

A Publication of East Hills Moravian Church

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday - Office is open 9:00-3:00

***Pastor Linda is off on Mondays.**

The Star



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A Word from Pastor Linda Wisser:

The Goodness of God...An Invitation

Send Us Your Photos, please!

This month at East Hills Moravian Church we kick off our Fall series: "Stewardship...The Life that Is Truly Life". It's a series that encourages us "to put our hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment" (1 Timothy 6:17). Sunday mornings in October will help us focus on the goodness of God and will have us consider our response to God... how we utilize time, talents, treasure and legacy.

It all starts with God... so we are kicking off our series with a two-part celebration of the Goodness of God!

We need your help! Here's the invitation:

1. Take some time each day this month to notice what is good in your life.
2. Take a picture of something that speaks to you of God's goodness. (examples: family members, pets, sunsets, nature...)
3. Email your photo to us at office@easthillsmc.org by **October 3rd**.

The photos will be used in our worship services on October 8th and 15th as we give thanks for evidence of God's goodness in one another's lives and the world around us.

God is good! But don't take our word for it; come and see and share the goodness of God in your own lives. Join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays this month at the church, on Zoom, or any time during the week on YouTube.

Blessings,
Pastor Linda



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

Prayer Requests: Have a prayer request? Please contact the church office or fill out a prayer card in Sunday worship.

Giving:

Online Giving:

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

VENMO at:



OR ---

Mail: You can mail pledges to the office at the church at: 1830 Butztown Rd. Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Refreshments:

Weekly worship refreshments

schedule: Please contact Louise to schedule your donation of refreshments for after worship. Please know that all donations are appreciated!

Thank you for helping Louise keep things organized!



Come join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 - In person, on ZOOM, or anytime 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

Dial-in by phone: Call 1-929-205-6099 (New York - other cities available on request)

Meeting ID enter 838-5807-7423#

Participant ID enter #

Password enter 175584#



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study - 9:30 am in the Church Lounge.

Peter Diehl facilitating.

Sunday Coffee & Conversation Group – 9:30 am

Sunday School for Children and Youth – 9:30 am



Sanctuary flowers: If you wish to provide sanctuary flowers on Sunday:

- 1) **Enter your name on the Flower Chart** on your preferred week.
- 2) **Call florist - Mycalyn's - 610-759-9060** to place order by the Tuesday prior to your requested date. Pay the florist directly.
- 3) **Provide the church office with the date and dedication** you would like printed in the bulletin by the Tuesday prior to your requested date.
- 4) **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.
- 5) **PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THE FLOWER INSERTS, THEY CANNOT BE REPLACED.** Thank you.



Encore Performance IN OUR SANCTUARY

STEWARDSHIP

THE LIFE THAT IS TRULY LIFE.

October 22 – November 12, 2023

Returning Cast: The congregation of East Hills Moravian Church

Featuring: Time / Talent / Treasure

Back by popular demand: Legacy

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 Timothy 6: 17-19

Repeat performances by: The Stewardship Committee



TIME

THE PHYSICAL BEING AND EFFORT GOD GIVES,
THAT WE CAN BRING.

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:15-16



TALENT

THE SPIRIT, CREATIVITY, AND INGENUITY GOD GIVES,
THAT WE CAN BRING.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Romans 12: 6-8



TREASURE

THE FINANCIAL AND OTHER PHYSICAL RESOURCES
GOD GIVES, THAT WE CAN BRING.

And Jesus told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'" "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'" "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

Luke 12: 16-21

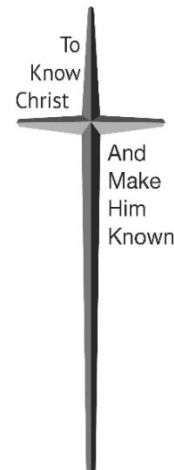


LEGACY

THE BLESSINGS THAT ENDURE AND GIFTS
GOD GIVES THAT ARE OF LASTING VALUE.

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9



East Hills Moravian Church

Did you know?

Purchasing cash cards through East Hills Moravian Church helps the church raise money. Depending on the merchant, the percentage earned varies from 1 percent to over 15 percent.

For example, a \$100 Giant or Valley Farm grocery card costs you \$100, and you can use it to buy \$100 worth of groceries. But the card only costs the church \$95 to purchase. So, the church makes \$5. A Giant or Valley Farm shopper who uses one \$100 cash card per week adds \$260 to our church's annual income.

Just think about how much money the church could earn if we all used cash cards when we purchase our groceries. And then think of all the other places where we spend money. There are many other merchants that participate in this program. There are even e-cards that can be loaded (and re-loaded) to your phone.

But did you also know?

Purchasing cash cards through East Hills Moravian Church can also help you grow in your faith commitment to the church and to God.

Growing in faith has a lot to do with being thoughtful and intentional in everything we do after we say we believe. Ask any of the folks who are already participating in our cash card program why they do it and they will likely tell you a story of how they have been blessed and want to be a blessing.

How can you learn more?

For more information on how to participate in the cash card program please reach out to:

- Julie DelPriore
- Heather Frantz
- Lucy Thompson

Grace permeates our lives. Participating in the East Hills Moravian Church cash card program allows us to practice gratefully responding to that grace. It is another step in cultivating a broader practice of generous living, shaping not only how we use our financial resources but also how we share our gifts of time, talent, and legacy with others. As we continue to invest in our faith community, we strengthen our personal relationship with God.

East Hills Moravian Church Stewardship Team

September 8, 2023

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EHMC:

October 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 International Coffee Day 9:30 Coffee & Conversation Group 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 9:30 Women's Fellowship 10:30 Worship, Holy Communion for World Communion Sunday	2 7:00 CEC	3 7:00 pm Women's Fellowship	4 National Golf Lovers Day	5 National Do Something Nice Day	6	7
8 9:30 Coffee & Conversation Group 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship	9 International Beer & Pizza Day; Pastor Appreciation Day (Hmm?!)	10 Columbus Day 7:00 pm Trustees	11	12	13 National M&M Day	14
15 9:30 Coffee & Conversation Group 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship	16 National Boss's Day	17 7:00 Elders	18	19	20	21 National Apple Day
22 9:30 Coffee & Conversation Group 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship	23	24 7:00 pm Worship & Music Com.	25 7:00 pm Why Knots	26 National Pumpkin Day	27	28 National Breadstick Day
29 9:30 Coffee & Conversation Group 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship	30 National Candy Corn Day	31 Halloween				

Young Adult Ministry: Young Adult Ministry (YAM) sends care packages to college-age youth attending school, in the military, or in the job force twice a year. If you are a young adult or know of a young adult (your child), please give his/her mailing address to the church office at office@easthillsmc.org. The young adult will be added to our list and receive a package from us this fall. The deadline for information is **Sunday, November 5**. If you wish to give monetary contributions to cover mailing costs, please make checks payable to *East Hills Moravian Church, memo: YAM*. Contact Lucy or Bobby if you have questions. Thanks for caring.

CROPWALK 2023 *Mark Your Calendar...*

Date: **Sunday October 8, 2023**

Time & Details are being worked out.

Where: Watch Thursday Announcements for more information.

East Hills has been walking for 37 consecutive years - that's how long the Bethlehem CROP Hunger Walk has been raising money in the fight against hunger. They need you to join in and make this a successful event.

A table will be in the Narthex on Sundays, for you to stop by and sign-up to Walk and/or Sponsor. You also can donate on-line at the follow link - <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/east-hills-walkers> Have questions or need more information - contact Bob Wingrove 610 867-0537.



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 can currently offer shower seats with and without backs and side handles, tub transfer benches, wheeled walkers, 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 anyone in need to use it. Call the church office for needs.

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. A full list of retailers is available at ShopWithScrip.com. To find out more or to place an order, contact the church office.



Visitation Care Team One of the priorities of our Board of Elders is to be sure that our members are well cared for through visits. When members and/or loved ones are sick, grieving, lonely, recovering, and/or struggling in matters of faith, a visit can help us to know we do not struggle alone. It is such an important ministry, that several folks are currently being

trained to serve in partnership with the pastor in our visitation ministry. In the coming months, our team will begin making visits as needed. To request a visit, EHC members can call the church office to be scheduled with someone from our Visitation Ministry.



Fellowship Opportunities:

East Hills Moravian Church Book Club

- The next book club is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 31st at 7PM in the Parlor** to discuss banned books. Each reader can read a banned or challenged book of their choice. For some ideas check out the American Library Association's list of most banned and challenged books from 2010-2019.

<https://www.ala.org/.../frequentlychallengedbooks/decade2019>

Please contact the church office.

Women's Fellowship is reading "Rolling with the Rock" by Rev. Jason Andersen. Meeting on Oct. 1st at 9:30 am in the board room and on ZOOM on Oct. 3rd at 7 pm to discuss Session 1 "Sink or Swim, Just Don't Sit". Contact the church office for information.

If you're a Generation Jones, EHC is starting a new social group just for you. Our targeted age group is 35-65. **We will be meeting on October 8th, from 2-5pm at Wanderlust Beer Garden in Forks Township again. We are under cover in case of rain.** Come hang out, socialize, and listen to some live music. You can purchase your own food and beverages while you are there. We will have an area reserved for us. If you have any questions, or wish to let us know you're coming, please contact the church office. Wanderlust Beer Garden is located at 1600 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA 18040 Visit their website <https://wanderlustbeergarden.com/> or Facebook page to learn more about the venue.

Why Knots - members will continue to meet monthly on the 4th Wednesday evening throughout the summer. We work together year-round on a variety of community and personal projects. We have different skills, not limited to knitting, and we enjoy sharing our talent and expertise with others. If you would like to join our group, possibly learn new skills or put your skills to good use, contact the church office.

Men's Fellowship: 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.



Harvest Dinner

Benefits - Bethlehem Area Moravian Freezer Ministry

At - East Hills Moravian Church

1830 Butztown Road – Bethlehem, PA

Saturday Nov. 11, 2023

4:30 – 6:00 PM Buffet Open

In-House Seating

or

You Can Fill a Provided Container and Take Your Dinner Home

Turkey & Gravy
Ham & Gravy
PA Dutch Potato Bread Stuffing
Vegetable Style Rice Pilaf
Sweet Potato Pie
Green Beans/Sweet Corn
Cranberry Relish
Salad Bar & Rolls
Pumpkin & Apple Pie
Iced Tea/Coffee/Hot Tea

Cost:	Adults	\$15	Silver Sponsor	\$25
	Children 6-12	\$ 6	Gold Sponsor	\$50
	Children 5 & under	No Charge		

Advanced reservations are required.

Deadline **Fri. Nov. 3, 2023**

Call Bob or Kathy Wingrove @ 610-867-0537

**If you cannot attend the dinner, but would like to donate,
Please make checks out to East Hills Moravian Church,
marked for the Freezer Ministry**

Adult Fellowship – 2023: October 14th - The Adult Fellowship will be traveling to Birdsboro in Berks County to tour the **Daniel Boone Homestead (DBH)**, a Pennsylvania Trails of History site. The DBH is a historical site in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania that tells the story of Daniel Boone's youth in Pennsylvania's Oley Valley and illuminates the daily lives of the region's 18th-century settlers through the eyes of the Boone, Maugridge, and DeTurk families who occupied the site. Come with us to discover this diverse region that impacted Daniel Boone's life and PA's history.

We will gather at the church at 9:15 AM and leave sharply at 9:30 AM. There will be a tour at 11:00 AM and time to explore the grounds and outbuildings before heading for a late lunch at Uncle Jack's Corner (sandwiches and salads priced \$5-\$13). Those wishing to do further exploration of the grounds may return to the homestead after lunch.

Costs for the trip will include the tour price (\$10 adults, \$8 seniors), \$5 a person for gas, and lunch costs. Tour and gas costs will be collected before departure from the church, so please have cash available. The restaurant does take credit cards. Please note, to explore the outbuildings, you will be walking on some uneven stone/grass hiking trails. Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing. If it rains, the trip will be cancelled since many of the activities take place outdoors. Reserve your spot by October 8th. Contact the church office.. Also, please let us know if you would be willing to be a driver.

RECYCLING:

TREX recycling: The bagging dates are **Sundays, October 8th and 22nd.**



Pill containers: Want to keep your empty pill bottles from ending up in the landfill for hundreds of years? 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

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES:

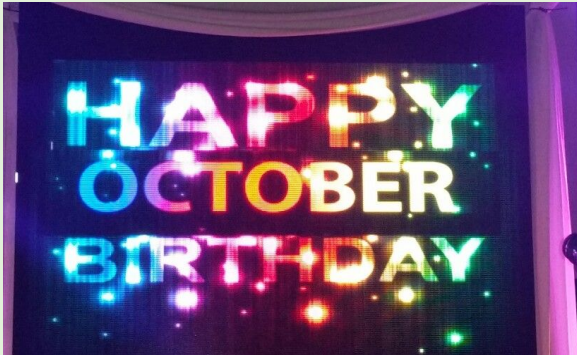
Northeast Community Center: set a new record on the 7th....they served 53 families with food insecurity. (The old record was slightly below 50.) High food costs and reduced Food Stamp benefits may be contributing to this increase in need. But YOU can help! Bring A CAN A WEEK to church every Sunday. The collection bins are in the hall underneath the coat racks, right across from the office door. Watch the weekly announcements for the most-needed items....but ANY canned food is always appreciated, in addition to toothpaste, bath soap, dish liquid, and grocery bags of any type. **Greatest need at this time: pasta sauce, canned tuna fish, dry cereal, and cookies.** Thanks for your ongoing help!



A CAN A WEEK/JOYFUL NOISE: Your generous support of this ministry is greatly needed at this time when the NECC foodbank is experiencing food shortages. Please join in our effort to have full participation in A CAN A WEEK! **JOYFUL NOISE** is 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.

Drive-By Food Pantry at Central Moravian Church - located in Central Moravian Christian Ed parking lot, access road between Kemmerer Museum & God's Acre (follow signs). **Sunday, October 1, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. - 1 pm** 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.

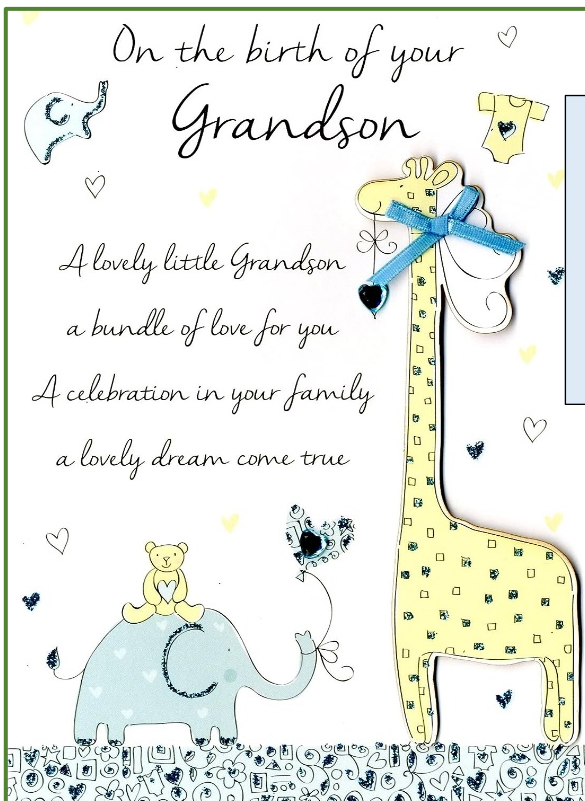
JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS:



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

**Cecilia was born on
April 10th !**

It is time to celebrate! Congratulations to Kelly and Philip on the birth of Cecilia! Cecilia is our newest member of Cradle roll. Cradle roll is a Christian based age appropriate program where information is mailed monthly to all parents of children from birth (adoption) through three years. Once a child turns three they graduate from cradle roll and become eligible to attend Sunday school nursery class. Cradle roll also provides a card that is given to the family at baptism. If you know of any church members who have a child from birth (adoption) through three years old that is not receiving cradle rolls monthly age appropriate mailing please contact the church office.



**Congratulations to
Pastor Linda and
family on the birth
of her first
grandchild on
September 31st.**

**2023 Watchword: Keep my statutes,
and observe them; I am the Lord; I
sanctify you. - Leviticus 20:8**

While we your past dealings
Gratefully review,
We're assured your mercies
Are each morning new;
Pardon our transgressions,
Hear our earnest cry;
Us in soul and body
Heal and sanctify. (770)

