


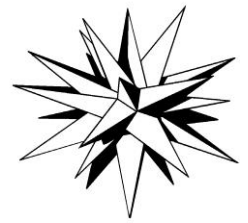


EAST HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2018

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Lent

As February days gradually lengthen, there is, even in the midst of winter, a hint of the promise of spring with its quickening of life after a winter-long slumber. Lent is a hopeful season of the church year which mirrors the promise of renewal seen in the natural world. During the forty days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, Christians reflect on God's unconditional, sacrificial love and embrace the promise of eternal life.

The looming shadow of the cross at the end of this liturgical season is a tragic reminder of humanity's timeless capacity for inhumanity. Yet it is also a triumphant reminder of the victory of life and love over death and hatred. Weekly Lenten scripture lessons remind us how God's love transformed the cross – a symbol of shame, death, and punishment – into a potent symbol of grace, redemption, and hope. It is fitting that Ash Wednesday coincides with Valentine's Day this year for Lent reminds us of God's love for us.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. – 1st Letter of John, chapter 4, verse 10

Lent is also a perfect time to re-order our lives. From time to time all of us need to pause, take stock, and clear out that which is superfluous in order to make way for that which is truly essential. That goes not only for our stuff – our material possessions – but also for our sense of self, our value system, and our priorities. It's all too easy to base our self-understanding on others' views of us, our value system on that promoted by the culture around us, while we forget what is most important to our well-being in the face of daily demands on our time and attention.

Lenten spiritual disciplines of self-denial and meditation aim to make space in our hectic modern lives for God. Paradoxically, it is in surrendering ourselves to God and offering up our lives to Christ that we find our true selves. As Jesus once said, "... those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world but lose or forfeit themselves?"

I invite you to respond to God's love during these forty days by thinking carefully about your relationship with Christ.

- What thoughts, words, and actions honor him?
- What in your life is incompatible with being a follower of Jesus?

These questions are intended to promote self-awareness rather than guilt. May the insights you gain in pondering these questions inform your spiritual transformation and promote faithful action on Christ's behalf.

Lenten blessings,

Derek French

Preschool News

Mary Kay Brezinsky



Love is in the air during the month of February at EPMC Preschool. Our classes celebrate St. Valentine's Day by learning about friendship, caring and sharing. There will be giggles and smiles as the children sort through their Valentine goodies and play friendship games. February is a busy month as we will also be learning about our founding fathers for Presidents' Day and our dental health.

We welcome visitors to come in and see our school and all the wonderful things that happen here.

Registration is in full swing. Give us a call to schedule a visit in one of our classes we offer in the mornings: 9:15-11:45 am: Two Year Old Class; a 3 day (M/Tu/Thurs.) Three Year Old Class; and a 3 day (M/W/F), 4 day (M/T/W/Th) or 5 day (M/T/W/Th/F) Four Year Old Class. We offer before/after class care. Please let us help you with your preschool needs. If you have any questions about any of our programs please give us a call at 610-868-6242. We look forward to hearing from you!



Thank you very much for the care package you sent to me. I really enjoyed the candy and appreciate you thinking of me, Adam Evans

Thank you to all of my East Hills Moravian family for the continued prayers, calls, cards, notes and expressions of concern over the last few months. My son, Chris, has had two surgeries on his hand and foresees another in April. His therapy is helping with his mobility. Sarah is home from all hospital stays and continues in outpatient therapy to help her memory issues. She is working very hard and is determined to get back to her former normal life, if possible. She had more brain surgeries and procedures than any other patient in the Johns Hopkins Neuro ICU unit has ever had. Doctors just smile broadly and say she is an absolute miracle. Your prayers and those of others in her circle made that miracle happen. With profound gratitude, thank you. Keep the prayers coming!! Jan Schanck

On behalf of the Central Moravian Church History Committee, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Putz Crawl on December 9. The thank you goes to each church, each family, and those on the committee who helped make the crawl possible. We sold approximately 60 tickets, not including children under 13 who were admitted for free. It sounds, when talking to people who went to the different Putz displays, as if everyone really enjoyed each one. It was interesting that each one was different in size, scope, and media. Thank you all again for all of your help, June Griffiths, History Committee of Central Moravian Church

Dear EPMC Family,

Thank you so much for all your kind expressions of sympathy in the passing of my mother, Dorothy Sanford. Your cards, notes, phone calls, and food contributions have offered comfort during this difficult time. Please know I greatly appreciate your kindness throughout the past year.

Blessings and peace, Sandy Gribbin and Family

From Tom Walz – Thank you to the East Hills Congregation for all of your prayers. I am going to physical therapy and doing well!

2018 Congregational Watch Word

Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

Ephesians 4:15

"I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do. I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory and tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love." (#625)

Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities

Women's Fellowship

John Wesley once wrote, "I am a Bible bigot. I follow it in all things, both great and small." Here is a good question to ponder: should everything the Bible says still be followed today? To discuss this with other women, join us for our monthly Women's Fellowship meeting on **Tuesday, February 6, at 7:00 pm**. We will be meeting in the church Parlor, where this month's discussion on The Beatitudes will focus on Matthew 5:17-20. Susan Kriebs will be our discussion leader and Nancy Kichline will be our hostess. Please notify Nancy at 610-381-8040 if you plan to attend.

Also, please note the morning group will not meet in February.

Support For Esperanza

We continue to collect needed items for Esperanza with the drop-off location in the coat rack area of the Narthex. This project will be ongoing for some time. There are copies of the list of needed items available on the Narthex shelf, and a list is posted on the bulletin board for your reference. Your response has been extremely generous, and we thank you for all of your support of this emergency appeal. Contact Ellen DeStasio; ellend3@ptd.net with questions.

Star Newsletter

The deadline for all information for the **March issue of the Star will be February 10**. Help us distribute information in a timely manner by meeting this deadline and keeping information as brief as possible due to space limitations and costs. Thank you!

East Hills Moravian Church Book Club

All are welcome to join the book club on **February 26 at 7 pm** to discuss Colson Whitehead's Pulitzer Prize winning, The Underground Railroad, a magnificent tour de force chronicling a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South. Contact Amy Frantz Gross, bartlet4pres@yahoo.com with any questions.



All Things Moravian And Other Community Events

2018 Camp Hope Kick-Off Dinner



Join camp alumni, current campers and staff, family members, and friends **on Sunday, February 11, 5:30 pm** at East Hills Moravian Church to celebrate Camp Hope old and new! Enjoy dinner, an auction, music, and much more. Tickets are \$15 for adults/\$10 for children (2-10 yrs.) and are available from Camp Hope by calling 908-459-4435. Consider becoming a sponsor which includes the price of the meal, a tax-deductible donation, and gift. Levels are: \$25-Junior, \$50-Counselor, or \$100-Dean.

Bethlehem Area Moravians Ministry Committee

One of the quiet but exceedingly important ways the BAM Ministries Committee supports the ministry of our local churches and our larger denomination is by offering camperships for children and youth who attend summer camps and conferences at Camp Hope. In 2017, we helped approximately 72 young people attend camp. It won't be long before summer is here again. In fact, Camp Hope is sponsoring a kick-off event for the 2018 camping season at East Hills Moravian Church on Sunday, Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. (See above article and contact Camp Hope at 908-459-4435 for tickets.)



Bethlehem Area Moravians, Inc. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Bethlehem Area Moravians Inc. will be held at **Advent Moravian Church on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 beginning at 7:30 pm**.

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

FEBRUARY

- 4 Eric Evans
- 6 Nancy Gross, Grace Taylor
- 7 Gavin Stellato, Deborah Turton
- 8 Greg Bowden, Paul Lutz, Marcia Mielnik
- 9 Christine Trux
- 10 Tanamarie Williams
- 11 Nathan Bowden, Bob Wingrove
- 12 Peter Diehl
- 13 Jeff Adams, Gary Marsh
- 14 Alexandra Gaugler
- 15 Earl Jackson
- 18 Mikayla Bowden, Karen Davison
- 19 Chris Creswell, Francis Goyanes, Brandon Koehler
- 20 Patti Grube, Joshua Kemmerer, Mark Toth
- 23 Ellen Choi, Walker Levan
- 24 Joyce Eckerd, Matison Piripavel
- 25 Daniel Hull
- 26 Sandra Gichiengo, Sarah Soska
- 27 Jonah Ortwein, Nancy Walz
- 28 Deborah Spinney, David Thompson
- 29 Christopher Beamer

Happy 3rd Birthday Gregory Vossler, Jr.!

Congratulations Gregory! On January 24, Gregory (grandson of Joe & Lisa Mixon) turned 3 years old and graduated from Cradle roll here at East Hills Moravian Church. Cradle roll is a Christian based age appropriate program where information is mailed monthly to all parents of children from birth (adoption) through three years. Once a child turns three, they graduate from cradle roll and become eligible to attend Sunday school nursery class. Cradle roll also provides a card that is given to the family at baptism. If you know of any church members who have a child from birth (adoption) through three years old that is not receiving cradle rolls monthly age appropriate mailing please let Denise Kohn know by phoning (610) 867-8467 or contact the church office. Once again Happy Birthday Gregory!

February Worship Schedule

In case of inclement weather please check Channel 69 News Storm Center and/or East Hills Moravian Church Facebook Page for schedule changes and closings.

Midweek Lenten Programs

Please join us on **Wednesday, February 14** as we begin the Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday worship service at **7:00 pm** that evening. Plan to join us on the following Wednesday evenings: **February 21 & 28, March 7, 14, & 21** for our midweek Lenten programs beginning with **dinner at 6:00 pm and the program following at 7:00 pm**. More information to come as it becomes available.

February 4 - TWO SERVICES AT 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM

Sacristans-Bob Hauck/Eileen Ackerman
Elder-(8:30) Rob Sauers (10:30) Ellen DeStasio
Liturgist-(8:30) Eileen Mera (10:30) Bill Matz
Ushers-(8:30) Joe & Frieda Soska (10:30) Boy Scouts
Counters- Nancy Costa/Randy Emmons
Flower Visitor-Bruce Montgomery
Flowers-Heft/Bieber

February 11 - TWO SERVICES AT 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM

Sacristans-Jim & Lucia Knerr
Elder-(8:30) Jeff Adams (10:30) Lucy Thompson
Liturgist-(8:30) Jon Burcaw (10:30) Brian Davison
Ushers-(8:30) Bruce Montgomery/Rob Sauers (10:30) Jim Eckerd/Yvonne Gerlach
Counters- Nancy Costa/Randy Emmons
Flower Visitor-Karen Montgomery
Flowers-Gruver

February 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY – 7:00 PM

Sacristans-Jim & Lucia Knerr
Ushers-Jeff Adams/Mike Taylor

February 18 - TWO SERVICES AT 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM

Sacristans-Jim & Anna Koehler
Elder-(8:30) TBA (10:30) Laura Kemmerer
Liturgist-(8:30) Catherine Moyzan (10:30) Lucy Thompson
Ushers-(8:30) Jon Burcaw/Mike Taylor (10:30) Greg & Nancy Costa
Counters-Chris Gaugler/Deb Spinney
Flower Visitor-Lucy Thompson
Flowers-Knisely/E. Evans

February 21 – Midweek Lenten Service: Dinner at 6:00 pm/Program at 7:00 pm

February 25- TWO SERVICES AT 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM

Sacristans-Wayne & Deb Gruver
Elder-(8:30) Rob Sauers (10:30) Laura Kemmerer
Liturgist-(8:30) Joe Csrenko (10:30) John Hicks
Ushers-(8:30) Bob Hauck/Heather Frantz (10:30) Becky Bieber/Bobby Shimer
Counters-Chris Gaugler/Deb Spinney
Flower Visitor-Jeff Adams
Flowers-Jackson

February 28 – Midweek Lenten Service: Dinner at 6:00 pm/Program at 7:00 pm