

The Star

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Lent As A Spiritual "Time-Out"

In the midst of big games, coaches often call a "time-out." This brief suspension of play allows teams to consider their next play and adapt their strategy as they move forward. I sometimes think of Lent as offering us the opportunity to take a spiritual "time-out" to reflect on our relationship with Jesus Christ and consider how best to live out our faith as individuals and as a church family.

Making time apart to contemplate one's faith can be challenging in a world which values action and production above reflection and meditation. Yet it is vital from time to time to pause and take stock. Otherwise we risk expending our energy in good but unfocused activities or church-work which keeps us busy but does measurably advance the kingdom of God or enrich the spiritual life of those participating. It's amazing how easy it is to rationalize: "We're doing Jesus' work. We'll spend quality time with Him and pray for his leading later."

This Lent, resolve to make time to pray and to notice the presence and movement of God in your life and the lives of others. Then apply any insights gained to your life as a disciple/follower of Jesus Christ.

Now that I have received a call for service elsewhere, the process of discerning the one whom God will call as East Hills next pastor will begin. We will "stay in the game" as we prepare for Easter and carry on the many ministries of East Hills Moravian Church. At the same time, your boards, other lay leaders, and leaders of the Moravian Church, Northern Province will be taking "time-outs," not to rest, but to consider how best to move forward. Please hold them and the process in prayer.

Lenten Blessings to You All,

Pastor Derek

Derek French



Preschool News

Mary Kay Brezinsky

March is a time to celebrate the luck of the Irish. You never know when a tricky Leprechaun may show up and mess up your classrooms! We will all be watching out the window for the arrival of Spring and all the changes that happen in the world around us. We all feel like we never really had winter!

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year has begun. We ask you to promote us to your family, friends and neighbors. We are offering; Three Year Old Program, Mon./Wed./Fri. 9:00am-11:45am, Pre-K 4 Day Program M/T/Th/F and a Pre-K 5 Day Program M-F 9:00am-11:45am and the first Wednesday of the month 9:00am-1:00pm for lunch. Our Creative Playgroup Program will be 11:45-1:00pm or 11:45am – 3:00pm M/W/F. We want to help serve your preschool needs. Please contact us, take a tour and tell us what your needs are 610-868-6242. Reserve your spot ASAP! Don't miss out!

EHMC Preschool Fundraiser: Ongoing fundraiser with Primary.com which sells quality children's clothing at affordable prices. Please visit our school's special url at primary.com/school/easthills and use the code EASTHILLS when checking out after shopping. Information to register for Primary.com is available on the table in the church narthex, and you will also receive an extra 25% off your first order. Thank you for your support!

Bunny Breakfast Buffet:

Saturday, April 4, 9:00am to 10:15am Open to the community. Pictures with the Bunny from 9:15am to 10:15am for a donation (bring your own camera)!. Egg Hunt at 10:30am. Tickets are \$5 for anyone over two, two and under are free but need a ticket. For reservation/tickets please email EHMC1830@yahoo.com and include your name, how many tickets for two and up and how many tickets for under 2 and the best way to contact you. **Questions please email EHMC1830@yahoo.com or call 610-737-0012.**

The buffet will have pancakes, sausage, eggs, tater tots, cheese sauce and other condiments, and a juice and coffee bar. Proceeds will benefit the East Hills Moravian preschool marketing budget. Tickets will go on sale the beginning of March. The deadline to get tickets is March 27, 2020.

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 or slmicro@ptd.net) or Bobby Shimer (610-739-7665 or barbara.shimer@gmail.com). The young adult will be added to our list and receive a package from us in mid-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. **The deadline for contributions is Sunday, April 12.** If you wish to give monetary contributions to cover mailing costs, please make checks payable to *East Hills Moravian Church*, memo: YAM. If you have questions, you may contact Lucy Thompson (610-691-2708 or slmicro@ptd.net) or Bobby Shimer (610-868-0179 or barbara.shimer@gmail.com). Thanks for caring.

Women's Fellowship Looking Ahead To Lent

The Lenten season begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 26. There will be a Lenten program at 7 PM for 5 weeks on all Wednesdays in March plus April 1. We are inquiring if there are any groups or individuals who would like to provide a simple meal at 6 PM before the program for about 30 people. (The Girl Scouts will fill in any date not signed up for and provide a simple meal of soup and bread if needed.) If interested, please contact Sue Larson with the date you would like to host **by Sunday, February 16** at GSMom225@aol.com or 610-737-0012 or stop by the cash card desk on a Sunday.

EHMC Book Club

The East Hills Moravian Church Book Club will meet on **Monday, March 2, 2020, at 7:00 pm** in the church parlor to discuss The Woman Warrior by Maxine Hong Kingston. All are welcome! Contact Amy Frantz Gross at 610-217-6008 or bartlet4pres@yahoo.com. **The book club will be collecting used books on March 2nd for the AAUW book sale.** Please bring in your used books for donation. Contact Deb Spinney with any questions.

Cash Cards

Please go to shopwithscrips.com and check out over 750 cards available or stop in the office on a Sunday morning to view the printed list. Giant, Wegmans, and Valley Farm cards in \$25, \$50 and \$100 are on hand. Cards will be ordered once a month on the last Sunday of the month with delivery by the first Sunday of the month. For questions or more information, contact Sue Larson at 610-737-0012 or GSMom225@aol.com.

Why Knots

Members of Why Knot continue to meet on a monthly basis, on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the Parlor. We welcome new participants and happily share our talents with anyone who would like to learn to knit, crochet, or quilt. We are working ahead to provide winter scarves and hats for the children participating in the After-School Program at the Northeast Community Center next fall, as well as other projects. For information, contact Susan Kriebs, Phyllis Kulp, or Ginny Yansza.

A Can A Week And Joyful Noise

Foodbank at Northeast Community Center needs reusable grocery bags, in addition to the plastic ones. Many food recipients are trying to reuse their own bags, often well-worn with holes in them. Food needs at this time include canned mixed veggies, and canned fruits, especially Mandarin oranges and mixed fruit varieties. There also continues to be a need for 100% fruit juice. In addition to food, personal care products and baby wipes are greatly appreciated. Thanks for your ongoing support.

Happy 3rd Birthday Calvin

Congratulations Calvin Cresswell. On March 6th Calvin will turn 3 years old and graduate from Cradle roll here at East Hills Moravian Church. Cradle roll is a Christian based age appropriate program where information is mailed monthly to all parents of children from birth (adoption) through three years. Once a child turns three, they graduate from cradle roll and become eligible to attend Sunday school nursery class. Cradle roll also provides a card that is given to the family at baptism. If you know of any church members who have a child from birth (adoption) through three years old that is not receiving cradle rolls monthly age appropriate mailing, please let Denise Kohn Lesko know by phoning (610) 867-8467 or contact the church office. Once again Happy Birthday Calvin!

On February 2, 2020 Nova Maldonado was baptized at our Church. Nova was born on March 17, 2019 and has joined cradle roll.

Welcome Nova to Cradle roll

March Worship Schedule

In case of inclement weather please check Channel 69 News Storm Center and/or East Hills Moravian Church Facebook Page for schedule changes and closings.

March 1

Sacristans – TBA

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

Liturgist – (8:30) Randy Emmons (10:30) Phil Turton

Ushers – (8:30) Rob Sauers, Mike Taylor (10:30) Pattie Grube, Caroline Hudock

Counters – Karen Davison, Ellen DeStasio

Flowers – Terri Moyzan

Nursery – Lisa Mixon, Lucy Thompson

March 8

Sacristans – Jim and Lucia Knerr

Elder – TBA

Liturgist – (8:30) Kat Lehman (10:30) Karen Montgomery

Ushers – (8:30) Jon Burcaw, Mike Taylor (10:30) Girl Scouts

Counters – John Kulp, Dwight Taylor

Flowers – Glass, Bennett

Nursery – Debbie Matz, TBD

March 15

Sacristans – Jim and Anna Koehler

Elder – (8:30) Mike Taylor (10:30) Greg Costa

Liturgist – (8:30) Michael Clem (10:30) Debbie Matz

Ushers – (8:30) Jeff and Linda Adams (10:30) Sue Kriebs, Bobby Shimer

Counters – Nancy Costa, Bill Matz

Flowers – Costa, Sedlock

Nursery – Sarah Creswell, TBD

March 22

Sacristans – John and Phyllis Kulp

Elder – (8:30) Ellen DeStasio (10:30) Bob Wingrove

Liturgist – (8:30) Amy Gross (10:30) Todd Heft

Ushers – (8:30) Heather Frantz, Bob Hauck (10:30) Jack and Jean Skillman

Counters – Sue Larson, Randy Emmons

Flowers – Adams, Hudock

Nursery – Bobby Shimer, TBD

March 29

Sacristans – Gary and Linda Marsh

Elder – TBA

Liturgist – (8:30) Jon Burcaw (10:30) Lucy Thompson

Ushers – (8:30) Joe and Frieda Soska (10:30) Steve and Lucy Thompson

Counters – Gary Marsh, Phyllis Kulp

Flowers – Bieber, Terri Moyzan

Nursery – Linda Marsh, TBD

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

MARCH

- 4 Rebecca Jensen
- 5 Kevin Moyzan, Sr.
- 6 Calvin Creswell, Richard Yanzsa
- 9 Konrad Glass, Caroline Hudock
- 12 Chere King
- 13 Laurie Latham
- 16 Christian Jancsarics, Alan Soska
- 18 Frieda Soska
- 19 Sarah Choi
- 20 Christopher Cooke, Julie Ann DelPriore
- 22 Robert Greenawald
- 23 John Kulp, Susan Sommers, Phil Turton, Kyra Zimmerman
- 24 Rebecca Bieber
- 25 Greg Adams, Scott Gross, Jim Riegel
- 29 Keri Greenawald
- 30 Beth Jensen, Andrea Neith

Congregational Watchword 2020

God has destined us not for wrath
but for obtaining salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Thessalonians 5:9

They who Jesus' mercy know
Are from wrath and envy freed;
Love unto our neighbor shows
That we are his flock indeed;
Thus we may in all our ways
Show forth our Redeemer's praise.



All Things Moravian And Other Community Events

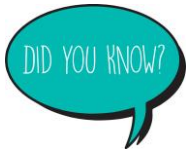
Moravian Holy Land Trip

A 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land June 30-July 9, 2020, will include biblical sites in Nazareth, Capernaum, Caesarea, Jericho, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. There is an optional 5-day extension to "Cairo & the Route of the Exodus" July 10-14. All-inclusive cost from New York Kennedy airport starts at \$3,698 per person based on double occupancy. For more information, request a brochure at hopeton@centralmoravianchurch.org or visit the website: www.moraviantour.com.



BOARD OF WORLD MISSION

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That the Board of World Mission (BWM) has a watchword chosen for them every year? "*Ask and you shall receive so that your joy may be complete.*" (John 16:24) is the 2020 watchword chosen for the BWM. Jesus is speaking with his disciples as his physical presence on earth is nearing fulfillment. He is encouraging them to persist boldly in prayer as they go forward in living the Way that he has taught and

demonstrated while he accompanied them. We all are called to do the same...to be mindful to maintain contact with God as the source that guides our decision-making and actions as we partner with the people of the worldwide Unity of the Moravian Church. As with all human endeavors we experience challenges but also joy as we are assured of God's presence in the midst of our relationships and activities. In the coming year, efforts of the BWM include the translation of theological and denominational resources, the training of Moravian leaders with those prepared materials, ongoing communication of the BWM and others' domestic and international efforts and outreach, fundraising to benefit Mission Grants and the availability of undesignated funds, the creation of an invitation to join the BWM in new initiatives as well as maintaining the variety of ongoing ways we serve alongside each other in God's mission in the world. As we begin this new year of opportunities please prayerfully consider how your gifts and talents can help us continue to serve the greater church together. We look forward to hearing from and meeting you.

In faith, love and hope,

Jill Kolodziej, Director of Mission Service, BWM, jill@moravianmission.org

Embracing the Full Household of God

This all-day event designed to help participants reach out in love to immigrants and refugees in their communities. Learn real-life examples of what people who come into this country experience. Explore what scripture says about offering welcome and how the Church has done so throughout history. Understand the unique needs of immigrants and refugees in our communities and hear from others who have successfully developed meaningful relationships and effective programs. The event is free, but registration is required. Lunch is included. Please plan to arrive by 8:45am. Speakers include:

Teresa Waggener, Immigration Attorney for the Office of Immigration Issues of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Sandy Milien, Missioner for Community Engagement for the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Appler, Professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible and Director of MATS Program at Moravian Seminary

The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood, Charles D. Couch Chair of Moravian Theology and Director of Center For Moravian Studies at Moravian Seminary

The Rev. Maria Tjeltveit, Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Mediator in Allentown, site of the Refugee Community Center

A freewill offering will be taken during lunch to support local community organizations that offer aid to immigrants and refugees. Representatives from community organizations will be available during lunch to discuss their mission and how you and your church can help immigrants and refugees.

Northeast Community Center

Northeast Community Center will hold their 2020 Annual Italian Buffet Fundraiser on **Saturday, April 4, 2020 from 4:30-7:00PM** at **East Hills Moravian Church**.

All proceeds will directly benefit our 2020 Summer Camp Program.

Ticket prices are as follows:

Adults - \$14.00

Children (Ages 6-12) - \$9.00

Children (5 and under) - Free

Celebrate Equality with Moravian Historical Society

Friday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m.

The Grand Ballroom of the Historic Hotel Bethlehem

This year, we're "Celebrating Pioneers of Equality" to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment and highlight the long history of women's equality in the Moravian community.

The gala will feature a roaring 20s-themed party with live entertainment by the Barrel House Brothers, a silent and live auction, and more! Dress is cocktail attire, however guests are encouraged to wear their suffragist white or their best 20s attire.

The Moravian Historical Society will honor Carol Saeger, of Just Born Quality Confections with its Heritage Award. After 19 years, Carol retired from her position as Corporate Affairs Manager for Just Born Quality Confections. During her career, she dedicated herself to making life sweeter for our community through her promotion of volunteerism and administration of community grants for Just Born.

Flowers for Easter

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ORDER DEADLINE – MARCH 22, 2020

We are offering lilies, daffodils, and tulips for purchase to place in the sanctuary for Easter. Plants may be taken home after the last service Easter morning.

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



Lilies \$10.00



Tulips \$8.00



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For Blessings Received: _____

Select one Lily Daffodil Tulip

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