

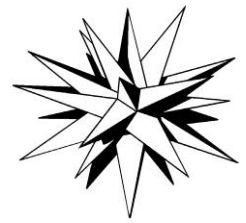


# EAST HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH EVENTS

## MAY 2018

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# The Star

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## “Built Together With Christ”

*“What brought us together, what joined our hearts? The pardon which Jesus, our High Priest, imparts; 'tis this which cements the Disciples of Christ, who are into one by the Spirit baptized.”*  
*Hymn # 675*

Christ calls us into covenant relationship with God and each other. It is he who builds us together into his church. Those who are faithful to the Lord shape their lives and world-view in response to God's grace. It is a response characterized by faith, love, and hope.

Two years ago, while spending Thanksgiving with my family in Winston-Salem, NC, I encountered tangible expressions of Moravian faith, love, and hope in the bell tower and attic of Home Moravian Church. We were there with my cousin, the congregation's administrative assistant, to lift weights powering the church's clock and chimes back to the top of the tower. While engaged in that task, she disclosed that recently one of the supporting ropes had parted and allowed the suspended weight to fall several stories onto the ceiling of the narthex. The 18<sup>th</sup> century Moravians had anticipated this eventuality and placed hay and other shock absorbing materials under the weights. When the rope failed, as they knew it eventually might, no damage was done. Similar foresight by early 20<sup>th</sup> century Moravians was demonstrated when the sanctuary's stained-glass windows had to be repaired. Present day members found carefully packed replacement panes of glass in the church's attic where they had been since the windows' installation in 1913.<sup>1</sup>

The depth of these Moravians' faith in God, hope for the future, and the love demonstrated by such foresight touched me emotionally and spiritually. Generations ago they had anticipated the presence of those who would follow them and prepared a place for them to join hearts together in worship of the Savior. As I descended from the clock and bell tower I passed through the sanctuary where I paused to enjoy the late afternoon sun warmly illuminating the interior.

As I contemplated a window depicting Christ as the Good Shepherd, it occurred to me that what we build together with Christ often lasts far longer and is more satisfying than any purely personal achievement. Those who came before us built worship spaces which continue to express eloquently their faith in God, hope for the future, and love for fellow believers. As we express gratitude for the faithful actions of those who preceded us, may we resolve to bless others by “paying it forward.”

*Derek French*

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<sup>1</sup>You can find images of the windows here:

<http://www.homemoravian.org/~homemora/index.php/footer/resources/jesus-life-glass/>

## **“With Gladness Raise, Built Together with Christ”**

### **Kick off Dinner–May 6, 2018 at 6 pm in the Family Center**

The excitement is building as the capital campaign for the much needed renovations and improvements to our church facility is about to begin. The capital campaign committee is excited to share with the congregation the plans for new pews, altar area, new lighting, improvements in audio visual capabilities, and other much needed renovations such as new carpet, painting, and lighting throughout the building.

You will also hear about the plans for the roof replacement for the sanctuary and fellowship hall. No more creaks and leaks!

**Please plan to attend the campaign kick-off dinner on Sunday, May 6 at 6 pm** and enjoy a presentation on the improvements and renovations that are planned, a great dinner, and fellowship with your fellow members of East Hills.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the dinner, but if you cannot attend, there are other options for you to enjoy. **There will be small group meetings on May 10 and May 23 at 6:30 pm, and, there will be information available during Sunday morning coffee hours in May.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the capital campaign committee. 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.

### **Preschool News**

**Mary Kay Brezinsky**



It is so hard to believe we are looking at the end of the school year for 2017-2018. We all have so many wonderful memories from this year. Our Four Year Olds will be off to the “Big” school for kindergarten and they are ready to spread their wings and soar. Most of our Fours have been with us since they were two years old. Needless to say, we will really miss them and wish them well! We are all looking forward to some “fun in the sun” during the summer. We look forward to seeing our Two and Three year olds in the fall!

We all need to give a huge “thank you” to the East Hills Moravian Church Preschool Staff. Without these wonderful, caring people none of us would be here. Our terrific teachers: Anne Conzola, Karen McLaughlin, Theresa Uliana, Pam Seitz, Mary Synoracki, Kathy Bevan and Heather Watt are just the best there are! Also, thank you to Pastor Derek and Deb Worrich for all their help this year. The Preschool Advisory Board has worked very hard to make this year a successful one; thank you to Kathy Emmons, Char Stauffer, Sue Larson, Bob Hauck, Sandy Gribbin, Debbie Matz and Ellen Destasio.

Although school is out, the office is always checking in. If you know of anyone interested in our preschool, please have them call 610-868-6242. We still have just a few spots open in all of our programs.

### **Star Newsletter**

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



The Girl Scouts would like to thank the congregation for their support during the Lenten meals. The girls had a blast making the soups and cookies and cannot wait to do it again. Even though we were snowed out 2 of the 5 times, your generosity of paying for the leftover soups was amazing. We had a budget for the meals and between the free will offering at the dinners and selling the leftover soup, we

covered all of our costs and then some, so we gave a \$60 donation to the church.

Sue Larson, Advisor to Girl Scout troops 8007, 8795, 8747, 8500, 830 & 8225

Many thanks from the WhyKnots and Women's Fellowship to those of you who baked for our Spring Sale on Palm Sunday. Thank you to those who made purchases from the WhyKnots, gave us monetary donations, or just came and looked at our offerings. We like everyone to be aware of what we do whether you make a purchase or not. Due to your efforts, Women's Fellowship made \$336 and WhyKnots made \$583. We will be giving the church \$900 toward the repair of the roof in the sanctuary. The next sale will be held on Consecration Sunday in November; hope to see you then. Happy Spring!!

To my Pastor and Church Family,

A **BIG** thank you for your prayers, phone calls, cards, food, and visits. I am truly blessed!

In Christian Love,

Jean Bennett

A big thank you to the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of East Hills for purchasing the new mailboxes in the church office! The Scout troops wanted to thank the church for all the church does for them by donating this much needed item. Again, thank you; it is very much appreciated.

## Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities

### Women's Fellowship

The evening group will meet on **May 1 at 7:00 pm** at the home of Jean Bennett. If you plan to attend, please call Jean at 610-868-9810. The morning group will meet on **May 2 at 10:00 am** in the church kitchen.

### Girl Scouts' Clothing Drive

Are you spring cleaning? Girl Scout Senior Troop 8225 is conducting a clothing drive fundraiser by collecting clean used clothing, shoes, and household textiles **until May 8**. Please leave donations in garbage or shopping bags in the Senior High Sunday School room. Questions, contact Amy Gross [bartlet4pres@yahoo.com](mailto:bartlet4pres@yahoo.com) or Laura Davison [laura@davison.net](mailto:laura@davison.net).

### EHMC Yard Sale

**Will be held Saturday, June 23, 8 am-1 pm.** Volunteers are needed to set up beginning **Saturday June 16 at noon**. For more information, contact Lauren Soska, 610-758-8876. Donations of most household items are welcome. We will not accept the following: electronics, appliances, large furniture or rugs. **Please do not bring any broken items.** Drop off dates (behind church, down stairs to left of dumpster): **Saturdays May 5, 19, & June 2-1-3 pm; Saturday June 16 & Sunday June 17-2-5 pm** Different drop off time? Need items picked up? Call or text Karen Davison at 610-762-2879.

### EHMC Book Club

East Hills Moravian Church's book club welcomes everyone to meet on **Monday, June 18 at 7:00 pm** to discuss What Alice Forgot by Liane Moriarty. A "cheerfully engaging" (*Kirkus Reviews*) novel for anyone who's ever asked herself, "How did I get here?" Contact Amy Frantz Gross at [bartlet4pres@yahoo.com](mailto:bartlet4pres@yahoo.com) with questions.

## Vacation Bible School

Once again we will be partnering with Central and Advent Moravian Churches to offer VBS to our children who have completed 4-year-old Pre-K through 6th grade. Middle and high school students are encouraged to volunteer. Adult site leaders and class guides are always needed. The theme this year is "Rolling River Rampage". **"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." – Isaiah 43:2.** "Lead kids on an action-packed VBS adventure! Cokesbury's Rolling River Rampage invites children on a white-water rafting adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. Relevant music, exciting science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories will help kids know that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of amazing grace!" **Please note: This year VBS will be held at Advent Moravian Church, June 11-15 from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. Registration forms will be available early in May.**

## God Heals Scars

Join us for a banquet & book signing in the Family Center at East Hills on **Friday, May 18, beginning at 6:00 pm.** Meet the author, Eugene McDuffie at **6:00 pm** (he directs the "Jesus Saves" bible study held here at East Hills) **followed by dinner at 7:00 pm.** **Contact Bob Wingrove at 610-867-0537 for tickets;** Adults-\$12/Children (ages 6-12)-\$6.



## MAY

- 2 Natalie Eberly, Susan Stellato
- 3 Angela Febert, Mandi Ortwein, Jon Ortwein, Harry Snyder
- 4 Sue Burcaw, Isaac Gichiengo
- 5 Caleb DeStasio
- 6 Wanda Sedlock
- 7 William Darrah, Don Kemmerer
- 9 Dave Evans, Heather Frantz, Shannon Sauers, Donald Wood
- 10 Zoli Heft, Gehrig Stellato
- 11 Logan Darrah
- 12 Zachary Beamer, Faith Newhall
- 15 Greg Destasio
- 16 Elizabeth Girou
- 17 Laura Kemmerer, Mary Louise Lukievics, Joni Wambold
- 18 Meredith Sauers
- 19 Sarah Moyzan
- 20 Jim Dunstan
- 21 Sue Larson
- 24 Emily Dawley, Alec Lutz, Joshua Lutz
- 26 Lorraine Febert
- 27 Connie Cuellar, Bob Mielnik
- 28 Sharon Beamer, Shane Burcaw, Joseph Csrenko, Jane Weber
- 30 Dana Greenawald
- 31 Andrew Davison, James Stocklas

**In observance of Memorial Day, the church office will be closed on May 28.**

## May Worship Schedule

### May 6- TWO SERVICES AT 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM

**Sacristans**-Brian & Tanya Yost

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

**Liturgist**-(8:30) Lisa Mixon (10:30) Alec & Josh Lutz

**Ushers**-(8:30) Joe & Frieda Soska (10:30) Jack & Jean Skillman

**Counters**-John Kulp/Lisa Mixon

**Flowers**-Soska

**Flower Visitor**-Joanne VanBilliard

### May 13-TWO SERVICES AT 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM

**Sacristans**-Wayne & Debbie Gruver

**Elder**-(8:30) Mike Taylor (10:30) Laura Kemmerer

**Liturgist**-(8:30) Michael Clem (10:30) Debbie Matz

**Ushers**-(8:30) Peter Diehl/Michael Clem (10:30) Greg Costa/Antonio DelPriore

**Counters**-Karen Davison/Joe Soska, Jr.

**Flowers**-Gribbin

**Flower Visitor**-TBA

### May 20-TWO SERVICES AT 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM

**Confirmation Sunday**

**Sacristans**-Bob Hauck/Eileen Ackerman

**Elder**-(8:30) Mike Taylor (10:30) Bob Wingrove

**Liturgist**-(8:30) Peter Norman (10:30) Laura Davison

**Ushers**-(8:30) Bob Hauck/Mike Taylor (10:30) Jim Eckerd/Sam Hicks

**Counters**-John Kulp/Jon Ortwein

**Flowers**-Costa

**Flower Visitor**-TBA

### May 27- TWO SERVICES AT 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM

**Sacristans**-Jim & Lucia Knerr

**Elder**-(8:30) Rob Sauers (10:30) Laura Kemmerer

**Liturgist**-(8:30) Catherine Moyzan (10:30) Kat Lehman

**Ushers**-(8:30) Bruce Montgomery/Rob Sauers (10:30) John & Ellen DeStasio

**Counters**-John Kulp/Bill Matz

**Flowers**-Cuellar

**Flower Visitor**-TBA

## Change In Worship Service Time For Summer Schedule

Please note our summer schedule for worship will begin on Sunday, June 3. At that time we will move to one worship service only at 9:30 am and no Sunday School. This schedule will continue through Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 2. Our regular worship schedule with two services and Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 9.





## All Things Moravian And Other Community Events

### Spring Sales

- Palmer Moravian 2901 John St., Easton: **Friday, May 4, 5:00-8:00 pm and Saturday, May 5, 9:00 am-Noon** (bag sale).
- West Side Moravian, 402 Third Ave., Bethlehem: **Saturday, May 5, 9:00 am-2:00 pm.** Attic treasures, bedding plants, baked goods, clothing, and more! Lunch served. Call 610-865-0256 for information.
- Nazareth Moravian Church, 4 S. Main St., Center Square, Nazareth: **Friday, May 4, 3:00-7:00 pm and Saturday, May 5, 9:00 am-1:00 pm.**



### BAM Ministries Committee

We are blessed to have the resources to help make larger projects in our community possible. This year, we have contributed \$5,000 toward a Habitat for Humanity project here in Bethlehem. Our gift will join contributions from other faith communities to match a generous \$72,000 grant from Thrivent Financial Services. Our contribution will help four families obtain their Habitat for Humanity homes. Contributing money is not the only way we can help make this miracle of home ownership happen. See the article below for ways that you can get involved in this year's Habitat for Humanity Faith Build.

### Coming Soon To North Bethlehem ---Another Habitat For Humanity Faith Build!

You are invited to participate! Habitat will be building 4 new homes (2 twins) beginning in June, and one of the homes (at 412 Keystone Ave. in Bethlehem) will be a Faith Build, with financing and construction crews coming from area churches. Thrivent Financial has given a Challenge Grant and will match donations from churches. BAM has already made a generous financial pledge, and we are looking for volunteers - men and women - from area Moravian churches to join with folks from other denominations on this project. If you can hammer, drill, wield a paint brush, or would like to try, please join us for an educational and rewarding experience. If you'd like to help in ways other than construction, we'll also need help providing lunch and snacks for the workers. Building is expected to commence in early June. Work days are Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from 8 am to 2 pm. Come when, and as often as you are able. If you wish to come with a friend or a small group from your church, find a day that suits you all and sign up for that day. While skilled volunteers are welcome, the majority of our volunteers have few construction skills. Site supervisors and CORE construction volunteers will teach you everything you need to know on your build day. In order to participate, BAM members will need to create a **Volunteer Hub Account** (<http://habitatlehighvalley.volunteerhub.com>). If you have participated in the past, you may only need to update your password. You will also need to sign a safety waiver when you create your account. **Harry Tachovsky (610-691-3737 or [harry.tachovsky@gmail.com](mailto:harry.tachovsky@gmail.com))** will be the contact person for creating an account, signing up, and for questions on the process. Harry is a Central Moravian Church member and an experienced Habitat volunteer; he would be happy to speak with you about the Faith Build. We hope many volunteers from all the BAM churches will participate!

### Save The Dates

- **May 6 – 6:00 pm** – Capital Campaign Kick-Off Dinner.
- **May 10 – 6:30 pm** – Capital Campaign group meeting with church members
- **May 20 –** Confirmation and Capital Campaign Coffee Hour
- **May 23 – 6:30 pm** – Capital Campaign group meeting with church members
- **May 27 –** Sunday School Closing Breakfast
- **June 3 – Summer Schedule Begins with ONE worship service at 9:30 am**  
Capital Campaign Celebration Sunday
- **June 10 –** Anniversary Sunday
- **June 23 –** East Hills' Yard Sale.