

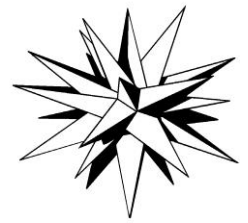


EAST HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH EVENTS

MAY 2019

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“Every Member, Every Month”

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”
(Matthew 18:20)

Being faithful followers of Jesus Christ is a shared endeavor. We best grow in our faith, our understanding of Jesus' teaching, and our attempts to follow his example when we do so in community. That is why, since the beginning of the church, those responsible for the spiritual care of its members have stressed the importance of regularly gathering with other Christians. The author of Hebrews writes: “Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering... and...consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some...” (10:23-25)

Being the church is a matter of mutual care, encouragement, and accountability. The Joint Board and I have prayerfully considered how to elicit spiritual growth, “love, and good deeds” among members of East Hills Moravian Church. We believe that encouraging all who are physically able to attend worship each month is a natural starting point.

This fulfills promises made during the liturgy for Confirmation and Affirmation of Baptism used whenever persons choose to become part of our congregation. We take seriously the liturgy's statement of our “obligation to love and nurture” each member “in Christ” and take you at your word when you affirmed your desire to “participate actively in Christ's church, serving God all the days of your life.” We have covenanted to be intentional about encouraging you to take full advantage of the benefits of your church membership and will be reaching out if we have not seen you in a while.

We are aware that life together is complicated. As frail humans, we all have flaws and “fall short of the glory of God.” If you have been disappointed by unmet expectations or wounded by fellow church members or leaders we pray that God will bring healing to you and spiritual growth as you extend God's grace to others in the spirit of the Lord's Prayer: “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

I will close with Paul's words to the Colossians: “Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.” (NLT)

Resolve not to let excuses and the call of the world stand between you and the blessings God intends to provide through gathering together with God's people.

Derek French



Preschool News

Mary Kay Brezinsky

It is so hard to believe we are looking at the end of the school year for 2018-2019. 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, and needless to say, we will really miss them but wish them well! Our Two and Three Year Olds will all be back in the fall!

The Preschool has a lot of people to thank for this wonderful year and for helping with our annual Bunny Breakfast last month. The Bunny Breakfast was a fun morning for church, community, and preschool members. Ann Marie Soska did a wonderful job with the Egg Hunt for all the children!

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, Kelly Flores, and Tara Curtin are just the best that there are! Thank you also to Pastor Derek and Deb Worrich for all their help this year. The Preschool Advisory Board has also 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.

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.

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 evening meeting will be held **Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 pm**. Our annual dinner is **June 4 at Prime Steakhouse at 6:00 pm**. We will be ordering off of the menu with separate checks and tip added in. Contact Nancy Costa at nancyecosta@gmail.com or 610-442-6056.

Adult Fellowship Trip

Join us on a trip to Harriton House and Pitcairn Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum on **Saturday, June 1**. Harriton House in Bryn Mawr, PA is a restored 1704 house and large park and also home to Chef Walter Staab (proprietor of City Tavern) and host of "A Taste of History". Following lunch we will visit the Harold F. Pitcairn Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum in Horsham, PA which has 21 aircraft on display inside and on the grounds, plus an assortment of aircraft artifacts. We will carpool to all locations. The cost includes a \$6 charge for admission to each site, plus the cost of transportation. The cost of lunch is on your own. Please contact Phyllis Kulp (610-737-7166 or phylliskulp@hotmail.com) or Bobby Shimer (610-739-7665 [NEW NUMBER] or barbara.shimer@gmail.com) if you wish to join the trip. **Deadline for signing up is Sunday, May 19.**

Adult Fellowship Event

Join us on **Saturday, June 29**, for a trip to see Pennsylvania's transportation history come alive at the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles and their Mobile Madness Food Truck Fair. Many of these food trucks were manufactured in Boyertown, and we may even see Mister Softee's Truck! We will gather at the church at **9:00 am** and travel in a caravan, so we will need drivers to volunteer. Estimated gas costs will be collected from everyone that day and disbursed to drivers. Other costs are a \$5.00 admission per person and the price of whatever food truck items you sample. We start the day there with a 10:30 am personal tour which gets us done before the crowds arrive. The Food Truck Fair starts at noon and runs until 4:00 pm. Call Bob and Kathy Wingrove at 610 867-0537 with questions or to **sign up by June 15**.

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.

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 preschool through 5th grade. Middle and high school students are encouraged to volunteer. The theme this year is "To Mars and Beyond". We will explore the places God's power can take us when we "Go Beyond with Faith, Boldness, Thankfulness, Kindness, and Hope". We hope your child will join us for this adventure which will include energetic music, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, delicious snacks, great games, and more.

Please note: This year VBS will be held at East Hills Moravian Church, June 17-21 from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. Registration forms will be available in May.

Star Newsletter

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

Thank You

~Thank you SO very much to everyone for the prayers, cards, and support during my two eye surgeries. All were greatly appreciated!
Sue Diehl

~I wish to thank my East Hills family for all your caring thoughts and prayers. I am feeling better and stronger every day and look forward to being 100%. It is great to know one has a church family such as all of you to provide the healing support we all need at one time or another. (And yes, I will try to stop doing this, but it is really not my choice.)
Steve Thompson

Pastoral Intern

Our former intern, Matt Spies will be graduating from the Ohio State University on May 5 of this year. If you would like to send Matt graduation wishes, his address is: 2724 Crestview Dr., NW; Dover, OH 44622.

In observance of Memorial Day, the church office will be closed on May 27.

A Note From Your Treasurer

In my last note, I encouraged you to not think of our deficit budget's expenses merely as costs but instead as strategic investments in our ministry together. Since then, I worked with Pastor Derek to construct a different view of the people (\$140,740), property (\$78,760), loans (\$45,665), denomination (\$47,515) and all else (\$19,336) expenses, as follows:

- **Worship (\$100,581)** – Pastoral and music leadership, worship space, organ, piano, hand bells, sheet music, licenses, guest musicians and guest pastors.
- **Christian Education (\$39,486)** – Pastoral leadership, classrooms, curriculum and supplies for Sunday school, adult study groups, inquirer's class, confirmation class, VBS, cradle roll and YAMS.
- **Pastoral Care (\$28,128)** – Pastor's time invested and office space used in member visitation and counseling.
- **Christian Fellowship (\$15,552)** – Building use coordination, maintenance, cleaning and supplies for congregational fellowship and recreational activities, such as Women's Fellowship, Men's Fellowship, youth groups, Why Knots, Dart Team and volley ball.
- **Congregational Communications (\$19,148)** – Office time and supplies to produce such devices as bulletin inserts, newsletters and weekly email blasts.
- **Community Connections (\$34,216)** – Building use coordination, maintenance, cleaning and supplies for uses such as Putz, Preschool, Jesus Saves Ministry, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.
- **Charitable Outreach (\$18,383)** – Financial, pastoral and building use support for local community ministries; such as BAM Freezer Ministry, Moravian Open Door, Victory House and Northeast Ministries.
- **Denominational Support (\$57,151)** – Financial, pastoral and building use support for Provincial and District ministry and mission activities.
- **Administrative (\$19,401)** – Materials, supplies and general administrative support.

I hope that you see how our collective investment enables a strong and diverse ministry. Together, our ministry strengthens our community, educates people of all ages and helps people in need. By working together, our mission, "**To Know Christ and Make Him Known**" is carried out.

Jay Larson - EPMC Treasurer, (March 31, 2019)

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4. Under 'Support student of your choice' write: **Your First and Last Name**
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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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- 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
- 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



May Worship Schedule

May 5 - TWO SERVICES: 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM

Sacristans-Jim & Lucia Knerr

Elder-(8:30) Jeff Adams (10:30) Bob Wingrove

Liturgist-(8:30) Bruce Montgomery (10:30) Todd Heft

Ushers-(8:30) Peter Diehl/Rob Sauers (10:30) Sandy Gribbin/Charmayne Stauffer

Counters-Chris Gaugler/Dwight Taylor

Flowers-Soska

Nursery-Lisa Mixon/Sarah Creswell

May 12 - TWO SERVICES: 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM

Sacristans-Jim & Anna Koehler

Elder-(8:30) Ellen DeStasio (10:30) Laura Kemmerer

Liturgist-(8:30) Randy Emmons (10:30) Karen Montgomery

Ushers-(8:30) Jim & Anna Koehler (10:30) Jack & Jean Skillman

Counters-Karen Davison/Joe Soska, Jr.

Flowers-Bartholomew-Gaugler/Moyzan

Nursery-Sarah Creswell/TBA

May 19 - TWO SERVICES: 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM

Sacristans-John & Phyllis Kulp

Elder-(8:30) Mike Taylor (10:30) Jay Larson

Liturgist-(8:30) Peter Norman (10:30) Brian Davison

Ushers-(8:30) Jeff & Linda Adams (10:30) Jim Eckerd/Yvonne Gerlach

Counters-Karen Davison/Joe Soska, Jr.

Flowers-Spinney

Nursery-TBA

May 26 - TWO SERVICES: 8:30 AND 10:30 AM/SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM

Sacristans-Gary & Linda Marsh

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

Liturgist-(8:30) Michael Clem (10:30) Jean Skillman

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

Counters-John Kulp/Bill Matz

Flowers-Cuellar

Nursery-Bobby Shimer/TBA

Change In Worship Service Time For Summer Schedule

Please note our summer schedule for worship will begin on Sunday, June 2 – Anniversary Sunday. 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 1. Our regular worship schedule with two services and Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 8.



All Things Moravian And Other Community Events



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Listed below are opportunities to serve, to pray and to give this month.

SERVE: Work has begun on rebuilding a home in Lumberton, NC, that was severely damaged by floods last year. BWM is supporting these efforts with funds to help with building supplies, etc. If you are interested in serving on a building team, please contact Chris Giesler at chris@moravianmission.org or 610-868-1732.

PRAY: Twenty-Eight Moravian pastors and leaders in Cuba and Peru have taken Moravian courses thru our partnership with Moravian Theological Seminary. They are excited to share their knowledge with others in their congregations and beyond. Please pray for ongoing efforts in leadership development in our Mission Areas and Mission Provinces.

GIVE: The BWM has approved Mission Grants for seven projects in Peru, Honduras and Tanzania. The projects range from a guinea pig farm to a women's conference to an evangelistic outreach program, and focus on mission outreach, leadership development, and economic strengthening. Your gifts to the Mission Grant program will help to make funds available for more and more projects in more and more places.

Donations may be mailed to BWM, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. Online, please visit www.moravianmission.org/donate. THANK YOU!

Free Concert

The Unitas Chorale, a performing ensemble of the Moravian Music Foundation, will present a concert, The Passion of Christ: A Walk With Our Lord Through Holy Week, on **Sunday, May 5, at 4:00 pm** at Nazareth Moravian Church, 4 S. Main St., Nazareth. The concert is free; donations are appreciated.

BAM Events

Friday, May 3 @ 2:00 pm @ the Moravian House Senior Center: The Moravian Development Corporation will be holding a renaming and a rededication event of our senior center in honor of our long term board member, Mark Parseghian Jr. The event starts at 2:00 pm and light refreshments will be provided.

Saturday, May 25 (Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend): The Moravian Village will be sponsoring a community day at the National Museum of Industrial History [Click me](#). The Museum will be open to the public for free due to the sponsorship by MVB.

Memorial Service

A memorial service celebrating the life and witness of Br. Keith Harke will be held on **Friday, May 10** at the West Side Moravian Church located at 402 Third Ave. **Visitation will begin at 9:30 am, with the service at 11:00 am.** A luncheon will follow immediately after the service. Memorial gifts, if desired, may be made to Moravian Theological Seminary (1200 Main St., Bethlehem, PA) or the Make-A-Wish Foundation (www.wish.org). Please continue to keep Sr. Maggie Wellert and their extended family in your prayers.