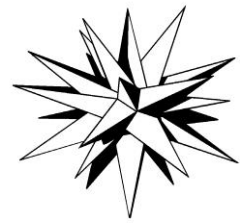


EAST HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH EVENTS

APRIL 2018

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The Star

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“With Gladness Raise, Built Together With Christ.”

As East Hills Moravian Church enters her sixty-third year, God's spirit is truly alive in our church family. In every possible way – membership, worship attendance, outreach, new ministries, and program participation – East Hills is active and vibrant. East Hills is a “happening place.”

But, as is true of people nearing their 63rd birthday, East Hills is beginning to show her age. Many items in and around the church building are simply worn out. There are other items which must be attended to before they become major problems. There are some important things that should be done now to provide for the comfort and convenience of our growing church family and refresh the building's curb appeal. In addition, as the church grows, the many and diverse programs of the church need our support to continue to carry our ministry to the larger community. Over the last year, the Board of Trustees and East Hills' program leaders have developed a priority list of renovations which ought to be attended to in the very near future.

On December 9, 2017, the Church Council approved a capital campaign to raise funds for significant renovations to our facilities. The campaign will ask for your financial pledges for a period of up to three years through the beginning of 2021. It is hopeful sufficient funds will be raised so the envisioned renovations can be completed in time for our next anniversary in June, 2019, a true celebration of both spiritual and physical renewal!

Together, we can make a difference. Together, we will make a difference.

The funds raised will support the following renovations:

- Replace roof over sanctuary and fellowship hall.
- Replace all pews and carpeting in sanctuary.
- Replace all windows and ceiling lights.
- Replace narthex and hallway carpeting throughout building, paint all walls and ceilings.
- Install air conditioning and replace heating system in sanctuary.
- Install multi-media audio visual equipment in sanctuary.
- Replace and upgrade all interior lighting.

Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall Roof (\$ 84,000.00)

As many of you have noticed, the roof over the sanctuary and fellowship hall has sprung a number of leaks. These roofs need to be completely replaced and such work must be done now to avoid growingly serious and costly repairs in the future.

Air Conditioning/Heating (\$45,000.00)

When people say East Hills is a “warm place”, they're not always talking about the friendly atmosphere. During the summer, the temperatures in the sanctuary can get downright uncomfortable. Furthermore, the sanctuary has significant air quality concerns. We propose to install an air conditioning system and upgrade the heating to provide for year-round, clean, cost-efficient comfort and convenience for worship and programs in the sanctuary.

Altar, Pew, Carpeting, Lighting, and Window Replacement (\$113,000.00)

The sanctuary has not experienced a face lift since it was constructed in 1969. The pews and kneeling benches are falling apart, windows and ceiling lights are broken, locks are missing, and carpeting is worn and discolored. The worship space is shabby.

Audio Visual (\$5,000.00)

The worship space is absent updated audio visual capabilities for multi-media presentation. The updates will enhance significantly the worship experience and other programming in the sanctuary.

Facility Lighting (\$50,000.00)

The physical plant has been constructed in various stages over the last sixty or so years rising from a single family dwelling, to a fellowship hall, to a fellowship hall with sanctuary, to a fellowship hall, sanctuary, nursery school and family center. However, the lighting scheme throughout the facility has not been integrated, coordinated, or updated consistently throughout the physical plant. Moreover, the lighting lacks energy efficiency and/or the benefits of existing lighting technology throughout the facility.

Narthex and Corridors (\$23,000.00)

The curb appeal and first impression to members, visitors, and guests is unbecoming. The walls and ceiling need to be painted and the carpet replaced. It is worn, stained, and discolored. It is currently an unappealing display of age and heavy use.

Contingency Reserve (\$10,000.00)

TOTAL: \$330,000.00

During the next several months, a more detailed presentation will be made to all members and friends of East Hills. The general campaign will commence with a **Kick-Off Dinner on Sunday, May 6 at 6:00 pm** and be followed by group meetings on **May 10 and May 23 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm**. In addition, the coffee hours are being organized in and around worship services for March, April, May, and June. Finally, a Celebration Luncheon will be held on **June 3 following the 10:30 am** worship service.

All are invited to participate in the campaign. Your efforts will support our old friend, the East Hills physical plant. It is hopeful that each of you will prayerfully consider a financial commitment to this campaign. Please feel free to contact members of the Joint Board and/or the Capital Campaign Steering Committee with any questions and mark your calendar with all the activity dates for the campaign.

The Capital Campaign Steering Committee consists of: Bill Matz, Jr., Scott Gross, Jim Eckerd, Carol Grace Hicks, Phil Turton, Eileen Mera, Bob Wingrove, Steve Thompson, and Todd Heft.

A Construction Committee has also been established consisting of: Scott Gross, John Kulp, Ellen DeStasio, Debbie Matz, Dwight Taylor, Steve Thompson, and Jim Knerr.

The campaign is in need of volunteers to assist in the process – special events, communications, worship programming, and prayer support. Please feel free to contact any committee member to offer assistance. Most of all, please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to the campaign. An opportunity to formalize your pledge will be forthcoming shortly to you.

This old friend could use your help.





Parsonage Update And Thank You: John Kulp and Karen Davison, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, would like to thank everyone for all of the help we received the last few months on the parsonage upgrades. Every bit of help was appreciated, whether big or small!

Special thanks to Bruce Montgomery and Bob Wingrove who spent many days helping out and sharing their expertise; to our families, who not only pitched in, but gave up a lot of time with us; and to Phyllis Kulp for organizing volunteers.

Thank you to Jeff Adams, Becky Bieber, Mike Clem, Andrew Davison, Brian Davison, Laura Davison, Jim Eckerd, Isaac Gichiengo, Susan Hahn, Art King, Chere King, Karen Montgomery, Peter Norman, Mark Ozimek, Michelle Prall, Mary Jane Reimer, Wanda Sedlock, Bobbie Shimer, Dwight Taylor, Lucy Thompson, Jay Zackavitch, and Don Zeitner.

The upgrades included: installing new Pergo floors in the Family Room, removing the AC unit from the living room wall, replacing the front door and door between the house and garage, replacing dated light fixtures throughout the house, and updating the powder room. Many minor repairs were done plus the porch needed to have the walls removed because of water damage. The porch will likely need more work in the future, as will the other bathrooms in the home. Overgrown shrubs were removed from the property with planting to be done later this spring. The entire home was painted inside and the stairs were refinished so that rugs won't need to be replaced with each tenant.

Thank You: My heartfelt thanks to all for the cards, prayers, phone calls, visits, meals, and rides for appointments before and after my recent hip replacement. God bless you all! Karen Montgomery

Dear East Hills,

I just wanted thank you so much for your ongoing support with Backpacks of Hope. The project is still going strong! I have gotten many generous cereal donations for the kids at Esperanza, and have been able to provide more than 500 servings of cereal to the people at College Hill Moravian Church who assemble the backpacks every two weeks.

I have made many close friends from Esperanza while at Camp Hope. I know this food is going to a good place, and since the hurricane in Puerto Rico, Esperanza is supporting more people than ever. If you have donated already, I want to thank you. I really appreciate everyone who donates, so feel free to continue to bring in single-serving cereal to place in the collection box in the Narthex. Thank you, Sam Hicks

Dear East Hills,

Thank you for your cards and prayers at the passing my mother. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. Fondly, Mary Jane Reimer

Dear Members of East Hills,

I would like to thank you very much for supplying us, the residents of the YMCA in Bethlehem, with your gift of food. It is truly appreciated. Thank you! Deborah D.

Just a note to say thank you for sermons made available to listen to when one is absent from worship. Makes worshiping at home very blessed. Having the worship book received as a Christmas gift, I can also sing the closing hymn when it is announced. With thanks for your many ministries. Marian M.

Hand Bell Campaign



Thank you from the music committee and hand bell choir for all of the generous donations for the refurbishment of our hand bells. We have reached our goal at this time, **but donations are welcome at any time.** The refurbishment is scheduled for every 7-10 years, so we will keep a fund open to save up for next time!

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 or Bobby Shimer 610-868-0179; 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!

Women's Fellowship

The evening group will meet on **April 3 at 7:00 pm** at the home of Lucy Thompson. The morning group will meet on **April 4 at 10:00 am** in the church kitchen.

A Is For April, Art, & Adult Fellowship

Join us for a springtime drive to Doylestown to the James A. Michener Art Museum which is home to an impressive collection of Pennsylvania Impressionist paintings. The current rotating exhibit features the paintings of Henriette Wyeth (daughter of N.C. Wyeth) and her husband, Peter Hurd. The permanent exhibits include works of woodworker, George Nakashima. There is also an outdoor sculpture garden. The cost of the museum is \$15 for adults/\$13 for seniors. Following our tour of the museum, we will have lunch at Café Alessio where the menu includes salads, burgers, specialty sandwiches, pizza, and sushi followed by time to explore some of the local shops. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 14.** We will carpool from the church at 9:45. Contact Marcia Mielnik, 610-866-5366, or Charmayne Stauffer, 610-691-1430, **by April 8** to sign up.

Adult Fellowship Museum of the American Revolution Trip

Join us, all family members, for a trip to the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia on **Saturday, May 19. Deadline for signing up is April 22.** This will be a day trip to see the Museum and other nearby Philadelphia exhibits. We will carpool and leave early Saturday morning at 8:00 am. In the morning, we will tour the Museum followed by lunch at City Tavern Restaurant (a continuation of the historical theme). For the afternoon and dinner, you will be on your own. We will leave at 7:00 pm for the trip home. The cost per person will be determined by the number who attend but will include admission to the Museum (\$12 or \$19) and transportation costs (\$12). Each person will pay their own lunch and dinner. After you make your reservation, you will be given a packet of information on places to visit and eat in the area to help you plan your day. If interested, please contact Bobby Shimer (610-868-0179 or barbara.shimer@gmail.com) or Phyllis Kulp (610-737-7166 or phylliskulp@hotmail.com). Either one can help you with options.

EHMC Book Club

East Hills Moravian Church's book club welcomes everyone to meet on **Monday, April 16 at 7pm** to discuss Helen Simonson's Major Pettigrew's Last Stand. The novel is described as "A wise comedy . . . about the unexpected miracle of later-life love . . . The beauty of this engaging book is in the characters." Contact Amy Frantz Gross, bartlet4pres@yahoo.com with questions.

“Raised With Christ”

This year April begins on Easter, the holiest day of the Christian year. Again we will gather as a family of faith to recall the miracle of God bringing new life out of death and declaring Christ “to be Son of God with power...by resurrection from the dead.” (Romans 1:4) Yet Easter does not stand alone. Death precedes resurrection.

As followers of Christ, our lives are to follow the pattern of life-death-rebirth which our Lord established. In the early church, it was understood that baptism, the sacrament by which believers entered the community of faith, was symbolic of death. A liturgy from the Apostolic Constitutions (late 4th century A.D.) is explicit: “Sanctify this water so that those who are baptized may be crucified with Christ, die with him, be buried with him, and rise again for adoption.” Even today the Moravian Church baptizes persons “into the death of Jesus.” “For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” (Romans 6:5) Eternal life is assured. So certain is apostle Paul of God's promise that he writes of our resurrection in the past tense! For Paul, sincere gratitude blossoms into righteous action.

“So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” (Colossians 3: 1-2)

Derek French



Preschool News

Mary Kay Brezinsky



This month in our preschool we are focusing on reading. All of our classes are participating in a school-wide reading program we have created to encourage reading at home and in school. When the children read a book, they cut-out a pencil shape and write the name of their book and their name.

The shapes are posted on the outside of the classroom. This program culminates with an ice cream sundae party for each classroom. This is a fun program for all!

Thank you to everyone who helped with our annual Bunny Breakfast on Saturday, March 24. The pancakes that were cooked by our favorite church members were delicious! The teachers and students all worked hard on the beautiful art that hung in the gym, and the youth of the church did a wonderful job serving. A big thank you to all the parents who donated goodies toward the baskets and to Just Born for our peeps. All in all, this was a wonderful morning for all.

We are still accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year. We have programs for 2, 3, 4, and 5 year old children. Please give the office a call at 610-868-6242 if you are interested in taking a tour.

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

- 1 Tracy Stratton
- 2 Charlene Trux
- 3 Janet Droney, Blair Mielnik, Louise Snyder, Katie Thomas
- 7 Dwight Taylor
- 9 Matthew Gribbin, Eileen Mera
- 10 Walter Hoffert
- 11 Tori Toth
- 12 Jean Skillman
- 13 Nancy Costa
- 14 Annemarie Soska
- 15 Ellen DeStasio
- 16 Rachel McFarland, Kelly Torcivia
- 17 Kevin Marsh
- 18 Vicki Ozimek
- 19 Audrey Yuhas, Lydia Yuhas
- 20 Steve Thompson, Millicent Zeitner
- 22 Bruce Dague, Adam Evans, Jenni Kuhns, Cameron Sauers
- 24 Alexis VanBilliard
- 25 Phyllis Kulp
- 26 Rich Kriebs
- 28 Jim Knerr
- 29 Wendy Lutz, Helen Sinko, Mike Taylor

Card Shower

Harry Snyder will turn 75 years old on May 3 this year! Please help him celebrate this milestone with a card shower. **Birthday cards may be sent to Harry anytime beginning mid-April** at: 1915 Lincoln Street, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

April Worship Schedule

April 1 – EASTER SUNDAY – THREE SERVICES AT 6:30, 8:30, AND 10:30 AM/NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sacristans-(6:30) Jim & Anna Koehler (8:30) John & Phyllis Kulp (10:30) Gary & Linda Marsh
Elder-(8:30) Jay Larson (10:30) Laura Kemmerer
Liturgist-(8:30) Jay Larson (10:30) Todd Heft
Ushers-(6:30) Jim Knerr/Phil Turton (8:30) Joe & Frieda Soska (10:30) Steve & Lucy Thompson
Counters- Dwight Taylor/Scott Gross
Flowers-Gross/Congregational Easter Flowers

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

Sacristans-Jack & Jean Skillman
Elder-(8:30) Ellen DeStasio (10:30) Laura Kemmerer
Liturgist-(8:30) Kevin Moyzan (10:30) Jean Skillman
Ushers-(8:30) Pieter Diehl/Mike Clem (10:30) Becky Bieber/Charmayne Stauffer
Counters- Kelly Newhall/Scott Gross
Flower Visitor-Karen Montgomery
Flowers-Gribbin/Oudheusden

April 15- HYMN SING – TWO SERVICES AT 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM

Sacristans-Steve & Lucy Thompson
Elder-(8:30) Mike Taylor (10:30) Todd Heft
Liturgist-(8:30) Bruce Montgomery (10:30) Cameron Sauers
Ushers-(8:30) Jim & Anna Koehler (10:30) Jim Eckerd/Yvonne Gerlach
Counters-Karen Davison/Jim Eberly
Flower Visitor-Lucy Thompson
Flowers-Friedman/Lukievics

April 22- UNITY SUNDAY ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM

Sacristans-Robert & Lynn Greenawald
Elder-Bob Wingrove
Liturgist-Phil Turton
Ushers-Greg & Nancy Costa
Counters-Dwight Taylor/Jim Eberly
Flower Visitor-Jean Bennett
Flowers-Knisely/Costa

April 29- TWO SERVICES AT 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM

Sacristans-Steve & Lucy Thompson
Elder-(8:30) Rob Sauers (10:30) Jeff Adams
Liturgist-(8:30) Randy Emmons (10:30) Jeff Adams
Ushers-(8:30) Jon Burcaw/Heather Frantz (10:30) Greg Costa/Bobby Shimer
Counters-Karen Davison/Lisa Mixon
Flower Visitor-Sue Hahn
Flowers-Sauers



All Things Moravian And Other Community Events

Northeast Ministry's Italian Buffet

Saturday, April 7, 4:30–7:00 pm, hosted by East Hills Moravian Church. Proceeds from the buffet will support the 2018 Northeast Ministry Summer Camp. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$7 for children ages 6–12 and free for children 5 and under. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please contact Northeast Ministry (610-691-3355, nembethlehem@gmail.com) or Bob Wingrove (610-867-0537).

MDA Jam

The Sidecars will be providing live music at the Blue Grillhouse Event Center **Saturday, April 7, from 8-11:00 pm** to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Contact Jon Burcaw 610-428-0703; jsbur886@gmail.com for more information and tickets.



Big News from Hope Conference Center!

Coming soon: online registration!

- register for camps
- fill out medical forms and other documents
- pay with a credit card!
- Once you set up an account, the information will carry over from year to year.
- If you have been to camp before, your information may already be in the system;
- you should check to be sure that nothing needs to be corrected.
- Watch camphope.org/youth-conferences for the link to start your online registration.
- If you prefer paper, we will still accept paper registrations and checks.

Search for "Moravian Camp Hope NJ" on YouTube.com. We have our own page!

- 2018 Camp Hope Season + Intro to Camp: brief historical look at the camp and preview of the 2018 camp season.
- 2018 Camp Hope Season only: just the preview of the coming camp season.

Contact: 908-459-4435 or hopecenter@camphope.org for more info.

Camp Hope Needs Your Help!

The lower camp needs to be cleaned and prepared by mid-April for the Moravian Confirmation Retreat and other rental groups. Can you give a few hours to help? No experience or skills are necessary. We have jobs for everyone, including:

- spring clean cabins and lodges, top to bottom
- wash windows
- pick up sticks and branches left by winter storms
- minor plumbing and electrical repairs

Weekday assistance is preferred; some weekend hours may be possible. If you can help, contact Sue at 908-459-4435 or hopecenter@camphope.org.

NEMDR Mission At Camp Hope

Listen to your call to mission, experience the joy of being and working with others, and hear stories of how responding to the call to mission has changed lives as we join together in Christian fellowship sharing our God-given skills and talents while helping with needed projects at Camp Hope. Take advantage of this close-at-hand mission opportunity to live your faith in service to others with fellow Moravians. Tools and instruction will be provided. **May 11 & 12 - \$10.00 each day or \$15.00 for the weekend. Meals and overnight accommodations provided.** For information/reservations, call John Egerton, 610-217-0514 or Mike Rampulla, 610-462-7401. Become the person God knows you can be!

Camp Minsi Spring Rendezvous April 20-21

Calling all 8th to 12th graders for an exciting opportunity to check out Venturing Crews and participate in service, adventure, and outdoor fellowship at Camp Minsi. On Saturday, crews will spend their morning giving back to Scouting with a variety of fun service projects throughout camp (including such projects as trail maintenance and landscaping, setting up campsite canvas and cots, painting, and general camp-wide spring clean-up.) Crews will then spend their afternoon and evening sharing in some awesome outdoor adventures and fellowship events at Camp Minsi - such as open boating on Stillwater Lake (including paddling as a crew in our massive voyageur canoe); participating in unique hands-on shooting sports activities at all three of our shooting ranges; climbing our 30-foot spar-pole; lumberjacking and tomahawk throwing; Dutch oven cooking; hot-iron branding, backcountry hikes; and much more. Crews will stay in the two-person canvas wall-tents (with cots) in Camp Minsi's campsites. All meals on Saturday will be provided, and shower facilities will also be available. Cost is **\$10.00 per person** (includes campsite, a patch, and all meals on Saturday). Contact Jay/Sue Larson **by April 15**, 610-737-0012, GSMom225@aol.com, for a detailed schedule and permission slip to attend.

Unitas Chorale Concert

Singing With the Spirit: Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs", **April 29, 4:00 pm at Advent Moravian Church**. The concert promises to be a joyous celebration of God's many blessings. For information, visit www.moravianmusic.org. Concert is free; donations appreciated.

Eastern District Youth/Young Adult Mission Experiences

Are you ready for a life-changing experience; to grow spiritually; to immerse yourself in a different culture? It's time to start planning! The Eastern District office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries has been working with our partners in Peru and Cuba to extend an invitation to you to get out of your comfort zone and grow in your relationship with Jesus. Serve this summer!

~Peru/July 28-August 3: Group size limited to six; group members must be ages 16-30. Cost: \$1100 to \$1350 depending on the cost of flights and housing. This is a first time mission experience for the Eastern District. You will serve alongside Pastor Anna, a Peruvian missionary working in Lima, Peru as you travel 3 hours outside the city to attend camp with other youth and young adults. The camp location is at the beach...it's a tough call but someone has to serve, why not you? Taking in the local sights and culture in Peru is also on our list. You'll come home with a changed perspective.

~Cuba/August 5-13: Group size limited to ten; group members must be ages 16-30.

Cost-\$1350. Join what God is doing through camping ministry in Camaguey, Cuba. You'll be enthralled with the mystery that surrounds Cuba, and you will encounter Jesus as you share in a week of Camping ministry building Christian relationships with up to 60 youth and young adults, ages 12 to 25. During camp you will represent The Moravian Church in the United States in Camp Camaguey's Bible Olympics, not an easy task, as our Cuban counterparts know their Bible well. While in Cuba you will also have a chance to work at the local Moravian Sustainable Farm, and take in sights. Something exciting and transformational happens in this unique camp experience.

For more information or an application, contact The Eastern District Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Rev. Cynthia Rader Geyer at cynthia@mcnp.org or text her at 484-554-0102. All applications must be received by Monday, April 9.

Esperanza Clothing

Our next work session will be **Saturday, April 7 at 9:00 am** to sort warm weather clothing for distribution at Esperanza; St. John's Lutheran Church, 617 E. 4th St. Our regular work party will be **April 17 at 9:00 am**. Lunch will be served both days.



BAM Ministries Committee

One of the organizations the BAM Ministries Committee supports is the Bethlehem Area Moravian Trombone Choir. The trombone choir is the oldest, continuing musical group in the United States which started in 1754 when a set of trombones arrived from Herrnhut, Germany. In the 1700's, musicians who played in the choir saw their service as a vocation and practiced together after their regular work. They played for church festivals, announced deaths in the community with special hymn tunes, and played for funerals. Over the years, the choir has acquired many more instruments, including some rare contrabass trombones. The group still plays for church festivals, special occasions, and funerals. Sometimes you'll even hear them playing from the Belfry at Central Moravian. You may have heard them recently when they played chorales for five Holy Week reading services, made rounds in the wee hours of Easter morning to wake up the community, and then played for our joint Easter Dawn Service. They use funds from BAM to help cover the cost of instrument repair and purchase. The group welcomes new members and would be happy to teach people how to play. The group is available to play for worship services and events at your church. To learn more, contact group member Nancy Beitel-Vessels, 610-868-5560, or leader Don Kemmerer, 610-428-9803.

Annual Spring Bazaar

Saturday, May 5, 9:00 am-2:00 pm at West Side Moravian Church (Third & Prospect Avenues, Bethlehem). Attic treasures, bedding plants, baked goods, clothing, and more! Lunch served. Call 610-865-0256 for information or to donate items.

Star Newsletter

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

Save The Dates:

- **May 6 – 6:00 pm** The East Hills' entire congregation is invited to the Capital Campaign Kick-Off Dinner. More info to follow.
- **May 9 – 7:00 pm** Capital Campaign group meeting with church members
- **May 20** – Capital Campaign Coffee Hour
- **May 20** – Confirmation
- **May 23 – 7:00 pm** – Capital Campaign group meeting with church members
- **May 27** – Sunday School Closing Breakfast
- **June 23**. East Hills' Yard Sale to support Camp Hope Scholarships. Drop off dates for items to be determined. Volunteers are needed to set up beginning **Saturday June 16** at noon. For more information, contact Lauren Soska, 610-758-8876.

