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“Claiming the Resurrection”

The resurrection of Jesus Christ lies at the heart of Christian faith. According to the Apostle Paul, it was through God's act of raising Jesus from the dead that God definitively identified Jesus as God's Son and thus conferred the ultimate stamp of divine approval on Christ's ministry and message. As Jesus' followers, we share in the promise of the resurrection and eternal life. The blessings of resurrection are not restricted to the existence after death. God raised Christ from the dead so that our present lives might also be transformed and renewed. To embrace resurrection is to live a life of faith, open to new challenges of discipleship which God places before us.

As a community of faith, it is important that we are accountable both to and for each other. Writing to the congregation in Thessaloniki, Greece, the Apostle Paul advises believers: “Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. ... admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.” (Thess. 5:11, 14-19)

This Spring at East Hills Moravian Church, we will be looking for ways to put the Apostle's timeless advice into practice as we seek to grow into the promise of vibrant new life heralded by the resurrection of Jesus Christ on that first Easter morning.

“The Lord is risen.”
“The Lord is risen indeed.”

Duck French

Midweek Lenten Series

Plan to join us on the following Wednesday evenings: **April 3 & 10** as our midweek Lenten series continues. **A soup and bread dinner is provided at 6:00 pm by our Girl Scouts, followed by our program at 7:00 pm.** This year our mid-week Lenten series is “Images of Jesus – A Spiritual Journey through Art” created by David Sommers. Each Wednesday evening we will reflect on the life and teachings of Jesus through art.

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

Our annual Bunny Breakfast is on **Saturday, April 13**. This is an "All You Can Eat" pancake breakfast, silent auction, visit with the Easter Bunny, and a bake sale all in one! There are two seatings, 8:30 am and 10:00 am. All proceeds benefit the Preschool Programs. Ticket forms can be found on the church office door. This event does sell out!

We are still accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. We have programs for 2, 3, 4, and 5 year old children. Please tell your friends and family all about us! We are a great place to Learn*Play*Explore. Please give the office a call at 610-868-6242 if you or anyone you know are interested in taking a tour. All information about the Preschool is posted on the East Hills Moravian Church website; click on Preschool.

EHMC Preschool Registration

Registration for East Hills Moravian Preschool is open We offer the following programs:

- Two Year Old, T/Thu; 9:15-11:45 am
- Three Year Old, M/W/F; 9:15-11:45 am
- Four Year Old, 4 days M-Thu; 9:15-11:45 am or 5 days M-F; 9:15-11:45 am

If you want to extend the fun, children can bring their lunch and stay 11:45 am-1:00 pm or until 3:00 pm. Please call us at 610-868-6242.

East Hills Preschool Information

Contact Chris Gaugler at 610-570-8596/cgaugler@rcn.com for a preschool flyer to post in your area to reach families with young children. If you are a business owner and are willing to post a flyer, call Chere King at 610-865-3883 to obtain one. Thank you all for your support of our preschool!

Bunny Breakfast

It is time for the East Hills Moravian Preschool Bunny Breakfast, **Saturday, April 13!** Tickets are on sale **NOW** for both the 8:30 and 10:00 am seatings. Ticket order forms are available in the mailbox on the door of the church office. Fill out your order, attach payment, and slide it under the **preschool** office door. This event sells out quickly, so get your tickets now!

~In conjunction with Bunny Breakfast, a bake sale will be held, and all church members are asked to bake to make this fundraiser a success! All proceeds will benefit the preschool. Please bring all baked goods to the church **Friday, April 12**. All baked goods not sold Saturday will be on sale Palm Sunday after church services.

Easter Egg Hunt

East Hills will hold an Egg Hunt **at approximately 9:30 am** between the two seatings of the Bunny Breakfast **on April 13**. To help us prepare for this fun event, please consider taking a bag of empty eggs from the bin in the narthex, filling them with wrapped candies, and **returning them by April 7**. Thank you for your help!

Church Council

A special meeting of Church Council will be held **following the 10:30 am worship service on April 7** to allow for a brief informational update on our Preschool and the Preschool Solutions meetings; and to continue congregational discussion regarding the future of our Preschool.

A Note From Your Treasurer

In my last note, I highlighted the primary causes of the 2019 Operating Fund deficit budget and ways we can work together to put it behind us. I said "If we take out the various "pass-through" items, our projected expenses include people (42%), property (24%), loans (14%), denomination (14%) and all else (6%). These expenses are largely out of our control and tend to increase each year. There do not seem to be any significant cost reduction options that have not already been put in place by the Trustees and reflected in the budget. Therefore, the only way to get out from under the deficit is to increase income."

These budgeted expenses include the following:

- **People** (\$140,740) includes pastor, administrative assistant, organ/music director and child care coordinator.
- **Property** (\$78,760) includes equipment, building repairs, lawn care, snow removal, alarm systems, pest control, cleaning services, utilities, fees and insurance.
- **Loans** (\$45,665) includes interest and principal on our loans.
- **Denominational Support** (\$47,515) includes support for both District and Provincial ministries and administration.
- **All Else** (\$19,336) includes guest musicians, guest pastors, accountant, supplies and administrative support for our various ministries.

However, I do not want to leave you thinking of these merely as costs. I would encourage you instead to consider them as strategic investments in our ministry together. Consider how our people, property and financial support enable corporate worship, Christian education for all ages, fellowship and recreation, member care and counseling, denominational ministries and mission activities, community events and other ministries. Consider that our debt might actually be a sign that we are a healthy congregation willing to take prudent risks. Consider how putting the deficit behind us will allow for expansion of our ministry and its impact in our community and the world; i.e., "**To know Christ and make Him known**".

Thank you for your consideration. Yours in Christ, Jay Larson EHMC Treasurer (February 28, 2019)

Capital Campaign Update

- Original Campaign Goal = \$330,000
- Upgrades = \$25,000
- Old Building HVAC = \$45,000
- New Campaign Goal = \$400,000
- Total Pledges = \$278,858 (as of 2/24/19)
- Remaining Pledges = \$94,637 (as of 2/24/19)

We have a ways to go, but together we can do it!

Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities

Women's Fellowship

All women of our church are members of Women's Fellowship and are invited to the monthly meeting. The April evening meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 2**; please let Marcia Mielnik, 610-866-5366; know if you plan to attend. The April morning meeting will be held Wednesday **April 3** with Jean Bennett, 484-893-6529; leading the lesson. Mark your calendar for the **first Tuesday in June** for our dinner at Prime; more info to come.

Chili Cook-Off

Christian Education Committee is hosting the annual chili cook-off on **April 28 from 6-8 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 camperships for Camp Hope. Contact Annemarie Soska at 610-758-8876 or sos4am@gmail.com with questions, to enter a chili, or for tickets.

Adult Fellowship Trip

Join us on a trip to Harriton House and Pitcairn Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum on **Saturday, June 1**. In the morning we visit Harriton House in Bryn Mawr, PA; an historical and cultural resource consisting of a restored 1704 house and large park. Charles Thomson, the first and only Secretary to the Continental and Confederation Congresses lived here. Harriton House is also home to Chef Walter Staab (proprietor of City Tavern) and host of *A Taste of History* (PBS program filmed in the Harriton House kitchen). Following lunch we will visit the Harold F. Pitcairn Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum in Horsham, PA. This museum currently has 21 aircraft on display inside and on the grounds. There are forty exhibits containing an assortment of aircraft artifacts. We will carpool to all locations. The costs include a \$6 charge for admission to each site, plus the cost of transportation. The cost of lunch is on your own. Contact Phyllis Kulp (610-737-7166/phylliskulp@hotmail.com) or Bobby Shimer (610-868-0179/ barbara.shimer@gmail.com) to sign up. **Signup deadline is Sunday, May 19.**

Save The Date For A Great Escape

Looking for an escape? Join the Adult Fellowship team for an ESCAPE Room adventure to solve puzzles, crack codes, and discover keys and secrets to escape in 60 minutes or less. It will be at the Escape Rooms and Games in downtown Bethlehem on **July 10 in the evening** with dinner to follow upstairs at the Bethlehem Brew Works. Please contact Steve Thompson (slmicro@ptd.net) or Dave Bieber (rrbieber@aol.com) if interested or have questions (website: <https://www.capturedlv.com/>). Your responses will help us plan the number of rooms needed and the level of difficulty.

NEM Italian Buffet

Saturday, April 6, 4:30-7:00 pm. Join us at East Hills Moravian Church for a delicious Italian meal with proceeds to benefit the 2019 NEM Summer Camp Program. Ticket prices are: Adults - \$12.00; Children (ages 6-12) - \$7:00; and Children (5 and under) – FREE
For information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.northeastministry.com/news-and-events or contact Grace Young at 610-691-3355 or youngg@northeastministry.com.

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5. **For magazines:**
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6. Select your magazine and pay by credit card. Please print a copy of your order.
 - You will receive a quarterly statement in the mail showing the amount of your donation to East Hills Moravian Church. (This can be used for taxes.)
 - Shop online 24-7, pay by credit card, and save 4-6 weeks delivery time
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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, Art Mack
- 29 Wendy Lutz, Helen Sinko, Mike Taylor



Star Newsletter

The deadline for all information for the **May issue of the Star** will be **April 10**. Your timeliness in submitting information is greatly appreciated.

April Worship Schedule

April 3 - Midweek Lenten Service: Dinner at 6:00 pm/Program at 7:00 pm

Sacristans – Jon & Sue Burcaw

April 7 - TWO SERVICES: 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM

Sacristans-Jack & Jean Skillman

Elder-(8:30) TBA (10:30) TBA

Liturgist-(8:30) Eileen Mera (10:30) Phil Turton

Ushers-(8:30) Michael Clem/Bob Hauck (10:30) Jim Eckerd/Bruce Montgomery

Counters-Chris Gaugler/Scott Gross

Flowers-Friedman/Gribbin

Nursery-TBA

April 10 - Midweek Lenten Service: Dinner at 6:00 pm/Program at 7:00 pm

Sacristans – Jack & Jean Skillman

April 14 - PALM SUNDAY

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

Sacristans-Jim & Lucia Knerr

Elder-(8:30) TBA (10:30) TBA

Liturgist-(8:30) Bob Hauck (10:30) Ellen DeStasio

Ushers-(8:30) Mike Taylor/Heather Frantz (10:30) Bobby Shimer/Antonio DelPriore

Counters-Gary Marsh/Jim Eberly

Flowers-Oudheusden/Droney

Nursery-Sarah Creswell/TBA

HOLY WEEK READINGS AND SERVICES

April 14 – Holy Week Reading in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm

Readings for Holy Week, pp 5-15

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

Sacristans-Jim & Lucia Knerr

April 15 – Holy Week Reading in the Sanctuary 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")

Sacristans – Jim & Anna Koehler

April 16 – Holy Week Reading in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm

Readings for Holy Week, pp 33-49

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

Sacristans – John & Phyllis Kulp

April 17 – Holy Week Reading in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm

Readings for Holy Week, pp 58-73

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

Sacristans – Gary & Linda Marsh

April 18 – Maundy Thursday Holy Communion/Worship at 7:00 pm

Sacristans – Mark & Vicki Ozimek

April 19 – Good Friday Worship at 7:00 pm

Sacristans – Jack & Jean Skillman

April 20 – Great Sabbath Memorial Service for Jesus at 2:00 pm

April 21- EASTER

THREE SERVICES/NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

6:30 am – Easter Morning/Easter Breakfast

8:30 am – Communion

10:30 am – Resurrection

Sacristans-(6:30) Steve & Lucy Thompson (8:30) Brian & Tanya Yost (10:30) Jon & Sue Burcaw

Elder-(8:30) TBA (10:30) TBA

Liturgist-(8:30) Kevin Moyzan (10:30) Debbie Matz

Ushers-(6:30) Peter Diehl/Bob Hauck (8:30) Jon Burcaw/Antonio DelPriore (10:30) Greg & Nancy Costa

Counters- Gary Marsh/Jim Eberly

Flowers-Costa/Gerlach

Nursery-TBA

April 28 - TWO SERVICES: 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM

Sacristans-Bob Hauck/Eileen Ackerman

Elder-(8:30) TBA (10:30) TBA

Liturgist-(8:30) Catherine Moyzan (10:30) Lucy Thompson

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

Counters-Gary Marsh/Dwight Taylor

Flowers-Sauers

Nursery-TBA



All Things Moravian And Other Community Events

BAM MinCom

One goal for our Bethlehem Area Moravian Ministries Committee is to help our members get to know each other better and to build relationships between our congregations. To that end, BAM MinCom sponsored a snow tubing trip to Blue Mountain on February 8. About 70 members of BAM churches attended and enjoyed windy and cold snow tubing as well as lots of warm conversations around the tables in lodge. Many of them were our children, youth, and families. We thank Blake Messman of Edgeboro Moravian Church for doing much of the planning and taking care of logistics at Blue Mountain. Thanks as well to all the people who brought snacks to share, who looked after the snack table, and who drove their children and youth to and from this shared event.

BAM Ministries Committee – Holy Week Services

At our last BAM MinCom meeting, we decided to share all our Holy Week reading schedules. We hope that you will find a church location and a time that is convenient for you to participate in the story of Jesus' last week in Jerusalem, his trial, death and resurrection **Advent Moravian:** Monday through Friday at 7:00 pm.

Central Moravian: Sunday through Thursday, 7:00 pm; Friday 10:00 am Communion; 2:15 pm Reading Service; 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service; Saturday 3:00 pm Great Sabbath Lovefeast.

College Hill Moravian: Monday through Friday at 7:00 pm.

East Hills Moravian: Monday through Wednesday, 7:00 pm Holy Week Reading Service; Thursday, 7:00 pm Worship/Communion; Friday, 7:00 pm Worship; Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Great Sabbath Memorial Service

Edgeboro Moravian Church: Monday through Thursday, 7:00 pm; Friday 2:15 and 7:00 pm. Saturday, Great Sabbath Lovefeast 7:00 pm.

Esperanza for Bethlehem: (At the home of Tracy and Rhonda Robinson, 724 East Sixth Street) Monday through Friday, 6:30 pm.

West Side Moravian Church: Monday through Friday at 12:00 pm.

EAST HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH EVENTS

APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>April 7—turn in filled eggs for Egg Hunt</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6
		<p>7:00 pm CEC 7:00 pm Women's Group</p>	<p>10:00 am Women's Group 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner 7:00 pm Lenten Program 7:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>5:30 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm Senior Choir</p>		
<p>7 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship CHURCH COUNCIL 11:45 am Handbells</p>	8	9	10	11	12	13
	<p>7:30 pm Worship Cmte.</p>	<p>7:00 pm Preschool Brd. 7:00 pm Finance Cmte.</p>	<p>10 Deadline for May Star 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner 7:00 pm Lenten Program 7:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>5:30 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>Drop off baked goods For sale on 4/13</p>	<p>8:30 am Bunny Breakfast Bake Sale 9:30 am Egg Hunt 10:00 am Bunny Breakfast</p>
<p>14 PALM SUNDAY 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Handbells 7:00 pm Holy Week Reading Service</p>	15	16	17	18	19	20
	<p>7:00 pm Holy Week Reading Service</p>	<p>7:00 pm Holy Week Reading Service</p>	<p>7:00 pm Holy Week Reading Service NO GIRL SCOUTS</p>	<p>18 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Worship/ Communion NO BOY SCOUTS NO CHOIR</p>	<p>19 Good Friday 7:00 pm Worship</p>	<p>2:00 pm Great Sabbath Memorial Service</p>
<p>21 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 am Worship Easter Breakfast 8:30 am Worship NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 am Worship</p>	22	23	24	25	26	27
		<p>7:00 pm Elders/Trustees</p>	<p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Why Knots</p>	<p>5:30 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm Senior Choir</p>		
<p>28 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Handbells 6:00 pm Chili Cook-off</p>	29	30				