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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY	OCT. BUILDER SUBMISSIONS DUE TO THE OFFICE	10:30 AM Book Club 6:00 PM Debtors Anonymous	10:00 AM Tai Chi II 7:00 PM Budget committee meeting	9:00 AM Oct. Newsletter Folding Team 4:00 PM Choir rehearsal 6:15 PM Bell choir rehearsal	PASTOR CHRIS AWAY 10:00 AM Tai Chi	9:00 AM PRIVATE EVENT
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For the Sake of Everyone's Oxytocin Levels

There's something about being at a live event that causes goosebumps.

I may have listened to the original cast recording of *Hamilton* a thousand times. I may have repeatedly viewed Disney's live-action capture of the original production with its on-stage filming from 30 cameras. But nothing compares to *being there* to take a velveted seat in the balcony of a Broadway theater and absorb the show in that unique atmosphere on that unique day with that unique crowd.

Likewise, there's a difference between enjoying The Game on a 98" flat-screen TV from a comfy couch, preferred beverages and snacks within easy reach, a swarm of friends wearing licensed apparel surrounding you... and *being there*. Nothing quite equates to the moment when, after excitedly making your way around the stadium concours, you match your ticket to the corresponding overhead sign and step through the opening. A first glimpse of the field below nearly takes your breath away. The venue has an energy all its own, and the possibility of how the action will unfold adds a vibrancy not duplicated in the living room.

A newly released study with the sexy title, "Endogenous oxytocin-linked heart-rate synchrony and social connection during live sports spectatorship," explains that being present at a live game does something to a crowd's bodies: heart rates synchronize and oxytocin climbs. For the experiment, *sixty spectators at college basketball games wore heart monitors and gave saliva samples while researchers watched the biology of fandom unfold. Heart rates synchronized among fans seated in the same section as play intensified. Oxytocin rose in fans who arrived with low baseline levels, cortisol fell across the board, and the higher a person's oxytocin and synchrony, the more enjoyment and unity with the crowd they reported.* (Retrieved from <https://www.beautifulminds-newsletter.com/p/research-roundup-september-2026>, 9-25-2026).

Cognitive scientist Scott Barry Kaufman concludes: "We go to games, concerts, and **congregations** partly to have our nervous systems tuned to each other."

Here at College Hill, we are blessed with both equipment and expertise to broadcast live what happens when we congregate in the church sanctuary and worship God. This is a beautiful thing we do, making the worship experience accessible to anyone who can connect to YouTube. There are compelling, purposeful reasons to always offer an online worship option, and it is our heartfelt responsibility to do so to the best of our capability.

Still, on a Sunday morning, it is not the same as *being there*.

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OCTOBER WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Each Sunday at 10:00 AM we gather as the worshipping community, focused on God and present with one another. All are welcome in our Sanctuary and, alternatively, on the College Hill Moravian Church YouTube channel. Here are some upcoming highlights:

Join Christians across the globe in celebrating **World Communion Sunday** on **October 4** with the Rt. Rev. Douglas Kleintop preaching and presiding. It's always refreshing to have Bishop Doug lead worship, especially on such a significant day in the ecumenical life of the worldwide Church.

On **October 18**, bring along your family, friends, and neighbors to an intergenerational Lovefeast celebration in honor of our Church Anniversary! There are surprises in store, so you won't want to miss out on this joyful event. (Allow yourself extra time to arrive at church in case you encounter traffic tie ups due to the Bethlehem Running Festival/Half-Marathon scheduled nearby that morning. The streets immediately surrounding College Hill will not be impacted, but you might find delays on your chosen route.)

Before going to bed on October 31, remember that **clocks "fall back"** in the wee hours of **November 1**. Don't miss out on an extra hour of sleep!

UPCOMING EVENTS

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE IS BACK!

During the midterm election on **Tuesday, November 3**, COT will once again be hosting a pay-as-you-can

bake sale. All proceeds will help support programs and student needs at William Penn Elementary School.

Donations of baked goods can be dropped off at church on **Sunday, November 1 OR Monday, November 2 from 6 PM–8 PM**. Bakers, please share your baking skills with the community as we continue to support William Penn.

One more thing — volunteers to help staff the bake sale on November 3 are needed! If you have time to help out, please let Terri Harney know. Email her at taharney@yahoo.com or phone: 610-704-4885.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HAS MOVED

Coffee and Conversation has moved to lunch time!



We meet on the third Tuesday of every month for lunch and conversation. Due to many dietary restrictions, we ask that everyone bring their own bagged lunch and beverage of choice. Topics will vary from month to month, and all are welcome to attend. Please join us as we catch up and spend time learning and growing together.

Our next gathering will be on **Tuesday, October 20**.

FALL 2026 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School meets twice a month during the 10 AM worship service for youngsters aged 3 through middle school. The children start in the Sanctuary and then are dismissed to the Sunday School room where they will enjoy a lesson, crafts, treats, and games. The Fall schedule is as follows:

October 11 & 25, November 8 & 22,
December 13 & 27

Please 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.

COLLEGE HILL BOOK CLUB

The College Hill book group continues to meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM. We meet in Room 4.

October 27 *Small Things Like These*
by Claire Keegan

November 24 *Fatal Intent*
by Tammy Euliano

All are welcome to join us! If you're interested in joining us or just reading along, contact Sue Youtz.
610-751-0654/syoutz@ptd.net

APPLESAUCE-MAKING FUNDRAISER

Saturday, October 10
8 AM – 4 PM(?)

Come early—stay late—a half-day—a few hours? We welcome everyone with whatever time allows for your schedule. Coffee, donuts, and lunch are provided. For more information, contact Gayle Brinker at 484-892-0781. (And fill out the form *included at the back of this newsletter* to get your very own order!)

COLLEGE HILL NEWS

SHORT SESSIONS

After worship on October 11, we'll be launching an occasional line-up of presentations we're titling Short Sessions. Held on the west end of Fellowship Hall during Fellowship Time, all interested folks are invited to get a snack and a drink before settling in for the session. (Folks who would rather chat informally in the stage area of the room are welcome to do that as well.) Short Sessions are opportunities to learn from one another, drawing on our members' and friends' plethora of accumulated knowledge and interests!

Kicking off the new series will be Marie Keim giving a talk about the history and making of collectible Polly Heckewelder Dolls on **October 11**. These handmade treasures are stitched directly into Moravian Church history and have a strong local connection here in Bethlehem where they are still being made after 154 years! Marie is one of the crafters who brings the dolls to life in the current era. Marie is eager to share this interest of hers with you!

Do you have an interest? A topic? A hobby? A collection? An area of expertise? Would you be willing to share your knowledge with the receptive siblings in your church family? Please chat with Pastor Chris or Nancy Snyder about what you might want to offer and they'll help you develop and schedule your Short Session.

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.

Rosemary Kleintop (610-730-5361)
Diane Abeles (610) 248-5965)

GROCERY GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Remember to purchase your gift cards in advance of your next grocery shopping day — 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.

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Silver & Brass Trombone Quartet
December 20, 2026 at 4:00 PM**

The Lehigh Valley's only professional trombone quartet, Silver & Brass, will present a unique, stylized holiday program including its own arrangements for the Christmas season and new settings of Advent and Christmas music. Members are (College Hill's own) Andrew Bauer, Bryan Hay, Caitlin Heckman, and Michael Moran.

Step away from the bustle of the season and enjoy the sounds of the season, as only trombones can deliver, as we prepare for Christmas Day.

Proceeds from the free-will offering will support the Organ Fund.

CALLING ALL RINGERS AND SINGERS!

There's still room at our handbell tables and in the choir pews. It's not too late to join one — or both — of our music ensembles! If your schedule doesn't allow you to commit to a full year of singing or ringing, we would always welcome you for a season: Advent/Christmas or Lent/Easter. Please speak with one of the directors if interested in this possibility.

Choir rehearsals are held in the Choir Room (Room 6) from **4:00 PM–5:30 PM on Thursday afternoons**.

If you're interested in singing, please contact Gwyn Michel at gwynmichel@aol.com — or simply show up!

Handbell rehearsals are held in the Bell Room (Room 10) **Thursday evenings from 6:15 PM to 7:30 PM**. If you are interested in joining the handbell choir, please contact Krysti Wallace at k.nappi1221@gmail.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ESSENTIALS CAFÉ

- Dine and donate at **Martellucci's Pizzeria on Wednesday, October 14 from 11 AM – 8 PM**. A portion of all sales on that day will benefit Essentials Café. Whether you dine in or carry out, be sure to thank the restaurant personnel for their generosity! Martellucci's is located at 1419 Easton Avenue in Bethlehem.
- Enjoy a meal at Essentials Café for yourself! Having diverse customers every day is important.
- The Essentials Café Board of Trustees announces its Annual Public Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 PM at West Side Moravian Church**. All are welcome to review the work of the past year and see the future direction of the 501(c)3 charitable organization so near to our hearts.

COT HAPPENINGS

We are currently collecting **Halloween candy** for Bethlehem's trick-or-treat night at College Hill. There



is a basket on the COT table in Fellowship Hall for your donations. Thank you!

Our Christmas in July celebration may be over, but we continue to collect items for William Penn. All items can be placed on the COT table in Fellowship Hall or placed in the bins under the table.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION REQUESTS FOR 2026 – 2027

**Brand-specific requested for quality and durability*

- *Crayola markers (broad and fine-tip)
- *Elmer glue sticks
- *Expo black dry-erase markers
- 1" hard binders
- Backpacks
- Board games/activities for indoor recess
- Clorox wipes
- Construction paper
- Dry-erase markers
- Hand sanitizer
- Headphones with wires (**NO EARBUDS**)
- Individually wrapped snacks (Goldfish, pretzels, popcorn, Cheez-Itz, etc.)
- Narrow pencil boxes or pencil pouches
- Primary writing journals (marble front with primary-friendly lines and picture box)
- Scissors (Adult and child-size)
- Small whiteboards
- Tissues

FOR RECESS

- Adult-size basketballs
- Footballs
- Jump ropes
- Kickballs
- Soccer balls
- Sidewalk chalk

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our community school.

West Bethlehem Emergency Food Pantry

College Hill Community Outreach Team and Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church thank you for your generous donations to the West Bethlehem Emergency Food Pantry.

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

- Shelf-stable milk
- Jelly
- Coffee, tea, powdered drink mixes
- Juice
- Canned kidney/black/baked beans
- Canned corn/peas/mixed vegetables
- Tuna
- Pasta
- Mac-n-cheese
- Cooking oil
- Personal care items
- Toilet paper/paper towels

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!

Food Pantry Chocolate for Christmas

During November, the Community Outreach Team would like to collect donations of food that contain chocolate — brownie mix or cake mix, cocoa or Cocoa Puffs. Anything chocolate. Have fun selecting a fun donation which will be delivered in time for Christmas. On **November 22**, COT will host Fellowship Hour with a celebratory offering of chocolate treats. Thank you for your dedicated support of the Food Pantry!

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.

BLANKETS & BEANIES FOR TEENIES

Calling all knitters, crocheters, quilters, and sewers!

How it works: Make blankets and beanies for our smallest citizens. On the fourth Saturday of the month, bring them to the parking lot of College Hill Moravian Church between 2 PM and 4 PM. All blankets and hats will be divided before being taken to hospitals in the Lehigh Valley area (LVHN and St. Luke's locations).

For more information or to get involved, email Sarah Lathrop at sarah.lathrop97@gmail.com.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

TRUSTEES UPDATE

September 9, 2026

The Trustees met on Wednesday, September 9. We found our income from giving year to date is still not meeting our budget requirements. Our giving requirements were \$3368.39 short to cover our obligations to Common Ministries. Please continue to prayerfully give and to participate however you can in future fundraisers. Blessings from the Board of Trustees.

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 placed in the offering plates on the tables near the entrances to the Sanctuary.
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/>

IN OUR COMMUNITY

MORAVIAN TROMBONE CHOIR

The Bethlehem Area Moravian (BAM) Trombone Choir is pleased to announce Caitlin Heckman as its new

director. Caitlin brings experience, a passion for Moravian music, and a dynamic vision to continue the Trombone Choir's long legacy. Caitlin will take over leadership from Donald Kemmerer, who led the group for over 40 years.

The BAM Trombone Choir is the oldest continuously operating musical organization in the United States, tracing its origins back to 1754. The Trombone Choir began as a functional ensemble, announcing births, deaths, festivals, and worship services, and continues to play for church services, funerals, and community events. The group performs with a full consort of soprano, alto, tenor, bass, and contrabass trombones, preserving the unique history of the ensemble.

All inquiries and requests regarding the BAM Trombone Choir can be directed to Caitlin Heckman at caitlin.g.heckman@gmail.com or 610-393-9891.

THE MORAVIAN CHURCH'S RADICAL ROOTS

A Three-Part Webinar Series

Would you believe there were times when people thought the Moravian Church was...

*Dangerous? Radical? Innovative?
Subversive? Revolutionary?*

This webinar series will look at two of the periods when the Moravian Church was bold, creative, and radical...and then challenge us to consider how that should guide the Moravian Church today.

**THE FIRST 3 MONDAYS IN OCTOBER
AT 7 PM CENTRAL/8 PM EASTERN**

OCTOBER 5 "Brethren of the Law of Christ" Early Moravians

and the Sermon on the Mount

We will discuss the origins of the church in Bohemia and why it was persecuted.

OCTOBER 12

"Crossing Boundaries and Creating Communities in the 1700s"

The period of Count Zinzendorf when the church was reborn as the 1st international and intercultural Protestant Church.

OCTOBER 19

"Jesus Still Lead On"

What radical things are Moravians doing today? We will discuss the implications for this history today.

Join the webinar via Zoom by scanning the

QR code, or use

us02web.zoom.us/j/82122354247

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 class will be held on **October 7, 2026 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.**

SENIORS AND FRIENDS

West Side Moravian Church
402 3rd Ave, Bethlehem
October 1, 2026, 11:30 AM

**"Great Photographs
and the Stories They Tell"**
by Tom Repasch

Since the beginning of the photographic era, certain images have captured the attention and admiration of people all around the world. Tom tells the stories behind a selection of photographs that experts generally regard as among the most memorable and influential, from the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima to the photo of the moon from the Apollo 8 spaceship.

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.***

BRIAN DIXON CONSECRATION

At the Synod of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in America, held in June 2026, the Rev. Brian Dixon was elected a bishop of the Unity.

You are cordially invited to attend his service of Consecration on **Saturday, October 31 at 2 PM** at Emmaus Moravian Church. If you are unable to be present in person, we covet your prayers for Brian and his family and for those who gather to witness this spiritual event in the life of our denomination.

The service will be livestreamed on Zoom at:
<https://zoom.us/j/4429489211>.

B.I.G. 2026 FAITH CRAWL Sacred Departures & Destinations Sunday, November 1, 2 PM–5 PM

We will tour and learn at Congregation Brith Sholom and Central Moravian Church/God's Acre Cemetery. We will also have speakers from local Muslim and Baha'i

communities in our deep-dive discussion into our varying perspectives on death and afterlife.

Suggested donation of \$15 to cover bus costs. Scan the QR code to RSVP by **October 25**.



EDGEBORO MORAVIAN CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA Saturday, November 7, 2026 10 AM–1:00 PM

Shop Edgeboro Moravian's Christmas Extravaganza (645 Hamilton Avenue, 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!**

EXPLORING MORAVIAN HISTORY AND WORLD HERITAGE Inaugural Conference of the Institute for Moravian History and World Heritage

The [Institute for Moravian History and World Heritage](#) announced that it will host its inaugural conference from **November 12–14, 2026** at [Moravian University's](#) Hauptert Union Building (HUB) on the Main Street Campus. The conference celebrates and explores the global context of Moravian history following the transnational World Heritage inscription, which connects Moravian Church Settlements in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, with sister settlements in Gracehill (Northern Ireland), Christiansfeld (Denmark), and Herrnhut (Germany).

Core focus areas include speakers and panels on these topics:

- Global Heritage & Preservation: Cultural significance of Moravian settlements across five continents, sustainable tourism, town planning ideals, and public interpretation
- Culture & Social Innovation: Cross-cultural and Indigenous encounters, Moravian music, arts, literature, and historic egalitarian practices

- Transnational Networks: Exploring historical and modern economic, educational, and social networks that span the globe

To register for the conference and see the schedule please visit:
<https://www.moravianconferences.org/>

SAVE THE DATE!

Join B.I.G. for an interfaith Thanksgiving celebration filled with joy and gratitude on **Sunday, November 22** at First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem. For more information, visit BethlehemInterfaith.org.

CHURCH OFFICE REMINDERS



FALL BACK!

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour at 2 AM on **Sunday, November 1, 2026!**

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

**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: OCTOBER 26

Please submit articles for the November 2026 edition of *The Builder* by **Monday, October 26** to church@collegehillmoravian.org. 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!

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Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on....
Hebrews 10:24–25 (The Message)

I want to spur you on. I want to encourage you to bring your whole self (heart, hormones, and saliva included!) to worship in person whenever possible. When you're not here, your absence depletes the joy of the people gathered in the Sanctuary, not to mention everyone's oxytocin levels!

A terrific occasion to gather for **live-action worship** is coming up on **Sunday, October 18** when we celebrate our Church Anniversary with an intergenerational Lovefeast. There will be some surprises you won't want to miss! No matter what amazing things technology can deliver, it cannot serve you a delightful treat to share with the children, youth, and adults populating the Sanctuary that morning. And it cannot replicate the

fellowship shared among siblings in Christ. You won't want to miss out on *being there*.

Encouragingly,

Pastor Chris



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Glenn & Sue Kurtz

Ken & Barbara
Michaels

Scott & Amy DeLong
Kerry & Janice
Meixell

Robert & Hope
Meixell

Scott & Megan
Buchman

Luke & Karly Diehl
Mark & Joan
Menges

Donald & Diane
Petko

Jack & Linda
Thomas

Mike & Donna
DiMenichi

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Liz Sullivan

Julie Illick

Janice Meixell

John Johnston

Janet Hitcho

Nalene Hock

Laura Meixell

Mark Menges

Linda Rapp

Walter Montz

Jacob DeLong

Joan Menges

Alyssa Meder

Ron Penrose

Lorna Rossnagle

Diane Cuvo

Kathy Neti

Mateo Cortes

Joan Duh

Gina Rivera Luszik

Kaspian Hlavinka

David Petko

Gayle Brinker

PRAYERS

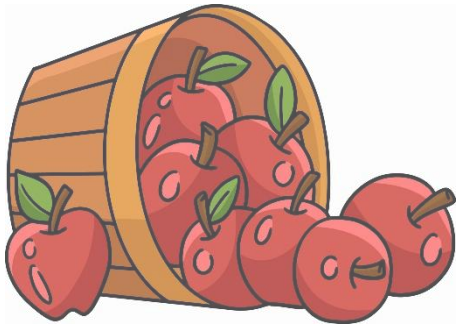
We express concern for dear ones in our church family...

- Leonard Feist and family members at the loss of Len's brother, Albert
- Larry Notaro
- Kristel Seagreaves and family at the loss of their loved one, Susan
- Nancy Danneberger
- Dawn Fenner
- David Danneberger
- Will Harstine
- Shirley Guth
- Debbie Zechman
- Warren Achey (homebound)
- Jane Gottwald (homebound)
- Mike Meixell (homebound)

We pray, as requested, for others...

- Gina (niece of Pastor Chris and Pastor Darrell)
- Isabella (Great-granddaughter of Nancy Beitel-Vessels)
- Marilyn (dear to Nancy Harstine)
- Sharon Bond (friend of Gwyn Michel)
- Dawn (dear to Terri & Rich Harney)
- Larry Goeppert (dear to Lorna Rossnagle)
- Bob (brother of Nancy Snyder)
- Steven and Marybeth (dear to Nancy Snyder)
- Tom Housenick (friend of David Sheriff)
- Lisa & Jeff (Nancy Beitel-Vessels' daughter and son-in-law)
- Betsy Bombick
- Evan Burkhart
- Patty (Mark Menges' cousin)
- Brandon Stoltz (military)
- Lisa Johnson

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.



Flavors of Fall 2026

Oh, the tangy joy of homemade applesauce! Oh, the flavors of fall! Plan on tasting them while supporting the ongoing ministry of College Hill Moravian Church. From now through **Sunday, October 4** (order deadline) we will be receiving orders for Homemade Applesauce (\$4/pint; \$7/quart). Please be sure to place your own orders, and do not be shy about circulating order forms among your friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Each container would make a wonderful addition to your Thanksgiving table. And don't forget about holiday hostess gifts!

Saturday, October 10, beginning at **8:00 AM**, we will be making applesauce in the CHMC kitchen. Everyone is welcome! There will be coffee and donuts, fellowship, and of course, there's nothing like the sweet smell of apples!

Please contact **Gayle Brinker (484-892-0781)** with any questions.

Item	Price	Quantity	Total (price x quantity)
Applesauce (Pint)	\$4		
Applesauce (Quart)	\$7		
		Total items	Grand total

Sunday, October 4: Order forms and payments are due (Cash or check made out to College Hill Moravian Church)

The forms and payments can be placed in the **black lock box located in Fellowship Hall** or mailed to College Hill Moravian Church, 72 West Laurel Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Sunday Pickup on **October 11** and **October 18** or by arrangement. All items will come frozen.