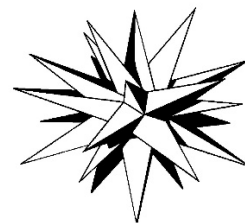


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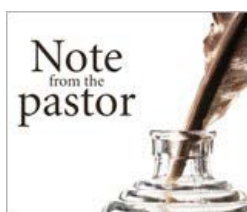
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## *A Word from Pastor Linda Wisser*



### **“For the Healing of the World”....**

That was the theme of the 2023 Moravian Church Northern Province (MCNP) Synod, which was held June 22-25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Moravian University in Bethlehem, PA. Clergy and lay delegates from across the province gathered to conduct the business of the church. Thank you to Carol Grace Hicks and Jon Ortwein, who served with me as delegates on behalf of our congregation.

The Provincial Elders Conference (PEC) is the elected governing body of the MCNP, called to carry out the legislation of synod. The Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller concluded her service as PEC president and the Rev. David Bennett was elected to serve as PEC president during the next inter-synod timeframe.

The synod body also elected two bishops to serve the Unity. In the Moravian Church, the office of ‘bishop’ is not one in a hierarchy of leadership, but rather, Moravian bishops serve as spiritual guides of the church and primarily as pastor to the pastors. Bishops serve the entire Unity...all provinces of the Moravian Church Worldwide, and once elected by synod, they serve as bishop for life. There is no term limit or salary for our bishops. The 2023 MCNP synod elected The Rev. Michael Johnson and The Rev. Amy Gohdes-Luhman as bishops of the unity.

The synod received a variety of reports from agencies and ministries of the MCNP. The Board of World Mission (BWM) issued a challenge to the MCNP related to the successful ministry of Trinity Moravian Church in Winston Salem and Medical Debt forgiveness. Trinity raised \$15,000 which was used to bid on, purchase, and FORGIVE over 3 million dollars of medical debt for people living in three counties near their church. The challenge issued to the MCNP was affirmed by MCNP synod for the Debt Jubilee Project, to raise \$50,000 between June 25<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 for the purpose of the medical debt forgiveness program. Visit the BWM website to learn more and to participate in the challenge [Debt Jubilee Project: For the Healing of the World | Board of World Mission Moravian Church](#).

There were 13 working groups (committees) at synod including Clergy Care, Spiritual Formation, Church and Society, Congregational Leadership, Governance, Ecumenical Relationships, Healthy Congregations, Mission in Our World, Mission Engagement in Our Neighborhoods, Emerging Ministries, Lay Leadership, Finance, and Stewardship. Every delegate worked as part of one of these committees. We affirmed ministry that has occurred since the last synod gathering. Committees also presented proposals and resolutions for directing the ministry of the MCNP in the next intersynodal timeframe. The Resolutions that have been approved will become available on the MCNP website. The East Hills MC Joint Board will take time to review the resolutions and discern ways to prioritize and implement the resolutions of the larger church in our unique context.

East Hills Moravian Church is part of a denomination that reaches across the globe. It was heartening to gather as part of the Northern Province and to hear the call to our congregations to serve in Jesus' name, "for the healing of the world".



**The Debt Jubilee Project: For the Healing of the World** is a collaborative effort of the Board of World Mission, the Commission on Congregational Development, the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America, and the Interprovincial Board of Communication. Based on our biblical call to care for the sick and our belief that healthcare is a fundamental human right, this project will work to offer grace and hope through the forgiveness of medical debt. Because our call is to our siblings in Christ here in North America and throughout the world, this project will forgive medical debt in the United States as well as at the Moravian medical ministry of the Clínica Evangélica Morava in Ahuas, Honduras.

Through this effort, we hope to build on the energy and witness of the recent work of Moravian congregations such as Trinity in Winston-Salem, which raised about \$15,000 earlier this year to forgive over \$3,000,000 in medical debt. The Debt Jubilee Project; For the Healing of the World aims to provide an opportunity for more Moravians to join in this freeing and life-changing initiative. ***Our goal is to raise \$50,000 in 50 days with the project concluding on August 13th.***

75% of your gift will support the elimination of medical debt in the U.S. through a partnership with RIP Medical Debt, an organization that purchases medical debt for pennies on the dollar and erases that debt, which would otherwise have been sold to for-profit debt collectors. RIP Medical Debt only abolishes debt for those earning less than 4x the federal poverty level and/or hold debts of 5% or more of their annual income. The Debt Jubilee Project: For the Healing of the World will specifically forgive debts for those living in U.S. counties with a Moravian presence (through a congregation or ministry). The individuals and families who owe the medical debt purchased will receive a letter informing them that their debt is forgiven. Jubilee!

25% of your gift will buy debt owed by patients of the Clínica Evangélica Morava, a Moravian medical ministry in Ahuas, Honduras, that has been serving the remote area of La Mosquitia for over 75 years. Medical debt held in this area is a burden on the indebted patients, the clinic, and the community as a whole. The individuals and families who owe the medical debt purchased will receive notice informing them that their debt is forgiven. Jubilee!

*To learn more about this project, read the [FAQ sheet](#) or contact Laura Watson at the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America ([lwatson@mmfa.com](mailto:lwatson@mmfa.com)). Donate online at <https://www.mmfa.com/debt-jubilee-project/> or mail a check to Moravian Ministries Foundation, 119 Brookstown Avenue, Suite 305, Winston-Salem, NC 27101. Checks may be made out to "Moravian Ministries Foundation." Please include "Debt Jubilee Project" in the memo line.*



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**2023 Watchword:** Keep my statutes, and observe them; I am the Lord; I sanctify you. - Leviticus 20:8

While we your past dealings  
Gratefully review,  
We're assured your mercies  
Are each morning new;  
Pardon our transgressions,  
Hear our earnest cry;  
Us in soul and body  
Heal and sanctify. (770)



**July 2023  
Worship Schedule**

**SUNDAY, JULY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:30 am Worship, Birthday Celebration, Joyful Noise  
Collection  
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

**SUNDAY, JULY 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Worship, Holy Communion, John Hus Festival, Praise Service  
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

**SUNDAY, JULY 16<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am Worship  
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

**SUNDAY, JULY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9:30 am Worship, Outdoor Worship and Pet Blessing,  
weather permitting  
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

**SUNDAY, JULY 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Worship, Rev. Dr. Sue Pizor Yoder leading worship  
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Worship, Birthday Celebration, Joyful Noise Collection  
Rev. Dr. Sur Pizor Yoder leading worship  
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Worship, Holy Communion, August 13<sup>th</sup> Festival  
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Worship  
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Worship  
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

## Sunday Worship Information



**Come join us for worship every Sunday at 9:30 am!  
In person, on ZOOM, or on YouTube.**



Weekly Worship - **Sunday mornings at 9:30 for the Summer** - 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 #



## Christian Worship and Learning



**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study** - Please join us **Sunday mornings from 8:30 AM for the Summer in the Church Lounge**. Peter Diehl facilitating.



**EHMC Sunday Morning Coffee Class** – is on hiatus for the Summer



**Sunday School for Children and Youth** –

**Save the Date! RALLY DAY – September 10, 2023**

**IN SEARCH OF A SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR:** It is time for Annemarie Soska to 'pass the baton' as well to a new Sunday School Coordinator. This position is responsible for teachers, ordering curriculum, attendance sheets for classes and attendance for Sundays. Some of the responsibilities are shared by the Christian Education Committee. (Rally Day, end of the school year, special Sundays, etc.) I would be willing to share this position for the upcoming Fall 2023 start to the school year with the plan to turn it over completely by the end of the year. Any questions? Contact the office.  
Thank you, Annemarie



### **MENDING GOD'S WORLD – VBS 2023!**

VBS 2023 was held at East Hills Moravian Church from June 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. This summer's children's ministry was a collaborative program of Advent, Central, Collage Hill and East Hills Moravian Churches. We welcomed 49 children each day



and explored the ways we can help “mend God's world” through Feeding, Healing, Forgiving, Praying, and Resting. With all the brokenness in the world around us, this was a beautiful, faithful way to teach and build up children and teens with the reality that we are not helpless, but we ARE helpers...partners with God in restoring creation.

Thank you to Jane who coordinated the program, secured more than 40 volunteers, and kept things running smoothly throughout the week. Special thanks also to Annemarie and her team who created the fun scenery and decorations that set the stage for capturing the imagination of the kiddos. Thank you to all the teens and adults who served to make the program so successful, and to the families who allowed us to share the week with their kids.

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

### “Hear Us Out”...a learning opportunity coming this summer!

Earlier this year our Board members at East Hills participated in our annual Board retreat. Our keynote speaker was The Rev. Dr. Sue Pizor Yoder, who is part of a writing team for the soon-to- be released book called, “Hear Us Out... 6 Questions on Belonging and Belief”. The content of this book is centered on the findings of 5 years of research and interviews with “nones” (those who indicate no religious faith/preference) and “dones” (those 'done' with organized religion) from emerging generations (18-39 year olds).

The intention of the book is for congregations to gain an understanding of ways that young adults make meaning, find purpose, connect with others and God, and where they find hope. The book offers congregations a glimpse at a generation or two of young people who are deeply faithful, thoughtful, generous, and caring.... but who do not find that their faith fits into the traditional church setting.

#### Join us in the learning...

\*The Rev. Dr. Sue Pizor Yoder will be our guest preacher on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Please come and engage in worship with Rev. Yoder on those days.

\*Read the book... “Hear Us Out...6 Questions on Belonging and Belief”. You can pre-order the book now. It will be released on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

\*Join Us for Book Discussion and Discerning: “Hear Us Out...Book Discussion Group” will be offered on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. both at the church and on Zoom.

**\*Please call the office or email Pastor Linda if you plan to attend the Book Discussion Group in September.\***

## Church Flowers



- 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.



**EHMC Support Team**



<b>JULY</b>	2-Jul	9-Jul	16-Jul	23-Jul	30-Jul
Sacristans/Color					
Elders					
Liturgist					
Ushers					
Counters					
PowerTeam					

<b>AUGUST</b>	6-Aug	13-Aug	20-Aug	27-Aug
Sacristans/Color				
Elders				
Liturgist				
Ushers				
Counters				
PowerTeam				





## What's Happening in July and August at EHMC?

**Bethlehem Area Moravian (BAM) Freezer Ministry** *(an Ecumenical / Community Program and a Member Agency of Second Harvest and Feed America)*

### **Sunday Garden Gatherers**

We are asking many to gather some of our local produce and fruit to support our mission. The Garden Gatherers Team formed at our Freezer Ministry Gathering on February 25 at East Hills Moravian Church. Approximately 100 people attended representing 17 different churches or organizations. This year we are planning 6 free vegetable and fruit stands at our 6 community elementary schools - Marvine, Donegan, Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, William Penn and Fountain Hill. Each school expects that approximately 50 families will benefit from this service. Asking – if you are connected to fresh vegetables and/or fruit, please bring them to church on listed Sunday. The gathered items will then be delivered to East Hills Moravian Church kitchen, 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017. The kitchen is in the rear of the building, drive around.

*(continued)*

#### **Collection Days - Sunday**

**At church service**

July 9, 23 & 30

Aug. 13

#### **Drop off Days - Monday & Tuesday**

**12-6pm      9-12 am**

July 10,11, 24, 25, 31, Aug. 1

Aug. 14, 15

Direct deliveries to East Hills kitchen during these times are fine if you are not doing a collective gathering.

**Note** – please resist buying vegetables and fruits for this cause. Monetary donations are better, as we can buy 3 to 4 times as much with your donation.

**To Donate:** Donation checks: Made out to - East Hills Moravian Church Footnote - BAM Freezer Ministry  
Garden Gatherers Mailed to - East Hills Moravian Church - 1830 Butztown Road Bethlehem, PA 18017

Feel free to call with any questions.

God Bless Your Generosity,

Bob Wingrove

BAM Freezer Ministry Coordinator 610 730-3929



July 2023						
◀ June						August ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 8:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 9:30 Worship, Birthday Sunday and Joyful Noise Collection	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> OFFICE CLOSED 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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<b>23</b> 8:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 9:30 Worship, Outdoor Worship and Pet Blessing, weather permitting	<b>24</b> Sandy -vacation  Linda vacation 24 <sup>th</sup> – Aug. 6th	<b>25</b> 7:00 pm Worship & Music Com. Sandy -vacation	<b>26</b> 7:00 pm Why Knots Sandy -vacation	<b>27</b> Sandy -vacation	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 9:30 Worship	<b>31</b>					

August 2023						
◀ July						September ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 7:00 pm Women's Fellowship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 9:30 Worship, Joyful Noise Collection	<b>7</b> 7:00 CEC	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm Trustees	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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## Fellowship Opportunities



### ARE YOU A GENERATION JONES? NOT SURE WHAT THAT MEANS?

Generation Jones is the overlap of the latter half of the Baby Boomer generation to the first years of Generation X.

If you're a Generation Jones, EHMC is starting a new social group just for you. Our targeted age group is 35-65. Our first outing will be **Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm at Wanderlust Beer Garden in Forks Township.**

Come hang out, socialize, and listen to some live music. You can purchase your own food and beverages while you are there. We will have an area reserved for us.

If you have any questions, or wish to let us know you're coming, please contact the church office.

Wanderlust Beer Garden is located at 1600 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA 18040

Visit their website <https://wanderlustbeergarden.com/> or Facebook page to learn more about the venue.



**SAVE THE DATE** – BAM Picnic at East Hills Moravian Church – September 10<sup>th</sup>



### East Hills Moravian Church Book

**Club** - The next book club is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.** We will be discussing the book Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. Please contact the church office with questions.

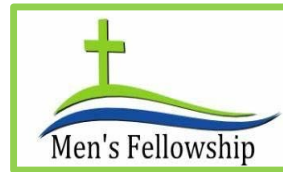
*WOMEN'S  
FELLOWSHIP*

**Women's Fellowship** - is on hiatus for the Summer.





**WHY KNOTS** - members will continue to meet monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evening throughout the summer. We work together year-round on a variety of community and personal projects. We have different skills, not limited to knitting, and we enjoy sharing our talent and expertise with others. If you would like to join our group, possibly learn new skills or put your skills to good use, contact the church office.



**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 the church office. We will try to assist you as best as we can.

**East Hills Moravian Church**  
**Car Show**  
**Sat. September 16th.**  
**1 to 4 PM**  
**1830 Butztown Road**  
**Bethlehem, Pa**  
open to all cars - classic, vintage, hot rods  
sports cars, imports, you name it!  
This is a neighborhood family friendly event  
come and enjoy yourself  
for info or to reserve a space  
E-mail Jim at [easthillscars@outlook.com](mailto:easthillscars@outlook.com)

Hot Dogs, Popcorn and water  
Live music by  
The Sidecars



**EHMC CAR SHOW**  
**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> - 1-4 PM**

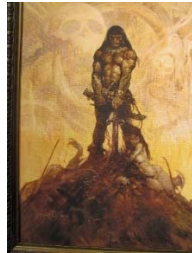


## Adult Fellowship – 2023 - Event Calendar

**Jul. 23 - Pool Party:** Please join us for a time of food, fellowship, and floating on Sunday, July 23rd, at 2pm. This event will take place at the home of Sandy and Joe Gribbin, 1622 Mark Twain Circle, Bethlehem. There will be no grilling this year. We request that you bring an appetizer, a main dish, a side, or a dessert to share. Please rsvp by Wednesday, July 19, to the church office. When you rsvp, please let us know how many people will attend, and what you plan to bring. If you have a lawn chair, you might want to bring it too. There will be a \$5 per person charge to cover the cost of beverages and paper products.

**Aug. 12 -Frazetta Art Museum:** We will gather at the church at 10:00 am and travel by car up RT 33 for an 11:30 am tour start. Lunch at 1:30 pm at Alaska Pete's, just a short distance away. Costs per person will include Tour - \$15, Lunch - based on what you order and Gas money for those who volunteer to drive (calculated later based on #'s & vehicles).

For more information, questions or to reserve a spot (**deadline Aug. 2**) contact:  
Bob or Kathy Wingrove at 610 867-0537



<https://www.frazettamuseum.com>

### The Frazetta Art Museum is home to the largest collection of Frazetta originals in the world.

Frank Frazetta, The God Father of Fantasy Art, Feb. 1928 - May 2010, born in Brooklyn, NY, discovered the wonders of drawing at a very young age. Throughout his lifetime, he had created some of the most iconic pieces of fantasy art, and continues to inspire people even today. Do any of these names strike a bell – Lord of the Rings, Conan the Barbarian, Silver Warrior, Buck Rogers, Ringo Starr cover of Mad Magazine, Fire and Ice Movie.

Reopened solely by Frank Frazetta Jr in 2013, the museum houses roughly 37 original oil pieces and countless pencil, pen and ink, and watercolor works; also housed are personal items such as part of his camera collection, sports equipment, easel, pallet, and much more! The museum resides on the original 67 acre estate in the heart of the Pocono mountains. This estate is where Frank created his most iconic paintings since 1971. His four children were brought up on this large parcel of land in a time when the Poconos were still in their "honeymoon" stage- with a population under 25,000 in the early 1970's to today totaling well over 250,000 residents. But the estate property has stayed intact since the original purchase in 1971, only to be groomed and landscaped to make it as beautiful as one could imagine.

**More information coming soon on...**

Sep. TDB - Bethlehem Cemetery Tour

Oct. 14 - Daniel Boone Homestead

## Additional Moravian News



### Greetings from the Essentials Cafe Team!

418 Third Avenue in Bethlehem

<https://www.essentialscafe.org/>

*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:

**(6/23)** Electrical work is completed (Exit signs and new wiring for bathroom)

**(5/31)** The new side entrance to the cafe is opened, and a steel door is installed.

**(5/18)** Ramp construction continues at the cafe. We expect the project to take about a month to complete. After completion, the City of Bethlehem will inspect and issue an Occupancy Permit. We will be able to open when the Occupancy Permit is finalized.

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

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT ESSENTIALS CAFÉ:

Contact us at [Essentialscafe418@gmail.com](mailto:Essentialscafe418@gmail.com) or call 610-442-9664

We need YOUR help as we move closer to opening and serving the community.



## Camp Hope

**Registration is now open for Camp Hope's 2023 Summer Camps!**

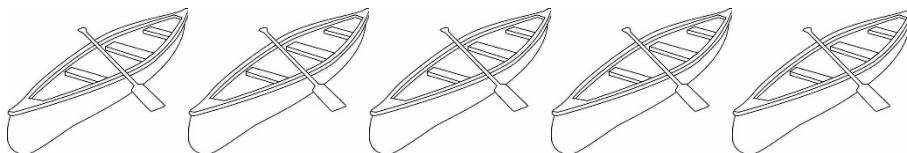
Visit the website [www.camphope.org](http://www.camphope.org) for all the information!

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) and Swimming (Completed Grades 3 - 6)

July 30 - August 5: Senior High (Completed Grades 9 - 12)



Joys and Celebrations



*Happy Birthday*

**JULY**

**AUGUST**



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'VE JOINED US!



## Our 2023 Confirmation Class:

Sabrina  
Katee  
Bella  
Frances



## Through the Reception Of New Members:

Bill  
Rich  
Sarah  
Kevin  
Netta  
Linda



Congratulations to our Graduates!



Thank you to Karen for covering the pulpit on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> while Pastor Linda was at the Northern Province Synod.

Thank you to all the VBS 2023 volunteers! Your efforts are greatly appreciated for another successful year.



## Donation Opportunities

**DONATE  
FOOD  
HERE**



**A CAN A WEEK/JOYFUL NOISE:** **July 2nd and August 6th are JOYFUL NOISE SUNDAYS!** Your generous support of this ministry is greatly needed at this time when the NECC foodbank is experiencing food shortages. Please join in our effort to have full participation in A CAN A WEEK! **JOYFUL NOISE** is collected in our “cow cans” on the first Sunday each month, but donations are welcome at any time. Send a check to the church office or place an earmarked donation in the offering at any time. Let’s all get on board with our ongoing ministries in support of the Foodbank at the Northeast Community Center. A CAN A WEEK was designed to provide each one of us with the perfect opportunity to follow Jesus’ command to feed the hungry. Please join our effort by adding A CAN A WEEK to your regular shopping list, and watch our weekly announcements and Facebook posts regarding the most-needed items.



**Community Center:** Most-needed items currently are PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT, CHEF BOYARDEE-STYLE MEALS IN A CAN, AND 1 POUND BAGS OF WHITE RICE. Always appreciated are toothpaste, bath soap, and all types of grocery bags. YOUR ONGOING HELP IS GREATLY NEEDED! Please join in our effort by bringing A CAN A WEEK and by supporting our JOYFUL NOISE collection this morning. We work together to serve our community in response to Jesus’ command to feed the hungry.

**We’re filling empty shelves...thank you!**



### **Drive-By Food Pantry at Central Moravian**

**Church** - The drive by is located in Central Moravian Christian Ed parking lot, access road between Kemmerer Museum & God’s Acre (follow signs). **Sunday, July 2, 2023 and Sunday, August 6, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Volunteers will be there to receive your donations rain, or shine. We are asking that donations come in paper bags (doubled) or cardboard boxes/ Those can be recycled or repurposed.



## Administrative Items

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday** - Office building is closed. Sandy is working remotely 9-3  
(Please leave a voicemail or email for assistance)

**Tuesday - Thursday** - Office is open 9-3  
Contact the office at: 610-868-6481 -- [office@easthillsmc.org](mailto:office@easthillsmc.org)

**\*Pastor's day off is on Monday**

**Prayer Requests:** Have a prayer request? Please contact 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.



**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 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..



**DON'T TOSS THOSE EMPTY PILL CONTAINERS!** Want to keep your empty pill bottles from ending up in the landfill for hundreds of years?

*Matthew 25: ministries, an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization will include those bottles in shipments of medical supplies to areas where pills are often distributed in folded paper, which cannot protect medications from the weather or from the hands of children.*

A marked tote container will be available near the Can-a-Week totes for collection. IT IS IMPERATIVE that you follow these guidelines:

- Bottles included in shipments of medical supplies must have an all plastic lid.
- Bottles should be sorted by color and type.
- All labels should be removed, leaving no glue or residue.
- All bottles and lids should be washed in very hot water and dish soap, rinsed, and dried thoroughly.
- Caps should be placed back onto clean, dried bottles.
- Clean, recapped bottles should be placed into large resealable bags marked "Clean Bottles." These will be included in shipments of medical supplies.



**WEEKLY WORSHIP REFRESHMENTS SCHEDULE:** Please contact Louise Snyder to schedule your donation of refreshments for after worship. Scheduling is important so she knows if there is a need for more or less each week. Please know that all donations are appreciated! Sometimes items are frozen to be used at a later date if there are too many items to put out that week. Thank you for helping Louise keep things organized! Contact the church office.

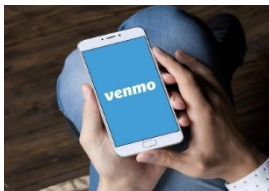


**TREX recycling:** The bagging dates for June are **Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.** Barb is the coordinator.



**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.



**Use VENMO to donate!** Use your Smart phone camera to view our **NEW** QR Code and click on the link that comes up to take you to VENMO and make your donation.



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



**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. A full list of retailers is available at ShopWithScrip.com. To find out more please contact the church office.

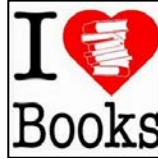
## Serious and Silly Celebrations

### July...

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> – International Kissing Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Sugar Cookie Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Pecan Pie Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> – French Fry Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Mac & Cheese Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Ice Cream Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Hot Dog Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Lasagna Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> – International Day of Friendship
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Avocado Day

### August...

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Coloring Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Root Beer Float Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Purple Heart Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Cat Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Book Lovers Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Lazy Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Left-Handers Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tooth Fairy Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Dog Day
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Bow Tie Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Beach Day



### Every Day...

Give praise to the Lord,  
proclaim his name;  
make known among the  
nations what he has done.

Psalm 105:1 (NIV)

