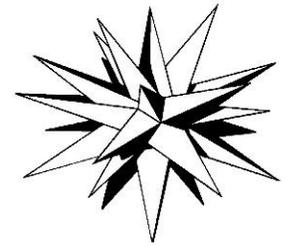


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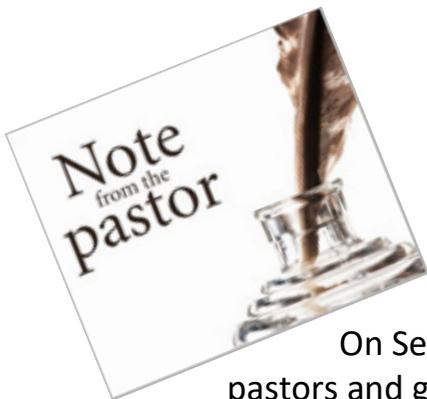
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A Word from Pastor Linda Wisser

On September 16th, I had the opportunity to gather with local Moravian pastors and guests for the annual Ministers' Covenant Day. It is a day when Moravian clergy and others in ministry gather to renew our commitment to serve our Lord by serving the Church. Pastors share common experiences in ministry, and in community we are encouraged to know we don't go it alone; we indeed have trusted companions in all the joys and challenges of ministry. Part of the liturgy we prayed that day was from the liturgy we pray on the day of our Ordination. It is meaningful to remember that we once said, 'yes' and each year on Ministers' Covenant Day, we affirm in community with others, that we still say 'yes' to serving.

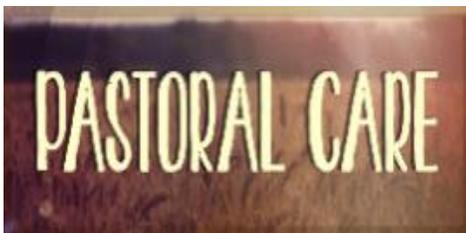
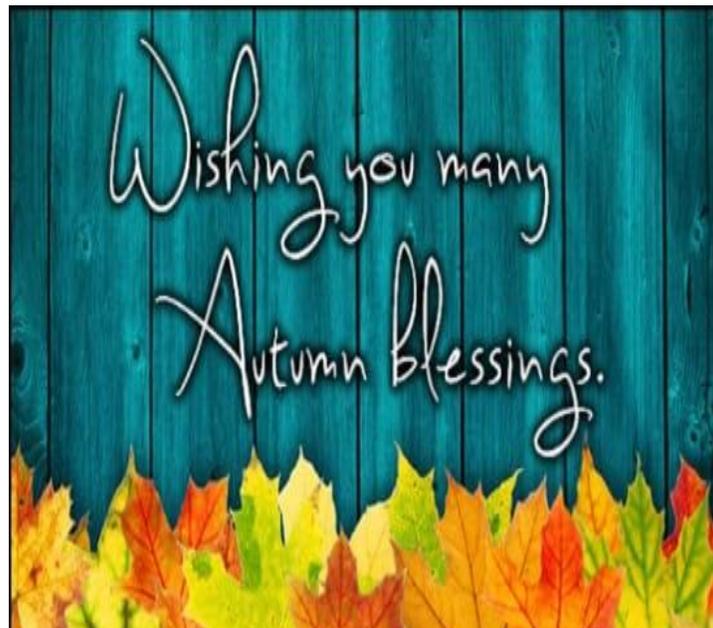
This month during worship at East Hills, we will share in a six-week discipleship series called, "Six Words to Build on and Live By". Some of you may be familiar with the series which helps us think about what it means to follow Jesus, what we receive when we do so, and what we give in loving response. The series helps us remember why we once said, 'yes' to following Him and to give our 'yes' again.

Has your life of faith seemed a bit fragile and frail? Has your sense of connection with the church community seemed somewhat disconnected? Does it seem at times as if you are going it alone?

Please join us for worship and this series which helps us all remember why we said 'yes' to following Jesus, and as members of the community of faith at East Hills, to affirm we are still choosing to follow Him.

Come and be blessed by our gathering!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Linda



For Pastoral Care: Contact Pastor Linda via email at pastorlinda@easthillsmc.org, via phone or text message at 484-764-8629.





OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 3 –

**10:30 service, Holy Communion
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.**

October 10 –

10:30 service

**ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.
Presentation of Service Award to Bob Wingrove
By Northampton County Area Agency on Aging**

October 17 –

10:30 service

**ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.
Stewardship Series Begins “Live”**

October 24 –

10:30 service

**ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.
Stewardship Series “Gather”**

October 31 –

10:30 service

**ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.
Stewardship Series “Connect”**

Worship Information & Opportunities



Worship with us every Sunday at 10:30!
In person, on ZOOM, or on YouTube.



The church office is open Monday - Thursday from 9:00 – 3:00.

610-868-6481

office@easthillsmc.org

**REMOTE
WORSHIP**

ZOOM link -- Dial-in by phone -- YouTube recordings

Weekly Worship will be available live on ZOOM

Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

You may also dial in by phone or check YouTube for pre-recorded services and sermons each week.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83858077423?pwd=UFIBRDI3cG5jTHNNaGNtakhnU05vdz09>

Meeting ID: 838-5807-7423

Password: 175584

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oF67kjDFPgY>

Dial-in by phone: For anyone without a computer, tablet, or smartphone, wishing to join the Church Service may do the following. This will be the audio only for landlines and cellphones.

1. Call 1-929-205-6099 (New York - other cities available on request)
2. At the prompt for the Meeting ID enter 838-5807-7423 followed by #
3. At the prompt for your Participant ID enter #
4. At the prompt for the Password enter 175584 followed by #



Christian Learning Opportunities



EHMC Sunday Morning Coffee Class -

EHMC is inviting you join us via ZOOM. Please use the URL below to join the meeting with your computer, tablet or phone with a microphone and webcam. If you need to download the app, please approve it and join the meeting with computer audio.



Every week on Sun. at 9:30 AM ET in person in Fellowship Hall or on Zoom.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83108556340?pwd=aXNBVlltalp1ZjZtWFgvckVvaFJYUT09>

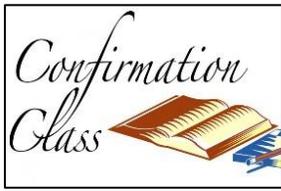
Meeting ID: 831 0855 6340

Passcode: 094254

Dial in for audio only: +1 929 205 6099

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CONFIRMATION CLASS: Our 2021/22 Confirmation Class

The class is open to all 8th and 9th grade youth.

Confirmation class will meet **October 10th and 24th in Fellowship Hall** and continue to meet 2 Sunday evenings per month from **6:30-8 p.m.** through May 2022 with additional opportunities for a group field trip and a group service opportunity. Talk to Pastor Linda for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Greetings, Sunday School families!

All children and youth are invited to join us in the Family Center at 9:30 on the first Sunday of each month.

Our focus:

Jesus is...

Jesus does...

Jesus promises...

The children are to create posters, cards, crafts, anything that shows what those mean to them.

We will work on this project during once-monthly Sunday school meetings:

October 3, November 7, and December 5. (9:30 am in the Family Center).

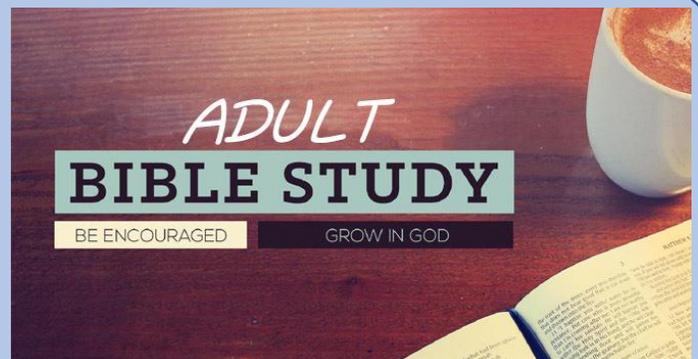
We will make a video of all submissions. This allows the students the freedom to be anywhere they wish and still be participating - in-person or by submitting their own video or still pictures from home.

The finished piece to be dispersed to the community. We will show the finished video December 5th at church as well.

Please consider participating in some way.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study!

Please join us on **Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge.** We will begin with looking into the unique Gospel of John. We hope to see you there!



Additional Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities



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 and any food allergies to the church office. The young adult will be added to our list and receive a package from us this fall. 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, November 7, 2021.** If you wish to give monetary contributions to cover mailing costs, please make checks payable to *East Hills Moravian Church, memo: YAM*. Thanks for caring.

Women's Fellowship has resumed monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm, on Zoom for the time being. All women are invited to join us for study of the Rev. Sam Gray's guide about fruits of the spirit, as well as lively fellowship.



Men's Fellowship: As we continue to open areas of the church and our lives, the Men's Fellowship Group wants to let you know we are still here. Many of our fundraising events were canceled and we had to scale back our donations to causes that we earmarked funds for. Men's Fellowship is available to assist members whenever possible. We have an email chain setup so that if a member needs some sort of assistance, an email can be sent out looking for the proper assistance. For

example, if a member becomes ill and needs some temporary jobs/outside chores completed he/she can let one of us know and we can try to find a volunteer to help accommodate that need. As of now, social distance and safety guidelines need to be met to safeguard each of us. If you need anything feel free to reach out to the church office. We will try to assist you as best as we can. We hope you all stay safe in this uncertain time.



Prayer Requests: Have a prayer request? Please email the "Detail Form" to the church office at office@easthillsmc.org. Only first names will be mentioned during worship since the YouTube broadcast is available to the world.



OR



Online Giving: Please visit our website for online giving at <http://www.easthillsmc.org/online-giving/>. You can donate using your checking or savings account, debit card from your financial institution, or Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express credit card. If you're donating for the first time, you'll be asked to set up a profile with your email address and financial information. Then you can schedule a one-time donation or weekly or monthly recurring donation. Your financial information is completely secure.

Mailing donations: You may also send pledges to the office at the church. The mail is being checked daily so that no money or checks are sitting in the mailbox for long. 1830 Butztown Rd., Bethlehem, 18017

CROPWALK 2021-Update

Date: Sunday October 10, 2021
Time: East Hill's Walk 1:00 PM
Distance: 1.1 to 5.5 Miles
 (based on # of loops you walk)
Location: Louise Moore Park



This year's Walk will be different. All the churches will not gather to walk as a large group.

There will be a signup/pledge station in the Narthex or you can donate online at -

www.crophungerwalk.org/BethlehemPA/EastHillsWalkers

With that said, hunger does not take a year off, so neither are we:

There are several options for those who want to participate in CROP this year.

- If you want to **walk with a few of your fellow East Hillers**, we will meet at Louise Moore Park, Pavilion #2 Sunday Oct. 10 at 1:00 pm.
- If you want to **do your own CropWalk, set a course and go for a walk.**
- Not walking - Please **support** Church World Service CROP this year by stopping by the table in the Narthex or going on-line.

Have questions or need more information -contact the church office.



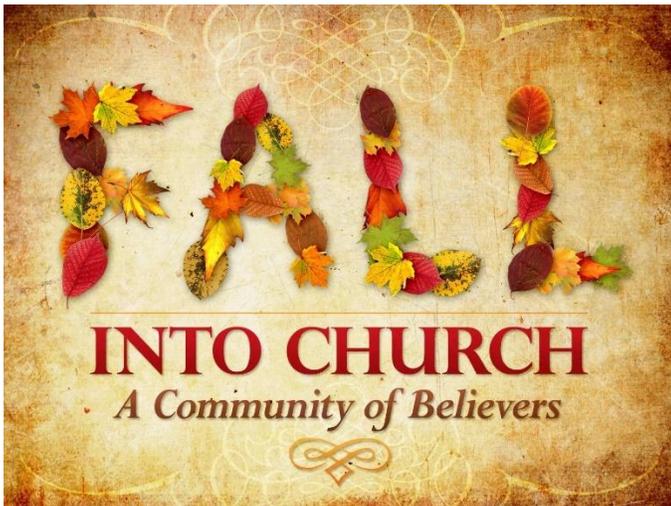
BOOK CLUB



EHMC Book Club: Everyone is invited to join the East Hills Moravian Church Book Club on Monday, **October 18th at 7pm** (Location TBD) to discuss Brit Bennett's "Vanishing Half."

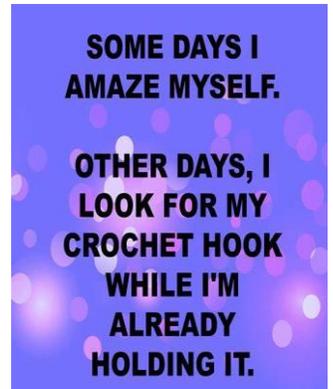
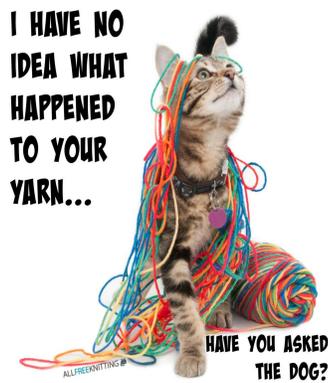


Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://lafayette.zoom.us/j/92076034732>
Meeting ID: 920 7603 4732





WHY KNOTS – OUR FALL 2020 WHY KNOT SALE HAS ENDED. Thanks to our church family for your support of our effort. Together, we raised over \$800 which was donated directly to our EHMC general fund. We have removed our sale inventory from the EHMC Facebook page but we will be posting another album soon as we always offer our handmade items for sale. We will be posting a variety of quilts, baby clothing and accessories. For information about our products, contact the church office. Anyone interested in participating in our work is welcome to join our Zoom meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month.



Christian Sympathy and Resurrection Hope



Our sympathy and hope is extended to Leon and the family of **Bertha Murphy** who entered the more near presence of our Lord on September 3, 2021.



A Time to Remember:

Candace Weiss

On **Sunday, November 7, 2021**, we will hold a Service of Remembrance during the 10:30 am worship service in the sanctuary at East Hills. During this special service, we will honor and remember the lives of members from our congregation who have died since January 2020, but for whom we could not say goodbye while Covid-19 restrictions have been in place.

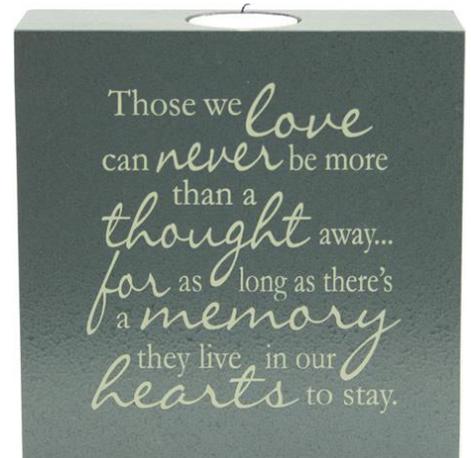
There will be an opportunity during the service to mention the names of loved ones in our own lives who have passed away within the last year. A time of refreshments and fellowship will be held in the Family Center after the service.

Please contact Pastor Linda with any names of members who have died since January 2020 that we may have missed, so we can honor their lives at this time.

We will remember the following friends with photos, memories shared, messages of hope and comfort, biblical texts, and hymns:

**Devon Alpha
Jean Bennett
Barbara Cressman
Janet Droney
Betty Hippensteil
Earl Jackson
Robert Koehler Sr.**

**William Kuhfahl
Ryan Latham
Bill Matz, Sr.
Bertha Murphy
Faith Newhall
Sarah Pinter
James Van Billiard**



Dear friends and fellow members,

The annual Stewardship Series will be presented this fall, October 17- November 21. Plan to worship with us

each week in person or using Zoom or YouTube to learn more of "6 Words to Build On and Live By" that will be our focus for the series. The series includes the following key aspects of living our Christian faith. They are:

- Live** - a life transformed, renewed, and blessed by God.
- Gather** - with the Church for worship.
- Connect** - with others to grow in faith.
- Serve** - others using the gifts I have been given.
- Give** - financially to God's work.
- Multiply** - by helping make disciples.

You will soon receive, via email, copies of the "My Personal Commitment Card" and "2022 financial Commitment Card" for your review. You will then receive a mailing that includes each card and an addressed and stamped envelope to return these cards to the church office. **It is a goal of the Joint Board that every member and household will return each card and make a financial commitment for the coming year.**

Thank you and blessings, The Stewardship Committee



For EOD, go to Sign-up Genius @ [EHMC: Elder on Duty \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com) to add yourself.

	3-Oct	10-Oct	17-Oct	24-Oct	31-Oct
Sacristans/Color					
Elders					
Liturgist in person					
Liturgist online					
Ushers					
Counters					

Coming Events:



Capital Campaign Celebration!

Sunday, November 21st, 2021
11:45 a.m. in the Family Center

Join us for brunch in the Family Center to celebrate the successful completion of our Capital Campaign!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

A cartoon illustration of a brown turkey wearing a light blue scarf. The turkey is holding a silver fork in its right talon and a silver knife in its left talon. The background of the entire graphic is a collage of autumn-themed images including sunflowers, pumpkins, and various autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red.

Harvest Dinner
Saturday, November 13, 2021

Benefits the Bethlehem Area Moravian Freezer Ministry
At East Hills Moravian Church –
1830 Butztown Road – Bethlehem, PA

**Details are being worked out for
both In-House Dinner and Take-Out Options.
Watch the weekly Thursday Church
Announcements for more
information on this meal.**



What's Happening This Month at EHMC:

OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Children's Sunday School in FC 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship, Holy Communion	4	5 7 PM Women's Fellowship 5-6:30 PM Jesus - Parlor	6	7	8	9
10 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship 6:30-8 pm Confirmation Class FH	11 7:00 Stewardship	12 5-6:30 PM Jesus - Parlor 7:00 Worship & Music Com.	13	14	15	16 3:00-6:00 Jesus Saves Event FC
17 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship, "LIVE"	18	19 5-6:30 PM Jesus - Parlor 7:00 Elders	20	21	22	23
24 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship, "GATHER" 6:30-8 pm Confirmation Class FH	25	26 5-6:30 PM Jesus - Parlor 7:00 Trustees	27 7:00 - Why Knots (ZOOM)	28	29	30
31 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship, "CONNECT"						



A Can A Week and Joyful Noise - Thank you for your recent donations to A CAN A WEEK! JOYFUL NOISE and A CAN A WEEK are two important ministries that continue to help stock the shelves at the Northeast Community Center Foodbank. We have resumed A CAN A WEEK and appreciate your donations of personal care items at this time, especially shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, and baby wipes. Thanks for your ongoing support. (JOYFUL NOISE donations may be sent to the church office.)

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES



Northeast Community Center: provides Thanksgiving turkey dinner baskets every year for needy residents in the Marvine-Pembroke community. This year we are committing to help with this project in two ways. We are sending NECC a check for \$500 towards the purchase of the turkeys, the funds coming from your generous donations to JOYFUL NOISE and we are guaranteeing a supply of 290 cans of green beans, and your help is needed! **In addition to the green beans, the foodbank continues to need toothpaste and dish liquid, as well as chicken noodle soup.** Thanks for helping with this important commitment to help feed people in our community.

There is always a need for Food Pantry volunteers - email Paula Johnson at johnsonp@neccbethlehem.org!



Drive-By Food Pantry at Central Moravian Church with much needed items for our next food distribution. The drive by is located in Central Moravian Christian Ed parking lot, access road between Kemmerer Museum & God's Acre (follow signs) from **9:30 am -1:00 PM, Sunday, October 3rd**. Items needed: sugar, canned chicken soup, boxed soup broth, evaporated milk, peanut butter, jelly, ground coffee, tea, individually wrapped candy, snack items.

We are asking that donations come in paper bags (doubled) or cardboard boxes. Those can be recycled or repurposed. We will accept donations in any form, but believe plastic is not the best for our environment.



TREX Plastic Challenge Update – BAM Churches – 2021

TREX update 8/2021

Our Trex bench is currently located in the Narthex. This reward is a handsome and comfortable addition to our facilities made possible by the cooperative collections of our members and the other participating BAM congregations. Stop by and give it a try!

Please read! Important Trex information! Even if you have read this before, please review the acceptable materials and recycle ONLY those that meet the criteria. Our partner is “baking a cake” with the ingredients we are recycling. Just as you wouldn't put junk in your cake, we must provide only the acceptable ingredients. Our mantra for recycled materials is: “If in DOUBT, THROW it OUT!” Your considerate recycling is most appreciated.

Please include only acceptable materials!

Look for the recycling symbols 2 or 4 where printed on the packaging. Please limit other recycling to items on the list of acceptable materials. The plastics MUST NOT be contaminated with any foreign material or chemicals. The only exception is small paper labels.

Your recyclables can be dropped off during normal Church Office hours and Sundays, before and after worship.

As of 8/15, East Hills is again the reporting congregation in the BAM Trex recycling program. Our BAM partners have given us a 175+ pound head start on our goal of 500 pounds to qualify for our next bench. And we move onward to complete our next goal!

Keep Recycling!

Barb



ACCEPTABLE PLASTICS

Plastic shopping bags
Produce and bread bags
Grocery bags
Cereal box liners
Ice bags
Wood pellet bags
Salt bags
Ziplock and other re-closable bags
Case overwrap
Newspaper sleeves
Dry cleaning bags
Bubble wrap & air pillows
Pallet wrap and stretch film

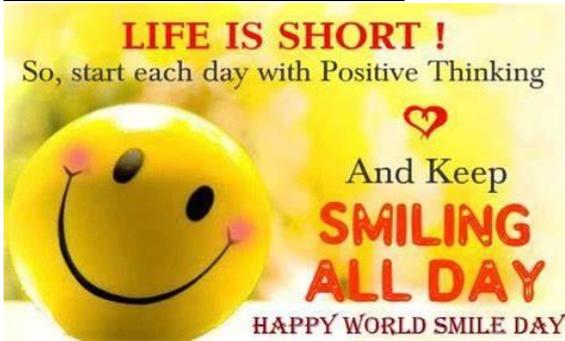
NOT ACCEPTABLE PLASTICS

Plastic bottles or other rigid plastic containers
Degradable/compostable bags
Pre-washed salad mix bags
Frozen food bags
Candy wrappers
Any Chip bags
Dried fruit and nut bags
Six-pack plastic rings
Pouch packaging
Cheese wrappers
Zip lock bags
Saran Wrap
Bread wrappers with little air holes
Cellophane wrappers
Bird seed or other bulk bags that are not #4
If material does not stretch easily or is shiny & crinkles or crunches

**** All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue. ****

Serious and Silly Celebrations This Month

Oct. 1st – World Smile Day



Oct. 3rd – World Communion Sunday



Oct. 4th – National Taco Day



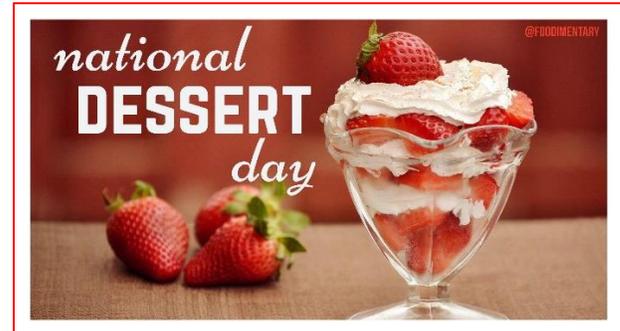
Oct. 5th – World Teacher's Day



Oct. 10th – Prayer Day for World Mission



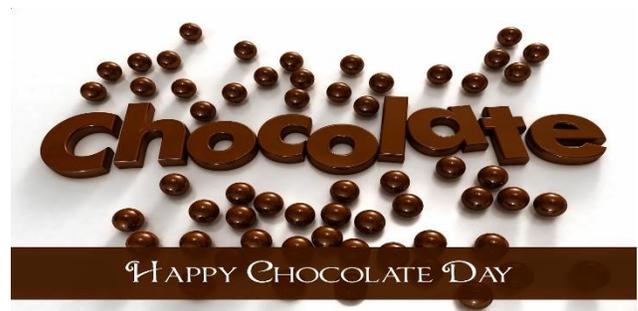
Oct. 14th – National Dessert Day 🤪



Oct 15th – Boss's Day



Oct. 28th – National Chocolate Day



Every day...



EHMC 2021 WATCHWORD

God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ dies for us. (Romans 5:8)

He left his Father's throne above –
so free, so infinite his grace –
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race!
What mercy this, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me!
What mercy this, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me! (773)





**Happy
Birthday!**



October

**Happy Birthday to all
our October Babies!**



Happy Birthday



➤ Please contact the office if anyone is missing or needs to be removed. Thank you!