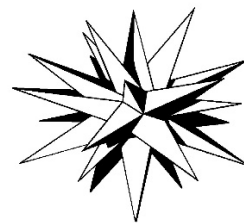


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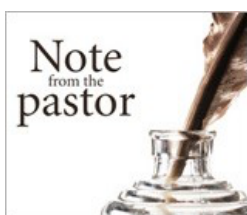
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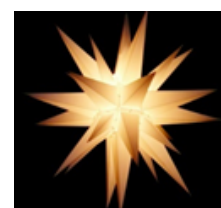
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A Word from Pastor Linda Wisser



God's Love Made Manifest

Each year on one of the Sunday's nearest to January 6th, the church observes the Feast of Epiphany; the revelation of God in the child, Jesus. A hymn often sung in the season of Epiphany speaks of Jesus as 'God in flesh made manifest'. Each verse depicts the life and actions of Jesus that clearly reveal that God is with us.

*"manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest and king supreme
...manifest in power divine, changing water into wine
....manifest in making whole, palsied limbs and fainting soul
...manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill"*

(Songs of Thankfulness and Praise, MBW #313)

At the start of this new year, East Hills Moravian Church looks forward to our Church Council meeting. At this meeting, we take time to review ministry reports and the activity of our congregation in 2022. These reports help us take a look at the ways that the love of God is made 'manifest', made clear, revealed through our ministry.

Please plan to join us on Sunday, January 22nd, following our 10:30 a.m. worship service. We will hear and affirm the good work that God is doing through the church and her members. We will affirm new ministry leaders who have accepted nominations to serve, and we will say 'thank you' for those who are completing their terms.

I look forward with great hope to this new year, as we seek to embody the healing, life-giving, liberating love of Jesus in our daily lives and in our shared ministry!

Grateful to serve together in ministry, making God's love visible, evident, clear... manifest in the world.

With thankfulness and praise,

Pastor Linda

QUESTIONS???? Do you have questions about the ministry happening through the life of East Hills Moravian Church? Is there something you are wondering about but have not been able to ask? While we always open the floor to questions during our council meetings, this year we hope to improve on congregational communication. If you have a question or comment about EHMC ministry and mission, please email your question to the church office (office@easthillsmc.org) by January 15th, and we will do our best to address it at Church Council on January 22nd.

2022 Christmas Thank You's!

This year throughout the Advent and Christmas season, we welcomed many folks to worship with special services such as Advent Lovefeast, the Christmas Praise Service, the Christmas Putz service, and of course, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services. What a wonderful season it has been, praising God and offering warm hospitality and great fellowship! Thank you for all who participate in worship and for those of you who serve to make it possible.

We also were able to 'tell the story of God's great love' through the East Hills Moravian Church putz showings. Many came to hear and see and they could do this because many others made it possible. Thank you to all who served with the Putz ministry.

Service – so much loving service to others in Jesus' name took place this season. Thank you for all who served with the Freezer Ministry and BES, thank you to all who purchased gifts for the children at Governor Wolf Elementary School and Northeast Community Center. Thank you for all who provided food or additional monetary gifts to that others could eat and celebrate the season this year. Thank you for those who provided gift cards for the local family who requested Christmas help this year. Thank you for all who served in various ways this season!

Learning – Thank you to all who planned and served with the Shepherd's Journey event in December when we welcomed kids from the congregation as well as several neighborhood children. Thank you to those who led Sunday morning classes and to those who participated in the Advent Lunch and Learn series (a wonderful time of learning, lunching and laughter!)

Joint Board Members and Staff – I cannot uplift these faithful servants enough....We are blessed tremendously by Board members who are so thoroughly engaged in ministry and invested in the life of this congregation, serving in Jesus' name. We are equally blessed with staff members who serve with a spirit of joy and a 'yes we can' attitude! Thank you to these leaders!

With sincere appreciation, I want to simply say, 'thank you' to all who have made the season so meaningful at East Hills Moravian Church, and who, by your faithful service, continue to make ministry happen in beautiful ways! For all the ways you have fulfilled our congregation's mission this Christmas season, "...to make Him known", thank you!

With gratitude,

Pastor Linda



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Church Flowers



- 1) **Enter your name on the Flower Chart** 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 families who have recently lost a loved one.

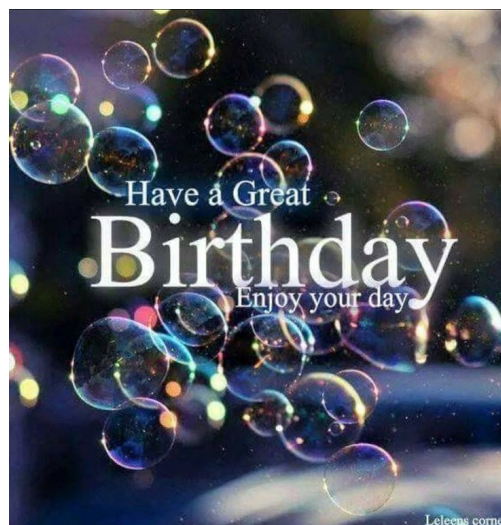
Joys and Celebrations



Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to all our
January Babies! No matter
how old they are!





**January 2023
Worship Schedule**

JANUARY 1ST

10:30 am Worship

ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

JANUARY 8TH

10:30 am Worship, Holy Communion for Epiphany,
Distribution of 2023 Watchwords, Joyful Noise Offering

ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

JANUARY 15TH

10:30 am Worship, Birthday Sunday

ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

JANUARY 22ND

10:30 am Worship

11:45 am Church Council Meeting

ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

JANUARY 29TH

10:30 am Worship, Installation of Joint
Board members

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 #



Christian Learning Opportunities



The highly respected Biblical scholar Marcus Borg wrote a book entitled “Speaking Christian”. In it, he explores the meanings of the root words and history behind many words and phrases that are commonly used in modern Western Christianity, and how, in many cases, the modern meanings are far removed from what they were in Jesus’ society and in the early Church. By exploring the original meanings and the society in which they were used, Borg helps us look at and contemplate these words with fresh understanding that can help us explore our faith in a slightly different perspective.

To make his very expansive work more accessible, I will be writing brief synopses of some of the main points of some chapters of this book to stimulate thought and discussion, and perhaps some spiritual growth. Blessings, Karen

The word is...MERCY

The words ‘mercy’ and ‘merciful’ are used frequently in liturgies and prayers, usually during confession of sin; we ask God to have mercy on us

Today, the word ‘mercy’ presumes a situation involving one person or entity that is more powerful than the other. Examples are commuting a prison sentence, or a parent deciding not to punish a child. In the framework of ‘heaven-and-hell’ Christianity, the doctrine is that we have offended God and deserve to be punished. God is perceived as a disappointed parent or a wrathful judge.

HOWEVER—the fuller meaning/translation of the ancient words is better translated into English as ‘compassion/compassionate’. The Latin roots of compassion means ‘to feel with’ — to feel the feelings of others. BUT—it’s more than a feeling: it includes ACTING on that feeling. So, someone who feels sorry for someone but does nothing about it, in the context of the ancient words, would NOT be considered compassionate.

The Hebrew word is the plural of a noun that, in its singular form, means ‘womb’. To be compassionate is to be womblike; life-giving, nourishing, perhaps embracing. To feel for another the way a woman feels for the child in her womb.

There are many New Testament passages where ‘compassion/compassionate’ would be a better translation of what is meant.

In the Magnificat, God’s mercy is associated with liberation from oppression, protection from enemies, and a world of peace.

In Mark 10:46-52 a blind beggar asks Jesus to ‘have mercy on me’. He didn’t need forgiveness; he wanted compassionate healing so he could see.

When Jesus asks which three protagonists in the parable of the Good Samaritan did the right thing, English translations say, “The one who showed him mercy”. But the crime victim had done nothing wrong. The Samaritan showed him compassion.

The next time that the word ‘mercy’ is used in a liturgy or a Bible passage, try substituting the word ‘compassion/compassionate’ in your mind. Think about how that meaning and your understanding of God and God’s intention for you and your life might be altered.



Confirmation Class – Jan. 22nd - 9:30 am



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.



JANUARY	1-Jan	8-Jan	15-Jan	22-Jan	29-Jan
Sacristans/ Color					
Elders					
Liturgist					
Ushers					
Counters					
PowerTeam					

Nursery

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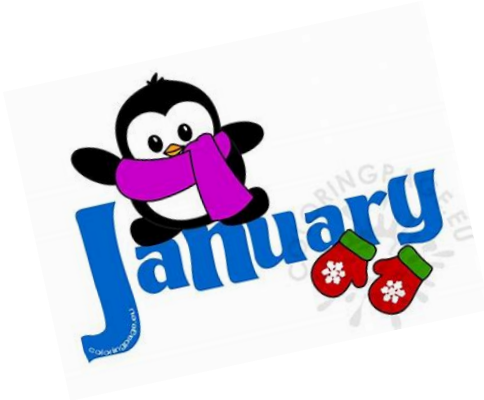
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***Contact the office for more information.**

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	January 2023						February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 9:30 Women's Fellowship 10:30 Worship	2 OFFICE CLOSED- New Year's Holiday	3 OFFICE CLOSED- New Year's Holiday 7:00 pm Women's Fellowship	4	5	6	7	
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22 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 Confirmation Class 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship, Annual Meeting of Church Council	23 Pastor Linda – Leadership Training	24 Pastor Linda – Leadership Training	25 Pastor Linda – Leadership Training 7:00 pm Why Knots	26	27	28	

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29 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship, Installation of Joint Board members	30	31 7:00 pm Elders				



Imagine the possibilities!

Donating to MMFA will help Moravians around the world and could help East Hills as well!

Imagine the possibilities! Think of all the good your congregation could do with \$10,000! The one U.S. Moravian congregation or fellowship with the highest level of participation on this year's Moravian Day of Giving will receive \$10,000.00 (unrestricted).

The congregation with the second highest level of participation will receive \$5,000.00 and the third highest level of participation will receive \$2,500.00. Help your congregation do more good by making a gift on **Tuesday, February 21, 2023** to your congregation on the Moravian Giving Portal.

****DIRECT LINK FOR EAST HILLS:** The link below should take you directly to the MMFA EHMC page for giving. At this point a contributor will enter the donation amount, choose One-time vs Recurring donation, and enter their personal information, including payment details (credit card/wallet vs. bank acct). In the Payment section there are fields to designate a memorial gift or other information. If you do not wish to designate the money to a certain place, those fields can be left blank and the donation will be credited to the East Hills General Fund.

<https://www.mmfa.info/east-hills-moravian-church-donation-form/>

How do we calculate "participation?"

We calculate participation as the total number of different donors to your congregation through the Giving Portal on February 21 divided by your congregation's average weekly attendance as most recently published in the Interprovincial Board of Communication's "[2023 Directory & Statistics](#)."

The Giving Portal accepts gifts of \$10 or more. Make as many gifts as you want!

$$\text{Participation} = \frac{\text{Donors}}{\text{Attendance}}$$

Where does the incentive money come from?

The gift of the incentive money, totaling \$17,500 for congregations, comes from your Moravian Ministries Foundation's operating funds. This (and everything else we do) ultimately comes from the fees paid by our investors in the Common Fund — fees that stay within the church instead of going to secular investment managers.

The Moravian Ministries Foundation in America receives no money from The Moravian Church in America. None of your congregation's fair share support to your province comes to the Moravian Ministries Foundation. All the services we provide are funded from investment fees that are kept inside the church. [Click here to see who invests in the Common Fund](#). Is your congregation among these investors? Their patronage enables MMFA to provide Stewardship Services, Gift Facilitation, Gift Planning, and cover the transaction fees for donors who use the Moravian Giving Portal — all at no charge to Moravians.

Incentives for gifts to the grant-making Field of Interest Funds

In addition to the incentives for participation at the congregational level, MMFA is matching up to the first \$15,000 made to any of the grant-making Moravian [Field of Interest Funds](#). The \$15K is the total match (not a match per gift or match per fund).

**STRENGTHENING
Families PROGRAM**
FOR PARENTS AND YOUTH 10-14

[The Center for Humanistic Change and East Hills Moravian Church, invite your family to participate in...](#)

A Strengthening Families Program that Can Help You & Your Youth Prepare for the Teen Years!

A Free, Fun Opportunity to Strengthen Family Communication & Promote Family Bonding!

Join Us For 7 Weekly Sessions That Include:

- ❑ Fun Family Games and Activities
- ❑ A Free Family Meal
- ❑ Free Childcare
- ❑ Weekly Prizes and a Graduation Gift
- ❑ Interaction With Other Parents
- ❑ Engaging and Interactive Youth Activities

Build on Your Family's Strengths! Register Now for the Upcoming Program!

**Starting February 16, 2023, Thursdays 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM for 7 weeks
East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem 18017**

TO REGISTER: Go to www.thechc.org and click on *Classes/Event Calendar*.

Please contact Lisa Wolff, Center for Humanistic Change, at 610-443-1595 x36 with any questions or concerns.

This project is funded, in part, under a contract with the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs and Northampton County Drug & Alcohol.

Fellowship Opportunities

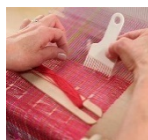
**WOMEN'S
FELLOWSHIP**

Women's Fellowship - For all women – an opportunity for fellowship, prayer and study. Women's Fellowship Women's fellowship will meet by Zoom at 7:00 PM on Tuesday January 3rd and in person at 9:30 AM Sunday January 8th. The lesson will be Session 5 "Hanging out by the Code: a Lesson in Christian Living" Romans 12:9-21 from the study guide [Hanging In, Hanging Out](#).

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. 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 the church office.



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, reach out to the church office.

Additional Moravian News

Soup Sale

COMING SOON – February 17th & 18th

BAM Freezer Ministry Soup Sale

Watch Weekly Announcements for more details!



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:

(12/5) We continue the search for a contractor to build a ramp and accessible restroom.

Referrals of licensed and insured contractors are welcome!

(11/30) A logo is in the final stage of development - look for it soon!

(11/22) The West Side Unified Board and Cafe Essentials sign a lease agreement.

The lease went into effect December 1, 2022

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.



Greetings!

The end of one year and beginning of another is a perfect time to look back in reflection and to look ahead in anticipation,

and, in both of those directions, to evaluate how the day-to-day details of our life and work match our stated "big picture." At the Board of World Mission (BWM) our big picture is described by our purpose statement: "The BWM builds relationships through Mission Outreach and Mission Engagement to be faithful to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission."

That can seem like corporate jargon when it is just words on a page, but when lived out it tells the what, why, and how of the BWM:

What do we do at the BWM? We build relationships, such as the new work being explored in Brazil and Bolivia this year - areas that could become partners in the year ahead.

Why do we do this work? The Great Commandment and the Great Commission are Christ's call and direction for how we are to actively live our faith in the world. Each and everything we do stems from reminders to love God and our neighbors and to share Christ's message the world over. Based on this call, we have placed an emphasis on supporting theological education to equip folks to share the gospel message, and then to engage in mission and outreach from their context - reaching indigenous people groups like the Sukuma and Maasai people in Tanzania or the Garifuna people in Honduras.

How do we do our work at the BWM? Each of the BWM's projects can be categorized as Mission Outreach or Mission Engagement. The former refers to our work with longstanding global partners and newer mission areas as we seek to assist in growing churches and strengthening communities, as well as developing leadership to help these areas begin their own mission outreach efforts. The latter refers to the ways in which the BWM engages folks in the mission work of the Moravian Church through offering service and volunteer opportunities, educating congregations and individuals about our ongoing projects, and sharing opportunities for financial and prayerful support. Even as mission outreach and mission engagement efforts are distinct, they are also intertwined, each guiding and taking direction from the other... and we have been busy in both!

There is not enough space in this letter to highlight all of the work of 2022, but some efforts stand out. Just as we have recently lit the Advent candles of Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love, I give thanks for the many ways in which those things were reflected this year in the work of the Board of World Mission.

We shared HOPE through our work in the Moravian Disaster Response (MDR) program. Natural disasters take no breaks, and areas in the La Mosquitia region of Honduras and Nicaragua that were impacted by Hurricanes Eta and Iota in 2020 were once again hit by a hurricane and a tropical storm. The BWM has responded to severe flooding of agricultural fields, which destroyed crops that were needed to feed many communities. We have partnered with Feed the Hungry to distribute emergency food packs in the region, and a project to clean out flooded wells and restore safe drinking water is soon to begin.

Additionally, as these storms become ever more frequent, the BWM is in the early stages of helping to provide an agronomist to adapt planting and harvest patterns to reflect new floodplains, as well as constructing storage facilities for the safeguarding of food staples like rice and beans to prepare for times when crops are impacted by these types of disasters.

We witnessed JOY at the Moravian Resources Conference we held in Panama for all of our Spanish-speaking partners. This inaugural conference brought together Moravians who had never met before, but were deeply connected by the end of the week together. The group discussed history, theology, financial management, and mission planning... all in Spanish. The joy present in the worship services, side conversations, and lasting relationships built will help to strengthen our worldwide Unity!

The BWM worked to offer PEACE as we responded to the war in Ukraine. Unprecedented donations were received to support refugee families fleeing this conflict. The BWM was able to support renovations on a hotel owned by Moravians in the Czech Republic, which became housing for refugee families. We provided a full

year of salary and benefits for five teachers at a school that was forced to relocate from Kyiv, Ukraine to Nová Paka, Czech Republic due to the violence. Now, support continues for families that are resettling here in North America as well as for Moravian congregations in Europe who are providing shelter to the families arriving in their communities. The welcoming presence of Moravians around the world offers a safe haven, even as the conflict continues.

Finally, we experienced the LOVE of God in so many settings. In this space I want to highlight the work of the BWM staff. Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler, Rev. Angelica Regalado Cieza, Brother Rex Knowlton, Sister Sue Adams, and Sister Sylvie Hauser form our current staff, with thanks to Brother Rick Nelson, Sister Jill Kolodziej, and Sister Elizabeth Thiele who were also part of our team this year. I can't say enough about the tremendous contributions of these individuals who care deeply about our work and will always find a way to ensure we are not sidetracked by details or challenges - these folks are "on a mission"!

So much more to share - I encourage you to visit our website (MoravianMission.org) and follow us on social media so that you can continue to get updates on this work in real time. Thank you for your support and care for the work of the BWM in all seasons!

Blessings, Justin Rabbach - Executive Director - Board of World Mission

A blue banner with a white border and a shadow effect, containing the text "Camp Hope" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Camp Hope

1) **We are now hiring for all 2023 Summer Staff positions.** [Go to camphope.org](http://camphope.org) for more information.

- Summer Staff Supervisor, Food Service Manager, Assistant Cook, Kitchen Aide, Waterfront Director (Head Lifeguard), Lifeguard, Maintenance Aide, Support Services Aide, General Summer Staff
- Staff are hired without regard to race, religion, or gender.
- Since we are an overnight summer camp, summer staff are required to stay at camp in the provided staff quarters. Meals are provided.
- **Qualifications:** 16+ (please see individual job descriptions for age requirements)

The right candidate:

- enjoys working with campers, volunteers, and other staff of all ages and abilities;
- demonstrates patience, enthusiasm, self-control, and dependability;
- is able to work both collaboratively with others and independently.

2) **Dates for Summer 2023**

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)

3) **Senior High Winter Retreat** - January 13 - 15, 2023 – 9th -12th graders

Registration Dec. 1 – Jan. 8. Cost is \$120

- 4) **2023 Girls' Retreat at Camp Hope** - Friday, Jan. 27th 7pm - Sunday, Jan. 29th 1pm - Girls in 3rd through 8th grades - Cost for the weekend is \$100 - Registrations are due by January 12th and space is limited to 30 girls so register soon. Registration Forms are available by contacting: Rev. Jodie Harney at Mountainview Moravian Church - jlharney212@gmail.com - 610-838-9344.



Donation Opportunities




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.

As we begin this new year, 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. PEANUTBUTTER and CANNED FRUIT are in very short supply at this time, and your help will be greatly appreciated.



FOOD DRIVE

Northeast Community Center: OUR HELP IS NEEDED! As we begin this new year, let’s all get on board with our ongoing ministry in support of the Foodbank at the Northeast Community Center. **PEANUTBUTTER**



Drive-By Food Pantry at Central Moravian Church with much needed items for our next food distribution. The drive by is located in Central

Administrative Items



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

Phone: 610-868-6481

Email: 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. 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.



Church Council meeting will be held on

January 22nd after worship.

Reports are due to the office no later than Jan. 5th!



WINTER WEATHER NEWS: On Sundays, in the event of winter weather, please check the WFMZ website for information about Sunday School and worship cancellations. Winter weather cancellations will also be posted on the East Hills Moravian Church Facebook page.

Office Closures: As a general rule of thumb, if road conditions are affected by winter weather, our office staff will follow Bethlehem Area School District delays and closures and will work remotely on those days. When in doubt, please call the office before stopping in. Thank you!



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. Respectfully, Karen



CHILD CARE 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. For safety purposes, we must have two adults in order to make this service available to families with young children.

Contact the church office.

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>



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 checked daily so that no money or checks are sitting in the mailbox for long. 1830 Butztown Rd., Bethlehem, 18017.



Serious and Silly Celebrations

January 1st – Happy New Year!
January 4th – National Spaghetti Day
January 8th – National Bubble Bath Day
January 9th – National Faith Day
January 13th – National Blame Someone Else Day
January 15th – National Bagel Day
January 21st – National Hugging Day
January 22nd – National Bible Sunday
January 25th – National Irish Coffee Day
January 29th – National Puzzle Day
January 30th – National Yodel for Your Neighbors Day

Every Day:

