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is to learn, share, live Christ's love!

# March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>11:00 AM</b> Fellowship Hour	<b>10:00 AM</b> Embroiderers Guild <b>5:30 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>9:00 AM</b> Bethlehem Palette Club <b>5:30 PM</b> Debtors Anonymous	<b>10:00 AM</b> Tai Chi <b>6:30 PM</b> Mid-Week Lenten Study VIA ZOOM <b>7:45 PM</b> Elders meeting	<b>10:00 AM</b> Organ Practice <b>12:00 PM</b> AARP Tax Aide <b>4:00 PM</b> Choir rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> PB Egg Production <b>6:15 PM</b> Bell Choir rehearsal	Pastor Chris' Sabbath <b>10:00 AM</b> Tai Chi <b>6:00 PM</b> PB Egg Production	<b>9:00 AM</b> PB Egg Production
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
JOYFUL NOISE SUNDAY <b>10:00 AM</b> Children's Sunday School (during worship) <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>11:00 AM</b> Fellowship Hour <b>2:00 PM</b> Satori	<b>5:30 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous <b>6:30 PM</b> COT meeting	<b>9:00 AM</b> Bethlehem Palette Club <b>5:30 PM</b> Debtors Anonymous	<b>10:00 AM</b> Tai Chi <b>4:30 PM</b> St. Luke's Healing Arts <b>6:30 PM</b> Mid-Week Lenten Study VIA ZOOM <b>7:45 PM</b> Trustees meeting	<b>10:00 AM</b> Organ Practice <b>12:00 PM</b> AARP Tax Aide <b>4:00 PM</b> Choir rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> PB Egg Production <b>6:15 PM</b> Bell Choir rehearsal	Pastor Chris' Sabbath <b>10:00 AM</b> Tai Chi <b>6:00 PM</b> PB Egg Production	<b>9:00 AM</b> PB Egg Production <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee & Conversation
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>11:00 AM</b> Discipleship Event – Pi/Pie Day	<b>5:30 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous <b>6:30 PM</b> Darts	<b>9:00 AM</b> Bethlehem Palette Club <b>5:30 PM</b> Debtors Anonymous	<b>10:00 AM</b> Tai Chi <b>6:30 PM</b> Mid-Week Lenten Study VIA ZOOM	<b>12:00 PM</b> AARP Tax Aide <b>4:00 PM</b> Choir rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> PB Egg Production <b>6:15 PM</b> Bell Choir rehearsal	Pastor Chris' Sabbath <b>10:00 AM</b> Tai Chi <b>6:00 PM</b> PB Egg Production	<b>10:30 AM</b> Taoism Study Group <b>11:30 AM</b> Baha'i Spring Celebration
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
PB EGG DISTRIBUTION AFTER WORSHIP <b>10:00 AM</b> Children's Sunday School (during worship) <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>11:00 AM</b> Fellowship Hour <b>3:00 PM</b> LVAGO	APRIL BUILDER SUBMISSIONS DUE TO THE OFFICE <b>5:30 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous <b>6:30 PM</b> Welcoming Committee meeting	<b>9:00 AM</b> Bethlehem Palette Club <b>5:30 PM</b> Debtors Anonymous	<b>10:00 AM</b> Tai Chi <b>6:30 PM</b> Mid-Week Lenten Study VIA ZOOM	<b>9:00 AM</b> April Newsletter Folding Team <b>12:00 PM</b> AARP Tax Aide <b>4:00 PM</b> Choir rehearsal <b>6:15 PM</b> Bell Choir rehearsal	Pastor Chris' Sabbath <b>10:00 AM</b> Tai Chi	<b>11:00 AM</b> Family Ministry Easter Event
29	30	31	Apr 1	2	3	4
PALM SUNDAY <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>11:00 AM</b> Fellowship Hour	<b>1:00 PM</b> Holy Week Readings <b>5:30 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>9:00 AM</b> Bethlehem Palette Club <b>10:30 AM</b> Book Club <b>1:00 PM</b> Holy Week Readings <b>5:30 PM</b> Debtors Anonymous	<b>10:00 AM</b> Tai Chi <b>1:00 PM</b> Holy Week Readings <b>6:30 PM</b> Elders meeting	MAUNDY THURSDAY <b>12:00 PM</b> AARP Tax Aide <b>7:00 PM</b> Maundy Thursday Communion	GOOD FRIDAY <b>10:00 AM</b> Tai Chi <b>7:00 PM</b> Good Friday Worship	
5	6	Notes				
EASTER SUNDAY <b>6:00 AM</b> Easter Dawn Service <b>10:00 AM</b> Easter Sunday Worship	<b>10:00 AM</b> Embroiderers Guild <b>5:30 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous					

# *The Builder*

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## **The Quiet Work of Lent**

As I sat down to write the pastoral blurb for the March Newsletter, I once again am finding myself watching snowflakes fall from my window. I cannot remember a Winter where we have had this many snowy days, but as a snowboarder, I am ecstatic at all the fresh-fallen snow.

There is something about fresh snow that quiets everything like a blanket laid across the Earth. Even the ordinary landscape feels almost sacred beneath a fresh and clean blanket of snow. Snow has a way of slowing us down, whether we planned for it or not. Inviting us to grab a hot chocolate and curl up under a blanket ourselves for a movie night. Snow interrupts schedules, demands patience, and invites us to notice.

March often feels like that kind of interruption in the life of the Church. We find ourselves in the liturgical season of Lent, a season that gently disrupts our normal pace. Just as snowfall changes the way we move through the world, Lent changes the way we move through our faith. It asks us to pay attention to where we are stepping and to examine what we are carrying.

As a snowboarder, I know that fresh powder is both beautiful and humbling. It looks effortless from a distance, but it requires balance, attentiveness, and a willingness to adjust with every shift beneath you. Faith can feel the same way. There are seasons when the ground under us feels firm and predictable. Then there are seasons where God invites us to lean in, to steady ourselves, and to trust God with each turn.

Lent is not about spiritual performance; it is about alignment. It is about clearing the clutter that has slowly piled up in our hearts so we can see Christ more clearly. Whether you are fasting, adding a daily prayer practice, serving someone in need, or simply trying to be more mindful of the moments of God's presence in daily life.

At Moravian University, we practice the act of God Sightings. In this practice, we look for the moments throughout our weeks where we have found God. This simple but powerful practice encourages us to look for the moments throughout our week when we have noticed God at work. Some may see God in a beautiful sunset, a meal with friends they have not seen in some time, or a blooming flower at the start of Spring. These are just a few examples, but I invite each of us to pay attention to the God Sightings in our lives this Lenten season. You may find yourself enjoying this practice, and in doing it, you may realize much more of God in your everyday life.

While snow still softly falls outside my window, we all know that Spring is coming. Beneath the frozen ground, life is already preparing to rise. As we journey through March together, may we embrace the quiet work God is doing in us. May we find balance, courage, and joy that may feel dormant now, but we know will bloom in God's time.

In All Things Love,

*Pastor Kayce*

# THE SEASON OF LENT

## Wednesday Evening Study & Conversation

March 4; 11; 18, and 25  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Offered exclusively on ZOOM  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82943965381>

*The Wired Word* will be the curriculum that guides our online time together. Each week we will take up a current news story, pair it with relevant scriptures, and share in discussion. To receive preview materials each week, be sure to send an email to [moravianpastorchris@gmail.com](mailto:moravianpastorchris@gmail.com) and request to be added to the class list. Whether or not you register in advance, you may join each class through the Zoom link published above. The same link will be used for each class session and will be resent each Tuesday through the general church email list.

## HOLY WEEK

The end of March brings the beginning of Holy Week, the meaningful though solemn observance of Jesus' last days on earth. Making the pilgrimage from Palm Sunday through Good Friday is a beautiful act of devotion that sets the stage for a glorious Easter celebration. Consider participating in any or all of the services offered throughout the week.

### Palm Sunday

**Sunday, March 29 at 10:00 AM**

Sing "The Hosanna!" Wave a palm blade! Listen to the lovely sounds of the handbell and vocal choirs. And in the midst of celebrating Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, recognize that he is boldly challenging the system and letting loose the dramatic events to follow.

## Readings for Holy Week

**Monday, March 30**

**Tuesday, March 31**

**Wednesday, April 1  
at 1:00 PM**

Making use of the traditional Moravian book, *Readings for Holy Week*, we'll gather informally in a circle and read through the scriptural account containing Jesus' teachings and the events of Holy Week. Come for one, two, or all three sessions. Volunteer your voice to the telling of the story or simply follow along and listen. **PLEASE NOTE the time change from previous years.**

## Maundy Thursday

**Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 PM  
Worship and Holy Communion**

We remember the loving way Jesus first gathered his people around him in an Upper Room and shared in the tender act of serving The Lord's Supper on a consequential evening. As Jesus' contemporary disciples, we too will spend sacred time at The Table communing with Jesus and with one another.

## Good Friday

**Friday, April 3 at 7:00 PM  
Sundown & Shadows Worship**

Good Friday is the darkest day of the Church Year—the day on which Jesus was executed. In worship, we will recreate the experience of losing The Light of the World.

## Easter

**Sunday, April 5**

**Easter Dawn Service**

**6:00 AM in the Central Moravian  
Church Sanctuary  
and continuing at God's Acre**

Greet the sunrise and remember the Sunrise! Since 1732, Moravian Christians have begun Easter Morning with a visit to a cemetery—God's Acre. In Bethlehem, the tradition dates back to 1743. Worshiping with friend-travelers from other Bethlehem area Moravian Churches

and accompanied by the Bethlehem Trombone Choir makes for a touching remembrance of the very first Easter morning.

## Celebration Worship

**10:00 AM in the College Hill  
Moravian Church Sanctuary**

Smile! Sing! Worship! And when the minister proclaims, "The Lord is risen," be ready with your joyful response: "The Lord is risen indeed!" If Good Friday is the darkest day of the Church Year, Easter is the brightest. Hope comes alive on Easter. Join us!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SATORI CONCERT

Music for Flute, Violin, Cello and Guitar; **Sunday, March 8, 2:00 PM.** Once again, our Sanctuary will resound with the delightful sounds of the Satori consort! This year's concert will be presented by the ensemble's premier quartet playing repertoire from the Baroque era to the 20th century. Come to enjoy what promises to be both an educational and entertaining afternoon. General admission: \$10; students: Free. Tickets are available at the door; all proceeds benefit the Organ Renewal Fund.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

Carol Messina will be celebrating her 90th birthday on **March 22, 2026!** Her children, Kristel Seagreaves and David and Paul Sommers, invite any member/friend of College Hill to share some cake and light refreshments in Fellowship Hall following the church service. Please help us celebrate our amazing mom!

—David, Paul, and Kristel



**FAMILY MINISTRY  
EASTER EVENT**  
Saturday March 28  
at 11 AM

Make your reservations now for the Church's upcoming Family Easter Event. Families and friends will enjoy this third annual joyful party to celebrate Easter which is being planned by the Christian Education and Family Ministry Committee. Enjoy a wonderful brunch, fellowship, games, crafts, and of course an EASTER EGG HUNT. Please sign up by **March 22** so we can plan appropriately for your participation.

**GLORIA REISINGER  
MEMORIAL SERVICE**

A Celebration of Life service for Gloria Reisinger will take place on **Saturday, May 30 at 1:00 PM** at College Hill Moravian Church.

**COLLEGE HILL NEWS**

**A NOTE FROM JULIE ILLICK**

Thank you to my College Hill church family for the cards, prayers and support for our family as we negotiated the illness and passing of my daughter, Danielle Serratore. Thank you to Pastor Chris for leading Danielle's Celebration of Life service.

Thank you also for the continued prayers for my son, Ben Gehringer and his family. And many thanks for the financial donations to his family in this very difficult time.

—Julie Illick

**IT'S A GIRL!**

Congratulations to **NEW GRANDPARENTS** Kristel and Jim Seagreaves — Finley May Seagreaves has arrived!

Born 1/26/26 @ 9:30 PM, 7.7 lbs, 19¼". Everyone is doing well!

Finley's parents are Andrew and Chelsea Seagreaves.

**PEANUT BUTTER EGGS**

It's that time of year again! I know we haven't even put all the Christmas decorations away and there are still a few cookies hanging around, but Easter is early this year. That means it's time to start planning for our delicious, hard-to-resist handmade Peanut Butter Eggs. We hope you remember how good they are and what a great time everyone has making them.

Please help by spreading the word and reminding your family, friends, and co-workers just how good they really are. You will find an order form included in this *Builder* and in the weekly bulletins, with more available at church if needed. **Please note that all order forms need to be returned by March 1st and distribution, tentatively, will be after Worship on Sunday, March 22nd.**

In addition to selling the Peanut Butter Eggs, we also need **lots** of help in making them (this is actually a fun time). **We need you!**

**We have scheduled the following production times:**

Thursday and Friday, March 5th and 6th at 6 PM and Saturday, March 7th at 9 AM

Thursday and Friday, March 12th and 13th at 6 PM and Saturday, March 14th at 9 AM

**If you are willing to offer your time and energy on any of these days, please let either Joan or Ray Duh know. This is a great way to serve and fellowship with each other. Together, we are also supporting the many ministries of College Hill.**

**We appreciate any help you can offer and look forward to working with you!!!!**

**FORGET ABOUT PI DAY--  
CELEBRATE (PIZZA) PIE DAY!**

**Sunday, March 15 after Worship**

While the world's math whizzes observe Pi Day on 3.14, our Discipleship Team prefers to celebrate PIE DAY on 3.15! Come for PIZZA, spend some fellowship time with your church family at ROUND tables, and take in a lighthearted but informative program including PIE CHARTS about our Christian Stewardship. Last year's inaugural event was lots of fun, so we're offering it again with new twists and new information.

As it says in a slightly modified version of Psalm 63:5, "I'm fully satisfied— as with a rich [pizza] dinner. My mouth speaks praise with joy on my lips." Come and be nourished! Everyone is welcome.

Donations toward the cost of the pizza are not required but appreciated. There will be a basket on the table for your free will offering.

**FIVE WAYS TO GIVE**

As a reminder, there are several different ways to provide your offerings:

1. Bring your offering to Sunday worship. Gifts can be offered whether you attend via "Parking Lot Worship" or worship in the pews.
2. Mail your offering to the church office at College Hill Moravian Church, 72 W. Laurel Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.
3. Use your bank's "bill pay" service. A one-time or recurring payment can be made by a bank on your behalf. Banks that offer this service typically cut a check and mail it to the church at no cost to you. Contact your bank for details.
4. Make an online payment through the **Moravian Giving Portal** at <https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/> Go to this link, click on our church's name, and follow the instructions to make a one-time gift or a recurring

monthly gift. Donations can be made by members and non-members via direct debit of a bank account or by credit card. All donation processing fees for portal gifts are now paid by the Moravian Ministries Foundation, so your full donation will be received by our church.

5. Make an online payment through Realm. Members can direct debit funds monthly from their bank account to the church's bank account.

Realm charges a fee for processing the contribution, so users may wish to add 1% more to their offerings to offset this fee. Check out the Realm page on our church website for a video tutorial and instructions: <http://collegehillmoravian.org/realm/>

### EASTER FLOWERS

Order forms and payments for Easter daffodils and tulips (found at the back of this *Builder* and at the church) are due to the office by **Wednesday, March 18**. You may not order specific flowers, but you will be able to choose a flower to take home after the worship service on Easter Sunday.

They can be purchased as memorials for a loved one, to honor someone, or for blessings received. Each 6-inch pot costs \$8.50.

### SAVE YOUR SHOEBOXES

They will be used as carryout boxes for the coleus flower sale in May. They can be put at the front of the stage. This is a great way to recycle them. Only looking for shoeboxes— not boot boxes (too big) Thank you.

### BULLETIN BOARD PHOTOS

You're invited to choose one, two or as many photos as you like!! These photos have been on College Hill's bulletin board and now we would like to share them with you!

As photos are replaced on the bulletin board the ones taken down will be placed on the table closest to the

kitchen. Please enjoy these photos as you add to your photo collection.

### COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Coffee and Conversation will meet in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, March 14 from 9 AM-10:30 AM**. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Toggart at 610-217-1971 by phone or text.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School is held twice a month during the 10 AM Worship service. The children attend the opening moments of worship with their families, and are then dismissed, along with their teachers, to the Sunday School classroom for a lesson, crafts, music and treats.

Sunday School will be held on:

March 8 & 22, April 12 & 26,  
May 3 & 17

We hope that you will mark your calendars and bring your children, grandchildren, and their friends to share in the fun.

If you are interested in helping with Sunday School, please contact Alan Bosch.

### BOOK CLUB

Book club meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall or Room 4 if the hall is being used.

All our welcome to join us!  
Contact Sue Youtz for further updates.  
[610-751-0654/syoutz@ptd.net](mailto:610-751-0654/syoutz@ptd.net)

### FELLOWSHIP TIME HOSTS NEEDED!

We are in need of hosts for our after-worship fellowship time. Hosting involves making coffee and providing snacks for our weekly fellowship time, and cleaning up afterwards. Coffee, cold beverage mix, and gluten-free snacks are provided (if you wish)

by the church. A sign-up page is available on the food table for your convenience. Please sign up for a date that is convenient for you. Feel free to pair up with someone and share the gift of hospitality. The Welcoming Committee members are happy to answer any questions. Thank you very much.

Lorna Rosznagle 610-248-9392  
Rosemary Kleintop 610-730-5361

### GROCERY

#### GIFT CARD PROGRAM — IMPORTANT REMINDER!

We sell grocery gift cards for both Giant and Weis supermarkets. For each card that we sell, the Church earns .5% of the sale price. This program is the one fundraiser that continues year-round in the life of our Church. The more cards purchased, the more our church budget is supported. We strive to have on hand an ample supply of cards for both stores.

If you have any questions, or would like to purchase cards, please see either Caroline Pietkiewicz or Diane Abeles on Sunday. Happy shopping!

### THANK YOU

#### FROM THE WEST BETHLEHEM EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your monthly deliveries of food and personal care items donated by your congregation through 2025. We are so blessed to have you as friends.

This contribution will assist in the daily needs for many families.

On behalf of the West Bethlehem Emergency Food Pantry, the many clients we serve, and the volunteers who staff the food bank, we all thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jane Cygan, West Bethlehem  
Emergency Food Pantry

## MUSIC NOTES

### LENT AND EASTER MUSIC

Our musicians are busily preparing for Lent and Easter, the most holy season of the church year. Lent began Ash Wednesday with a moving service, accompanied by the church choir. The handbell choir joined in praise on the First Sunday in Lent. The Bell Choir will ring again Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday, and a special service of reflection in word and music is planned for Good Friday as we mourn the passing of our Lord. Join us again Easter morning when instruments and voices come together, marking the glorious resurrection of our Savior, the Risen Lamb.

### LEHIGH VALLEY

#### AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

Sunday afternoon, March 22, at 4:00 pm, College Hill will resound with the glorious sound of organ and voices when we welcome the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists to our Sanctuary. An interactive meeting, we will be led through a Singstunde of hymns and service music, focusing on music for Holy Week and — in honor of Women Composers Month — comprised solely of texts and/or music by women composers. The meeting is free and open to the public. Come, join us for a fun and educational afternoon of singing and fellowship.

## HELP SUPPORT THESE MINISTRIES

### COT HAPPENINGS

#### William Penn Elementary School

Once again we will be collecting granola bars for the students at William Penn to have as a treat when they are taking the PSSA tests. Some

good options for allergen-free bars include (always check the packaging for specifics):

**Blake's Seed-Based:** Vegan, nut-free, gluten-free, dairy-free

**88 Acres:** Gluten-free, nut-free

**KIND Kids Snacks Chocolate Chip Bar:** Tree nut-free, peanut-free, gluten-free

**think! High Protein Snacks:** Gluten-free

All donations can be placed on the COT table in Fellowship Hall. We will be labeling them with messages of encouragement and support **during Fellowship Hour on April 12**, and hope you will be able to help with this activity.

#### Items Requested by William Penn

We are continuing to collect school supplies for William Penn. All items can be placed on the COT table in Fellowship Hall or placed in the bins under the table.

As the winter months are here, William Penn is specifically asking for gloves and hats, tissues, hand sanitizer, and Lysol wipes. And since Valentine's Day will be here before we know it, they would also like donations of boxed Valentine's Cards.

#### West Bethlehem Emergency Food Pantry

Thank you for so many donated items this holiday season! Our gracious neighbors have helped fill our shelves for early winter. Looking ahead, the West Bethlehem Emergency Food Pantry at Star of Bethlehem Lutheran would love to have more:

- Cereal/oatmeal/pancake mix/granola bars
- Rice
- Peanut butter
- Shelf-stable milk
- Jelly
- Coffee/tea/hot chocolate
- Canned vegetables
- Personal care items
- Toilet paper/paper towels

WBEFP served 117 households (comprised of a total of 439 children, adults, and seniors) in November 2025. Thirty-eight (38) new families signed up to receive food. Thanks for your support!

The Pantry also accepts items that are past the "expired" or "best by" date. Please place your donations on the COT table or in the grocery cart in Fellowship Hall. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated!

#### Essentials Café

##### Wooden Nickel Fundraiser

Would you like to honor someone with a gift that has an immediate impact? Consider purchasing a card that states a wooden nickel (or nickels) has been purchased in their honor. Each nickel costs \$12. The nickels are placed in a jar by the cash register in the cafe and can be used by anyone in need to "pay" for a meal. Our sincere thanks to everyone for helping to feed our neighbors!

#### Little Free Library

Our library is always in need of books, from board books to chapter books. Our library is geared to the children in the neighborhood, so no adult books please.

Donations can be placed in the baskets located in Fellowship Hall and the Narthex.

If you are interested in helping shelve and/or restock the library, please reach out to any member of the Community Outreach Ministry Team.

### TREX

#### PLASTIC RECYCLING

Earth Day will be here soon! Check next month's edition for updates on recycling your plastics!

#### FOOD PANTRY SEMINAR

**March 21, 2026 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers invites you to attend "The Healthy/Sustainable Pantry and Accessing Food in the Lehigh Valley Seminar" at East Hills Moravian

Church (1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem, PA) on **Saturday, March 21, 2026.**

With presentations by The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers, Second Harvest, Lehigh Valley Farms, and more. For more information visit <https://freezerministry.org>.

To register, scan the QR code **OR** visit Sign Up Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FAAAB29A5FCC43-62287472-thehealthy> **OR** call Bob or Kathy Wingrove at 610-867-0537.



**BOARD OF  
WORLD MISSION**  
of the Moravian Church • North America

**MISSION MINUTE:  
SERVICE CAMP FOR ADULTS  
OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES!**

The Board of World Mission, together with our Moravian camping ministries in Wisconsin and New Jersey, invites volunteers to join together in preparation for 2026 summer programming at our BWM service camps. There is no cost to attend either camp; meals and lodging (and lots of fun!) will be provided for the volunteers. Project details are not yet available, but in the past, groups have done everything from staining cabins, replacing roofing on pavilions, clearing brush, weeding, and more. Free time is casual and can be spent as you choose — you are sure to find others who will join you on a hike or sitting around the campfire. Want to experience another Moravian camp facility for the first time? We ask that in-area volunteers cover their own transportation to and from service camp, but if you are traveling from a long distance, exchange camping funds are available for travel assistance. Inquire with Dan Miller, Director of Mission Service ([dan@moravianmission.org](mailto:dan@moravianmission.org)).



Mt. Morris Service Camp  
Wautoma, Wisconsin  
May 13–17, 2026  
Register by May 1, 2026

Camp Hope Service Camp  
Blairstown, NJ  
June 16–20, 2026  
Register by June 1, 2026

Register at  
<https://www.moravian.org/mission/servicecamp/>

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### TRUSTEES UPDATE

February 11, 2026

The Trustees met on Wednesday, February 11. It was reported that we are starting the year behind by \$6316.93. This is a significant shortfall for the start of the year (1.5 times last year which was \$4158.11). We were only able to pay the Medical/LTD/Life Insurance by using the excess from last year's fundraiser fund. We did not have sufficient income to cover Eastern District or Common Ministries obligations, so we have delayed payment. We are hoping that this shortfall was due to the weather and we will have a more positive income next month. Please remember that we count on your prayerful and generous donations. God Bless.

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### THANK YOU

#### FROM THE PEACE PILGRIMAGE

Thank you for your long-standing support of the Annual Christmas Peace Pilgrimage. Allowing us to use your Fellowship Hall as a rest stop for the weary pilgrims is truly a blessing. College Hill Moravian is the pilgrimage's last rest stop and is known as the "candle" church among the return pilgrims. We all look

forward to the warmth and fellowship that waits for us at College Hill Moravian Church.

Approximately 100 people took part in the 2025 Peace Pilgrimage as pilgrims, kitchen and other volunteers, and peace singers. Ten worship communities served as promoters and hosts for this event.

The Peace Pilgrimage reminds us of what is possible and what we should work toward. Thank you for helping to spread this important message.

In gratitude,  
Karen Maurer  
Peace Pilgrimage Volunteer

### SENIORS AND FRIENDS

**West Side Moravian Church, 402 3rd Ave, Bethlehem**

**March 5, 2026, 11:30 AM**

Revisit the history of Bethlehem Steel with John Landis and his son Steve Landis, authors of *Bethlehem Steel: Rusting Relic*, featuring rare behind-the-scenes photos.

You can purchase the book for \$25.00 and the authors will sign. They accept cash payments.

Bring a friend and a sandwich—  
beverage and dessert  
will be provided!

\*\*\*The front door located on 3rd Avenue will be open for easier access to our meetings.\*\*\*

### BYRNESE CRAIG ORDINATION

The Provincial Elders' Conference shares the following announcement: Your prayers and presence are invited to celebrate a service of ordination.

By the Grace of God, the Right Reverend M. Blair Couch, Bishop of the Moravian Unity, will ordain Byrnesse Craig to service as a Deacon in the Moravian Church, Northern Province on **March 7, 2026 at 3:00 PM**. The service will take place at Moravian Theological Seminary (60 West Locust Street, Bethlehem, PA).

Clergy and their families are invited to gather in Genadendal before the service.

Reception to follow. Folks are welcome to contact Byrnese directly ([byrnese.craig@gmail.com](mailto:byrnese.craig@gmail.com)) to indicate interest and she will share the service link when it becomes available.

### ST. LUKE'S HEALING ARTS

The St. Luke's Healing Arts Program for cancer patients and their caregivers is so excited to have been welcomed by the College Hill Moravian Church.

Studies have shown that whether creating a simple drawing or collage, looking at art or talking about it, the arts can help you:

- \* Express thoughts and emotions that can be hard to put into words
- \* Lower stress and anxiety
- \* Relax and feel calmer and happier
- \* Connect with your deeper self, no matter what you are going through
- \* Form new connections with others
- \* Create something unique that gives you a sense of pleasure and accomplishment

**Registration is required;** if you would like more information, please see the flyers on the bulletin boards in the office or in Fellowship Hall.

Our next classes will be held on **March 11 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.**

## CHURCH OFFICE REMINDERS



### SPRING AHEAD!

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour at 2 AM on **Sunday, March 8, 2026!**



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MARCH 23

Please submit articles for the April 2026 edition of *The Builder* by **Monday, March 23, 2026** to [church@collegehillmoravian.org](mailto:church@collegehillmoravian.org). Please submit all Weekly Announcement articles by the Wednesday of that week.

### CONTACTING PASTOR CHRIS

Life is unpredictable, and so are office hours. That is why it is best to get in touch before popping in. Pastor Chris is easy to reach, especially if you are willing to **leave a message**. If your need is urgent, please say so!

**Text or Call Her Mobile Phone**  
484-894-9077

**Phone the Church Office**  
610-867-8291

**Use EMAIL**  
[moravianpastorchris@gmail.com](mailto:moravianpastorchris@gmail.com)

**Find her on Facebook and Messenger**  
Christine Sobania Johnson

**Flexible Office Hours**  
9 AM – 11 AM Monday – Thursday  
Pastor Chris keeps Sabbath on **Fridays** (Day off)

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 15 Larry & Sue Meixell



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 5 Diane Abeles  
 March 6 Andrew Hock  
 March 7 Dedrea Becker  
 Gianarkis  
 March 14 Debra Mickolay  
 Rick Snyder  
 March 15 Andrew Johnson  
 Louis Salay  
 March 16 Nancy Beitel-Vessels  
 Cindy Brown  
 Joseph Moran  
 March 17 Daniel Michaels  
 Kristel Seagreaves

March 18 Alison Prosperi  
 March 19 Patricia Pulley  
 March 21 Mike Meixell  
 Kelly Schmidt  
 March 22 Bill Derby  
 Carol Messina  
 March 24 Judith Becker  
 March 26 Ingrid Eichman  
 Lisa Meder  
 Terri Harney  
 March 27 Justin Deutsch  
 March 28 Kristen Meixell  
 Oberdoester  
 March 31 Alan Bosch

### PRAYERS

**We express concern for dear ones in our church family...**

- Mike DiMenichi
- Debbie Zechman
- Sherwood Kindred
- Marie Keim
- Warren Achey (homebound)
- Jane Gottwald (homebound)
- Mike Meixell (homebound)

**We pray, as requested, for others...**

- Brandon Stoltz (military)
- Lisa Johnson
- Barry Erb (cousin of Carol Messina)

To receive prayer requests and updates in the most relevant, timely way, consider joining the College Hill Moravian Church Prayer Chain. You may receive notifications by either email or phone. Contact the church office to get connected.



# EASTER FLOWERS 2026

Easter daffodils and tulips will again decorate our Sanctuary this year. They can be purchased as memorials for a loved one, to honor someone, or for blessings received. Each pot will cost \$8.50 and have 4-6 blooms.

You may NOT order specific flowers, but you will be able to choose a flower to take home after the worship service on Easter Sunday.

Please place your order and payment in the offering plate or lock box in Fellowship Hall by **Wednesday, March 18, 2026**.

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ flowerpot(s) at \$8.50 each  
for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

For Blessings Received: \_\_\_\_\_



# SPRING CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026**

**9:00AM - 2:00PM**

**Indoor and outdoor spaces  
available for crafters.**

**Indoor 9' x 6' space - \$30**

**Outdoor 10' x 10' space - \$25**

**Event is rain or shine**

**College Hill Moravian Church**

**72 W. Laurel St**

**Bethlehem, PA 18018**

**(610) 867-8291**

**Ramp Access/Handicap Accessible**

**For More Information Contact**

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**[amdelong3@gmail.com](mailto:amdelong3@gmail.com)**



