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A Word from Pastor Línda Wísser

"Return to Me", the LORD, your God

Lent 2022

WHAT IS LENT? Historically, early Christians observed with great devotion, the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the practice of the early Church that before the Easter celebration, there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation. This is the intention of the church season of Lent.

WHY? During this season, people new to Christianity were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when persons who had separated from the community of faith were reconciled through penitence and forgiveness, and restored to participation in the life of the Church. In this way, the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and the need we all have to renew our faith.

Please join us:

<u>Ash Wednesday – March 2nd at 7 p.m.</u>, sanctuary and on Zoom: We will engage in stories from scripture, pray and receive ashes.

Mid-Week Lent Series - God's Story/Our Story

March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th

7 p.m. Fellowship Hall and on Zoom

(Soup Supper gatherings March 23rd, 30th and April 6th at 6:30 p.m.)

Introducing the practice of writing a "Lebenslauf" as a spiritual discipline! Our Moravian ancestors often took time to reflect on various aspects of their lives, where they noticed God's presence, where there experienced God's absence, and they wrote about it. During this Lent series we will:

- learn about the history of this practice, from Tom McCullough, Assistant Archivist, Moravian Archives. Tom will join us on March 16th.
- receive tools and time for writing our own stories
- have opportunity for those who wish to share their Lebenslauf on the last night of class.

Weekly Worship at 10:30 a.m. Every Sunday and on YouTube

Holy Week: This year our Holy Week Readings will begin on Palm Sunday, during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We will gather in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night for Holy Week Readings, for worship and Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m. and worship on Good Friday at 7 p.m.

The Lenten journey is a commitment. Like most things in life, the meaningfulness of the experience really depends on the degree to which we are willing to participate in it. We hope to see you with us throughout these 40 days. Have you felt a little off lately? Is there a felt distance between you and God, you and others? Please join us for a meaningful time of re-connecting to God and one another during this holy season. Hear the gracious invitation of God who longs for our return!

Pastor Linda

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pastorlinda@easthillsmc.org 484-764-8629



<u>**Prayer Requests:**</u> Have a prayer request? Please email the new **"Detail Form"** to the church office at office@easthillsmc.org. We will not be mentioning persons by other than first name during worship or delving too deeply into individual circumstances since the YouTube broadcast is literally available to the world.



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

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MARCH 2022 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MARCH 2nd – Ash Wednesday Worship Service

MARCH 6th -10:30 am Worship, Holy Communion, Birthday Celebration ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

MARCH 13th -10:30 am Worship ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

MARCH 20th -10:30 am Worship ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

MARCH 27th -10:30 am Worship ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

Worship Information & Opportunities

Come join us for worship 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

Please note that no one is checking voicemail or email outside of office hours. If there is an emergency, please contact Pastor Linda at 484-764-8629.



ZOOM link -- Dial-in by phone -- YouTube recordings Weekly Worship will be available live on ZOOM **Sunday mornings at 10:30**. You may also dial in by phone or check YouTube for pre-recorded services and sermons each week.

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



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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.

<u>Zoom Link:</u>

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83108556340?pwd=aXNBVIItalp1ZjZtWFgvckVvaFJYUT09 Meeting ID: 831 0855 6340

Passcode: 094254

Dial in for audio only: +1 929 205 6099

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- 1. Call 1-929-205-6099 (New York other cities available on request)
- 2. At the prompt for the Meeting ID enter 831 0855 6340 followed by #
- 3. At the prompt for your Participant ID enter #
- 4. At the prompt for the Password enter 094254 followed by #



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study!

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



<u>Children's Sunday School</u> will be held the first Sunday of each month starting March 6th at 9:30 am.

Fellowship Opportunities





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Online Giving: Please visit our website for online giving at

<u>http://www.easthillsmc.org/online-giving/</u>. 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

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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.

weekly or monthly recurring donation. Your financial information is completely secure.



Men's Fellowship: 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.



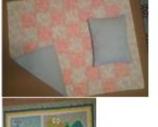
Women's Fellowship continues to meet on the first Tuesday evening each month, on zoom. We are discussing The Rev. Sam Gray's book "Fruitful Lives", but you do not need to have a copy of his book in order to participate. All women are always invited to join in this special time of fellowship and informal study.

<u>Cash Cards</u> - <u>ShopWithScrip.com</u> has cash cards for everyone. When you purchase physical cards or ecards at face value, EHMC receives a percentage of that purchase. Consider retailers such as 1-800-FLOWERS, Shutterfly, eBay, Wayfair, Target, Walmart, L.L.Bean, Dick's Sporting Goods, Xbox, Sony PlayStation, Hulu, Uber, UberEATS, Instacart, or over 750 others for giving or your own shopping. Use enrollment code 8897CBD34973 to create an account at ShopWithScrip.com or on the RaiseRight app or contact Julie Del Priore (610-417-2071), Heather Frantz or Lucy Thompson to place an order. Cards for Giant, Wegmans, and Valley Farm are available.













WHY KNOTS - members will be meeting on Wednesday, January 26, at 7 pm, masked, in the Parlor. We are entering the New Year with a ready willingness to provide items for sale as well as for donation to community groups. Would you like to join us? We are happy to share our skills and teach others, and we are also open to suggestions for future projects. For now, our leftover items remain available for purchase. Contact the church office for information.







Jesus Saves ministry Evangelist Eugene McDuffie 2/21/2022

We are excited to announce our Bible Study Class will be held in March 2022 at East Hills Moravian Church Bible Class will be held on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm. Let us build our faith by studying the Word of God and multiplied. The class focuses on many topics: faith, prayer, trust, deliverance, anxiety, depression, on building a close relationship with God. Everyone is always welcome join us in Bible class. The class is very diverse. If the tree's connection to water is lost, so is its life. We can't approach God's Word only occasionally, expecting our lives not to wither. God designed us to need Him, to be in ongoing relationship with

Him as our only life source. And like the tree in Psalm 1, we bear fruit in season. Consider joining us for our Bible Study. I look forward to studying God's word and growing spiritually with you.

Evangelist Eugene McDuffie Author, Facilitator





Robert K. Campbell Lecture Series with David LaMotte, March 31 & April 1

David is an award-winning speaker, author, songwriter, and activist.

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In the lecture on Thursday, March 31 at DeSales University, David will engage us in the question "What's Mine To Do?" based on his book, "Worldchanging 101: Challenging the Myth of Powerlessness." In a world full of want and injustice, how do we determine what is ours to do, and what is not? With our inboxes overflowing with requests for support, and our media outlets constantly reminding us of the worst news from around the world, how do we remain buoyant enough to function? In a politically divided time, how do we maintain our principles, while healing broken relationships? David doesn't claim to have answers to all of these questions, but he will offer some fresh framework that may shed light on the struggles to live as people of conscience, and to have the most positive impact that we can, rooted in his own experience and historical examples.

On Friday morning, April 1, at The Lehigh Conference of Churches, we invite interested individuals to further engage in a dialogue around Thursday's lecture.

Friday evening will feature a concert with the original music of David LaMotte at First Presbyterian Church of Allentown.

Masks are required at all events regardless of vaccination status.

About David LaMotte

David is an award-winning songwriter, speaker, author, and activist. Having released 12 full-length CDs of primarily original music, and performed 3000 concerts on 5 continents, he suspended his successful music career in 2008 to accept a Rotary World Peace Fellowship, earning a master's degree in International Studies, Peace, and Conflict Resolution from the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.

His dense speaking and workshop calendar has included presenting at the PC (USA) Mission to the United Nations, keynoting peace conferences in Berlin and at the Scottish Parliament, as well as offering the baccalaureate for 2016 graduates of Columbia Seminary. As a keynote speaker, and then Critical Conversations Coordinator, he has facilitated conversations about race, privilege, and positive change for thousands of college students at the Montreat College Conference.

His next book, tentatively titled, "Harmony: What Music Can Teach Us About Peace Work," is based on his <u>**TEDx talk**</u>. David is excited to be in the studio finishing up his 13th solo album, "Still". It's due for release in late spring of 2022. Listen <u>here</u> to his music.

Registration is required for all events.

Lecture, "What's Mine To Do?" Thursday, March 31, 5:45 p.m. registration, 6 p.m. light dinner, 7 p.m. lecture, 8:30 p.m. coffee and dessert.

\$10 lecture only; \$20 lecture and dinner

University Center, DeSales University, 2755 Station Avenue, Center Valley, PA 18034

Community Dialogue Friday, April 1, 10 a.m.

Dubbs Memorial Community Center, 457 W. Allen Street, Allentown, PA 18102 There is no charge for this event but registration is required.

Concert Friday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian of Allentown, 3231 Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA 18104 There is no charge for the event but registration is required. Seating is limited. There will be a free-will offering to benefit The Lehigh Conference of Churches.

Registration and payment link: https://secure.qgiv.com/for/robkcamlecserwitdavlam



YAM – Yound Adult Ministry – Twice a year, YAM sends care packages to college-age youth attending school, in the military, or in the job force. If you are a young adult or know of a young adult (Your child), please give his/her mailing address and any food allergies the church office. The young adult will be added to our list anf receive a package from us in April. Many of the young adults receving 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 17th. 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.

Sanctuary Flower Process



SANCTUARY FLOWERS...

Sanctuary Flowers are available again! Please note the new process for ordering:

- Enter your name on the Flower Chart (on the bulletin board in the Narthex) on your preferred week.
- 2) Call florist Mycalyn's 610-759-9060 by the Tuesday prior to your requested date.
- Order flowers, pay florist directly, and have them delivered to the church for the requested date.
- Provide the church office with the date and dedication you would like printed in the bulletin by the <u>Tuesday</u> prior to your requested date. You can fill out the form on the bulletin board and leave it in the basket on the office door, email it, or call the office (610) 868-6481.
- 5) <u>Take the flowers with you after the service!</u> Please DO NOT leave them in the church. Bring your own vases or wrap them in paper towels. DO NOT TAKE THE FLOWER INSERTS, THEY CANNOT BE REPLACED. Thank you.

Cost is: \$31.80 for one vase / \$58.30 for two vases



JOINT BOARD RETREAT 2022

Joint Board Retreat Roundup

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters of East Hills Moravian Church! On February 5th and 6th your elected members of the Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees met together for worship and to continue the work of the church as the Joint Board.

Here are your elected 2022 Joint Board members:

On Friday evening, February 5th, the group met via Zoom for fellowship and took part in a unique worship service of group spiritual companioning called "Gathering In: Practicing Presence with God and One Another" with Moravian Seminary faculty member, Marcella Kraybill-Greggo.

Then on Saturday the 6th, the Board gathered in person at the church to assign positions within their respective boards and to work through the important process of reviewing goals from the previous year and to create new goals for the upcoming year. While the Elders and Trustees met individually for goal setting, the desires of both Boards continue to be about gathering in our existing members and creating more opportunities for everyone to celebrate the body of Christ, and to reach out into our local neighborhood and community to share our love of Christ and to make him better known.

At the conclusion of the retreat, the group took a tour of various spaces in the facilities to reminisce about past experiences conjured while visiting those spaces. We have amazing spaces that have touched hundreds of people over the years in so many beautiful ways. Take the opportunity to visit other parts of the church before or after worship sometime! It is after all your church! Let the space speak a memory to you!

Reach out to any board member to share any ideas you may have to help us all to Know Christ and to Make Him Known!



EHMC 2022 Watchword

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"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6

Hymn text #576

Where the many toil together, there you are among your own; where the solitary labor, you are there with them alone. You, the peace that passes knowledge, dwelling in the daily strife: you, the bread of heav'n, are broken, in the sacrament of life.





Lou Jackson's service will be here at the church - Saturday, March 5th , 2 p.m. - Family Visitation Hour, 3 p.m. - Service of Remembrance with Lovefeast.



EHMC Support Team

** For EOD, go to Sign-up Genius @ <u>EHMC: Elder on Duty (signupgenius.com)</u> to add yourself.

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What's Happening This Month at EHMC?

MARCH 2022										
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Fri	Sat.				
27	28	1 5-7:30 PM Jesus Saves – Parlor 7 PM Women's	2 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	3 7:00 pm Inquirer's Class on ZOOM	4	5 3:00 pm Service for Lou Jackson				
6 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 9:30 Children's Sunday School 10:30 Worship, Holy Communion, March Birthdays	7 7:00 pm CEC	8 5-7:30 PM Jesus Saves – Parlor 7:00 Trustees	9 7:00 pm Mid- Week Lent Series	10 7:00 pm Inquirer's Class on ZOOM	11	12				
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Donation Opportunities



A CAN A WEEK/JOYFUL NOISE:



NOW is a great time to establish the habit of regular donation to the NECC foodbank. Donating A CAN A WEEK is quite simple to do. Watch the weekly announcements or the EHMC Facebook page for the most-needed items, make the purchase when you do your weekly food shopping, and bring your donation to church. At this time, there is a great need for PANCAKE MIX and INSTANT OATMEAL, and there is always a need for toothpaste, dish liquid, and grocery bags (paper and plastic). JOYFUL NOISE funds can be donated at any time and are used to fill gaps in available food. Most recent purchase was cold cereal. Thanks for your generosity!



Northeast Community Center: "Because He First Fed Us" we respond with joy to feed others. In her book, Anita Hinkledey McVey writes that before God created us, "God created a garden. God was preparing a meal for us before we arrived." Jesus demonstrates concern for the food needs of others in feeding the 5,000, and he reminds us that when we feed the least of these, we are feeding Him. Now is a good time to establish the habit of feeding others by joining our

effort to provide A CAN A WEEK. It's simple to do. Put NECC on your shopping list and purchase just one can every time you shop. There are receptacle baskets in the Narthex which are emptied weekly, and your donations are taken to the foodbank for distribution just a few days later. To help fill the gaps in the most needed foods, watch our weekly announcement in the Thursday email blast or the updates on our EHMC Facebook page. At this time, the most-needed item is cold cereal, but there is always a need for toothpaste, dish liquid, and grocery bags (paper, plastic, and reusable).

Author McVey also says, "The way to make delicious food even better: share it." We share what we have "Because He First Fed Us." 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). Sunday, Mar. 6th, 9:30 am -1:00 pm (rain/snow date, Mar. 13th). Items needed: Boxed (shelf stable) milk, Cereal (sweetened and unsweetened), Flour, Sugar, Chicken soup-any sort, Kidney beans, Tomato paste, Spaghetti sauce, Ground coffee, Tea, Ketchup, Mustard, Spices-any kind, Toilet paper, Soap bars, 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 – 2022



Am I seeing double? Two TREX benches on site!

Our second bench has arrived. The benches are in the area outside the Family Center and in the East hallway in the same area. Enjoy the rewards of having recycled 500 pounds of #2 and #4 plastics.

The Trex company has posted a clear graphic of recyclable materials on their website, along with a FAQ to answer some of your recycling questions. Check it out: <u>https://recycle.trex.com/view/educate#materials1</u>

Please continue to be vigilant to recycle only acceptable materials. Your recyclables can be dropped off during normal Church Office hours and Sundays, before and after worship.

Keep Recycling!

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

Mar. 2nd – Ash Wednesday



Mar. 13th – Daylight Savings Begins



Mar. 17th – St. Patrick's Day



Mar. 23rd – National Puppy Day



Mar. 7th – National Cereal Day



Mar. 14th – National Napping Day



Mar. 20th – First Day of Spring



Every day...



Birthday Celebrations





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