name on the Flower Chart (on the bulletin board in the Narthex) on your preferred week.
- 2) Call florist - ***Mycalyn's - 610-759-9060*** by the Tuesday prior to your requested date.
- 3) Order flowers, pay florist directly, and have them delivered to the church for the requested date.
- 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 sympathy and Christian hope are with the Mack family on the passing of Art in November.



### Hymn text #576

#### **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*

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.

## Joys and Celebrations



### **Congratulations to Greg and Olivia Adams on the birth of Owen**

Owen is our newest member of Cradle Roll here at East Hills Moravian Church. Spencer was born on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 Greg and Olivia on the birth of your son Owen our newest family member at East Hills Moravian Church.



#### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- |    |  |
|----|--|
| 3  | John Fuchs, Jr., Mary Jane Reimer        |
| 4  | Trevor Lyons                             |
| 5  | Peggy Gerrish, Jane Regina, Frances Wood |
| 9  | James Eberly                             |
| 10 | Brenna Ortwein                           |
| 11 | Eva Glass, Jeffrey Gehris                |
| 12 | Joseph Soska, Jr.                        |
| 13 | Peter Conzola, Marissa Epler             |
| 19 | Ron Dendas                               |
| 20 | Mary Louise Wright                       |
| 24 | Yvonne Gerlach, Jim Van Billiard, Jr.    |
| 28 | Ethan DeStasio, Cameron Keirle           |
| 29 | Robert Koehler, Jr., Noel Sardine        |
| 30 | Todd Heft, Jay Larson, Carlton Rohrbach  |
| 31 | Mark Choi                                |



**December 2022  
Worship Schedule**

**DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30 am** Worship, Second Sunday of Advent, Holy Communion, Joyful Noise Offering  
**11:45 am** - Church Council Meeting –  
2023 Budget Approval  
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

**DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30 am** Worship, Third Sunday of Advent, Christmas Praise Service  
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

**DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30 am** Worship, Fellowship Hall, Fourth Sunday of Advent, Putz Worship Service  
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

**DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 pm** Candlelight Services with Lovefeast  
(in person and on Zoom)  
**7:30 pm** Candlelight Services with Lovefeast  
(in person, Zoom, and YouTube)

**DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30 am** Worship, Christmas Day  
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

## Worship Information & Opportunities



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



Weekly Worship - **Sunday mornings at 10:30** - in person and live on ZOOM  
and on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/user/EastHillsMoravian/videos>

**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/streams>

**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 #

**\*\*\* Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> will be the Church Council Meeting immediately following worship.**



## Christian Learning Opportunities



**Confirmation Class - Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> - 11:45 - 1:30 p.m.**



**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.



**EHMC Sunday Morning Coffee Class – 9:30 am in the Board Room.**



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



## EHMC Support Team

December	4-Dec	11-Dec	18-Dec	24-Dec	25-Dec
<b>Sacristans/Color</b>	Burcaw/Purple	Knerr/Purple	Koehler/Purple	ALL/White	Kulp/White
<b>Elders</b>	Bob Wingrove	Jane Regina	Mandi Ortwein	TBD	TBD
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bill Matz	Debbie Matz	Eileen Mera	Karen Montgomery/ Catherine Moyzan	Kevin Moyzan
<b>Ushers</b>	Eileen Mera & Charmayne Stauffer	Jon Burcaw & Jane Regina	Jack & Jean Skillman	Jeff & Linda Adams, Greg Costa, Heather Frantz Greg Costa, Jane Regina	Eileen Mera, Bobby Shimer
<b>Counters</b>	Dwight Taylor & Bill Matz	Nancy Costa & Becky Bieber	Brian Yost & Bill Matz		Gary Marsh & Mike DelPriore
<b>PowerTeam</b>	Jay Larson	Jay Larson	Steve Thompson	Steve Thompson/ Antonio DelPriore	Steve Thompson
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>*Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>*Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>*Volunteers Needed</b>		<b>*Volunteers Needed</b>

**\*Contact Mandi Ortwein ([ortwein111@yahoo.com](mailto:ortwein111@yahoo.com)) to sign up or use SignUp Genius at:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4DAFAE2EA46-child>

**Websites for background checks required by East Hills for all volunteers:**

1. PA State Police Criminal History: <https://epatch.state.pa.us>
2. PA Department of Human Services – Child Abuse Clearance: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis>





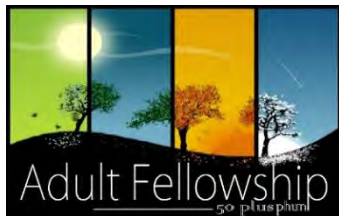
## What's Happening this month at EHMC?



### DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Mon	Tuesda	Wed.	Thur	Fri.	Sat.
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship, Second Sunday in Advent Holy Communion, Joyful Noise Offering Church Council Budget Approval after worship	5 7:00 pm CEC	6 7 PM Women's Fellowship	7 12-1:00pm Advent Bible Study	8	9	10
11 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship, Third Sunday in Advent, Christmas Praise Service 11:45 – 1:30 Confirmation Class	12	13 7:00 pm Trustees	14 12-1:00pm Advent Bible Study 5:30 pm Holiday Dinner	15	16	17
18 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship, Fellowship Hall, Fourth Sunday in Advent, Christmas Putz Service	19	20	21 12-1:00pm Advent Bible Study	22	23	24 4:00 & 7:30 pm Christmas Eve Services
25 10:30 Worship Christmas	26 Office closed	27	28 7:00 – Why Knots	29	30	31

## Fellowship Opportunities



### Adult Fellowship outing!

**ADULT FELLOWSHIP/FAMILY DAY UPDATE:** Sunday, December 11, 2022 (weather permitting) Adult Fellowship is headed to Pennsylvania Washington Crossing State Park for the dress rehearsal of “Washington Crossing the Delaware”. Carpools are leaving the church parking lot immediately after Sunday School, 10:30am. Directions are available for drivers or for those who’d like to come later on their own. Re-enactments and Visitor Center activities start at 11am with actual crossing at 1pm. Walking is involved on grass and gravel paths. Food trucks available for snacks.

**Adults \$8 and Children \$4 plus \$5 for carpools.**

Contact Chere King or Eileen Mera if you plan on attending.

See [WashingtonCrossingPark.com](http://WashingtonCrossingPark.com) for more information.

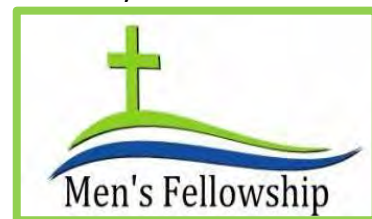
Chere King Or Eileen Mera  
610-865-3883 610-868-9121

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## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Women's Fellowship -** For all women – an opportunity for fellowship, prayer and study. Women's Fellowship meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 9:30am in-person. That's Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> this month. And Women's Fellowship meets by Zoom the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm. That's Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> this month. Please join us. Questions? Contact Lucy Thompson (610-442-4619).

**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:petewnorman@gmail.com) or Bob Wingrove at [bobandkathyw@rcn.com](mailto: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** - 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 to use our needle/hook/handwork to serve our community? We meet monthly throughout the year in the Parlor, 7:00 pm, on the fourth Wednesday. Do you wish to make a purchase of a beautiful quilt/lap robe? For information, contact Phyllis Kulp, Bobby Shimer, or Susan Kriebs.

## Bethlehem Area Moravian News



### Greetings from the Essentials Cafe Team!

*Essentials Cafe is a new undertaking in West Bethlehem. The Cafe will offer healthy and delicious meals as well as great coffee on a PayWhatYouCan model.*

#### What's happening:

- \* We recently secured our location: 418 3rd Avenue
- \* We are in the process of securing a contractor to build a ramp and ADA compliant restroom.
- \* We are creating a wish list of needed items, we'll share that in a subsequent email.
- \* We continue to work on behind-the-scenes administrative tasks (permits, insurance, etc.)

#### We are excited to welcome you to our first event in our space!

**Essentials Cafe Open House - 418 3rd Ave, Bethlehem**

**Saturday January 21 - 12noon to 2PM**

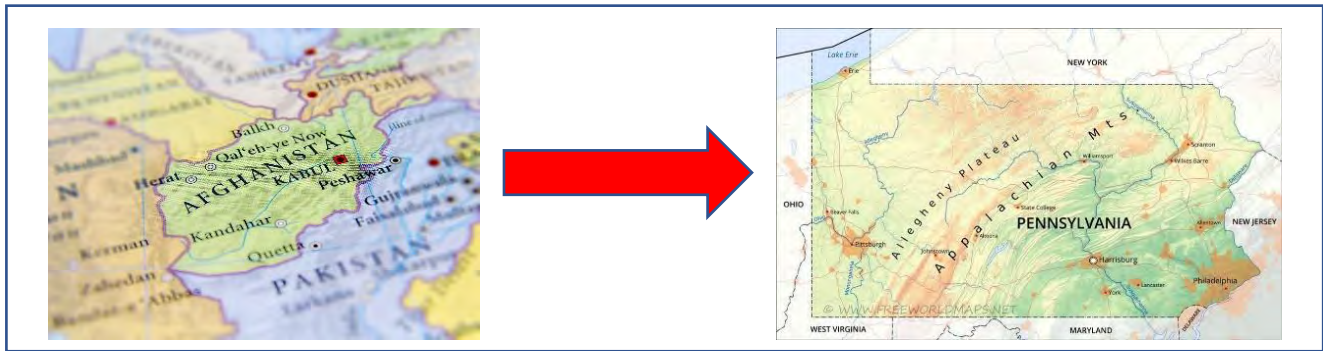
- \* Come see the space that will soon be the cafe!
- \* Sample delicious soups, desserts, and beverages.
- \* Meet the Cafe Team, learn about the project, and sign up to share your skills.

*Please support this project with a donation as you are able.*

*Every amount (small, tiny, even miniscule! ) helps as we work to get started!*

Donations can be sent to: Essentials Café  
418 3rd Ave  
Bethlehem, PA 18018

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



## **Afghan Resettlement Update** *"When God asks, he doesn't ask whose son a person is."* --Afghan proverb

Just last December our new resettlement ministry met Aziza Munji and Esmat Soroush, who fled Afghanistan with their newborn son Rayan when the Taliban seized Kabul. With a great deal of energy, courage, and unflinching cheerfulness as well as all kinds of support from our committee, the family has achieved so much during their first year in the United States. Aziza, Esmat and Rayan are entering 2023 economically independent with a lovely home and many new friends.

An outpouring of kindness and practical assistance helped make this transition possible. People from all BAM churches and the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Lehigh Valley helped with everything including finding, cleaning and setting up their new home; taking care of Rayan during his first times away from his parents and even setting up his first birthday party; supplying diapers, clothing and baby supplies; providing skilled English language tutoring for Esmat; assisting with driving, shopping and doctors' visits; navigating the social services system; researching and enrolling Aziza in college and applying for aid; identifying daycare choices in a difficult market; preparing their first tax return; donating everything from an assortment of treats for their hotel room to a laptop and even a used car; and many, many other large and small acts of kindness and generosity. We're especially grateful to the BAM Ministries Committee for granting seed money to cover six months' rent, and to Sunny Modjadidi, who took the family under his wing as only a fellow Afghan could. We sincerely thank all who were involved.

With one-year-old Rayan now settled in daycare, Aziza is finishing classes needed to apply to a nursing program while Esmat puts his new commercial trucker's license to work as a long-distance hauler. Aziza has asked us to share how much our ministry has meant to her and Esmat. She writes:

"We are deeply thanking Louisa Frey, Carol Grace Hicks, Sunny Modjadidi, Camie Modjadidi, Carole Schachter, Mike DiMenichi, Donna DiMenichi and everyone else who supported us during this one year which was the most critical period of our lives. Leaving your homeland, family and friends and starting from zero in a new country is not easy and reaching here where we are now would be tough and even impossible without your supports and assistance. We are sending our love, courage and respect for all of you unique and kind souls. May God bless you all."

This special family has changed our lives too, inspiring us with their courage, warming us with their hospitality (and many cups of tea!), and enriching us with their friendship. If this ministry appeals to you and you'd like to make a difference for another local refugee family, please reach out to Hopeton Clennon at (610) 866-5661.

*Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.* Hebrews 13:1-2

Submitted by Co-chairs Louisa Frey (Central) and Carol Grace Hicks (East Hills)



## BES - Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering



**YOU ARE INVITED** – Come join us at the *Christmas Huts on Main*

To support the fight against Homelessness and Hunger - Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering and BAM Freezer Ministry have teamed up to host a Hut in downtown Bethlehem this Christmas season. We will be the Hut closest to Central Moravian Church.



**Hours: Thursday 4:30-7:30, Friday 3:30-7:30, Saturday 2:00-7:00**

Nightly one-hour musical performers. Complimentary coffee, hot chocolate and cookies will be provided.

### Dec. 1, 2, 3

- 1<sup>st</sup> - 5:30 – Freedom High School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5:00 - TBD
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 2:30 - Bel Canto - Bach Youth Choir
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5:00 - Hellertown Lower Saucon Community Chorus



### Dec. 8, 9, 10

- 8<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 - TBD
- 9<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 - Liberty High A Cappella Singers
- 10<sup>th</sup> - 2:30 - TBD
- 10<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 - A Contemporary Christmas

### Dec. 15, 16, 17

- 15<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 - Dolcetto
- 16<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 - Grumpy Old Men of Advent Moravian Church
- 17<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 - TBD
- 17<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 - Kristen Morgenstern



### Dec. 22, 23

- 22<sup>nd</sup> - 5:30 - The Musik Makers
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - 5:30 - Ford Jazz Trio



# Camp Hope

## Christmas at Camp Hope - December 9 – 11, 2022

\$65 for the first person in your cabin;  
\$25 for each additional person over age 4

*\*For more information, call the Camp Hope office at 908-459-4435 or text 484-375-5878  
To register, visit [camphope.org/christmas-at-camp](http://camphope.org/christmas-at-camp)*

### Cost includes:

- **2 nights** in a heated cabin with attached bathroom (each cabin sleeps up to 12 on bunkbeds; each group will have its own cabin)
- **Soup and Salad Dinner** on Friday; other meals on your own (the Upper Lodge kitchen will be available if you would like to bring your own food to cook)
- **Tickets for Hope's Moravian Christmas Lantern Walking Tour** on Saturday evening (a \$20/person value!)

### Optional Activities:

- Christmas Carol Sing-Along with **Mark Herr** (former organist and Youth Pastor at Nazareth Moravian Church)
- Cookie Swap
- Moravian Star Craft
- Wrap a Christmas Candle

**Camp Hope is seeking volunteers to form a Property Team** - please contact Suzanne Curtis by email ([director@camphope.org](mailto:director@camphope.org)), phone, or text (484 375 5878). This team is open to all -- you do not need to belong to a Moravian Church to participate.

### **Summer Camp 2023 Dates** -- get them on your calendar **now!**

- June 25 - July 1:** Three exciting specialty camps to choose from!  
Jr. Lifeguarding (Completed Grades 5 - 8)  
Outdoor Explorer (Completed Grades 5 - 8)  
Cooking and Baking (Completed Grades 5 - 8)
- July 9 - 15:** Completed Grades 6 - 8
- July 16 - 22:** Completed Grades 3 - 5
- July 23 - 29:** Two exciting specialty camps to choose from!  
Musical Theater (Completed Grades 5 - 9)  
Swimming (Completed Grades 3 - 6)
- July 30 - August 5:** Senior High (Completed Grades 9 - 12)



## Donation Opportunities

**DONATE  
FOOD  
HERE**



**A CAN A WEEK/JOYFUL NOISE:** JOYFUL NOISE will be 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. Thanks for your ongoing support.

### Northeast Community Center:

**OUR HELP IS NEEDED at the Northeast Community Center Foodbank.** There are great food shortages at this time, especially **MIXED VEGGIES** and **CARROTS**. Please join in our effort to feed our neighbors by bringing some of these items to church on Sunday. If you have never participated in A CAN A WEEK before, please consider getting involved now. In addition to a variety of different foods, there is always a need for dish liquid, bath soap, toothpaste, diapers (sizes 2 to 5), as well as grocery bags (plastic, paper, and re-usable). This ministry has been designed to provide an opportunity for all of us to respond to Jesus’ command to feed hungry people. \*At this time, there is no need for egg cartons.



### 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, December 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.



### Moravian Open Door No Room at the Inn Offering.



An Advent Season Gift for Moravian Open Door Each Advent season we are reminded of the family long ago who was homeless, had no room at the inn, and not even a crib for their expected infant. Yet they were provided for. Moravian Open Door (MOD) is a Moravian ministry in New York City that provides a safe, clean, temporary home for up to 40 homeless men and women aged 50 years and older. While the facility (called Moravian House) provides accommodation in single and double rooms, the staff provides supportive services to rebuild lives and help residents move to affordable permanent housing. During the pandemic of COVID-19, MOD mourned the loss of some of its residents to the virus, and some other residents and even the staff were sickened by the disease and recovered. Keeping everyone safe with extra sanitizing of building areas, providing residents precautionary items such as masks and hand sanitizer, and providing extra food for residents who have lost income has put a great strain on MOD’s budget. MOD receives no government funding at all. MOD needs the financial support of Moravian congregations to continue its important service to the homeless. Please respond generously with your “No Room at the Inn” gift. [www.moravianhouse.org](http://www.moravianhouse.org)

## TREX Plastic Challenge Update – BAM Churches – 2022



There is no better time than NOW to bring your recyclable plastics to church. Collections contribute to East Hills' goal of 500 pounds of recycled materials, which will qualify our congregation to receive our THIRD bench. If grocery store bags are no longer a part of your shopping experience, remember that all type 2 and 4 plastics are acceptable. This includes the packaging/wrapping of many grocery items as well as items from online retailers. Be sure to check the list of acceptable/unacceptable materials to determine if an item qualifies for this program. The benefits to your home neatness, East Hills campus enhancement and the beauty of Mother Earth are priceless. Keep recycling!

Join us for plastics weighing in the East Classroom on **December 11<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

Barb Hendricks

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



## Administrative Items



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

Phone: 610-868-6481

Email: [office@easthillsmc.org](mailto:office@easthillsmc.org)

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

\*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](mailto: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](mailto:pastorlinda@easthillsmc.org), via phone or text message at 484-764-8629.



**WRAPPING UP OUR STEWARDSHIP SERIES:** Together we spent the last few weeks considering our response to God's gifts of time, talent, treasure, and our opportunity to plant and grow our Christian legacy. Part of this response is our commitment to our church in terms of financial

resources that support the East Hills' mission, "To know Christ and make Him known".

Thank you to those who have returned their pledge cards, but, if you haven't, there's still time. While November 13th was our target date for receipt of pledge cards, it was not a deadline. If you've misplaced your card, no worries, there are cards available in the church office, or you can simply write a note with your name & your planned financial support. For a card or a note, please place it in an envelope & mark it "Pledge Card" and leave it in the office. Your responses are known only to the Financial Secretary.

Thank you, Ellen DeStasio, Financial Secretary



**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. Our corner of the basement overfloweth! We have been able to serve about a dozen church

members, their families, and friends in the past year, and look forward to continuing to serve others. We can currently offer shower seats with and without backs and side handles, tub transfer benches, wheeled walkers galore, 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 acquaintances and folks in other BAM churches to use it as needed. Call the church office for needs or Karen Montgomery at 484-894-0604 Respectfully submitted, Karen Montgomery





**UNITY PRAYER WATCH** The Northern Province Unity Prayer Watch – December 1-21, 2022

**East Hills’ day of prayer is Monday, December 5, 2022.** We are sharing that day with Nazareth MC and College Hill MC. The following times allotted to EHMC are broken into half hour time slots:

**Please contact the office to schedule the half hour you would like to pray.**

**2:00 am – 4:00 am    8:00 am – 10:00 am    2:00 pm – 4:00 pm    8:00 pm - 10:00 pm**

Prayer suggestions are posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.

“Thank you for being part of the worldwide Unity – a gift to us from God. Thank you for praying for the souls within that Unity and beyond. Thank you for being the church.” Elizabeth D. Miller Provincial Elders’ Conference



**Online Giving:** Please visit our website for online giving at:

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



1. 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.
2. 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.



**CHILDCARE DURING SUNDAY WORSHIP - HELP US SERVE YOUNG**

**FAMILIES:** East Hills Moravian Church offers childcare during the church service. We are in need of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, you must have your clearance on file in the church office. You can drop them off or email them to [office@easthillsmc.org](mailto:office@easthillsmc.org). For safety purposes, we must have two adults in order to make this service available to families with young children.

**Contact Mandi Ortwein ([ortwein111@yahoo.com](mailto:ortwein111@yahoo.com)) to sign up or to receive more information or use SignUp Genius at:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4DAFAE2EA46-child>

**Websites for background checks required by East Hills for all volunteers:**

3. PA State Police Criminal History: <https://epatch.state.pa.us>
4. PA Department of Human Services – Child Abuse Clearance: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis>



## Serious and Silly Celebrations This Fall

- Dec. 2 – National Build Joy Day
- Dec. 3 – National Let's Hug Day
- Dec. 4 – National Cookie Day
- Dec. 5 – International Volunteer Day
- Dec. 7 – National Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance
- Dec. 8 – National Brownie Day
- Dec. 13 – National Cocoa Day
- Dec. 14 – National Energy Conservation Day
- Dec. 15 – National Cupcake Day
- Dec. 17 – National Ugly Sweater Day
- Dec. 20 – National Sangria Day
- Dec. 21 – National Don't Make Your Bed Day
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day
- Dec. 26 – National Candy Cane Day
- Dec. 28 – National Call a Friend Day
- Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve



Every Day:

