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# The Star



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## A Word from Pastor Linda Wisser

#### "Faith Helps Us Find Our Way"

September at East Hills Moravian Church

Does life seem like an obstacle course sometimes...hurdles to leap over, hoops to jump through, barriers and challenges of every kind? Whether we are navigating anxiety or fear, challenges of parenthood, balancing work and family life, healthcare, aging, unique crisis, or seeking to understand the rapidly changing society we live in, it is <u>faith</u> that helps us find our way! This is the theme of our September worship and Sunday School Open House. We hope you will join us on Sundays.

It is in relationship with Jesus and with one another that we find the strength to endure the things that come our way in life. Join us in September when we will explore scripture from the Gospel of Matthew, the Book of Romans and a glance into the book of Jonah:

Finding our way in CONFLICT - Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>
Finding our way through FORGIVENESS – Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>
Finding our way TOGETHER – Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>
Finding our way IN CHRIST– Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> (Worldwide Communion Sunday)

Please remember that the Fall Schedule resumes on September 10<sup>th</sup> with Sunday School Open House at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m. We encourage every member to worship and learn and serve every month. Please take time to read through this newsletter for many opportunities to live out your faith in meaningful ways.

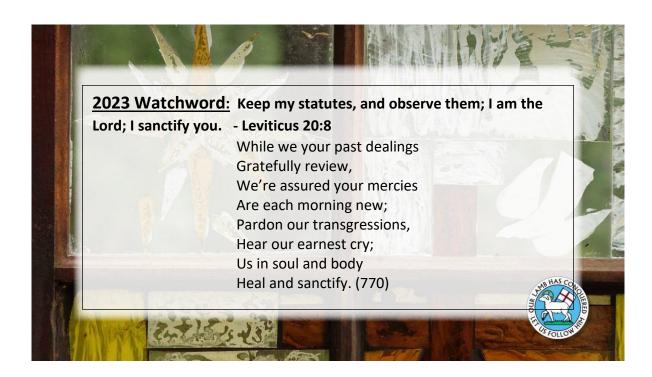
We hope to see you soon.

Blessings,

Pastor Linda



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## **Sunday Worship Information**



Come join us for worship every Sunday at 9:30 am (or 10:30 starting September 10th!)

In person, on ZOOM, or on YouTube.







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

**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:

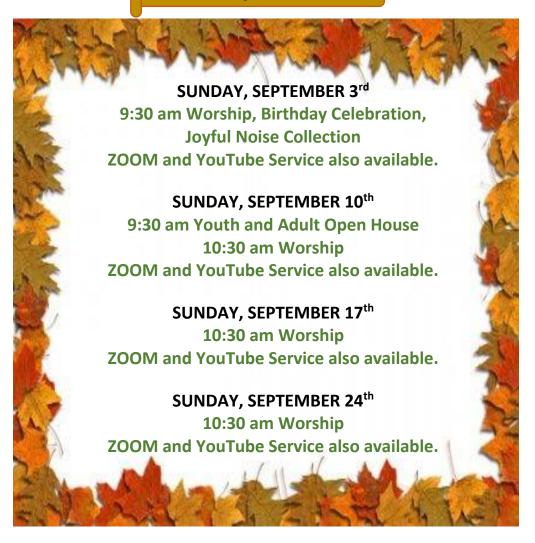
https://www.youtube.com/user/EastHillsMoravian/streams

**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 #



# September 2023 Worship Schedule



## **Christian Worship and Learning**



<u>Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study</u> - Please join us <u>Sunday mornings from</u> 9:30 AM in the Church Lounge. Peter Diehl facilitating.



EHMC Sunday Morning Coffee Class - Sunday mornings from 9:30 AM



<u>Sunday School for Children and Youth</u> – OPEN HOUSE (aka - RALLY DAY) - September 10, 2023 at 9:30 am







SUNDAY



9:30 AM







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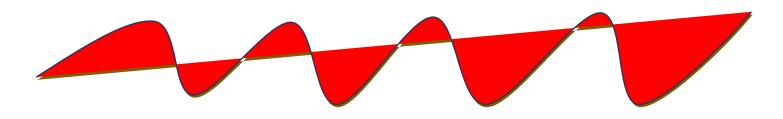
### **Special thanks to all our Christian Education teachers** here at East Hills:

Age 2 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team: Bonnie Bartholemew, Linda Marsh, Eileen

MS/HS Teaching Team: Veronica DeMarest and Mike Taylor Adult Ed: Peter Diehl and various Coffee Class Coordinators

**SS Coordinators:** Sue Larson and Laura Kemmerer

**CEC Chairperson:** Annemarie Soska





#### "Hear Us Out"...a learning opportunity!

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...

- > Read the book... "Hear Us Out....6 Questions on Belonging and Belief".
- ➤ 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 in the Chapel room 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** <u>Mycalyn's 610-759-9060</u> 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**



	3-Sep	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep			
Sacristans/Color	Knerr/Green	Burcaw/Green	TBD/Green	ALL/Green			
Elders	Annemarie Soska	Karen Montgomery	Mandi Ortwein	Debbie Matz			
Liturgist	Jeff Adams	Brian Davison	Karen Davison	Antonio DelPriore			
Ushers	Jack & Jean Skillman	Jon Burcaw & Lucy Thompson	Jeff & Linda Adams	Bobby Shimer & Charmayne Stauffer			
Counters	Gary Marsh & Dwight Taylor	Ellen DeStasio & John Kulp	Karen Davison & Sue Larson	Sue Larson & Anna Koehler			
PowerTeam	Steve Thompson	Jay Larson	Barb Hendricks	Antonio DelPriore			

### **Messages From The EHMC Stewardship Team**

East Hills Moravian Church

# Christ And Make Him

Known

To

## Did you know?

Making a financial pledge to East Hills Moravian Church not only helps the church plan, it helps you grow in your faith commitment to the church and to God.

The dictionary defines a pledge as (1) a serious and public promise or (2) a thing that is given as security for the fulfillment of a contract or the payment of a debt.

Applying these dictionary definitions to the act of making a financial commitment to the church probably does not work for everyone.

Yes, it is a serious matter, but it is not done in public, at least not at East Hills Moravian Church. No contracts are involved, and most of us know that our debts are already forgiven, and the slate has been wiped clean.

So, what do we mean by pledging? Do we even know?

## We do!

We believe pledging is an important Christian spiritual practice, enabling us to grow intentionally in gratitude and generosity in every part of our lives. Giving stems from our recognition that:

- 1. All we have belongs to God. Our blessings are gifts from God, our generous Creator.
- 2. We are lifelong stewards of the gifts with which God has blessed us.
- 3. God expects us to practice stewardship in ways that glorify God and that strengthen His earthly Kingdom.
- 4. Our stewardship decisions reveal the relative importance of God in our lives. Stewardship greatly impacts the depth of our relationships with God and the quality of our earthly lives.
- 5. As good stewards, we should use our gifts of time, talent, treasure, and legacy in those places that best further God's Kingdom.
- 6. East Hills Moravian Church is a conduit through which God works.
- 7. The practice of pledging changes hearts and strengthens relationships with God. Pledging is a tie that binds us to God.

Grace permeates our lives, and pledging to East Hills Moravian Church allows us to practice gratefully responding to that grace. It is the first step in cultivating a broader practice of generous living, shaping not only how we use our financial resources but also how we share our gifts of time, talent, and legacy with others. As we continue to invest in our faith community, we strengthen our personal relationship with God.

East Hills Moravian Church Stewardship Team – August 17, 2023

To Know Christ

And Make Him

Known

## East Hills Moravian Church

August 20, 2023

Dear East Hills Moravian member,

Over the past 66 years, East Hills Moravian Church has grown from a small group of 28 worshiping in the parlor of a house, to a vibrant congregation worshiping in our newly renovated sanctuary with our building being used by the community to help fulfill our mission to know Christ and to make him known. We have been and continue to be blessed by the generous support of our members, and as we look ahead to the future, we recognize the need to strengthen and grow our ministries and financial health for future generations.

We invite each member to help provide a legacy for future generations of our congregation by dedicating a portion of their estate, whatever size, as a planned gift to East Hills Moravian Church. Enclosed you will find a brochure that contains information about some common types of planned gifts and their benefits.

The Joint Board of Elders and Trustees is committed to ensure that major outright and planned gifts are properly invested and applied responsibly to the ministry. The Board has established the following funds to receive and manage planned gifts:

- Looking to Tomorrow Endowment Fund, which provides a lasting foundation for the mission of East Hills Moravian Church to provide a home where everyone can know Christ and make him known.
- Building and Grounds Directed Fund, which maintains the church buildings and grounds, infrastructure systems, physical security, worship, fellowship, and educational spaces. It also renovates, repurposes, upgrades, and expands the church's structures and property.
   Additionally, funds may be used to acquire new real property and/or build new facilities.
- Mission and Ministries Directed Fund, which is used to further develop or establish
  congregational ministries of worship, learning, and service. It also provides for partnership with
  shared ecumenical ministries within the community.
- Other Directed Fund, which may have had a significant impact on a member's faith journey.

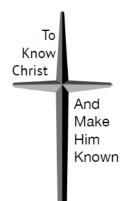
We encourage you to remember one or more of these funds in your estate planning.

A legacy gift is a wonderful mark of your commitment to the work of God in and through East Hills Moravian Church. We thank you for your interest in perpetuating your contribution to our congregation and for sharing in the vital ministries of our faith community forever.

Sincerely,

Karen Davison

President, Board of Trustees





GOD GIVES THAT ARE OF LASTING VALUE.

## East Hills Moravian Church

## Understanding Planned Gifts and their Benefits

Planned giving is a way to integrate personal, financial and estate planning. It is also a strong affirmation of your commitment to God's work in and through East Hills Moravian Church.

Here are some common types of planned gifts and their benefits.

#### **BEQUEST**

A bequest is a gift made through your will or trust. It is the simplest type of planned gift to make and one of the easiest to implement.

#### **BENEFITS OF BEQUEST**

You may desire to support East Hills Moravian Church but are unable to make gifts during your lifetime. For example, you may have property that is needed during life to cover your living expenses or health care costs.

#### CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST (CRT)

You transfer cash or property to fund a trust through the MMFA that makes payments for your lifetime or a specified number of years and then passes what remains to East Hills Moravian Church.

#### **BENEFITS OF CRT**

You own appreciated property that produces little or no income and would like to sell without paying capital gains

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

To assist you with planned giving decisions, we are delighted to work with the Moravian Ministries Foundation, whose gift planning service is free, confidential and without obligation.

> Chris Spaugh, President and CEO cspaugh@mmfa.com or 336-725-2589

#### **CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY (CGA)**

You make a gift of cash or property through the Moravian Ministries Foundation (MMFA) designated to benefit East Hills Moravian Church. MMFA makes fixed payments for one or two lives.

#### **BENEFITS OF CGA**

You want to make a gift to East Hills Moravian Church and receive fixed income for the future. This plan works well with your gift of cash or appreciated stock that is providing little or no income.

#### LIFE INSURANCE OR IRA BENEFICIARY

Name East Hills Moravian Church as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy or IRA by obtaining a beneficiary designation form from your insurance company or plan custodian.

#### BENEFITS OF BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

Your estate avoids paying taxes on the asset and receives a charitable deduction.

#### ENDURING AND LASTING LEGACY

Through planned giving, we can care for the generations of East Hills Moravian Church now and in the future. Large or small, a planned gift will bear fruit, fruit that will last, helping ensure that people will experience God's love and grace through our Church for years to come.

## What's Happening in September at EHMC?

■ August	September 2023 Octobe								
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
					1	2			
3 9:30 Women's Fellowship 9:30 Worship	4 OFFICE CLOSED Labor Day	5 7:00 pm Women's Fellowship	6 10-3 CARE TEAM training	7 7:00 CEC	8	9			
10 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School - STARTS 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship, Rally Day/Open House BAM picnic	11	12 7:00 pm Trustees	13 7:00 - Book Discussion "Hear Us OutBook Discussion Group"	14	15	16 1-4 EHMC Car Show			
17 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship	18	19 7:00 Elders	20 7:00 - Book Discussion "Hear Us OutBook Discussion Group"	21	22	23			
24 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship	25	26 7:00 pm Worship & Music Com.	7:00 pm Why Knots 7:00 - Book Discussion "Hear Us OutBook Discussion Group"	28	29	30			



#### BAM PICNIC: Sunday, September 10th from 4-6 at East Hills Moravian

<u>Church</u> - Plans are in the works to gather for great food and fellowship at the BAM annual picnic. The event will be catered by Bob Wingrove, there will be kids activities and more. The picnic is a casual event with no formal program. There will be games for all ages, delicious food, and, most importantly, a chance to mingle with fellow Moravians from other congregations. There is no cost and no need to bring anything except a lawn chair or picnic blanket. Chairs and tables will be available in a

shaded tent for those who do not wish to bring their own. On the day of the event, please park in the lower lot. Accessible parking is in the upper lot. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held indoors. Please call the church office by Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> to let us know how many will attend. See you in September!

#### Bethlehem Area Moravian (BAM) Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers

Bringing Healthy Nutrition to the Children, Families and Community Schools of the Lehigh Valley Seminar

> Sept. 30, 2023 Gathering 9:30 AM Program 10 AM - 2 PM

At East Hills Moravian Church - 1830 Butztown Rd., Bethlehem PA 18017

Enjoy a lunch of Soup, Salad and Bread and ... Main Program - each about 20 min. + Q&A

- United Way Khushboo Jain
  - Growing the Community School Coordinator Program Lehigh Valley
- Plant A Row Lehigh Valley Karen Fitzpatrick
  - 350 Gardeners Growing Strong
- Second Harvest's The Seed Farm Katy Hunter
  - The Seed Farm and Urban Agricultural Systems
- Penn State Master Gardeners Dr. Bob Yoder & Sally Hanzlik
  - Learn, Teach, Grow Productive Gardens o Junior Master Gardeners Program
- Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley Shawn Bariana
  - Who and How we Connect, Capacity Building, Focus Schools and Parents
- BAM Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers Program Bob Wingrove
  - 80,000 Meals, 30 Tons of Vegetable and Fruits in 2023
- Time at the end to meet speakers and gather information
- Ability to Participate / Volunteer



Please let us know if you can attend. Reserve your spot by - Sept. 25

Contact: Bob Wingrove BAM Freezer Ministry Coordinator

Email – robert.wingrove@rcn.com Best method for large groups, list all participants.

Answering machine: 610 867-0537

Text: 610 730-3929

Leave your Name, Phone #, Church / Organization and E-mail & any question you have

#### CROPWALK 2023 Mark Your Calendar...

Date: Sunday October 8, 2023

Time & Details are being worked out.

Where: Watch Thursday Announcements for more information.

East Hills has been walking for 37 consecutive years - that's how long the Bethlehem CROP Hunger Walk has been raising money in the fight against hunger. Mark your calendars! Sun. Oct. 8. They need you to join in

and make this a successful event.

A table will be in the Narthex on Sundays, starting Sep. 17, for you to stop by and sign-up to Walk and/or Sponsor. You also can donate on-line at the follow link -

https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/east-hills-walkers Have questions or need more information - contact Bob Wingrove 610 867-0537.



Visitation Care Team

One of the priorities of our Board of Elders is to be sure that our members are well cared for through visits. When members and/or loved ones are sick, grieving, lonely, recovering, and/or struggling in matters of faith, a visit can help us to know we do not struggle alone. It is such an important ministry, that several folks are currently being trained to serve in partnership with the pastor in our visitation ministry. In the coming months, our team will begin making visits as needed. The East Hills Moravian Church Visitation Team is currently: Janice Keim, Phyllis Kulp, Debbie Matz, Karen Montgomery, Jane Regina, and Pastor Linda. To request a visit, EHMC members can call the church office to be scheduled with someone from our Visitation Ministry.



## **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. Since our July outing was a

bit soggy, we have decided to try again at Wanderlust Beer Garden in Forks Township again. We will be meeting on October 8th, from 2-5pm. We are under cover in case of rain. 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 Jen or Steve Cooke at <a href="mailto:ijcooke@rcn.com">ijcooke@rcn.com</a>. Wanderlust Beer Garden is located at 1600 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA 18040 Visit their website <a href="mailto:https://wanderlustbeergarden.com/">https://wanderlustbeergarden.com/</a> or Facebook page to learn more about the venue.







#### **East Hills Moravian Church Book**

<u>Club</u> - The next book club is scheduled for <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>October 31st at 7PM</u>. All readers are asked to read a banner book of their choosing for our discussion. Please contact Amy Gross, with questions and to receive the Zoom link. <u>bartlet4pres@yahoo.com</u>

EHMC CAR SHOW

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH -</sup> 1-4 PM





#### Adult Fellowship – 2023 - Event Calendar

Sep. 23rd - Bethlehem Cemetery Tour - On Saturday, Sept. 23, at 10:00 am, we will gather for a private tour of God's Acre given by costumed guides who will tell tales of the early

Moravians' funerary traditions, stroll through God's Acre - Bethlehem's oldest cemetery, and hear the stories of the people behind the names you'll find there including men, women., and children of all races denoting equality in life as in death. The tour begins at the Moravian Museum; 66 W. Church Street, Bethlehem, PA. Cost is \$20 per person with 20% non-refundable should you not attend.

After the tour, we will have Lunch at Rudy's Bar & Grill (family restaurant) at 1406 Center Street, Bethlehem, Pa. (parking in rear). Contacts are Ken and Charmayne Stauffer (610-691-1430).

More information coming soon on... Oct. 14 - Daniel Boone Homestead



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 Phyllis Kulp, Bobby Shimer, or Susan Kriebs.



Men's Fellowship: Men's Fellowship Group wants to let you know we are still here. Many of our fundraising events were canceled and we had to scale back our donations to causes that we earmarked funds for. Men's Fellowship is available to assist members whenever possible. We have an email chain setup so that if a member needs some sort of assistance, an email can be sent out looking for the proper assistance. For example, if a member becomes ill and needs some temporary jobs/outside chores completed he/she can let one of us know and we can try to find a volunteer to help accommodate that need. As of now, social distance and safety guidelines need to be met to safeguard each of us. If you need anything feel free to reach out to Pete Norman at <a href="mailto:petewnorman@gmail.com">petewnorman@gmail.com</a> or Bob Wingrove at bobandkathyw@rcn.com. We will try to assist you as best as we can.

#### **Additional Moravian News**



#### **Greetings from the Essentials Cafe Team!**

418 Third Avenue in Bethlehem <a href="https://www.essentialscafe.org/">https://www.essentialscafe.org/</a>

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:

**(8/24)** The secondary permits are IN! Construction was paused for a time while we waited for confirmation of secondary approvals on our electrical and plumbing permits.

(7/6) Service counter plan is finalized

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

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 or call 610-442-9664

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

New Ministry - Kick-off Dinner for Ministry to Those Abled Differently

on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

at 4:00 pm, Advent Moravian Church is hosting a kick-off dinner with time for socializing and a lesson to

introduce our new ministry, The Jacksonville Crew, specially designed for adults who are abled differently.

All are invited to attend and learn about Advent's new Bible study. Our leaders have had training through

Bethesda Disability Ministry of Telford, PA. Their incredible curriculum is biblically based, fun, and

engaging. We are so excited to share it with everyone. Please RSVP by September 25<sup>th</sup> at 610-866-1402 or

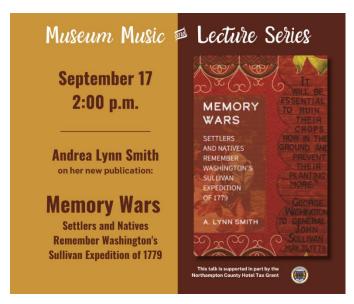
email name and number attending to: office@adventmoravianbethlehem.org. All are welcome!

#### **MORAVIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS:**



<u>Historic Nazareth Walking Tour</u> - Saturday, September 9 at 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy an exciting stroll through beautiful, historic Nazareth with a knowledgeable tour guide! Experience the fascinating story of Nazareth by learning about the town founders: the Moravians. This walking tour features an overview of the early Moravians, a visit to the oldest Moravian buildings in North America, and stops at important community buildings to explore important crafts, industries, and personalities! \$10 for everyone (under 5 years of age are free). Tours last about 45 minutes. Members are free!



Join us for a talk by Dr. Andrea Lynn Smith, Professor of Anthropology at Lafayette College, about her recent publication. *Memory Wars* explores the public memory of the Sullivan Expedition (1779) of the Revolutionary War. This expedition, the brainchild of George Washington, led to the destruction of some forty Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) villages. Today it is the subject of over 60 historical markers in Pennsylvania and well over 200 in New York. In Memory Wars, Smith contrasts settler accounts with how the Sullivan story is expressed at Haudenosaunee cultural centers.

This event is free to attend but reservations are requested.



Join us for a special concert in the Museum with Grammy® winning guitarist Laurence Juber. A solo performer, recording artist, composer and arranger, his playing fuses folk, jazz, blues, pop and classical styles. First internationally recognized as lead guitarist in Paul McCartney's Wings, with whom he won a Grammy, Juber has since established himself as world-renowned guitar virtuoso and entertainer. He has recorded more than two dozen albums spotlighting his unique touch and tone on acoustic guitar. His LJ Plays The Beatles was voted one of Acoustic Guitar Magazine's all-time Top Ten albums. His solo arrangement of The Pink Panther Theme earned him a second Grammy. Following the concert, there will be a closing reception for the special

exhibition, Heartstrings: John Antes - America's First Luthier. **Tickets are \$20 | \$10 for MHS members | Free for students under 18** This concert is supported by a generous grant from the Martin Guitar Charitable Foundation with additional support by the Northampton County Hotel Tax Grant.

Camp Hope - 2023

Summer camp may be over, but there are still events to look forward to at camp! Go to <a href="https://www.camphope.org/">https://www.camphope.org/</a> for more information on each event. We would love to see you at one (or more!) of the following:

FALL Mission Camp - September 19 - 24, 2023 Rummage and Bake Sale - September 23, 2023 Quilt Camp - September 27 - 30, 2023 Christmas at Camp - December 8 - 10, 2023

## **Joys and Celebrations**

#### SEPTEMBER

- Geoff Latham,
   Jeremy Strunk
- 2 Amy Krey
- 4 Katie Suppes
- 6 Nevada Heft
- 9 Joseph Conzola
- 11 Morgan Lukievics,Lois Oudheusden
- 13 Paige Zimmerman
- 15 Mark Ozimek



- 18 Ruth Allen, Carol Grace Hicks
- 19 Christine Darrah, Kai Davison
- 20 Russ Costa, Sam Hicks,
  - **Sherry Gehris**
- 24 Joyce Farnsworth
- 25 Hunter Shook
- 27 John DeStasio
- 28 Jessica Taylor
- 29 Jennifer Cooke, Sarah Hull, Art King

## **Donation Opportunities**







Northeast

Community Center: Please bring A CAN A WEEK, every week, to help keep the NECC foodbank shelves filled.
Current needs include 1 Pound Bags of White Rice, Pasta Sauce, and Canned Fruit. Always appreciated: toothpaste, bath soap, and re-usable grocery bags. Thank you, we work together to serve our community in response to Jesus' command to feed the hungry.

A CAN A WEEK/JOYFUL NOISE: 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.

#### <u> Drive-By Food Pantry at Central Moravian Church</u> -

located in Central Moravian Christian Ed parking lot, access road between Kemmerer Museum & God's Acre (follow signs). Sunday, September 3, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. - 1 pm 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**



#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Thursday - Office is open 9:00-3:00

Contact the office at: 610-868-6481 -- office@easthillsmc.org

\*Pastor's day off is on Monday



<u>Prayer Requests:</u> Have a prayer request? Please contact 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.



<u>Pastoral Care:</u> Contact Pastor Linda via email at <u>pastorlinda@easthillsmc.org</u>, via phone or text message at 484-764-8629.



<u>MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOANER CLOSET</u>: 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 can currently offer shower seats with and without backs and side handles, tub transfer

benches, wheeled walkers galore, crutches, commodes, raised toilet seats, travel wheelchair with footrest and one without footrests, bed assist rails, a suction grab bar and sock aide. Please continue to encourage acquaintances and folks in other BAM churches to use it as needed. Call the church office for needs or Karen Montgomery at 484-894-0604.



**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.



<u>WEEKLY WORSHIP REFRESHMENTS SCHEDULE:</u> 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 Louise at 610-554-4381 (text), 610-865-4110 (voice) or <a href="mailto:louise369@rcn.com">louise369@rcn.com</a>.



**TREX recycling**: The bagging dates are **Sunday, September 10**<sup>th</sup> **and 24**<sup>th</sup>. Barb Hendricks is the coordinator (610-434-7305, E-mail: bzhendricks@gmail.com).

**Unline** 





**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 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.



<u>Cash Cards for Shopping and Gifting</u> - 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 or to place an order, contact Julie Del Priore (610/417-2071), Heather Frantz, or Lucy Thompson.

## Serious and Silly Celebrations in September And that's not easy to say!

4th - Labor Day



5<sup>th</sup> - International Day of Charity



10<sup>th</sup> - Grandparents Day



11th - Patriot Day



16th - Stepfamily Day



20th -Pepperoni Pizza Day



21<sup>st</sup> - International Day of Peace



23<sup>rd</sup> - First Day of Fall



28th - Drink Beer Day



29th - National Coffee Day



Every Day -



