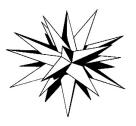
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A Word from Pastor Linda Wisser

As we turn the calendar from April to May, there is a noticeable change in the landscape in and 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:

Our Lent, Holy Week and Easter services were meaningful; thank you to all who served and participated with us. Thank you to the Girl Scouts who hosted our "Bunny Brunch" and to all donated filled eggs for the Sunday School Egg Hunt, and to the crew who provided our Easter Sunrise breakfast! Thank you to the praise band, the sanctuary choir and brass choirs for lively and joy filled worship this season. 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 the Trustees for seeking out grants that helped make the parking lot pavement possible. 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 give so generously so ministries such as 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!

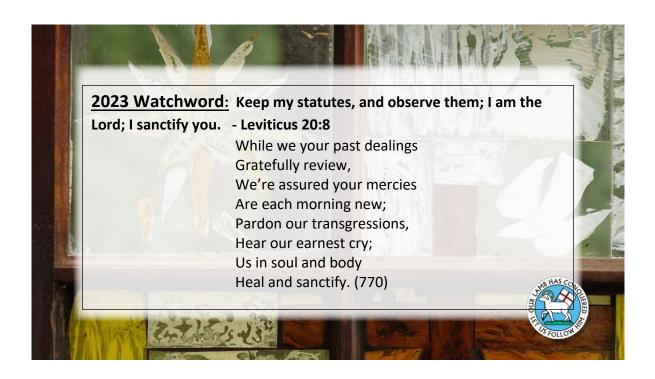
This month's newsletter provides information on various ways to be part of the life of the church, a life that points people to our Risen Lord. We hope you will come and be part of what God is doing in our midst!

We hope to see you all very soon!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Linda

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May 2023 Worship Schedule



Sunday Worship Information



Come join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 am! In person, on ZOOM, or on YouTube.







Weekly Worship - Sunday mornings at 10:30 - in person and live on ZOOM and on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/user/EastHillsMoravian/videos

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

Meeting ID: 838-5807-7423

Password: 175584

YouTube Link: All the YouTube church services can be found at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/user/EastHillsMoravian/streams

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 Worship and Learning



<u>A New Members Class</u> will be held Wednesday evenings in May in the Chapel at EHMC (former preschool room).

6:30 -8:00 pm - May 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th.



Confirmation Class - Confirmation Day - June 11th at 9:30 am.



<u>Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study</u> - Please join us <u>Sunday mornings from</u> 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM in the Church Lounge.



EHMC Sunday Morning Coffee Class – 9:30 am in the Board Room.



<u>Sunday School for Children and Youth</u> – 9:30 am every Sunday. Last day before summer break is May 21st



2023 - June 26-30 9:00 am – noon
At East Hills Moravian Church
Ages – 3 through 5th grade completed
Click here to get to the Registration Form
or call the office for a copy!



EHMC Support Team



	7-May	14-May	21-May	28-May
Sacristans/Color				
Elders				
Liturgist				
Ushers				
Counters				
PowerTeam				







What's Happening This Month at EHMC?





✓ April	May 2023				June ▶	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 CEC Pastor's New Day Off	2	3 6:30 – 8 pm Inquirer's Class	4	5	6
7 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 9:30 Women's Fellowship 10:30 Worship, Moravian Music Sunday, Birthday Celebration, Joyful Noise Collection	8 Pastor's Day Off	9 7:00 pm - Trustees 7:00 pm Women's Fellowship	10 6:30 – 8 pm Inquirer's Class	11	12	13 Camp Hope Spring Fling
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NEW! Children's "PRAY" ground Area in the Sanctuary

"Let the little children come"....Jesus of Nazareth

When you come to worship you will soon notice a small area in the sanctuary set up as our Children's "PRAY" ground area. The Joint Board at East Hills Moravian Church has been working faithfully and diligently to become a more family friendly church and this is one of the things we are trying.

The Children's "PRAY" ground is an alternative to childcare in a separate room during worship. The "PRAY"ground provides a space for young children to engage in quiet activity and at the same time, to be with us in worship, to hear us sing, to see us pray...and to learn that worship is a place for them, too. Parents are free to have their children sit with them in the pews, OR they may opt to sit near the "PRAY"ground where children can be in worship in a kid friendly space.

East Hills Moravian Church will be hosting a community YARD SALE Saturday, June 3, 2023 8AM to 1PM inside our Family Center – rain or shine – Reserve your space NOW!

6ft by 10ft space \$25*

* Price includes use of a 6-ft table, if requested.



You bring your stuff, set up your space, sell your stuff and take home anything you don't sell. You can set up Friday night from 6PM to 8PM or Saturday morning from 7AM to 8AM. To reserve a space and a table (if wanted) contact the church office.



The Girl Scouts of Cadette Troop #830 are making and selling 8 X 8 trays

of Pierogi Lasagna to raise money for an end of year camping trip in June 2023 to Boston and Salem MA. The trays of Pierogi Lasagna are \$12.00 each and will be ready for pick up on Wednesday, May 24th from 5:30 – 8:30 pm or Sunday, May 21st at East Hills Moravian Church. The Pierogi Lasagna will be frozen and could be either placed in your freezer for enjoyment at a later date or thawed and baked immediately. Please consider supporting the Cadettes in their trip fundraising efforts.

We are taking pre-orders until May 10th please get the information to: the church office. Cadette Girl Scout Troop #830

Order forms are available on the bulletin board outside the church office.

If you cannot pick up on those days, please let Sue know when you can, and we will make arrangements Checks should be made out to GSEP Troop #830, please write Pierogi Lasagna in the memo line.

Fellowship Opportunities

DONATELLI FUND WALK: Saturday, June 3, 2023 is the 6th annual walk! Pre-register now.

See bulletin board across from the church office for registration forms or contact the office.

Time - Check is – 9:30 am. Walk starts at 10:00 am – RAIN or SHINE

Where – Beginning at Governor Wolf Elementary School, traveling on Shakespeare Rd. to Freedom High School and then returning to Governor Wolf Elementary School.

Cost – no cost to walk. Donations are welcome. *The Donatelli Memorial Fund was started in honor of Kim Donatelli, 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 the walk and post it to our facebook page throughout the weekend of June 3rd, 2023.
 - 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, register online, and/or make a donation directly to the Donatelli Memorial Fund, go to: https://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/thefoundation/2023donatelli/

Lex Donatelli designs a uniquely themed shirt each year, meant to remind us of Kim. Purchased shirts will be available for pickup only on the day of the event after check-in. If paying by check, please mail completed form to: 1920 Butztown Rd, Bethlehem, PA, 18017 OR return this completed form to your teacher. Any questions, please contact Lex at Idonatelli3@gmail.com

Please join us during this celebration!



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

<u>Women's Fellowship</u> meets Sunday, May 7th at 9:30 am in-person and Tuesday, May 9th on ZOOM. Session #10: 1 Corinthians 13 "Hanging Out Together: a Lesson in Love".



East Hills Moravian Church Book

<u>Club</u> will meet on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>May 30th at 7pm via Zoom</u> to discuss Beth O'Leary's "The No Show" Please contact the church office.





WHY KNOTS - members are busy working throughout the year to provide goods for a variety of different community organizations. This year, we are once again planning to provide winter scarves and hats for children in the Marvine-Pembroke community through Northeast Community Center, as well as some hats for outreach to our church neighbors. Some of our members are also working on special hats for Chemo Bags. We knit, crochet, sew, weave, and quilt, and always welcome new members as we seek to teach and learn from each other. Interested in joining our efforts to use our needle/hook/ handwork to serve our community? We meet monthly throughout the year in the Parlor, 7:00 pm, on the fourth Wednesday. Do you wish to make a purchase of a beautiful quilt/lap robe? For information, contact the church office.





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 contact the church office. We will try to assist you as best as we can.



Cash Cards for Shopping and Gifting

Consider small denomination gift cards as gifts for others or for yourself! Available cards include large retailers like Amazon and Walmart, streaming and gaming sites such as Sling TV and Xbox, restaurants, coffee shops, and gas stations. Full list of retailers is available at ShopWithScrip.com. To find out more or to place an order, contact the church office.



Adult Fellowship - 2023 - Tentative Event Calendar

May 20 - MAY ADULT FELLOWSHIP EVENT QUIET VALLEY LIVING HISTORICAL FARM



We are organizing a trip to Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm in Monroe County on Saturday, May 20.

Explore the agricultural cycle, livestock practices, cuisine celebrations, social customs, and technology of a typical Pennsylvania family farm in

the 19th century. Special for May 20 - Farm Animal Frolic - see a variety of baby animals. For more information, questions or to reserve a spot, contact: Bobby Shimer (610-739-7665 or barbara.shimer@gmail.com). When contacting Bobby to sign up, please let her know if you can drive/carpool. We will stop in Wind Gap for lunch on our return trip. There are several restaurants at the exit from Route 33.

Costs: Admission is \$18 for adults, \$10 for children ages 3 - 12, and free for children under 3 years old; lunch on your own; and gratuity to vehicle drivers.

We will meet at the church at 9:00am.

More information coming soon on...

Jun. 24 - Flint Hill Farms

Aug. 12 -Frazetta Art Museum

Oct. 14 - Daniel Boone Homestead

Jul. 23 - Pool Party

Sep. TDB - Bethlehem Cemetery Tour

Additional Moravian News



NAZARETH MORAVIAN CHURCH is having a rummage sale on May 5th from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. They will be accepting donations beginning April 1st. The deadline for donations will be Sunday, April 30th. (They will not take computers, monitors, TV's, heavy exercise equipment, any small electronic devices or household appliances.)



Greetings from the Essentials Cafe Team!

Essentials Cafe is a new undertaking in West Bethlehem. The Cafe will offer healthy and delicious meals as well as great coffee on a PayWhatYouCan model.

What's happening:

(4/27) The City of Bethlehem recently approved our permits!

Construction of the ADA ramp and bathroom will start as soon as possible!

(4/20) With a contractor onboard, we await the City of Bethlehem's approval of our permits The Essentials Café Working Team includes Dawn Fenner, Rebecca Miller, Kasey Thomas, and The Reverends Tammie Rinker, Lynnette Delbridge, and Christine Johnson.



ATTIC TREASURES FOR CENTRAL MORAVIAN CHURCH BUSY WORKERS' SALE

If you have household items (books, toys, games, records, DVDs, Legos, kitchen utensils, pottery, china, garden equipment, glassware, sports equipment, small furniture items, lamps, jewelry, linens, knickknacks, holiday decorations, etc.) that are still in good condition but that you no longer need or want, please, consider donating them to the Central Moravian Church Busy Workers for their

annual Plant and Attic Treasures Sale, scheduled for Saturday, May 13th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 14th 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Your donated attic treasures may be brought to the Christian Education building (lower level, 40 W Church St., Bethlehem) on the dates below.

If you have any questions, please contact Jacqueline Adams at 610-867-7463.

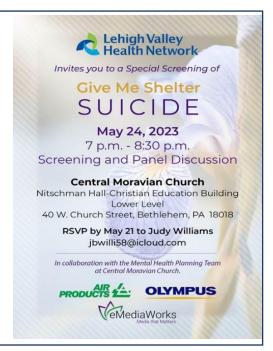
April 23rd 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., April 25th 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., April 27th 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., April 30th 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., May 2nd 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., May 4th 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Also, if you are digging and dividing plants in your garden and would like to donate some of your extra plants, we would be more than happy to accept them. The best time to drop them off would be May 12th at the C. E. building. If you have any questions about plants, please call Joan Carson at 610-346-8012.

Save-the-date - Give Me Shelter, Suicide presentation - A

screening of this video and a panel discussion will be presented at Central Moravian Church, Nitschmann Hall, 40 West Church St. Bethlehem, PA in person or by Zoom. May 24th – 7-8:30 pm.

Please register by May 21st with Judy Williams at <u>jbwilli58@icloud.com</u> to reserve a place at Nitschmann Hall for this presentation. Space is limited. You may also register with Judy Williams to obtain the link for Zoom, if you are unable to attend in person.





Camp Hope

CAMP HOPE: Registration is now open for Camp

Hope's 2023 Summer Camps!

Visit the website www.camphope.org for all the information!

<u>CAMP HOPE INFO SESSION</u> Tuesday, May 2, 8:00 p.m. Join us via zoom to learn more about our overnight summer camps in Hope, NJ. Suzanne Curtis, Executive Director, will talk about what you can expect when you send your child to Camp Hope, how we keep campers safe, how to register for camp, and more!

*All participants must register in advance for this meeting at:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAldeqtqT0rHNGtmGRGiCcr08u5cC0xQ1ghhttps://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAldeqtqT0rHNGtmGRGiCcr08u5cC0xQ1gh#/registration

CAMP HOPE FUNDRAISER DAY – MAY 13, 2023 – 2-9 pm

Tour the Camp Grounds, meet the Summer Camp Deans, Canoeing on Little Silver 2-4 pm, Archery from 3-5 pm, Games, Crafts, Entertainment, Merchandise at the Camp Store, Picnic at 5:30 pm, Campfire Vespers at 7:30 pm.

No cost – pay what you can donations welcome!

RSVP: 908-459-4435

<u>MISSION CAMP - MAY 16 - 21, 2023</u> - During Mission Camp, you'll have the opportunity to help maintain and improve our beautiful buildings and grounds while connecting with other volunteers and building friendships. Whether you're an experienced carpenter, a weed-eating warrior, or simply enjoy lending a helping hand wherever needed, there's a place for you on our team. You'll have the satisfaction of knowing that your efforts will directly contribute to providing a safe, welcoming space for campers of all ages to grow in their faith.

DATES FOR SUMMER 2023 - get them on your calendar **now**!

Pre-Primary: June 28-July1 – Grades 1&2

June 25 - July 1: Jr. Lifeguarding (Completed Grades 5 - 8)

July 9 - 15: Completed Grades 6 - 8

July 16 - 22: Completed Grades 3 - 5

July 23 - 29: Two exciting specialty camps to choose from!

Musical Theater (Completed Grades 5 - 9)

Swimming (Completed Grades 3 - 6)

July 30 - August 5: Senior High (Completed Grades 9 - 12)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES:

- 1. **Spring Fling!** Join us on **May 13th from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m**. for our Spring Fling. This is a chance to participate in camp activities, enjoy a cookout, and sing around the campfire.
- 2. **Memorial Day Weekend Family Cabin Rental** A decades-old tradition, Memorial Day Weekend at Camp Hope is a time to kick off summer at your favorite place. Bring your own food to cook and enjoy the pool, boating, and time around the campfire. Cabins sell out fast, so be sure to make your reservation today.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHURCH FAMILIES:

Memorial Day Church Picnic - A celebration for **EVERYONE** in the Moravian Church, Eastern District, in appreciation for your support of Camp Hope! Join your church family for a day of food, fellowship, and fun. Click here for all the details: Memorial Day Church Picnic.

Church Flowers



- 1) Enter your name on the Flower Chart on your preferred week.
- 2) Call florist <u>Mycalyn's 610-759-9060</u> by the Tuesday prior to your requested date.
- 3) **Order flowers, pay the 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.
- 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.
- 6) PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THE FLOWER INSERTS, THEY CANNOT BE REPLACED. Thank you.

Joys and Celebrations



Please let the office know if you are missing from our birthday list!

CELEBRATE



A CAN A WEEK/JOYFUL NOISE: JOYFUL NOISE will be collected in our "cow cans" on the first Sunday each month, but donations are welcome at any time. Send a check to the church office or place an earmarked donation in the offering at any time. Let's all get on board with our ongoing ministries in support of the Foodbank at the Northeast Community Center. A CAN A WEEK was designed to provide each one of us with the perfect opportunity to follow Jesus' command to feed the hungry. Please join our effort by adding A CAN A WEEK to your regular shopping list, and watch our weekly announcements and Facebook posts regarding the most-needed items.



Northeast Community

<u>Center:</u> THANK YOU for your generous contributions. They are always greatly appreciated. But the need for food continues! Currently there are shortages at the foodbank, especially cereal, rice, and Chef Boyardee-style meals. Donations of bath soap and toothpaste are always needed as are all types of grocery bags.



Drive-By Food Pantry at Central Moravian

<u>Church</u> - The drive by is located in Central Moravian Christian Ed parking lot, access road between Kemmerer Museum & God's Acre (follow signs). <u>Sunday</u>, <u>May 7</u>, <u>2023 from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.</u> Volunteers will be there to receive your donations rain, or shine. We are asking that donations come in paper bags (doubled) or cardboard boxes/ Those can be recycled or repurposed.



Administrative Items



The church office hours are Monday - Thursday from 9:00 – 3:00.

Phone: 610-868-6481

Email: office@easthillsmc.org

Church website: https://easthillsmc.org/

*If there is an emergency, please contact Pastor Linda at 484-764-8629.

Pastor's Day off will be Mondays instead of Fridays beginning May 1st.



<u>Prayer Requests:</u> Have a prayer request? Please contact 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 available to the world.



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



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOANER CLOSET: Church and community members have contributed so generously to the closet that further acceptance of donations (except for knee scooters and travel wheelchairs) has been suspended for now. We have been able to serve about a dozen church members, their families, and friends in the past

year, and look forward to continuing to serve others. We can currently offer shower seats with and without backs and side handles, tub transfer benches, wheeled walkers galore, crutches, commodes, raised toilet seats, travel wheelchair with footrest and one without footrests, bed assist rails, a suction grab bar and sock aide. Please continue to encourage acquaintances and folks in other BAM churches to use it as needed. Call the church office for needs.



DON'T TOSS THOSE EMPTY PILL CONTAINERS! Want to keep your empty pill bottles from ending up in the landfill for hundreds of years?

Matthew 25: ministries, an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization will include those bottles in shipments of medical supplies to areas where pills are often distributed in folded paper, which cannot protect medications from the weather or from the hands of children.

A marked tote container will be available near the Can-a-Week totes for collection. IT IS IMPERATIVE that you follow these guidelines:

- Bottles included in shipments of medical supplies must have an all plastic lid.
- Bottles should be sorted by color and type.
- All labels should be removed, leaving no glue or residue.
- All bottles and lids should be washed in very hot water and dish soap, rinsed, and dried thoroughly.
- Caps should be placed back onto clean, dried bottles.
- Clean, recapped bottles should be placed into large resealable bags marked "Clean Bottles." These will be included in shipments of medical supplies.



TREX recycling: The bagging dates for May are Sunday, May 14th and May 28th.







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.



NEW!! Use VENMO to donate! Use your Smart phone camera to view the QR Code below and click on the link that comes up to take you to VENMO and make your donation.



You can mail pledges to the office at the church. The mail is checked daily so that no money or checks are sitting in the mailbox for long. 1830 Butztown Rd., Bethlehem, 18017.



Serious and Silly Celebrations

- May 1 National Blessing Day
- May 2 Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 5 Cinco de Mayo, General Prayer Day
- May 6 International No Diet Day, Naked Gardening Day 😊
- May 7 World Laughter Day, Moravian Music Sunday
- May 8 No Socks Day
- May 9 National Moscato Day
- May 11 Hostess Cupcake Day
- May 13 National Apple Pie Day
- May 14 Bond with Your Dog Day, Mother's Day
- May 19 Devil's Food Cake Day
- May 24 National Brother's Day
- May 29 Memorial Day
- May 31 National Smile Day 🤒

Every Day...











