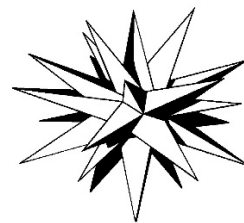


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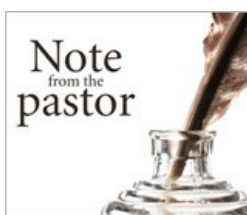
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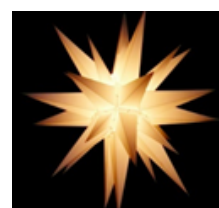
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A Word from Pastor Linda Wisser



Pastor Linda - pastorlinda@easthillsmc.org - 484-764-8629

On May 22nd, East Hills Moravian Church observed our Sunday School Closing day and worshipped in an inspiring service led by our children and youth. On that day, we prayed a liturgy entitled, “We Celebrate the Children”. Two days later, the massacre at Uvalde Elementary School in Texas occurred.

Like many of you, I struggle with what to say and how to respond. The words from our liturgy, “We Celebrate the Children” echo in my head and now carry so much more weight in my heart. I look at the elementary school next to our church building, and see the faces of the littles on the sidewalk at the end of the school day. I think of many of you, who are educators and coaches and scout leaders...people who spend their days working with young people. I think of our young parents, of grandparents and our families. I have been asking myself, ‘What does it really mean, to be a church that celebrates children?’, and to be followers of Jesus, who gave these little ones a place of honor and named them as ‘great’?

We are people who experience one tragedy after another. Our reality is one where innocents of all ages, are being slaughtered, routinely.... killed by pandemics, war, gun violence in our communities, drug overdoses, untreated illness of mind, body, and spirit, lack of food, medical care...and the list goes on. And it’s overwhelming. We may be tempted into a paralysis of sorts, believing we are helpless, powerless, unable to change things. We may be tempted to shake our heads in sadness and remain silent, until the next tragedy occurs. But our young people, in particular, are at risk. And a perception of powerlessness or a prolonged silence does not strengthen, support, or by any means, celebrate them. So, what is ours to do? What can we do?

This month, the church welcomes the season of Pentecost and recalls a moment in time when God’s Holy Spirit came upon believers in a powerful and mighty way. And God’s Spirit filled the hearts of believers, gathered them as the Church, gifted them in various ways, and sent them into the broken and hurting world of their day. This same powerful, mighty Spirit of God keeps coming, moves among us, and sends us into our broken and hurting world. We are not powerless, but indeed gifted by God. Each one of us is gifted in some way to make a difference and proclaim Christ’s love. What breaks your heart for the children and young families in our community and in our nation? What gift do you have to deploy for good in ways that truly ‘celebrate the children’?

God’s Spirit is at work in the world, ushering in the Kingdom of Heaven and a way in which the painful realities of all that is broken and hurting will be made whole. The Church, the church, we... are gathered, gifted, and sent to be part of making that happen.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Linda

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Administrative Items



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.



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

Phone: 610-868-6481

Email: office@easthillsmc.org

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

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



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

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

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



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

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JUNE 2022 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JUNE 5TH -

9:30 am Worship, Confirmation Sunday
and Holy Communion
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

JUNE 12TH -

9:30 am Worship, Anniversary Lovefeast,
Reception of New Members
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

JUNE 19TH -

9:30 am Worship, "Dads and Grads" Celebration
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

JUNE 26TH -

9:30 am Worship, June Birthday Celebration,
Baptism
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

Worship Information & Opportunities



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



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

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

YouTube Link: <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.

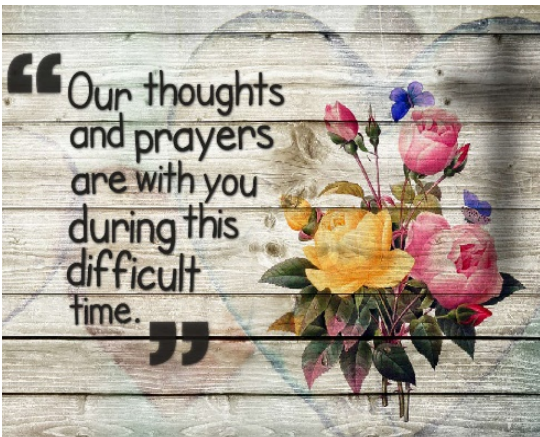
1. Call 1-929-205-6099 (New York - other cities available on request)
2. At the prompt for the Meeting ID enter 838-5807-7423 followed by #
3. At the prompt for your Participant ID enter #
4. At the prompt for the Password enter 175584 followed by #



REMINDER...OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE HAS BEGUN!

- Summer worship - **9:30 a.m.**
- Adult Bible Study - **8:30 AM - 9:15 AM**
- Children's Sunday School – will resume after the summer.
- Sunday Morning Coffee Class will resume in September.

Christian Sympathy and Resurrection Hope



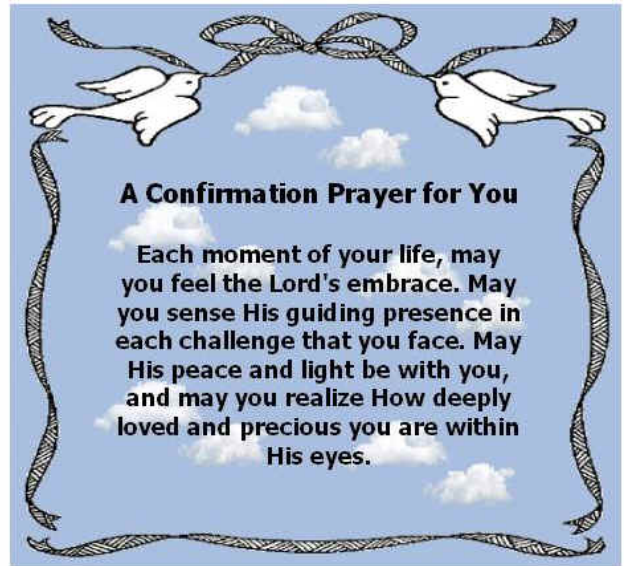
Our Christian Sympathy and Resurrection Hope upon the passing of **Leon Murphy**, husband of our late member Bertha Murphy, on May 17th. Our prayers to the Murphy family.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S CONFIRMANDS!



Great job!!



Thanks to this year's mentors for assisting our confirmands on their spiritual journey.



	5-Jun	12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun
Sacristans/Color				
Elders				
Liturgist in person				
Liturgist online				
Ushers				
Counters				
PowerTeam				

Christian Learning Opportunities



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study!

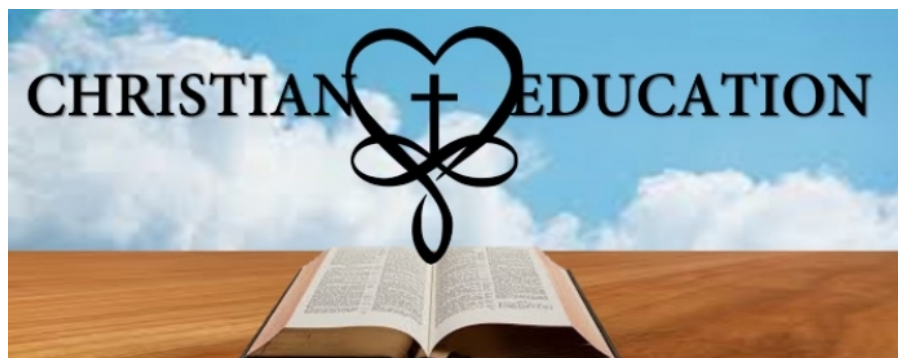
Please join us during our new Summer hours. **Sunday mornings from 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM in the Church Lounge.** Peter Diehl will be facilitating. We hope to see you there!



EHMC Sunday Morning Coffee Class – **Will resume in September.**



Children's Sunday School - **Will resume in September.**





Food Truck Party Vacation Bible School

June 20th-24th, 2022

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

East Hills Moravian Church
1830 Butztown Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017
(610) 868-6841

Children ages 3 through completing grade 5

Online registration link:

[VBS 2022 Registration Form \(google.com\)](#)

**Bible stories, snacks, music/songs, science
experiments, games, crafts/art, and more!**



Fellowship Opportunities



Adult Fellowship outings are resuming!

1) **TRAIN TO JIM THORPE FOR DAY OF VIEWS AND FUN – ~~June 11th~~ (POSTPONED – no tickets were available at this time.)**

Take a train excursion through Pennsylvania's beautiful landscape to Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania. You board the train at the Reading Station. During your ride you will see rolling farmland, beautiful mountains, glistening lakes, and small towns along the rail line. You will also travel through tunnels and over bridges, a highlight being the Hometown High Bridge. Once you arrive in Jim Thorpe you have over 3 1/2 hours to explore the many shops, restaurants, and attractions (such as the Asa Packer Mansion Museum or 70-minute Lehigh Gorge train trip) before boarding the train for your return trip.

- **Arrive at the Reading Station by 10:00 am. Average driving time from Bethlehem is 1 hour.**
- **Cost is \$39/person plus travel expenses and your own lunch.**

2) **Join us on Sunday July 24, 2022 to tour *Luna Parc* - Private Home and Studio of madcap artist Ricky Boscarino. Much to see indoors and outside.**

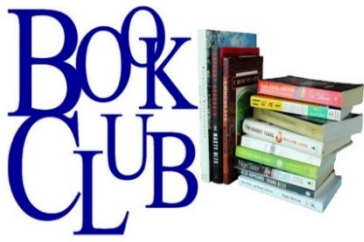
Sprawling over six acres in the lush Northwestern woods of Montague, NJ - Luna Parc has been a work in progress since 1989. See more <https://www.lunaparc.com/>

We will leave shortly after church and travel by car (yellow flags are ready) through the Poconos, having Lunch on the way, followed by a private tour by the home's owner.

- **Costs per person will include Tour - \$20, Lunch – based on what you order and Gas money for those who volunteer to drive (calculated later based on #'s and vehicles).**



For more information or get your name on the list (**deadline July 17**) contact:
Bob or Kathy Wingrove



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



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, please contact the 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 - Will not meet for June, July, and August. Contact the office for information. All are welcome to join back with us in September.



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, contact the office.



Steady progress is being made toward bringing the Pay What You Can Community Cafe(PWYCCC) to West Bethlehem:

- We received a grant of \$9,700 from the Bethlehem Area Moravians Ministry Commission to use for startup costs.
- On March 1 we learned the Moravian Ministries Foundation awarded a \$50,000 grant to support this effort!
- We are working with a local lawyer to create a business entity.

The PWYCCC 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.

PWYCCC Working Team:

Rev. Lynnette Delbridge



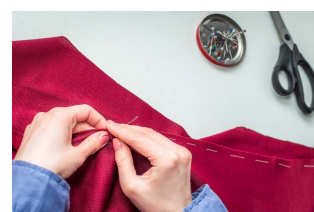
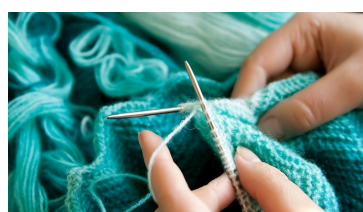
Moravian Disaster Response to the Ukrainian Crisis

The Moravian Board of World Mission in North America (BWM) continues to be in conversation with our Moravian partners in Europe to see how we can best help those who are giving refuge to families fleeing the war in Ukraine. Please continue to pray for them. To date, we have received close to \$130,000, and we thank you for this critical support. Using these donations, funding has been sent to the Czech Province of the Moravian Church where a number of congregations are hosting refugees. Among

them is the Moravian congregation in Nová Paka, which is renovating space in a hotel they own to house up to 15 families. They are also hosting a Ukrainian primary school, allowing them to set up classes for the children. Moravian congregations in Germany are also sheltering refugees, and we have sent monetary support to the Moravian European Continental Province to assist congregations in places like Herrnhut, Königsfeld, Ebersdorf, and Cottbus. The money that we collect will help all these congregations provide food, shelter, personal hygiene products, household essentials, school supplies, and transportation for the families. These are tangible ways that the love of Christ is being shared. In addition, refugees are being offered places to worship and a welcoming Christian community.

For ongoing updates, pictures, and videos, please visit MoravianMission.org. For further information, contact the Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler at chris@moravianmission.org or 610-868-1732.

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



WHY KNOTS - members meet in the Parlor at 7 pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month throughout the year. We use our unique talents to create a variety of different hand-made items which are distributed to community organizations or made available for sale. Our members sew, quilt, knit, crochet, and weave, and we are happy to share our skills with others. New members are always welcome. To make a purchase, contact the office.



Camp Hope Opportunities

JOIN US FOR THE CAMP HOPE HOOPLA!

Camp Hope is celebrating a milestone this year -- it is the **75th Anniversary of our Camping Ministry**, and you are invited to celebrate with us at camp on **Saturday, June 25th**.

Spend the day at camp doing all of the camp things you love -- swimming, boating, fishing, playing games, crafting, singing, praising, and eating. Reminisce about the wonderful weeks when you were a camper and introduce your children or grandchildren to "the best place on Earth."

We also need time and various talents from all ages to make it a great celebration.

Visit the Sign-Up Genius page to RSVP and to let us know if you would like to help with the planning: [HOPE HOOPLA RSVP](#)

There are lots of fun things to join! Check out **ALL THINGS CAMP HOPE AT HOME | Mysite (camphope.org)**

The screenshot shows the Camp Hope website navigation menu with the following items: HOME, MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FAMILY CAMP, NOW HIRING -- INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE!, SUMMER CAMPS 2022!, COVID-19 INFORMATION, FAQs, and RENTAL INFO. Below the menu is a grid of 12 camp opportunities:

Young Adult Mission Camp Ages 18 - 25	Fishing Mentor Camp Completed Grades: 4th - 7th	Pre-Primary Conference Completed Grades: 1st or 2nd
Primary Conference Completed Grades: 3rd or 4th	Middler Conference Completed Grades: 5th or 6th	Junior High Conference Completed Grades: 7th or 8th
Senior High Conference Completed Grades: 9th - 12th	Musical Theater Camp Completed Grades: 5th - 9th	Swim Camp Completed Grades: 3rd - 6th
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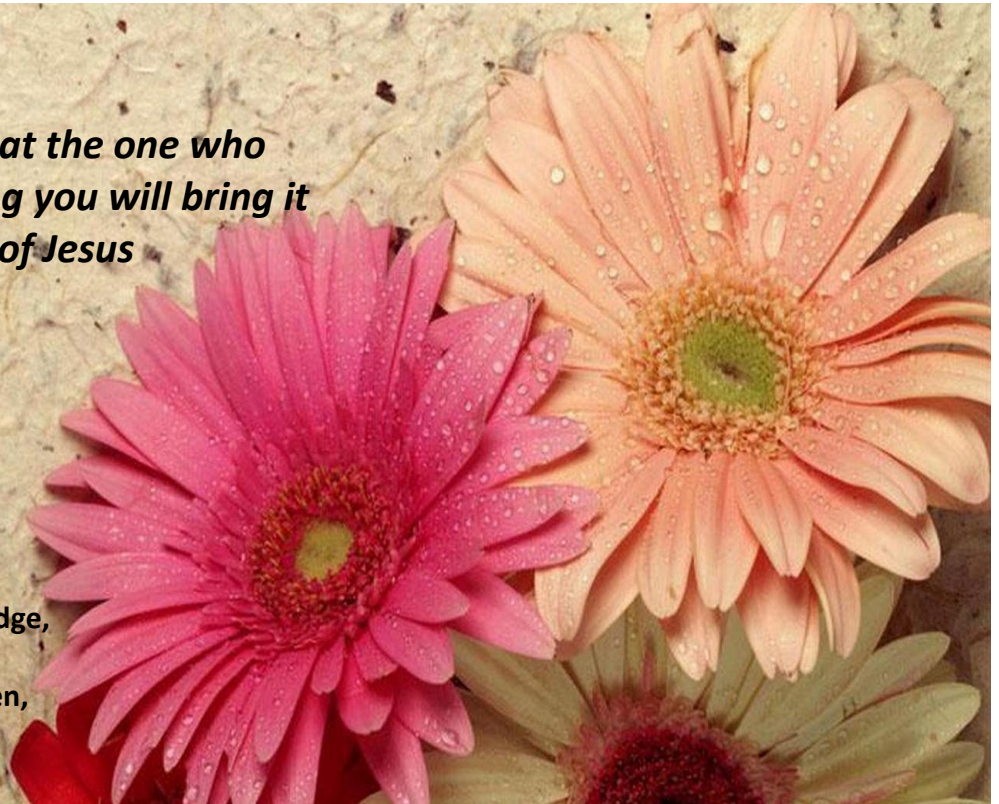
EHMC 2022 Watchword

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"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.



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.



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

JUNE 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
29	30	31	1	2 6:00 pm - Confirmation Dinner/picnic	3 National Donut Day	4
5 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 9:30 Children's Sunday School 9:30 Worship, Confirmation Sunday & Holy Communion	6 7:00 pm CEC	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 9:30 Worship, Anniversary Sunday, Lovefeast, Reception of New Members	13 7:00 Joint Board	14 7:00 Trustees	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 9:30 Worship, Dad's and Grads Celebration	20 20-24 VBS – 9am – 12 noon	21 VBS – 9am – 12 noon 7:00 Elders	22 VBS – 9am – 12 noon 7:00 – Why Knots	23 VBS – 9am – 12 noon	24 VBS – 9am – 12 noon	25
26 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 9:30 Worship	27	28 7:00 pm Worship & Music Com.	29	30	1	2

Donation Opportunities

**DONATE
FOOD
HERE**



A CAN A WEEK/JOYFUL NOISE:

A CAN A WEEK: DRY CEREAL remains the most-needed items at the NECC foodbank. There is also a great appreciation for SINGLE TUBES OF TOOTHPASTE, dish liquid, and bath soap, as well as diapers (sizes 2, 3, and 4). Thank you for your ongoing support of these important ministries which help provide food and other essentials for people in the Marvine-Pembroke area of our community.



Northeast Community Center: We continue to support NECC in a variety of different ways. Our monthly JOYFUL NOISE offerings are used to provide a variety of different foods as needed, frequently but not limited to chicken which we are able to purchase in bulk at the Valley Farm Market. Our A CAN A WEEK collection has been designed to give everyone an opportunity to participate in the supply of food on a regular basis. If you have not yet developed the habit, adding NECC to your regular shopping list is a good way to not only help with the food supply but it also serves as a reminder of Jesus' command to feed the hungry. Additionally we have a faithful contingent of almost a dozen people who represent EHMC by performing a variety of different tasks for NECC, including the procurement, delivery, storage, and distribution of food.

There is always a need for Food Pantry volunteers - email Paula Johnson at 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, June 5, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Volunteers will be there to receive your donations of food, spring and summer clothing and linens for Cynthia's Boutique, and plastics for the TRES challenge, rain, or shine. Food Pantry items needed include boxed (shelf stable) milk, powdered milk, flour, sugar, jelly, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, ground coffee, ketchup, mustard, cake mixes, spices, toilet paper, infant and adult diapers, soap bars, (no beans or rice at this time).

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.



TREX Plastic Challenge Update – BAM Churches – 2022



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.

Join us for plastics weighing in the East Classroom on 6/12 and 6/26, immediately following worship.

Takes about 15 minutes to "bag and tag" the accumulated plastics in preparation for drop-off to the consolidation site.

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

Please continue to be vigilant to recycle only acceptable materials.

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

Keep Recycling!

Barb

ACCEPTABLE PLASTICS

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

NOT ACCEPTABLE PLASTICS

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

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

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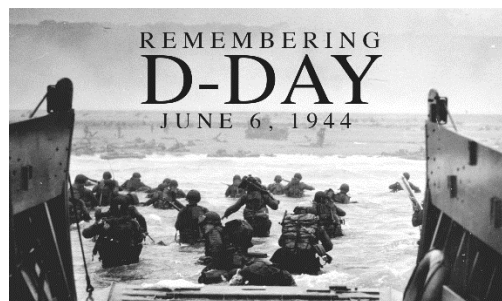
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Serious and Silly Celebrations This Month

June 3rd – National Donut Day



June 6th – D-Day



June 10th – National Iced Tea Day



June 14th – Flag Day



June 18th – International Picnic Day

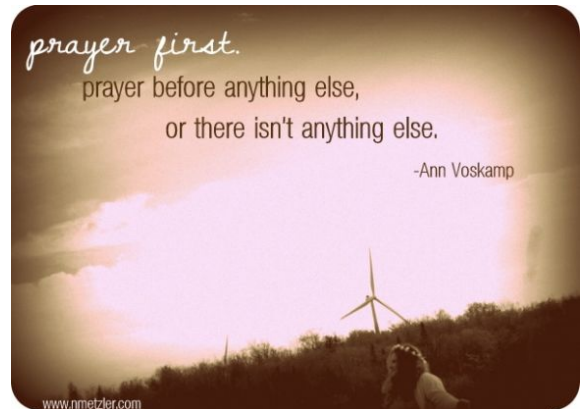


June 19th – Father's Day



June 26th – National Chocolate Pudding Day

Every day remember...



Birthday Celebrations



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL
OUR JUNE BABIES!

Happy Birthday



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