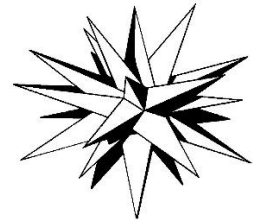


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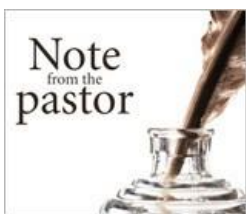
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## *A Word from Pastor Linda Wisser*



### **Easter 2022... Searching for Signs of Life**

With Easter quickly approaching and the current threat of COVID19 behind us for now, it is great to see plans for Easter Egg Hunts this year and to anticipate children gathering again this year. I have happy memories of the years when our kids were little and the fun we had at egg hunts, seeking and finding those little treasures that were sometimes easily seen and other times, hard to find.

As we turn our thoughts to the celebration of Easter Day, I am reminded that we grown-ups, are also invited to search for signs of life. Only our joy is not necessarily in plastic eggs, but seeking and finding God alive and at work in our midst, and knowing even if we can't see it, in Christ we indeed have life.

I've been on my own 'hunt' lately here at East Hills and I'm seeing all kinds of life around here; God alive and at work in our midst. This life of God can be seen in the people who are so compassionately caring for loved ones who are ill. I see the life of God in others who reach out to those who are struggling with prolonged illnesses or the weight of grief and loss and I hear how much that means to people. I hear the life of God in the songs now echoing in the sanctuary making a joyful noise, and in the sound of Sunday School children, youth and parents gathering again. There is life in those who quietly come and do the work for Victory House and Freezer ministry meals. I see life in the hopes and plans taking shape for future ministries here at the church. I have found evidence of life...God's life, most recently in Lent soup suppers with the Girl Scouts (thank you, ladies!!!), and also in listening to those who gathered to learn and share together. Life, new life, abundant life...all around.

In this newsletter, there are details about the life of our congregation and the ways we worship, learn, serve, and have fellowship together as a sign of the life we have in Christ. Please take time to read through the newsletter and receive it as an invitation to be part of the life of the church!

Resurrection blessings,

Pastor Linda - [pastorlinda@easthillsmc.org](mailto:pastorlinda@easthillsmc.org) - 484-764-8629



**Prayer Requests:** Have a prayer request? Please email the new “**Detail Form**” to the church office at [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 literally 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.



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April

## APRIL 2022 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> –

10:30 am Worship, Reception of new Members,  
April Birthday Celebration  
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

### APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> - Palm Sunday

10:30 am Worship, Palm Sunday worship  
and Holy Week Reading  
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

### APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> - 15<sup>TH</sup> - Holy Week Services (Mon. – Fri.)

**in person and on ZOOM at 7:00 pm**  
Holy Week Readings Mon. – Wed.,  
Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion,  
Good Friday Tenebrae Service.

### APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> - Easter

6:30 am Sunrise Service followed by breakfast  
10:30 am Worship  
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

### APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> -

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

## Worship Information & Opportunities

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



**NOTE: The office will be closed on April 18<sup>th</sup> for Easter Monday.**

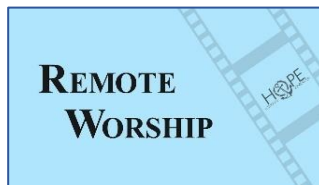
The church office is open Monday - Thursday from 9:00 – 3:00.

610-868-6481

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

Please note that no one is checking voicemail or email outside of office hours.

If there is an emergency, please contact Pastor Linda at 484-764-8629.



### **ZOOM link -- Dial-in by phone -- YouTube recordings**

Weekly Worship will be available live on ZOOM **Sunday mornings at 10:30.**

You may also dial in by phone or check YouTube for pre-recorded services and sermons each week.

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83858077423?pwd=UFIBRDI3cG5jTHNNaGNtakhnU05vdz09>

Meeting ID: 838-5807-7423

Password: 175584

**YouTube Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oF67kjDFPgY>

**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 #



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES – April 10-17 in person and on ZOOM!

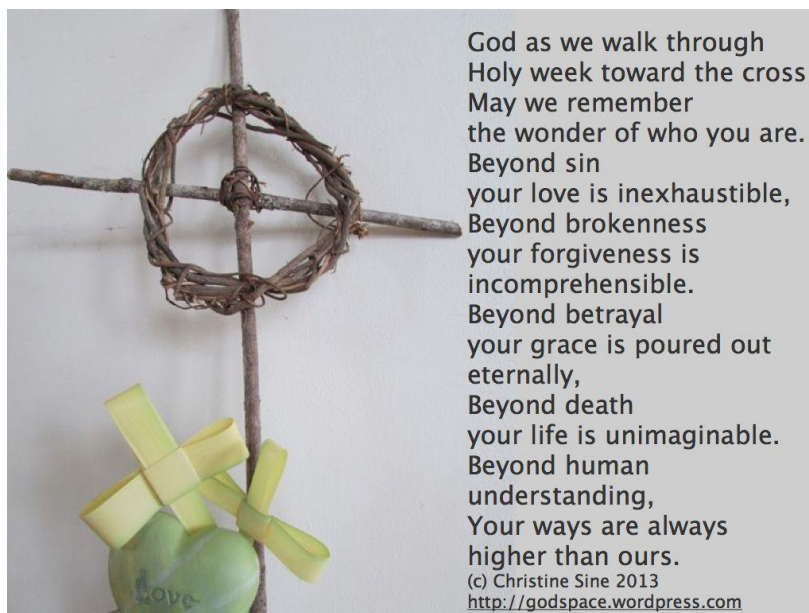
- Holy Week Services will kick off during the Palm Sunday Worship. We will begin with songs of Hosanna and end with the Holy Week Reading for Sunday.
- Holy Week Readings will continue Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with readings at 7:00 pm.
- Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion will be held at 7:00 pm.
- Good Friday Tenebrae Service will be held at 7:00 pm.



- An Easter Sunrise Service will be held
- Easter Breakfast immediately following the Sunrise Service. Please make a reservation for the breakfast by Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> by contacting the church or the Wingroves at 610- 867-0537.
- Easter Worship Service at 10:30 am.



**Sunday, May 1st** our worship service is a "Litany of Praise" service which will include lots of special music as the season of Easter Joy continues and we worship our Risen Lord!



God as we walk through  
Holy week toward the cross,  
May we remember  
the wonder of who you are.  
Beyond sin  
your love is inexhaustible,  
Beyond brokenness  
your forgiveness is  
incomprehensible.  
Beyond betrayal  
your grace is poured out  
eternally,  
Beyond death  
your life is unimaginable.  
Beyond human  
understanding,  
Your ways are always  
higher than ours.

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## Christian Learning Opportunities



**Mid-Week Lent Series - God's Story/Our Story**  
Continues until April 6<sup>th</sup>  
7 p.m. Fellowship Hall and on Zoom  
(Soup Supper at 6:30 p.m.)



**EHMC Sunday Morning Coffee Class** - EHMC is inviting you join us via ZOOM. If you need to download the app, please approve it and join the meeting with computer audio.

**Every week on Sun. at 9:30 AM ET in person in Fellowship Hall or on Zoom.**

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83108556340?pwd=aXNBVlltaIp1ZjZtWFgvcVvaFjYUT09>

Meeting ID: 831 0855 6340

Passcode: 094254

Dial in for audio only: +1 929 205 6099



**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study!**

Please join us on **Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge.** We will begin with looking into the unique Gospel of John. We hope to see you there!

**Children's Sunday School NOW EVERY SUNDAY at 9:30 am.**



**Our theme for VBS this year is Food Truck Party...on a roll with God!**

And we are celebrating all the ways that God provides 'daily bread'!

**Monday June 20th - Friday June 24th**

**9 a.m. until noon.**

Watch for more information but for now, Save the Date!

Want to volunteer? Call the office!



## Fellowship Opportunities



### Enjoy beautiful music for the Lenten season compliments of Dave Thompson:

Passion Choral:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4mr1fddUw>

Go to Dark Gethsemane

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCR6ar2M-bE&t=2s>

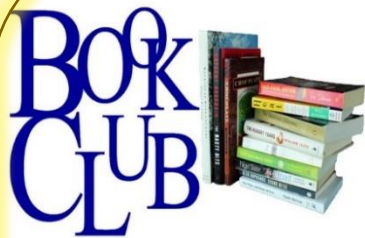


### EGG HUNT at East Hill Moravian Church

Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

For children up to 8 years old.

Please RSVP to the church office at  
[office@easthillsmc.org](mailto:office@easthillsmc.org).



**EHMC Book Club:** East Hills Moravian Church's Book Club will meet at 7pm on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> on Deb Spinney's deck to discuss Karen Kelly's "Bethlehem." All are welcome to join the discussion.





**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 send 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.



**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.



**Women's Fellowship** continues to meet on the first Tuesday evening each month, on zoom. We are discussing The Rev. Sam Gray's book "Fruitful Lives", but you do not need to have a copy of his book in order to participate. All women are always invited to join in this special time of fellowship and informal study.

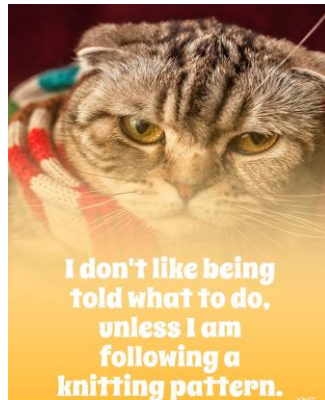
**Cash Cards** - [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com) has cash cards for everyone. When you purchase physical cards or e-cards at face value, EHMC receives a percentage of that purchase. Consider retailers such as 1-800-FLOWERS, Shutterfly, eBay, Wayfair, Target, Walmart, L.L.Bean, Dick's Sporting Goods, Xbox, Sony PlayStation, Hulu, Uber, UberEATS, Instacart, or over 750 others for giving or your own shopping. Use enrollment code 8897CBD34973 to create an account at ShopWithScrip.com or on the RaiseRight app or contact Julie Del Priore (610-417-2071), Heather Frantz or Lucy Thompson to place an order. Cards for Giant, Wegmans, and Valley Farm are available.







**WHY KNOTS** - members meet throughout the year on the fourth Wednesday each month at 7 pm, either in the Parlor, or on zoom. We are currently working on scarves and hats for the children who participate in the after-school program at Northeast Community Center. We are also investigating other areas of community need. Would you like to join us? We are happy to share our skills and teach others. For now, our leftover items remain available for purchase. Contact the office for information.



**YAM – Young Adult Ministry** – Twice a year, YAM sends care packages to college-age youth attending school, in the military, or in the job force. If you are a young adult or know of a young adult (Your child), please give his/her mailing address and any food allergies to the church office. The young adult will be added to our list and receive a package from us in April. Many of the young adults receiving a box are thrilled to receive it and enjoy the food and fun contained inside. We also need bakers to supply two dozen baked items, individually wrapped; or individually wrapped candy; or small fun activities (age does not matter) for these youth. The deadline for contributions is Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to give monetary contributions to cover mailing costs, please make checks payable to *East Hills Moravian Church*, memo: YAM. Thanks for caring.



## Moravian Disaster Response to the Ukrainian Crisis

The Board of World Mission invites your compassion and prayers for the people of Ukraine who are suffering because of the Russian invasion. The Czech Republic is among the countries receiving Ukrainian refugees, where our Moravian friends in the Czech Province are already providing hospitality. The Board of World Mission is humbled to be able to help collect funds to assist with Ukrainian refugee resettlement in Europe.

The Moravian congregation in Nová Paka is a wonderful example of the type of work happening throughout the Czech Province to support Ukrainian refugees. This congregation has owned a historic hotel since 2015, which is now functioning as living space for the first families that arrived from Kyiv last week. More families are expected to arrive this week. Jiřina Kaletová, a member of this congregation, shared the following video with us. It's wonderful to hear directly from our Czech friends about the work taking place. Please watch and share widely. [Click here to connect to video.](#)

For ongoing updates please visit [MoravianMission.org](http://MoravianMission.org). For further information, contact the Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler at [chris@moravianmission.org](mailto:chris@moravianmission.org) or 610-868-1732.

**U.S. Donors:** Please mail checks to Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. You may also make your donation online at <http://moravianmission.org/give/> and click on the green “Give” button at the top of the page. Please use the memo line to indicate that your gift is for “Ukraine.”

### The Pay What You Can Community Café is coming to Bethlehem’s Westside neighborhood!

It is styled after the flourishing and sustainable Tricklebee Café, a mission of the Moravian Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It will be a place where everyone, regardless of ability to pay, will experience inclusion, acceptance, kindness, and hope along with a delicious, nutritious, often locally sourced meal. A lawyer is currently working with the Café’s Planning Team on zoning issues and the Moravian Ministries Foundation of America has generously provided a \$50,000 Hunger and Thirst Field of Interest Grant to help get the project started.

You can help right now by praying for the project and helping to NAME THE CAFÉ. Suggestions are being accepted through the end of May at [NameYourCafe22@gmail.com](mailto:NameYourCafe22@gmail.com). The name should reflect our desire to provide good food for people of all income levels in a warm and hospitable environment. Stay tuned for the naming announcement in the coming months and for other ways you can get involved. The PWYCCC Working Team includes Dawn Fenner, Rebecca Miller, Kasey Thomas, and The Reverends Tammie Rinker, Lynnette Delbridge, and Christine Johnson.

\*Information provided by Lynnette Delbridge.



Please welcome our new members  
Katie and Sarah!



## Sanctuary Flower Process

### SANCTUARY FLOWER INSTRUCTIONS

- 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. You can fill out the form below and leave it in the basket on the office door, email or call the office (610) 868-6481.
- 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) **DO NOT TAKE THE FLOWER INSERTS, THEY CANNOT BE REPLACED.** Thank you.

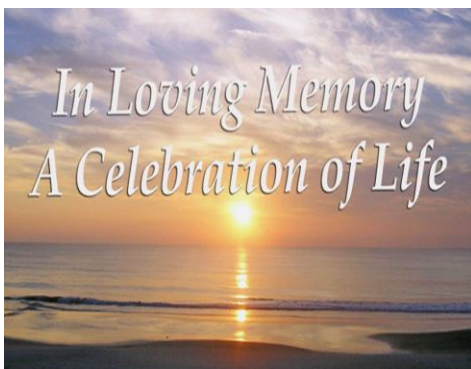
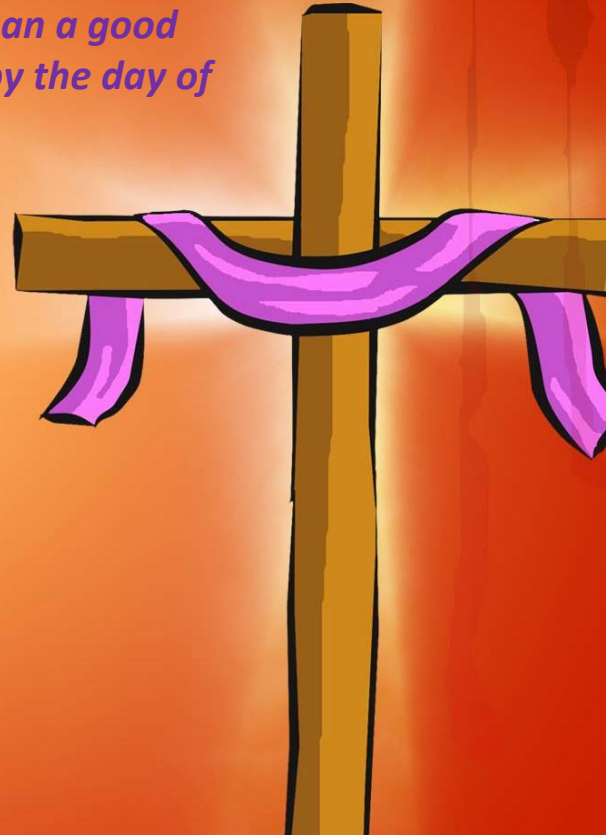
## EHMC 2022 Watchword

### EHMC 2022 Watchword:

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

### Hymn text #576

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



**A special thank you from the Jackson Family for the Celebration of Life Service on March 5, 2022 for Lou Jackson.**

*From the Jackson Family...Pastor Linda, Sacristans, friends of Lou Jackson and the entire EHMC congregation,*

*Thank you, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you've done for both Lou and Earl but also for enabling this very special, light-filled, joyous remembrance of life.*

|                            | 3-Apr | 10-Apr | 17-Apr Easter | 24-Apr |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|---------------|--------|
| <b>Sacristans/Color</b>    |       |        |               |        |
| <b>Elders</b>              |       |        |               |        |
| <b>Liturgist in person</b> |       |        |               |        |
| <b>Liturgist online</b>    |       |        |               |        |
| <b>Ushers</b>              |       |        |               |        |
| <b>Counters</b>            |       |        |               |        |
| <b>PowerTeam</b>           |       |        |               |        |

**Holy Week**

**Sacristans**

**11 /Purple**

**12 /Purple**

**13 /Purple**

**14 /Purple**

**15 /Purple**





**What's Happening This Month at  
EHMC?**

| <b>APRIL 2022</b>   |  |   |   |   |                                    |      |
|---|--|---|---|---|------------------------------------|------|
| Sunday  | Monday                                       | Tuesday   | Wed.  | Thursda   | Friday                             | Sat. |
| 27<br>9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class<br>9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor<br>10:30 Worship   | 28   | 29<br>5-7:30 PM Jesus Saves – Parlor  | 30  | 31  | 1                                  | 2    |
| 3<br>9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class<br>9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor<br>9:30 Children's Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship                 | 4<br>7:00 pm CEC                             | 5<br>5-7:30 PM Jesus Saves – Parlor<br>7 PM Women's Fellowship  | 6<br>7:00 pm Mid-Week Lent Series (6:30 soup supper)            | 7   | 8                                  | 9    |
| 10<br>9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class<br>9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor<br>10:30 Worship, Palm Sunday, Holy Week Readings during worship | 11<br>7:00 pm Holy Week Readings             | 12<br>5-7:30 PM Jesus Saves – Parlor<br>7:00 pm Holy Week Readings  | 13<br>7:00 pm Holy Week Readings                                | 14<br>7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship, Holy Communion | 15<br>7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae | 16   |
| 17<br>9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class<br>9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor<br><b>6:30 am Sunrise Service Breakfast</b><br>10:30 Worship     | 18<br><b>OFFICE CLOSED for Easter Monday</b> | 19<br>5-7:30 PM Jesus Saves – Parlor<br>7:00 Elders   | 20  | 21  | 22                                 | 23   |
| 24<br>9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class<br>9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor<br>10:30 Worship<br>6:30-8 pm Confirmation Class FH              | 25<br>Pastor's Leadership Retreat – all day  | 26<br>Pastor's Leadership Retreat – all day<br>5-7:30 PM Jesus Saves – Parlor<br>7:00 pm Worship & Music Com. | 27<br>Pastor's Leadership Retreat – all day<br>7:00 – Why Knots | 28  | 29                                 | 30   |

## Donation Opportunities

**DONATE  
FOOD  
HERE**



### **A CAN A WEEK/JOYFUL NOISE:**

**A CAN A WEEK:** Please add PANCAKE MIX and COOKIES to your shopping list. They are the most-needed items at the NECC foodbank at this time. There is always a need for dish liquid, and grocery bags (paper and plastic), and especially TOOTHPASTE. Diapers (sizes 3 and 4) are also needed again since the ones donated last week have been distributed to needy families. JOYFUL NOISE funds can be donated at any time. Last week we used some of those funds to purchase much-needed chicken. Thank you for your support of these important ministries.



**Northeast Community Center:** *“Because He First Fed Us”* we respond with joy to feed others. In her book, Anita Hinkledey McVey writes that before God created us, “God created a garden. God was preparing a meal for us before we arrived.” Jesus demonstrates concern for the food needs of others in feeding the 5,000, and he reminds us that when we feed the least of these, we are feeding Him.

Now is a good time to establish the habit of feeding others by joining our effort to provide A CAN A WEEK. It’s simple to do. Put NECC on your shopping list and purchase just one can every time you shop. There are receptacle baskets in the Narthex which are emptied weekly, and your donations are taken to the foodbank for distribution just a few days later. To help fill the gaps in the most needed foods, watch our weekly announcement in the Thursday email blast or the updates on our EHMC Facebook page. At this time, the most-needed item is cold cereal, but there is always a need for toothpaste, dish liquid, and grocery bags (paper, plastic, and reusable).

Author McVey also says, “The way to make delicious food even better: share it.” We share what we have *“Because He First Fed Us.”* [There is always a need for Food Pantry volunteers](#) - email Paula Johnson at [johnsonp@neccbethlehem.org](mailto:johnsonp@neccbethlehem.org)!



**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, April 3rd, 9:30 am -1:00 pm (rain/snow date, April 10th).** Items needed: boxed (shelf stable) or powdered milk, cereal, flour, sugar, tomato paste, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, ground coffee, jelly, toilet paper, infant and adult diapers, soap bars, no beans, or rice or at this time. Wrapped Easter candy or regular candy are welcome, as well as other items you might think would be good for a household in need.

We are asking that donations come in paper bags (doubled) or cardboard boxes. Those can be recycled or repurposed. We will accept donations in any form, but believe plastic is not the best for our environment.

***EHMC received a thank you letter from Chrisdee Lawyer from the NECC for our “generous \$600.00 donation on Feb. 1, 2022.”***



## TREX Plastic Challenge Update – BAM Churches – 2022



### Am I seeing double? Two TREX benches on site!

Our second bench has arrived. The benches are in the area outside the Family Center and in the East hallway in the same area. Enjoy the rewards of having recycled 500 pounds of #2 and #4 plastics.

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

Please continue to be vigilant to recycle only acceptable materials.

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

Keep Recycling!

#### **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  
Zip lock bags  
Saran Wrap  
Bread wrappers with little air holes  
Cellophane wrappers  
Bird seed or other bulk bags that are not #4  
If material does not stretch easily or is shiny & crinkles or crunches.

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

## Serious and Silly Celebrations This Month

### April 1<sup>st</sup> – April Fool's Day



### April 2<sup>nd</sup> – National PB&J Day



### April 7<sup>th</sup> – National No Housework Day



### April 10<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday



### April 15<sup>th</sup> – Tax Day



### April 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter



### April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Earth Day



### Every day...



Birthday Celebrations



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



*Happy  
Birthday to  
all our  
April  
Babies!!*

*Happy Birthday*



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