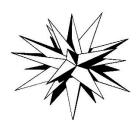
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# A Word from Pastor Línda Wísser

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As we turn the calendar from April to May, there is a noticeable change in the landscape around the church. Things are coming to life! This is the season of Easter and the theme of resurrection and new life is visible outside among creation, and in terms of what's happening in the life of the congregation and in the hearts of God's people. Thank you to all who are helping to bring things to life through East Hills' ministry:

Thank you to all who helped make our Lent, Holy Week and Easter worship services meaningful and to those who participated with us. Thank you to all who organized the children's egg hunt and to all who donated filled eggs. Thank you to our Sunday School teachers who bring us together for learning... children, youth, and adults alike. Thank you to the praise band for lively and joy filled worship on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to all of you who serve on Boards and Committees to plan, oversee, pray for, and guide the ministry of EHMC. Thank you to those who are planning to be part of Vacation Bible School this summer and others who are part of the Fellowship groups here at the church. Thank you to those who have given so generously for the Moravian Disaster Response to the Ukrainian Crisis, who routinely give for A CAN A WEEK in support of Northeast Community Center and others who provide in support of the BAM Freezer Ministry and Victory House.

While Easter Day is behind us, the season of Easter reminds us that as followers of Jesus, we are Resurrection witnesses, called to see and point out and become evidence of God doing a new thing in our midst. Thank you to all who participate in God's renewing, redeeming, restoring work!

This month's newsletter provides information on various ways to be part of the life of the church, a life that points people to our Risen Lord. Come and be part of what God is doing in our midst!

We hope to see you all very soon!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Linda

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#### **Administrative Items**



**Pastor Linda will be on vacation May 23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>.** The Rev. Pat Honzser will be providing pulpit supply and coverage for emergency pastoral care.



**Prayer Requests:** Have a prayer request? Please the church office at 610-868-6481 or 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.



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

Phone: 610-868-6481 Email: <u>office@easthillsmc.org</u> Church website: https://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.



#### **MAY 2022 WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> -10:30 am Worship, Litany of Praise Service, May Birthday Celebration ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

MAY 8<sup>тн</sup> -10:30 am Worship, Mother's Day ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

MAY 15<sup>тн</sup> -10:30 am Worship ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> -10:30 am Worship ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

MAY 29<sup>тн</sup> – 9:30 am Worship (change to Summer start time) 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.







Weekly Worship is 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: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oF67kjDFPgY</u>

**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 #



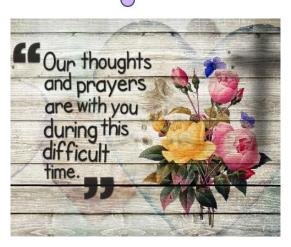
Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> our worship service is a "Litany of Praise" service which will include lots of special music as the season of Easter Joy continues and we worship our Risen Lord!

#### -- COMING SOON --SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Beginning May 29th** 

- Summer worship 9:30 a.m.
- Adult Bible Study will continue through the summer with a new time: 8:30 AM -9:15 AM
- > Children's Sunday School will resume after the summer.
- Sunday Morning Coffee Class will take a hiatus during the summer. Will resume in September.

### **Christian Sympathy and Resurrection Hope**



Our Christian Sympathy and Resurrection Hope upon the passing of two of our members in April.





#### **EHMC Support Team**

|                     | 1-May | 8-May | 15-May | 22-May | 29-May |
|---------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Sacristans/Color    |       |       |        |        |        |
| Elders              |       |       |        |        |        |
| Liturgist in person |       |       |        |        |        |
| Liturgist online    |       |       |        |        |        |
| Ushers              |       |       |        |        |        |
| Counters            |       |       |        |        |        |
|                     |       |       |        |        |        |
| PowerTeam           |       |       |        |        |        |

EHMC 2022 Watchword

#### EHMC 2022 Watchword:

"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

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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.

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#### **Christian Learning Opportunities**



**EHMC Sunday Morning Coffee Class** - EHMC is inviting you join us via ZOOM. 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=aXNBVIItalp1ZjZtWFgvckVvaFJYUT09 Meeting ID: 831 0855 6340 Passcode: 094254 Dial in for audio only: +1 929 205 6099



#### 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!

Children's Sunday School NOW EVERY SUNDAY at 9:30 am. Ends May 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Our theme for VBS this year is Food Truck Party...on a roll with God! And we are celebrating all the ways that God provides 'daily bread'! Monday June 20th - Friday June 24th 9 a.m. until noon here at EHMC. Watch for more information but for now, Save the Date!

Want to volunteer? Call the church office.







# Enjoy beautiful music for the Lenten and Easter seasons compliments of Dave Thompson:

Passion Choral: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4mr1fFddUw</u> Go to Dark Gethsemane <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCR6ar2M-bE&t=2s</u> Hosanna:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8szVr9VBR18&t=3s

Great God, your love has called us here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IdCCID7tEN0

**<u>EHMC Book Club</u>**: East Hills Moravian Church's Book Club will meet at 7pm on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss Karen Kelly's "Bethlehem." All are welcome to join the discussion. Questions: contact the church office.





#### 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, contact the church office. We will try to assist you as best as we can. We hope you all stay safe in this uncertain time.



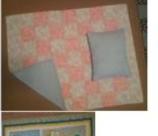
**Women's Fellowship** continues to meet on the first Tuesday evening each month, on zoom. We are discussing The Rev. Sam Gray's book "Fruitful Lives", but you do not need to have a copy of his book in order to participate. All women are always invited to join in this special time of fellowship and informal 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 meet throughout the year on the fourth Wednesday each month at 7 pm, either in the Parlor, or on zoom. We are currently working on scarves and hats for the children who participate in the after-school program at Northeast Community Center. We are also investigating other areas of community need. Would you like to join us? We are happy to share our skills and teach others. For now, our leftover items remain available for purchase. Contact Bobby Shimer for information.









#### Moravian Disaster Response to the Ukrainian Crisis

The Moravian Board of World Mission in North America (BWM) continues to be in conversation with our Moravian partners in Europe to see how we can best help those who are giving refuge to families fleeing the war in Ukraine. Please continue to pray for them. To date, we have received close to \$130,000, and we thank you for this critical support. Using these donations, funding has been sent to the Czech Province of the

Moravian Church where a number of congregations are hosting refugees. Among them is the Moravian congregation in Nová Paka, which is renovating space in a hotel they own to house up to 15 families. They are also hosting a Ukrainian primary school, allowing them to set up classes for the children. Moravian congregations in Germany are also sheltering refugees, and we have sent monetary support to the Moravian European Continental Province to assist congregations in places like Herrnhut, Königsfeld, Ebersdorf, and Cottbus. The money that we collect will help all these congregations provide food, shelter, personal hygiene products, household essentials, school supplies, and transportation for the families. These are tangible ways that the love of Christ is being shared. In addition, refugees are being offered places to worship and a welcoming Christian community.

For ongoing updates, pictures, and videos, please visit MoravianMission.org. For further information, contact the Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler at chris@moravianmission.org or 610-868-1732. To contribute to these efforts, please send checks to: Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018 or make your donation online at MoravianMission.org/Give. Please indicate that your gift is for "Ukraine."



# The Pay What You Can Community Café is coming to Bethlehem's Westside neighborhood!

It is styled after the flourishing and sustainable Tricklebee Café, a mission of the Moravian Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It will be a place where everyone,

regardless of ability to pay, will experience inclusion, acceptance, kindness, and hope along with a delicious, nutritious, often locally sourced meal. A lawyer is currently working with the Café's Planning Team on zoning issues and the Moravian Ministries Foundation of America has generously provided a \$50,000 Hunger and Thirst Field of Interest Grant to help get the project started.

You can help right now by praying for the project and helping to NAME THE CAFÉ. Suggestions are being accepted through the end of May at <u>NameYourCafe22@gmail.com</u>. The name should reflect our desire to provide good food for people of all income levels in a warm and hospitable environment. Stay tuned for the naming announcement in the coming months and for other ways you can get involved. The PWYCCC Working Team includes Dawn Fenner, Rebecca Miller, Kasey Thomas, and The Reverends Tammie Rinker, Lynnette Delbridge, and Christine Johnson.

\*Information provided by Lynnette Delbridge.



#### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FAMILY CAMP

Friday, May 27 - Monday, May 30, 2022

A weekend of intergenerational fellowship and relaxation. Your schedule is your own for the weekend -- relax, swim, boat, fish, or visit nearby attractions.

Evenings can be a time of fellowship and fun around the campfire. Swimming and boating are available during scheduled hours and are supervised by the Camp Hope lifeguards.

Space is limited so don't wait -- book your cabin TODAY!



We are out of room for Memorial Day Weekend Family Camp. If you would like to add your name to the wait list, please click below and fill out the form. We will contact you if a cabin becomes available.

Thank you!

LODGING: heated/cooled cabins with attached bathrooms (each cabin sleeps 12 in bunk beds)

MEALS: bring your own food to prepare in the camp's kitchen and/or on the grill in the pavilion

**COST:** \$65 for the first person in your cabin; \$25 for each additional person over age 4

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FAMILY CAMP | Mysite (camphope.org)

#### --AND---

#### JOIN US FOR THE CAMP HOPE HOOPLA!

Camp Hope is celebrating a milestone this year -- it is the **75th Anniversary of our Camping Ministry**, and you are invited to celebrate with us at camp on Saturday, June 25th.

Spend the day at camp doing all of the camp things you love -- swimming, boating, fishing, playing games, crafting, singing, praising, and eating. Reminisce about the wonderful weeks when you were a camper and introduce your children or grandchildren to "the best place on Earth."

We also need time and various talents from all ages to make it a great celebration.

Visit the Sign-Up Genius page to RSVP and to let us know if you would like to help with the planning: <u>HOPE</u> <u>HOOPLA RSVP</u>

ALL THINGS CAMP HOPE: HOME | Mysite (camphope.org)

#### **Sanctuary Flower Process**

#### SANCTUARY FLOWER INSTRUCTIONS

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



# What's Happening This Month at EHMC?

| MAY 2022   |  |   |                                     |          |        |     |
|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|-----|
| Sunday   | Monday                                     | Tuesday   | Wed                                 | Thursday | Friday | Sat |
| 1<br>9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class<br>9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor<br>9:30 Children's Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship                                    | 2<br>7:00 pm CEC                           | <b>3</b><br>5-7:30 PM Jesus<br>Saves – Parlor<br>7 PM Women's<br>Fellowship | 4                                   | 5        | 6      | 7   |
| 8<br>9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class<br>9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor<br>9:30 Children's Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship<br>6:30-8 pm Confirmation Class FH | 9  | <b>10</b><br>5-7:30 PM Jesus<br>Saves – Parlor<br>7:00 Trustees             | 11                                  | 12       | 13     | 14  |
| 15<br>9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class<br>9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor<br>9:30 Children's Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship                                   | 16   | <b>17</b><br>5-7:30 PM Jesus<br>Saves – Parlor<br>7:00 Elders               | 18                                  | 19       | 20     | 21  |
| 22<br>9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class<br>9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor<br>9:30 Children's Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship                                   | 23<br>Pastor Linda<br>vacation 23-<br>29th | 24<br>5-7:30 PM Jesus<br>Saves – Parlor<br>7:00 pm Worship<br>& Music Com.  | <b>25</b><br>7:00 –<br>Why<br>Knots | 26       | 27     | 28  |
| 29<br>8:30-9:15 AM Adult Bible Study in<br>Parlor<br>9:30 Worship  | <b>30</b><br>Memorial Day                  | <b>31</b><br>5-7:30 PM Jesus<br>Saves – Parlor                              | 1                                   | 2        | 3      | 4   |

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#### **Donation Opportunities**





#### A CAN A WEEK/JOYFUL NOISE:

A CAN A WEEK: DRY CEREAL and 1-pound bags of PLAIN WHITE RICE are currently the most-needed items at the NECC foodbank. There is also a great appreciation for SINGLE TUBES OF TOOTHPASTE, dish liquid, and bath soap, as well as diapers (sizes 2, 3, and 4). Thank you for your ongoing support of these important ministries which help provide food and other essentials for people in the Marvine-Pembroke area of our community.



#### 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, May 1, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Items needed: boxed (shelf stable) milk, or powdered milk, flour, sugar, tomato paste, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, ground coffee, jelly, ketchup, mustard, cake mixes, spices, toilet paper, infant and adult diapers, soap bars, (no beans or rice at this time). Any other items you might think to be good for a household in need.

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.

# DONATELLI FUND WALK

#### Join us Saturday, **June 4th, 2022** for our 5th annual walk. Pre-register NOW!

When: Check in begins at 9:30 am and we will begin our walk at 10:00 am \*RAIN OR SHINE\*

**Where:** Due to construction at Governor Wolf, we will begin our walk at Freedom High School. Traveling on Shakespeare Road, to Governor Wolf, and then returning to Freedom High School.

**Cost:** NO cost to walk! However, donations are welcome. *The Donatelli Memorial Fund was started in honor of Kim Donatelli. Kim was a teacher well known and loved throughout the BASD. This fund provides college scholarships to a Freedom High School student majoring in Education.* 

• We will be selling shirts in honor of Kim and our walk. Be sure to pre-purchase a shirt on the form below. **All proceeds and donations will go directly to the Donatelli Memorial Fund**.

• We would like to thank *United Rentals of the Lehigh Valley* for their continued support. We would also like to thank the *Governor Wolf PTA* for making this event possible.

• Celebrate by taking a walk with us! Wear your shirt, get some fresh air, and spread joy. Snap a pic of you and your family during your walk and post it to our facebook page throughout the weekend of June 4th, 2022.

• We will be having a 50/50 raffle at the event.

• Afterwards, bring some cash for treats from Oogies Ice Cream Truck!

**To purchase a shirt, and/or make a donation directly to the Donatelli Memorial Fund, go to:** https://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/thefoundation/2022donatelli/

#### Please join us during this celebration!

#### **PRE-REGISTRATION FORM - MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 6TH, 2022**

\*please make all checks payable to "The Foundation for the BASD", with "Kim Donatelli" written in the memo line\*

| Name:  | Phone Number:  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Email Address:   | Number of Participants:                              |  |
| If you're unable to participate but wish to donate, please ser | nd this form with your donation to the address below |  |
| TOTAL Number of Shirts:  |  |  |
| AdultSmall \$20 eachMedium \$20 each<br>XX-Large \$20 each     | _Large \$20 eachX-Large \$20 each                    |  |

| Child- | Small \$20 each | Medium \$20 each | Large \$20 each |
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Each year our shirts have a unique theme, designed by Lex Donatelli. Meant to remind us of Kim Donatelli.

Purchased shirts will be available for pickup only on the day of the event after check-in.

If paying by check, please return completed form to: Lex Donatelli 3062 Shakespeare Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18017 OR drop off at the main office at GW Elementary. Any questions, please contact Lex at Idonatelli3@gmail.com

#### **TREX Plastic Challenge Update – BAM Churches – 2022**



#### 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.

Join us for plastics weighing on 5/8 and 5/22 immediately following worship. Takes about 15 minutes to "bag and tag" the accumulated plastics in preparation for drop-off to the consolidation site.

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** Grocery store zip-lock bags (produce and deli) Plastic film food wrap, i.e. 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**

May 1<sup>st</sup> – World Laughter Day



May 8<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day



May 13<sup>th</sup> – Blame Someone Else Day



April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Earth Day



#### May 5th – Cinco De Mayo

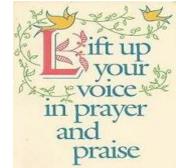


#### May 11<sup>th</sup> – Eat What You Want Day





#### Every day...





## Happy Bírthday to all our May born! Blessings to you!



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