


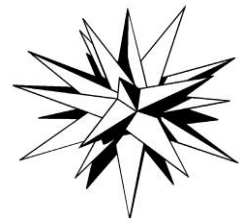


# EAST HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH EVENTS

## MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>*March 11—Daylight Savings Time Begins</b></p> 				<p>1</p> <p>5:00 pm Chancel Choir 5:30 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm Senior Choir</p>	2	3
<p>4</p> <p>8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Handbells 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 pm CEC</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 pm Women's Fellowship</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 am Women's Fellowship 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner 7:00 pm Lenten Program 7:00 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:00 pm Chancel Choir 5:30 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm Senior Choir</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>Star News Deadline Easter Flower Orders Due</p> <p>5:00 pm Chili Challenge</p>
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# The Star

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## “Following Jesus“

In June of last year, the American singer and songwriter Katy Perry became the first person to have over 100 million “followers” on Twitter. Of course, being a follower today is quite a bit less demanding than following someone like Jesus in the 1<sup>st</sup> century. For Perry’s fans “following” her need mean no more than clicking a button inside of Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook. It is unlikely any will have to make substantial sacrifices to secure the privilege of keeping up with their favorite artist on social media. This is not the level of commitment Jesus had in mind when he advised would-be followers that they must be willing to “take up the cross” and “... to lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel.” (Mark 8:35)

Early Christians were known as “followers of the Way.” They understood that Jesus’ way of life was all-encompassing. It affected how they saw the world, how they understood their relationship to temporal authority and to society, how they lived their lives personally, and how they interacted with and treated others. Though they lived in the 1<sup>st</sup> century while we live in the 21<sup>st</sup>, the demands of following Jesus remain the same.

- As followers of Jesus, we believe creation and everything in it belongs to God. Therefore we exercise faithful stewardship on God’s behalf rather than exploiting resources and situations for our own enrichment.
- As followers of Jesus, we, like Peter and the apostles before us, say: “We must obey God rather than any human authority” whenever our society or its leaders conflict with Jesus’ teachings. (Acts 5:29)
- As followers of Jesus, our lives are a gift from God. Therefore we live for God and for others, rather than merely to pursue our own happiness or betterment. “We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.” (Romans 14:7-8)
- As followers of Jesus, we treat others the way we wished to be treated. We extend the grace to others that we know we need for ourselves.

Yes, there’s quite a bit more to following Jesus than merely to “like” him or express interest in his teachings and life.

*Derek French*



## Preschool News

Mary Kay Brezinsky

I am not sure how many genuine Irishmen we have among our preschool families, but for a few days in March we all get into the spirit of celebrating St. Patrick's Day. The magic of leprechauns hiding gold around the church, the fun of creating art projects with the color green, green snacks, and rainbows add to the merriment in our classrooms, and in the process, we learn a little bit about St. Patrick.

**SPRING** is hopefully in the air. We will discover the wonderment of nature coming back to life after this LONG winter. We can't wait for the official start of spring on March 20!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for our annual Bunny Breakfast on **Saturday, March 24**. There is an 8:30 am and a 10:00 am seating with an egg hunt offered in between the seatings. We also offer a silent auction. **ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE PRESCHOOL. Tickets go on sale the week of March 5.** Ticket forms can be picked up on the door of the church or preschool offices.

**Registration** for our classes is ongoing. We welcome families to come visit our preschool and see all the exciting things happening here. Please recommend us to your friends and neighbors.

### Church Council Elects New Boards

East Hills held the annual church council meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2018, following the 10:30 am worship service. The following were elected to serve on the boards of East Hills. The Board of Elders is charged with the spiritual care and oversight of the congregation while the Board of Trustees is charged with the oversight of the temporal affairs of the congregation. A leadership chart will be posted on the church news bulletin board in the near future detailing which person serves on a committee and/or what areas they are responsible for. Should you have any questions or suggestions regarding East Hills, please contact the appropriate board member.

#### ELDERS

Jeff Adams, Vice Chair  
Ellen DeStasio, Secretary  
Derek French, Chair  
Todd Heft  
Laura Kemmerer  
Jay Larson  
Rob Sauers  
David Sommers  
Mike Taylor  
Bob Wingrove

#### TRUSTEES

Nancy Costa  
Karen Davison, Vice President  
Jim Epler  
Chris Gaugler, Secretary  
John Hicks  
John Kulp  
Sue Larson  
Kelly Newhall  
Dwight Taylor, President

#### CHURCH OFFICERS

Brian Davison, Church Council President  
Scott Gross, Financial Secretary  
Jay Larson, Treasurer  
Kelly Newhall, Assistant Treasurer  
Pete Norman, Building Usage Coordinator

## Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities

### Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

Young Adult Ministry (YAM) sends care packages to college-age youth attending school, in the military, or in the job force twice a year. If you are a young adult or know of a young adult (your child), please give his/her mailing address to Lucy Thompson 610-691-2708; [slmicro@ptd.net](mailto:slmicro@ptd.net) or Bobby Shimer 610-868-0179; [barbara.shimer@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.shimer@gmail.com). 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. We are also collecting monetary donations to cover mailing costs. If you wish to donate, please make checks payable to **East Hills Moravian Church, memo: YAM. The deadline for contributions is Sunday, April 8.** If you wish to donate or have questions, you may contact Lucy Thompson or Bobby Shimer at the contact info listed above. Thanks for caring!

### Midweek Lenten Programs

Plan to join us on the following Wednesday evenings: **March 7, 14, & 21** for our midweek Lenten programs beginning with a **dinner of soup and bread at 6:00 pm provided by the Girl Scouts followed by our program at 7:00 pm.** Have you ever wondered about the backstory of a well-known hymn? This year our mid-week Lenten series will focus on the intersection of faith and composition. The Wednesday night Men's Bible Study group will lead us as we discover how the life circumstances of those who composed our hymn tunes and lyrics shaped the music we use in worship.

### Hand Bell Campaign

The bells are in need of refurbishment and cleaning, and we would like to raise funds without impacting the budget. The total cost is \$1600, which breaks down to about \$50 a bell. If you would like to sponsor a bell, please contact Karen Davison or Laura Kemmerer and place a donation earmarked for **"bells"** in the plate or send to the church office. We want to keep our investment in tip top shape; looking and sounding beautiful for years to come! We thank those who have already donated to sponsor a bell. Please check out the bell chart in the Narthex.

### Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship groups will meet in March as follows:

- The evening group will meet on **March 6 at 7:00 pm** at the home of Sue Hahn.
- The morning group will meet on **March 7 at 10:00 am** in the church kitchen

### Update To Our Esperanza Appeal

Thank you all for your generous response to our new neighbors who have left a desperate situation in Puerto Rico. **Due to your overwhelming generosity, Esperanza is out of storage space; therefore, at this time, WE ARE NO LONGER COLLECTING ANY DONATIONS.** Please stay tuned for any updates regarding all donations.

### Church Transportation

Do you know of a church member who would like to attend worship but has no means of transportation to church? Would you be willing to provide a ride to church for someone? If so, please see Louise Snyder after worship or contact her at 610-865-4118 or [avonlouise@ptd.net](mailto:avonlouise@ptd.net) and she can put you in contact with someone who needs a ride.

### Star Newsletter

The deadline for all information for the **April issue of the Star will be March 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!

### EHMC Book Club

Watch the Thursday e-mail and Sunday announcements for information on the next meeting!

### Chili Cook-Off

East Hills Moravian Church's Senior High is hosting the annual chili cook-off on **March 10 from 5-7 pm in Fellowship Hall**. Tickets are \$8; \$5 for children under 10; \$25 for a family. Menu for the evening includes: chili, hot dogs, nachos and cheese, cornbread, and beverages. We are in need of chili challengers! All proceeds benefit Senior High Youth Group activities. Contact Amy or Scott Gross with questions or to purchase tickets; [bartlet4pres@yahoo.com](mailto:bartlet4pres@yahoo.com) or 610-217-6008.

### Save The Date

East Hills' Yard Sale to support Camp Hope Scholarships will be held on **Saturday June 23, 2018**. Drop off dates for items to be determined. We are asking for volunteers to help set up the Family Center on **Saturday June 16** starting around noon. This will include covering the floor, setting up tables, and moving items into the Family Center from the basement. For more information or any questions, contact Lauren Soska, 610-758-8876.



### MARCH

- 4 Debra Gruver, Rebecca Jensen
- 5 Kevin Moyzan, Sr.
- 6 Calvin Creswell, Richard Yanzsa
- 9 Konrad Glass, Caroline Hudock
- 10 Adra Stratton
- 12 Chere King
- 13 Andrew Knerr, Laurie Latham
- 16 Christian Jancsarics, Alan Soska
- 18 Frieda Soska
- 19 Sarah Choi
- 20 Christopher Cooke, Julie Ann DelPriore
- 22 Robert Greenawald
- 23 John Kulp, Susan Sommers, Phil Turton, Kyra Zimmerman
- 24 Rebecca Bieber
- 25 Greg Adams, Scott Gross
- 29 Keri Greenawald
- 30 Beth Jensen, Andrea Neith

## March 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.

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

**Sacristans**-Gary & Linda Marsh

**Elder**-(8:30) Rob Sauers (10:30) Bob Wingrove

**Liturgist**-(8:30) Dave Hendricks (10:30) Karen Montgomery

**Ushers**-(8:30) Joe & Frieda Soska (10:30) Steve & Lucy Thompson

**Counters**- Chris Gaugler/Rich Kriebs

**Flower Visitor**-Jay Larson

**Flowers**-Thompson

### March 7 – Midweek Lenten Service: Dinner at 6:00 pm/Program at 7:00 pm

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

**Sacristans**-Jack & Jean Skillman

**Elder**-(8:30) Jeff Adams (10:30) Laura Kemmerer

**Liturgist**-(8:30) Beth Jensen (10:30) Wendy Lutz

**Ushers**-(8:30) Bruce Montgomery/Jim Knerr (10:30) Sandy Gribbin/Charmayne Stauffer

**Counters**- Kelly Newhall/Rich Kriebs

**Flower Visitor**-Bill & Debbie Matz

**Flowers**-Bennett/Glass

### March 14 - Midweek Lenten Service: Dinner at 6:00 pm/Program at 7:00 pm

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

**Sacristans**-Jon & Sue Burcaw

**Elder**-(8:30) Ellen DeStasio (10:30) David Sommers

**Liturgist**-(8:30) Peter Norman (10:30) Girl Scouts

**Ushers**-(8:30) Rob Sauers/Mike Taylor (10:30) Girl Scouts

**Counters**-Kelly Newhall/Jane Weber

**Flower Visitor**-Marcia Mielnik

**Flowers**-Girl Scouts

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

### March 25- Palm Sunday TWO SERVICES AT 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM

**Sacristans**-Brian & Tanya Yost

**Elder**-(8:30) Rob Sauers (10:30) Jay Larson

**Liturgist**-(8:30) Barb Hendricks (10:30) Bertie Knisely

**Ushers**-(8:30) Jeff & Linda Adams (10:30) Greg Costa/Bobby Shimer

**Counters**- Kelly Newhall/Jane Weber

**Flower Visitor**-Bruce Montgomery

**Flowers**-Adams/Skillman

## HOLY WEEK READINGS AND SERVICES

### **March 25 – Holy Week Reading in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm**

Readings for Holy Week, pp 5-15

(The Anointing at Bethany through Hymn: "Bethany O Peaceful Habitation.")

### **March 26 – Holy Week Reading in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm**

Readings for Holy Week, pp 16-top of page 33

(Jesus Curses the Fig Tree through Hymn: "Day of Judgment, Day of Wonders")

### **March 27 – Holy Week Reading in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm**

Readings for Holy Week, pp 33-49

(The Widow's Offering through Hymn: "O Lamb of God, Still Keep Me")

### **March 28 – Holy Week Reading in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm**

Readings for Holy Week, pp 58-73

(Purse, Bag, and Sword through Hymn: "O That Such May Be Our Union")

### **March 29 – Maundy Thursday Holy Communion/Worship at 7:00 pm**

**Sacristans**-Bob Hauck/Eileen Ackerman

**Ushers**-Jim Ecker/Yvonne Gerlach

### **March 30 – Good Friday Worship at 7:00 pm**

**Sacristans**-Jim & Lucia Knerr

**Ushers**-Jack & Jean Skillman

### **March 31 – Great Sabbath Memorial Service for Jesus at 2:00 pm**

**Ushers**-Jon Burcaw/Heather Frantz

### **Easter Sunday April 1**

**6:30 am – Easter Dawn**

**Easter Breakfast**

**8:30 am – Communion**

**No Sunday School**

**10:30 am – Resurrection**



### **Reminder**

Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 11!** Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour so you don't miss joining us for worship and Sunday School.

# Flowers for Easter

## ORDER FORM

**ORDER DEADLINE – MARCH 10, 2018**

We are offering lilies, daffodils, and tulips for purchase to place in the sanctuary for Easter. Plants may be taken home after the last service Easter morning.

Please complete this form and return it with payment to Anna Koehler in person or mail to:

Anna Koehler  
2124 Abington Rd.  
Bethlehem, PA 18018



Lilies \$10.00



Tulips \$8.00



Daffodils \$8.00

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

This is how it will appear in the bulletin.

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FILL IN THE LINE YOU WISH TO HAVE INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN:

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Select one  Lily  Daffodil  Tulip

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Select one  Lily  Daffodil  Tulip

For Blessings Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Select one  Lily  Daffodil  Tulip

Please make checks payable to East Hills Moravian Church or EHMC.

**ORDER DEADLINE – MARCH 10, 2018**





## All Things Moravian And Other Community Events

### Moravian History Tour

**Just 10 spaces left!** Central Travelers and the Moravian Archives will be leading a tour of the Moravian historical sites of Western Europe July **11-22, 2018**. Join us for this incredible journey through four countries. We will visit many of the churches and sites well known to Moravians and be enlightened on their significance to Moravian history by Brother Paul Peucker, archivist of the Moravian Church, Northern Province. The price is \$3500 per person based on double occupancy including international airfare from Newark, ground transportation, local guides, hotel accommodations, 22 meals, and some special treats. For a flyer, please contact Craig Mosebach at 610-625-4576 or email: [cmosebach@rcn.com](mailto:cmosebach@rcn.com). **Deadline for reservations is March 31, 2018.**

### Crossroads

Crossroads Spring courses include: "Traditions" (Denominations and World Religions) with The Rev. Dr. Walter Wagner on **Thursday nights beginning Mar 8**; and "Mapping the Route" (Theology) with The Rev. Dr. Bill Falla on **Monday nights beginning Mar 12**. All courses are held at Moravian Seminary, in Bethlehem. Exact dates, course descriptions, and registration info can be found at [www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads](http://www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads) or contact Jill Peters at [jpeters@moravian.edu](mailto:jpeters@moravian.edu).



### BAM Ministries Committee

One of the goals of the BAM Ministries Committee is to foster fellowship between the members of our churches and to encourage our children and youth. This year, as in the past, BAM MinCom made a grant available to support a snow tubing excursion to Blue Mountain on Friday, March 2. The grant covers some food and transportation costs but most importantly, \$22 per ticket for up to 13 youth and two chaperones from each BAM church. We look forward to sliding down the slopes and spending some time together. Thanks to Edgeboro Moravian Church for organizing this event for us.

### Afternoon Holy Week Services

In an effort to assist those who do not like to travel at night or perhaps work in the evening, West Side Moravian Church, 402 Third Avenue, Bethlehem, will be **holding a 12:00 noon service every day during Holy Week for the Holy Week Readings, Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion, and a Good Friday Service.**

