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

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To What Do You Subscribe?

*“Even if the mountains walk away and the hills fall to pieces,
my love won’t walk away from you,
my covenant commitment of peace won’t fall apart.”*

The God who has compassion on you says so. (Isaiah 54:10, The Message)

Awhile back, my generous sister gave Darrell and me the gift of a subscription to AppleTV because she thought we’d enjoy watching *Ted Lasso*, which we did. And after that, we moved on to *Severance*, and then we got hooked on *Shrinking*. And literally, as we were watching the last-to-yet-be-released episode of that show, a notification popped up on my phone. It was time to re-up the subscription. The agreed upon contract was about to expire. If we didn’t renew the arrangement, AppleTV would have no further obligation to provide us with the emotional satisfaction that comes with binge watching its entertaining shows. Poof. They’d be gone.

Doesn’t it seem like we’re living in a New Age of Subscription Services? It’s not only about TV streaming services. We can subscribe to Spotify to hear the curated music we like, and to cloud services to store our photos and data, and to shopping services that will ship fashion finds right to our doors. We can subscribe to meal kit delivery services and pet pampering boxes and wine clubs.

Subscription services themselves are nothing new. American consumers have subscribed to get insurance since Ben Franklin introduced the concept, and many a household was outfitted with encyclopedias through door-to-door subscription sales. And, of course, there was a time when a kid on a bike would not only deliver your newspaper to your home, but would come around monthly to collect payments and keep track of your subscription with a simple punch card.

But even long before that, God offered a subscription service. It was called a covenant: *I will be your God and you will be my people*. In exchange for the goodness that comes from having a relationship with God, all that is required is for us to *notice* God being God. God delivers, without fail, when we subscribe to what God has intended for us. Renew your subscription today!

Faithfully and Thankfully,

Pastor Chris

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

NOVEMBER

Throughout the month we'll be especially mindful of God's goodness and generosity when we gather for worship each Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. Come in person, join online on the College Hill YouTube channel, or even listen from your car radio in the church parking—a choice that some people prefer during the germ season (FM 98.5).

On **November 2**, we'll remind ourselves that our community is made up not only of people living on earth here and now, but also of all the folks who have shaped our faith and who have gone onto the eternal realm. The Handbell Choir will add to the beauty of the All Saints observance. On **November 9**, we'll consider the God-blessed relationships we have with one another through our church connections, and we'll stick around after worship to join in a festive potluck meal together.

November 16 will bring us to the Communion table as we give thanks that Jesus Christ is the *actual* head of the Moravian Church, the Chief Elder. And on **November 23**, we will delight in offering all praise to God on this Sunday before the cultural celebration of Thanksgiving.

Then, ready or not, on **November 30**, the Advent season begins as we count our way, purposefully, toward Christmas. We'll light the candles on the Advent Wreath and the glorious Moravian Advent Star will shine from above. The service will conclude in Fellowship Hall for all who would like to participate in the Advent Workshop and Lovefeast.

MOVE ON UP, PLEASE!

The Joint Board has noticed that, from an online worshiper's perspective, it sometimes looks as though the Sanctuary is empty! That's because the camera does not pick up all the wonderful worshipers who sit toward the back or toward the outer aisles. To help online worshipers know they are

part of the community, the Joint Board requests that in-person worshipers move forward a pew (or two or three) and slide toward the center aisle. Consider it an act of gracious hospitality!

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL CLEANUP DAY

The Trustees ask that you come out on **Saturday, November 1 from 9 AM-noon** for our Fall Church Cleanup Day. There are many chores that need to be undertaken. Helping to tidy, clean, and polish our church is important, enabling members and visitors to experience God in a welcoming environment. Our custodian takes care of the week-to-week cleaning and each year we ask for your help to attend to bigger clean-up tasks. We will be working inside and outside by weeding, trimming, washing, polishing, dusting, etc. Please come out even if you are only available for a few hours that day—we would appreciate your help. There are many rooms that have not had a good cleaning in several years.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS ON NOVEMBER 2!

THANKFULNESS POTLUCK LUNCH

The Board of Elders invites you to a **POTLUCK LUNCH on Sunday, November 9, following worship.** Bring a favorite food to share and a favorite story to tell of a blessing in your life. We'll eat, we'll talk, we'll tell of the things for which we're grateful! Everyone is welcome! Tableware and beverages will be provided.

To help us plan, please sign up on the sheet you'll find on the white table in Fellowship Hall.

LABYRINTH WALKS FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

College Hill Moravian Church and the Lehigh Valley Labyrinth Project invite you to join us for a series of labyrinth walk at the church, 72 West Laurel Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

Final walks for 2025 will be on Sunday, November 23, and a pre-New Year's walk on Sunday, December 28

In these times of uncertainty, it is beneficial to gather in community to be together for prayer and meditation. While walking the labyrinth is a very personal journey, it is a comfort to gather in community.

All are welcome. Peace to all as we gather. If you have any questions, please call Linda Toggart, Spiritual Director, at 610-217-1971.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

The Christian Education and Family Ministry team will lead an Advent workshop on **Sunday, November 30** as part of the Church service. During the service, the congregation will move to Fellowship Hall where we will participate in a mission project (led by COT), share in a Lovefeast, make some crafts, and prepare cookie trays to share with others. The children will also help by decorating the Church's Christmas tree.

Please bring a batch or two of cookies that will be wrapped and delivered, along with Christmas cards, to members who may need some cheering up during the holiday season. Please be prepared to sign up to deliver the cookies.

This will be a wonderful celebration to begin the Advent season. We hope that everyone will attend! Please sign up (on the white table in Fellowship Hall) to help us plan ahead or reach out to Alan Bosch or Amy DeLong.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Jesus's Birthday Party

December 21; 4:30 PM–6:30 PM

The Christian Education and Family Ministry team is planning a joyful party for kids and families to celebrate Jesus's birthday. Come for food, fellowship, games, crafts, and fun. Please sign up on the white table in Fellowship Hall so we can plan appropriately for your participation.

YOUTH COHORT BOLO

Be on the lookout for November and December events being planned for and with young people in middle/high school. Keep your eyes open for texts, emails, and bulletin announcements. (And if anyone wants to help Pastor Chris do Insta, maybe you'll see stuff there, too.)

COLLEGE HILL NEWS

APPLESAUCE ABOUNDS!

50 pints to go, College Hill—and when it's gone, it's gone!

Thanksgiving Dinner is coming soon! \$4.00/pint, \$7.00/quart (each quart equals 2 pints). If you have questions or want your very own container of applesauce, see or call Gayle Brinker at 484-892-0781.

THANK YOU FROM THE DANNEBERGERS

David and I want to thank the congregation for all the prayers that supported us through our car accident and David's fall and hospital stays. Your phone calls, cards and texts were so encouraging. We are so blessed by the caring and concern of the College Hill Family.

Peace,
David and Nancy Danneberger

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. Great way to recycle them. Only looking for shoeboxes—not boot boxes (too big) Thank you.

Pam McNamee

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, November 8 from 9 AM – 10:30 AM**. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Toggart at 610-217-1971 by phone or text.

FALL 2025 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School will be held twice a month during our 10 AM Worship service. The children will start in the Sanctuary and then be dismissed to the Sunday School room where they will enjoy a Sunday School lesson, crafts, music, and treats. The schedule for Fall 2025 is as follows:

November 9 & 23
December 14 & 28

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

BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

The Tuesday Book Group continues to meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM in Room 4.

November 25 *River Sing Me Home*
December 30 TBD

All are invited to join our informal gathering. Contact Sue Youtz for further updates.

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 Rossnagle 610-248-9392
Rosemary Kleintop 610-730-5361

GROCERY GIFT CARD PROGRAM — IMPORTANT REMINDER!

As you all know, 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. What you may not know is that this program is the one fundraiser that continues year-round in the life of our Church. We strive to have on hand an ample supply of cards for both stores. We are all aware of the budget deficit that we are currently facing. Why not help to offset that deficit by purchasing gift cards for your weekly grocery shopping. If you have any questions, or would like to purchase cards, please see either Caroline Pietkiewicz or Diane Abeles on Sunday. Happy shopping!

MUSIC NOTES

“MORNING STAR” AUDITIONS

The singing of “Morning Star” is a beautiful and beloved tradition of our Christmas Eve services. Auditions for this year’s “Morning Star” soloist(s) will be held immediately after worship on **Sunday, November 23**. Any child in Grade 2 and higher is invited to audition.

*“Jesus mine, in me shine!
In me shine, Jesus mine!”*

Come, let Jesus shine through **you**!

Organ Update

After a five-month hiatus, on Sunday, October 19, the mighty sounds of the organ were heard once again in our Sanctuary. We rejoice that Stage One of our organ renewal project is now complete! The old console has been replaced with a beautiful new 3-manual console (one more manual than the old one!) and old contacts replaced with new in the organ chamber, enabling us to again use the organ in worship.

Stage Two of the organ project—raising the pitch level of the pipes—is scheduled to begin early next year.

Many thanks for God’s bountiful blessings!

“It is good to praise the Lord, and to make music to your name, O most High!” (Psalm 92)



WEST BETHLEHEM

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

THANK YOU for your donations to the West Bethlehem Emergency Food Pantry. Current needs are:

- Breakfast items (cereal/oatmeal/pancake mix/granola bars)
- Coffee/tea/powdered drink mixes
- Potatoes (instant/canned)
- Canned fruit
- Canned corn
- Mac-n-cheese boxes
- Jelly
- Personal care items
- Toilet paper/paper towels

The Pantry also has a table for 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 and will be delivered to the Pantry monthly. THANK YOU!

Let’s Bring Christmas to William Penn!

Before we know it, Christmas will be here, so we are continuing to collect supplies for William Penn students and teachers. Visit the COT table in Fellowship Hall for a list of needed items (or see below). All donations can be placed in the bins on and under the table. Everything will be blessed and packed up at our annual Advent Workshop and delivered to the school. Let’s make it a meaningful Christmas for our community school!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION REQUESTS FOR 2025 – 2026

**Brand-specific requested for quality and durability:*

- *Crayola crayons
- *Crayola colored pencils
- *Crayola markers – broad and fine-tip
- *Elmer glue sticks
- *Expo black dry-erase markers

Narrow pencil boxes or pouches
Dry-erase erasers
Pencil-top erasers
Construction paper
Small whiteboards
1” & 1.5” hard binders
Adult-size scissors
Headphones with wires (**NO EARBUDS**)
Backpacks
Individually wrapped snacks (Goldfish, pretzels, popcorn, etc.)

Tissues
Hand sanitizer
Clorox wipes

FOR RECESS

Kickballs
Soccer balls
Adult-size basketballs
Sidewalk chalk

Essentials Café

Wooden Nickel Fundraiser:

We continue to sell “in honor of” cards in support of the Essentials Café wooden nickel program. Each nickel costs \$12 and provides a meal to a person who needs help paying for their meal. Our sincere thanks to everyone for helping to feed our neighbors!

Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library needs children’s books, especially board books. Donations can be placed in the baskets in the Narthex and in Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in helping to shelve or restock books, please contact any member of the Community Outreach Team.

TREX Plastic Recycling

There is a very **significant reduction** in our plastic collections!

Thank you! You must be accumulating less plastic. You are using your own bags for your shopping! (Some merchants offer a small credit for using your own bags, or they are no longer using plastic bags.) That’s great! It keeps that much more out of our landfills.

OH NO! Is this downturn because you are forgetting to recycle? We need to do better! Until last year, we were collecting about 40+ pounds of plastic each month. Now we are collecting only 10 to 12 pounds.

I am excited about keeping plastic out of the landfills and environment. The reward is the occasional free bench. Whatever the motivation, bring your #2 and #4 plastic bags to church for our recycling program.

TREX has doubled the amount needed to receive a bench to 1,000 pounds. The BAM churches are continuing to work together. We take the #2 and #4 plastic bags that the Recycling Center is unable to take. BAM began this program over 5 years ago. Thus far, the six churches each have received several free benches in exchange for over 22,000 pounds of plastic. And, we have kept that 11 tons of plastic from polluting the waterways and roadways of our world.

Thank you for your continued efforts and plastic contributions. Plastic for our donation needs to be clean and dry. I put my donations in a bag hanging from a hook, then tie it up and drop it at church. The collection point is under the table by the stage in Fellowship Hall that is closest to the kitchen.

Many thanks to all who bring their plastic, the young people who help pack it up, and Kevin Harstine who helps with weighing and transporting the plastic for delivery. If you would like to help with the actual recycling effort (other than donating plastic), please speak with Nena Asquith.

Guidelines for #2 and #4 plastic collection:

Acceptable plastics:

- ✓ Plastic shopping bags
- ✓ Produce and bread bags
- ✓ Grocery bags
- ✓ Cereal box liners
- ✓ Ice bags
- ✓ Ziploc & other recloseable bags
- ✓ Sandwich bags
- ✓ Newspaper sleeves
- ✓ Plastic e-commerce mailers
- ✓ Dry cleaning bags
- ✓ Bubble wrap & air pillows
- ✓ Case overwrap
- ✓ Salt & wood pellet bags
- ✓ Pallet wrap & stretch film

Plastic NOT acceptable:

- ✓ Plastic bottles (water, soda, etc.)
- ✓ Degradable/compostable bags
- ✓ Prewashed salad mix bags
- ✓ Frozen food bags

- ✓ Candy bar wrappers
- ✓ Chip bags
- ✓ Dried fruit & nut bags
- ✓ Produce bags such as used for grapes
- ✓ Six-pack rings
- ✓ Pouch packaging
- ✓ If material easily is shiny & crinkles or crunches
- ✓ If material does not stretch easily

STARS OF BETHLEHEM HOLIDAY CONCERT Fundraiser for The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers The Historic Chapel of Central Moravian/Hotel Bethlehem December 16, 2025 Tickets \$100

NOTE: If you attend this event and mention Essentials Café, the café will receive a \$10 donation!

Concert #1 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Reception from 4:30 - 5:30 PM
 •BASD Northeast Singers; Denise Parker, Director
 •Kristen Morgenstern – Award-winning Lehigh Valley talent
 •Bethlehem Trombone Choir – Amazing seasonal sounds

Concert #2 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Reception from 5:50 - 6:30 PM
 •Mosaic Youth Chorus; Joy Hirokawa, Director
 •The Valley Collective; Tom Remaley, Director
 •Bethlehem Trombone Choir – Amazing seasonal sounds

Receptions will be held in the Mural Room and Veranda at Hotel Bethlehem – Hors d'oeuvres and beverages; music by Dolcetto

To purchase tickets, call 610 867-0537 starting October 1; **your \$100 ticket** includes concert and reception. Limited to 150 per concert.

Make checks payable to East Hills Moravian Church (footnote *FMGG Concert*)
 Mail to 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Learn more about The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers at www.freezerministry.org/ / robert.wingrove@rcn.com.



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

MISSION MINUTE: MEDICAL SUPPLIES REACH THE AHUAS CLINIC

In September, the Clínica Evangélica Morava in Ahuas, Honduras, received a long-awaited shipment of medical equipment and supplies that will strengthen its ability to care for thousands of patients each year. The container, donated by Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach, arrived in the remote region of La Moskitia after months of coordination, preparation, and prayer.

Getting these supplies to Ahuas was no small feat. After crossing the country and clearing customs, the shipment still had to be ferried across the lagoon—a process that required four trips and three boatloads. The final load arrived around midnight and was unloaded by flashlight into the clinic.

Among the donations were dozens of hospital beds to replace unsafe, deteriorated equipment, as well as thousands of syringes and other essential items that will significantly reduce costs for the clinic. Each piece of equipment represents life-saving potential and renewed comfort for patients.

This effort was made possible through many hands and hearts. Deep thanks to Rick Nelson, who coordinated the shipment on behalf of the BWM and traveled to Honduras to support its delivery in person; to Hospital Sisters for their continued ministry of sharing medical resources worldwide; and to all of the people who donated to the BWM to make the transportation of these supplies possible. We trust that God will multiply these gifts for the health and wholeness of many.

THERE WAS NO ROOM AT THE INN...

Since 1987, MORAVIAN OPEN DOOR (MOD) has provided a temporary home for homeless adults in Manhattan, NYC.

This ministry provides safe and affordable transitional housing for 40 homeless adults. MOD provides a healthful breakfast and supportive social services to rebuild our residents' lives. MOD helps them to obtain jobs and benefits, with the goal of finding permanent affordable housing and learning the life skills to maintain it.

Residents at Moravian Open Door pay a small monthly fee for their room and services (often much of their limited income); this covers only about 50% of the operating costs for the facility and its full-time staff of three. Moravian Open Door receives no government funds. Donations from individuals, congregations, and other private sources must cover the rest of operating expenses.

Your gift can help the vital ministry of MOD, the only transitional housing ministry of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church. Please consider a generous financial gift to MOD.

Moravian Open Door
347 E. 18th Street
New York, NY 10003

Gifts may also be made on the MOD website www.moravianhouse.org, or online via the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America Giving Portal <https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/>. On the MMFA Portal, scroll to the section GIVE NOW to a Specific organization or Ministry where Moravian Open Door has a tab. MMFA will absorb any fees for the donation.

FIVE WAYS TO GIVE

The Moravian Ministries Foundation in America has generously agreed to begin paying all processing fees charged for online gifts made through the [Moravian Giving Portal](https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/). While the Foundation itself has never charged any kind of fee, the backend

processor, Blackbaud Merchant Services, charged a processing fee like others who perform this service. Now, this processing fee will no longer be withheld, so our church will get the full balance of gifts given via the Moravian Giving Portal. 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/>

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

ELDERS UPDATE October 5, 2025

2025 Elders Watchword
*What is the kingdom of God like?
And to what should I compare it?
"It is like a mustard seed that someone
took and sowed in the garden;
it grew and became a tree,
and the birds made nests in its
branches. Luke 13: 18 & 19*

The New Student Pastor—Kayce Fava was welcomed and support for his ministry was voiced by the Board of Elders. A discussion followed on how best to support Kayce's ministry while at CHMC. While here at CHMC Kayce will participate in many areas of the life of the church. A learning covenant will be developed with Pastor Chris's guidance and Kayce will also have a lay committee to support him during his time here at CHMC.

Since many of us have been away or health issues have prevented us from gathering with the church community, the Elders are sponsoring a Connection Potluck on November 9, 2025 after our worship service. It will be a time to gather to remind us how blessed we are to have a wonderful community around us.

Our church anniversary Lovefeast took place on October 19 and at that time our new organ was dedicated to the Glory of God.

Update – The Provincial & District Moravian Church Center Building on Center Street is being sold. Their offices are moving into the downstairs of West Side Moravian Church on 3rd Avenue.

Sunday School and family programming has started for the fall—keep an eye on *The Builder* for upcoming opportunities.

Also, the needs of the hungry are increasing among our neighbors as COT continues to collect and deliver food to the Emergency Food Pantry on 3rd Ave—close to the Essentials Café.

Both ministries need our support in any way we can as hunger becomes an issue for more and more people in our community.

Often when I write this update for *The Builder* I am struck by the power and generosity of this church community and the community around us. We are richly blessed in so many ways as we move through life together. We truly do multiply joys and divide sorrows as we support each other and the people around us. Thank you all for all you do.

Blessings and Peace,
The Board of Elders

IN OUR COMMUNITY

SENIORS AND FRIENDS

November 6, 2025, 11:30 AM
West Side Moravian Church
402 3rd Ave, Bethlehem

Modern Ireland

Pastor Tammie recently returned from a month-long sabbatical in Ireland. Come enjoy this opportunity to learn about modern Ireland, taste some Irish snacks, and enjoy socializing with friends!

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

EDGEBORO MORAVIAN CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

**Saturday, November 8, 2025
10 AM–1:00 PM**

Shop Edgeboro Moravian's Christmas Extravaganza (held in the church's Fellowship Hall at 645 Hamilton Ave, Bethlehem) for a variety of attic treasures, beeswax candles, Moravian stars, and handmade crafts. There will be homemade soups, turkey barbecue, and baked goods available as well.

CASH SALES ONLY!

FINDING JOY TOGETHER

Join B.I.G. for an Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration filled with joy and gratitude on **Sunday, November 23 at 3 PM** at Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 514 3rd Avenue, Bethlehem (2nd floor).

EDGEBORO MORAVIAN

Christmas Putz & Christmas Room

This holiday season, visit the Edgeboro Moravian Christmas Putz and Christmas Room (645 Hamilton Avenue, Bethlehem) from **December 1 through December 22**.

Group tours are available Monday – Friday from 9 AM – 2 PM; call or email the Edgeboro church office to arrange your group's visit at 610-866-9793 or churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org.

Walk-in visitors are welcome Thursday – Saturday from 6 PM – 8 PM and Sunday from 12 PM – 3 PM.

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.

*Please note: There is no meeting in November; our next class will be held on **Wednesday, December 10**, from **5:30 PM–7:00 PM**.*

CHRISTMAS PEACE PILGRIMAGE

Saturday December 13, 2025

College Hill Moravian Church will be one of the stops on the 66th Annual Christmas Peace Pilgrimage from Nazareth to Bethlehem. For more information or to register visit www.peacewalk.org.

WINTER RETREAT AT CAMP HOPE

Camp Hope is now accepting registrations for the Senior High Winter Retreat that will be held from **Friday, January 16 to Sunday, January 18!** Registration information can be found at camphope.org, or call/email (908) 459-4435/hopecenter@camphope.org.

CHURCH OFFICE REMINDERS

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
moravianpastorchr@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)

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 17

Please submit articles for the November 2025 edition of *The Builder* by **Monday, November 17, 2025** to church@collegehillmoravian.org. (This date is earlier than usual due to the Thanksgiving holiday!)

Please submit all Weekly Announcement articles by the Wednesday of that week.

PAYMENT REMINDER

If you are submitting a payment for something you have ordered, please specify what the payment is for on the memo line of your check (flowers, Daily Text order, etc.)

If you are paying in cash, please use one of the envelopes next to the lockbox and write it on the envelope. This will help the Counters and the Treasurer make sure the payment goes to the correct place. Thank you!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November 14	Tim & Becky Olver
November 17	Daniel & Carol Meixell
November 18	Larry & Pam McNamee
November 30	Jim & Kristel Seagreaves



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 3	Ivy Sheriff
November 5	Brenda Rehrig Lincoln Diehl
November 8	Jason Casassa
November 9	Gloria Reisinger Bobbi James
November 18	Colin Lynch Emily Sanchez Kasey Thomas
November 19	Caleb Olver
November 22	Faye Achey
November 24	Pastor Kayce Fava
November 28	Kathy Powers
November 29	Gayle Hendricks Sherwood Kindred
November 30	Morris Vidaurre

PRAYERS

We offer condolences and Resurrection hopefulness...

To the family and loved ones of Martha Cox Popichak, who served as organist and Director of Music at College Hill for many years. Martha entered the Savior's nearer presence on Friday, October 10. Please hold her family in your hearts, especially her husband, Andy, and her children, Sylvia and Josh.

There will be a Celebration of Life/memorial service for Martha on **Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 1:00 PM at Central Moravian Church** (on the corner of Church and Main Streets, Bethlehem). All are welcome.

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

- Gloria Reisinger
- Jack Thomas
- Kristel Seagreaves
- Debbie Zechman
- David Danneberger
- Gwyn Michel
- Terri Harney
- Joan Menges
- Carol Messina
- Nancy Beitel-Vessels
- Bonnie Stoltz
- Jerry Yob
- Will Harstine
- Joe Pietkiewicz
- Tom Markley
- Kathy Powers
- Shirley Guth
- Jane Gottwald
- Tyler Pietkiewicz
- Larry Notaro
- Morris Vidaurre
- Sherwood Kindred (homebound)
- Warren Achey (homebound)
- Mike Meixell (homebound)

We pray, as requested, for others...

- Mohan & his family (on the heart of Nancy Beitel-Vessels)
- Rev. James Heroux
- Lisa Johnson
- Sharon Bond
- Ben Gehringer (son of Julie Illick)

- Samantha and Emmeileine (granddaughter and great granddaughter of Nancy Beitel-Vessels)
- Shayla (friend of Bria Prosperi)
- Mauricio Vidaurre
- Lee Sobania
- Barry Erb (cousin of Carol Messina)
- Lucy (granddaughter of Terri Harney)
- Regina, Cynthia, Victoria, Isabella, Anthony
- Chris Guth
- Gwen (family friend of Rich Harney)
- Caiden Nappi
- Cristin and Ricky Rivera
- Glenn Kranzley
- Doug Bauder
- Jürgen Nees
- Brandon Stoltz (military)

We pray for people in challenging circumstances...

- Those whose personal relationships are in crisis
- Folks impacted by mental health challenges and addictions
- Peace and security for siblings in Christ and
- nearby neighbors who come under threat: LGBTQ+ persons; immigrants; local Jewish and Muslim sisters and brothers
- Our street neighbors

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.

