EAST HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH EVENTS NOVEMBER 2018

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"First Fruits, Gratitude, and Giving"

"You shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name."

(Deuteronomy 26:2)

Most early Israelites made their living as farmers or shepherds. It was their practice to offer God a portion of the first harvest of the season or one of the first born from among their flocks rather than securing the food for themselves in the larder or pantry. Such worship demonstrated profound trust in God's ability to care for them and provide for future needs. This Biblical practice seems to me a particularly sincere declaration of faith. In our own income and market based economy in which offerings are measured in dollars rather than bushels, lambs, or calves, we would say, when it came to faith, these ancestors in faith really "put their money where their mouths were."

Offerings are an act of worship, a tangible way of expressing gratitude to the Creator for blessings that make continued human existence possible. They are also an act of stewardship through which faithful persons employ resources God has placed in their care to promote the mission of Christ's church.

I find it humbling to consider that Christ entrusted the continuation of his work to persons like us but that is what scripture teaches. Faith is a powerful force for renewal, reconciliation, righteousness and justice when translated into action. But that action depends on individual and collective commitment. Dedications of time, ability, and financial backing are all necessary for the church to carry out its mission. Each of us must decide how we can best express to God our gratitude and make a sincere, tangible declaration of faith.

"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

Duck French



Preschool News Mary Kay Brezinsky

With the Thanksgiving holiday rapidly approaching, many of us take this time to reflect on our many blessings. Throughout the month of November the preschool children will take part in activities and lessons which teach about what it means to

be thankful and what they might be thankful for. The children will culminate their lesson by partaking in a "feast". Some of the foods for the feast will be prepared by the children, while the parents provide the rest of the feast, and we are thankful that we have generous families who help provide items for our feast. The children enjoy dressing as a Pilgrim or a Native American as they share a day of giving thanks. All of our children make a placemat that is used at their feast and can be taken home to be used at their feast at home. As a schoolwide project, we collect canned food for Northeast Ministry. The children sing special songs and learn about helping in your community. You are never too young to learn about "giving"! As a group, we are thankful for each other; for parents who entrust us to work with their children, for each child whose smile brightens our day, and for an extraordinary staff of teachers who share their many gifts and talents.

There are two other important dates to remember in November:

- We are thankful for the freedoms we enjoy as a nation and the privilege of voting on Tuesday, November 6.
- We are thankful for all the men and women who have served our country in the military. We remember them on November 12.

We would also like to thank everyone who participated in the Preschool Fall Fundraiser. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Wishing each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving from the Preschool Staff

Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities



Thank You

Thank you for all of the flowers, cards, and the wonderful support I received from all of you in coping with the death of my father. Sincerely, Sue Diehl

Women's Fellowship

Evening Group: Tuesday, November 6/7:00 pm/Fellowship Hall Morning Group: Wednesday, November 7/10:00 am/Old Kitchen

All women are invited to join either group. For information about the evening group, contact Susan Kriebs, 610-867-5971/skriebs@gmail.com. For information about the morning group, contact Jean Bennett at 484-893-6529. "We live in a world full of light but we often can't see beyond our own misconceptions and biases. Sometimes our own blindness doesn't let us see or understand what we see perfectly well with our own eyes." This year's discussions for our two Women's Fellowship groups will be based on "Our Guiding Light: A Bible Study by Bishop Kay Ward." The above quote was taken from Chapter 2 of Bishop Ward's study guide, "Seeing the Light: Now I Understand" and is the topic for the November meetings. "Moravians speak of having a theology that lives in our hearts and in our heads. This is the challenge – to be willing to learn and do and think and love in ways that allow us to see what the Lord has in mind for us. We once were blind but now we can see." Please join us as we all strive to learn more about God's will for each one of us.

Why Knot Meeting

Wednesday, November 28/7:00 pm/Church Parlor

Why Knot members invite you to join us as we continue to enjoy fellowship while honing our knitting and crocheting skills. We are currently working on scarves and hats to be donated to the Easton Children's Home in time for Christmas along with baby items and personal projects. Contact Ginny Yanzsa at 610-704-2591 or vlyanzsa@ptd.net for information. Contact Sue Hahn at 610-865-2304 or susanfhahn@gmail.com to purchase any of our beautiful items.

Why Knot/Women's Fellowship Sales

Sunday, November 4/Following 10:30 am worship/Family Center

Christmas gift shopping time is approaching, and you can support our church and shop during the fellowship hour following worship. Why Knot members and friends have been busy making scarves, hats, washcloths, scrubbies, gift card totes, handmade quilts and numerous baby items such as blankets, hats, sweaters, bibs, and booties. Women's Fellowship will host our fellowship hour and will have a variety of delicious homemade goodies for sale. All proceeds from both sales will be donated to the church.

Annual Women's Advent Dinner

Tuesday, December 4/Prime Steak House/6 pm

All women are invited to join us for our annual Advent dinner party at Prime Steakhouse. Order your favorite dish from the regular menu and enjoy fellowship with your EHMC sisters. Invite a friend or family member to join us also! Please contact Marcia Mielnik, 610-866-5366, or Susan Kriebs, 610-867-5971/skriebs@gmail.com, for information, to arrange for a ride, and to reserve your seat at the table by **Sunday, December 2**.

Star Newsletter

The deadline for all information for the next issue of the Star will be November 10. Please keep in mind this will be a combined December/January issue.

East Hills Cash Card Program

- ~Grocery store cards: will continue to be available for immediate pick-up each week.
- ~Special order cards: orders accepted each week but will be placed on the last Sunday of the month with cards available for pick up the first Sunday of the month.
- ~The next deadline for special card orders will be Nov 25th for Dec 2nd delivery
- ~In December, orders will be placed weekly to accommodate the holiday rush:
 - Dec 2nd for Dec 9th delivery
 - Dec 9th for Dec 16th delivery
 - Dec 30th for Jan 7th delivery

~In January 2019, the cash card plan will be re-evaluated. If you have any questions please contact Sue Larson at 610-737-0012 or GSMom225@aol.com.

EHMC Putz

PUTZ CONSTRUCTION:

Sunday, November 11/2:00 pm

Monday, November 12 & Tuesday, November 13/6:00 pm; light meal provided

We are also in need of greeters and operators. Sign-up sheets will be posted in Fellowship Hall, and training will be provided on **Sunday**, **November 25**. Operating and greeting is a great way to share your faith and also make the season more fulfilling to yourself and others. (This will also count towards community service hours.)

Putz Operating Hours:

- December 1 30
- Wednesday and Friday evenings 6-8:00 pm/Saturdays and Sundays 3-8:00 pm.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Nancy Costa at 610-442-6056.

Summer 2019 Mission Opportunity

Informational Meeting – Sunday, November 18/9:30 am

Scott and Amy Gross are organizing a three day mission trip to New York City for EHMC members in grades 9-12 this year. The tentative itinerary includes service at Moravian Open Door, sightseeing, and Sunday morning worship at a NYC Moravian Church. Informational meeting on the trip and fundraisers for all interested senior high students and their parents will be held:



Harvest Dinner

Saturday, November 10/5:00-7:00 pm-Open Seating/Family Center Cost – Adults-\$12/Children (6-12)-\$5/Children (under 5)-Free.

Purchase tickets in advance – Bob Wingrove, 610-867-0537

East Hills office, 610-868-6481

Please plan to join the Bethlehem Area Moravian and Partner Churches Freezer Ministry for our Harvest Dinner which benefits the co-operative Freezer Ministry program. This year's menu will include: Turkey, Ham, Pennsylvania Dutch Potato Bread Stuffing, Vegetable Style Rice Pilaf, Sweet Potato Pie, Green Beans/Sweet Corn, Cranberry Relish, Salad, Rolls, Iced Tea/Coffee/Hot Tea, and a Dessert Bar. If you need transportation to the dinner, let us know. If you cannot attend the dinner, but would like to donate, please make checks payable to East Hills Moravian Church with "Freezer Ministry" in the memo line.

Hanging Of The Greens

Sunday, November 25/2:00 pm

Please plan to join us on to begin preparing the church for the Advent/Christmas season. Hanging of the greens, candle trimming, children's crafts, a pot luck dinner, and the first putz viewing will all be part of our preparations. Hope to see you all there!



EHMC Moravian Dinner Night

Tuesday, December 11/Dinner 5-7:00 pm – continuous seating/Family Center Putz Showings – 4:30 and 7:00 pm

Cost - Adults-\$15/Silver Sponsor-\$25/Gold Sponsor-\$50/Children (6-12 yrs.)-\$7; and 5 yrs. & under-free

Purchase tickets in advance – Bob Wingrove, 610-867-0537 East Hills office, 610-868-6481

View the Christmas Putz, listen to music, and dine at our delicious buffet on **Tuesday, December 11.** Putz showings are at 4:30 and 7:00 pm (before or after dinner). Seating is limited to 70 at each showing so please reserve a specific show time for the putz. Buffet will be served from 5-7:00 pm with continuous seating along with music for your listening pleasure. Menu: Roast Beef, Chicken Marsala, Lemon Pasta Primavera, Deluxe Salad & Rolls, Rustic Mashed Potatoes, Quinoa & Wild Rice Pilaf, Roasted Corn w/Sun-Dried Tomatoes, Green Beans w/Feta Cheese & Roasted Peppers, Iced tea, Coffee, & Hot Teas, and Moravian Sugar Cake. Contact Bob Wingrove @ 610-867-0537 or the church office @ 610-868-6481 for tickets. Cost: Adults-\$15; Silver Sponsor-\$25; Gold Sponsor-\$50; Children (6-12 yrs.)-\$7; and 5 yrs. & under-free. Proceeds go to the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter Project Fund so please make checks payable to Bethlehem Emergency Shelter.

Liturgists Needed

Dave Hendricks has taken over the scheduling of liturgists each week from Kelly Newhall; a big thank you to Kelly for handling this to this point. In compiling a list of those interested in reading at each service, it appears **we need more volunteers at the 8:30 service**. If you would be willing to be a liturgist, please contact Dave (610-762-3710 or bvdrangs@gmail.com). While the 8:30 am service especially needs volunteers, we welcome new people for 10:30 am also!



NOVEMBER

- Juliana Keirle 2
- 3 Barbara Shimer
- 6 Olivia Kuhns
- 7 Amanda Keirle, Mikela Ortwein
- 8 Mary Ellen Rudolph
- 9 David Bieber
- 11 Linda Adams
- 15 Lucy Thompson, Donald Zeitner
- 16 Jean Bennett, Elizabeth Hayworth
- 18 James Epler, Patricia Kuhns
- 20 Brian Yost, Macy Yost
- 23 Cynthia Jancsarics, Lois Meixell
- 24 **Emily Turton**
- 25 Sandra Gribbin, Megan Latham
- 26 Michael Clem, David Sommers
- 27 Stephanie Demko, Robert Hauck, Kathy Sardine
- 29 Mark Gibson, Anna Koehler, Caroline Radchuk
- 30 Katrina Lehman, Thomas Walz

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Communion Celebration

On Sunday, October 7, Pastor French, Sue Diehl, and several members of the East Hills choir traveled to Moravian Hall Square to celebrate World Communion Sunday with the residents there. This has become a tradition for both groups and is enjoyed by all. Thank you to all involved!

November Worship Schedule

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 4; turn your clocks back!

There will be <u>one</u> worship service on Sunday, November 4th. It will be held in the Family Center at 10:30 AM. From time to time during the year we gather for one combined worship service to promote congregational cohesiveness by fostering fellowship. Such "Unity Sundays" allow members to meet others who do not worship at their preferred time. They are especially important as a means of welcoming our newest members and introducing them to the entirety of their church family.

November 4 - One Service Only at 10:30 am

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sacristans-Mark & Vicki Ozimek

Elder-Jay Larson

Liturgist-Dave Hendricks

Ushers-Jack & Jean Skillman

Counters-John Kulp/Jane Weber

Flowers-Heft/Kuhns

Nursery-Jill Pitman/Michele Prall

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

Holy Communion/Christ the Chief Elder

Sacristans-Bob Hauck/Eileen Ackerman

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

Liturgist-(8:30) Kevin Moyzan (10:30) Laura Davison

Ushers-(8:30) Bruce Montgomery/Rob Sauers (10:30) Jane Regina/Antonio DelPriore

Counters-Nancy Costa/Jim Eberly

Flowers-Grube/Lukievics

Nursery-Lucy Thompson/Eileen Mera

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

Sacristans-Jim & Lucie Knerr

Elder-(8:30) Mike Taylor (10:30) Ellen DeStasio

Lituraist-(8:30) Jay Larson (10:30) Barbara Hendricks

Ushers-(8:30) Jeff & Linda Adams (10:30) Steve & Lucy Thompson

Counters- Nancy Costa/Jim Eberly

Flowers-Kuhns/Bartholomew-Gaugler

Nursery-Bobby Shimer/Kelly Newhall

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

Sacristans-Jim & Anna Koehler

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

Liturgist-(8:30) Eileen Mera (10:30) Peter Diehl

Ushers-(8:30) Joe & Frieda Soska (10:30) Jim Eckerd/Bobby Shimer

Counters- Nancy Costa/

Flowers-Gribbin/Mera

Nursery-Sarah Creswell/TBA





The 53rd Community Advent Breakfast

Saturday, December 1/8:30 am/Moravian Village of Bethlehem, 526 Wood Street, Main Dining Room. Bethlehem Mayor Bob Donchez will bring greetings and Alan Jennings, Executive Director of Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, will be the speaker. The event will include a full served breakfast and will feature the Bethlehem Moravian Trombone Choir; a traditional beeswax candle lighting and music by the Moravian College Woodwind Quintet and the Men's Choir.

Co-hosted by the Citizens Christmas City Committee and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, this ecumenical event provides an opportunity for community residents to gather and celebrate the Advent season and has become a cherished tradition of Bethlehem's Christmas observance.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$9 for youth under 16. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are only available at the following Bethlehem locations until November 26:

- Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Center; One East Broad St, Suite 560
- Cathedral Church of the Nativity; 321 Wyandotte Street
- Moravian Village of Bethlehem; 526 Wood Street (front desk)

For over five decades, the Community Advent Breakfast has provided an opportunity for our community to gather and celebrate the Advent season. Please support this celebration.



Poinsettias

We are offering poinsettias for purchase to place in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve.

They may be taken home after the last service Christmas Eve.

DO NOT PLACE YOUR ORDERS IN THE COLLECTION PLATE OR LEAVE THEM IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

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

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