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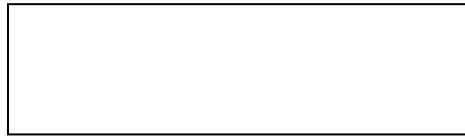
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is to learn, share, live Christ's love!

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 31	1	2	3	4	5	6
PASTOR CHRIS ON VACATION					10:00 AM Tai Chi	World Heritage Community Celebration
10:00 AM Worship	OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	5:30 PM Debtors Anonymous	NO ELDERS MEETING			
11:00 AM Fellowship Hour	5:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	6:30 PM Wisdom Drum Circle	10:00 AM Tai Chi			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
BIRTHDAY SUNDAY	10:00 AM Embroiderers Guild	5:30 PM Debtors Anonymous	10:00 AM Tai Chi	3:00 PM MU Seminary Cohort	Pastor Chris' Sabbath	9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation
Student Pastor Commissioning	5:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous		7:00 PM Trustees meeting	4:00 PM Choir rehearsal	10:00 AM Tai Chi	2:00 PM COT sandwich-making for BES
10:00 AM Worship				6:15 PM Bell Choir rehearsal		
11:00 AM Fellowship Hour						
11:00 AM Special Church Council						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
MORAVIAN DAY OF SERVICE	5:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	5:30 PM Debtors Anonymous	10:00 AM Tai Chi	4:00 PM Choir rehearsal	Pastor Chris' Sabbath	10:30 AM Taoism Study Group
10:00 AM Worship	6:00 PM CEC Meeting			6:15 PM Bell Choir rehearsal	10:00 AM Tai Chi	
11:00 AM Fellowship Hour	6:30 PM Darts					
11:30 AM COT sandwich distribution at BES						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY	OCTOBER BUILDER SUBMISSIONS DUE TO THE OFFICE	5:30 PM Debtors Anonymous	10:00 AM Tai Chi	9:00 AM Newsletter Folding Team	Pastor Chris' Sabbath	Parking lot in use for Racial Justice Pilgrimage
10:00 AM Worship	5:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous			4:00 PM Choir rehearsal	10:00 AM Tai Chi	
11:00 AM Ice Cream Sundae Party Hosted by CEC				6:15 PM Bell Choir rehearsal		
12:00 PM Confirmation						
28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4
APPLESAUCE ORDERS & PAYMENTS DUE	5:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	10:30 AM Book Club	10:00 AM Tai Chi	4:00 PM Choir rehearsal	Pastor Chris' Sabbath	8:00 AM Applesauce Production
10:00 AM Worship		5:30 PM Debtors Anonymous	6:30 PM Elders meeting	6:15 PM Bell Choir rehearsal	10:00 AM Tai Chi	
11:00 AM Fellowship Hour					11:00 AM Applesauce prep	
2:30 PM Labyrinth Walk						
5	6	Notes				
BIRTHDAY SUNDAY	10:00 AM Embroiderers Guild					
10:00 AM Worship	5:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous					
11:00 AM Fellowship Hour	6:30 PM Darts					
12:00 PM PA Jazz Society Concert						

The Builder

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Whatever Is Lovely

I'll admit it. Before Darrell and I headed off to tour Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, New York, I didn't do my research. I had heard it was a popular place to visit when in the vicinity, and since we were going to be nearby, I put it on the itinerary. I suppose if you pressed me for my expectations, I would have told you I anticipated seeing manufacturing displays of mixing bowls and casserole dishes. I thought it would be mildly interesting as an historical record of American kitchens of the mid-20th century.

I was not prepared for the allure of art glass—brilliant, translucent installations, fantastical in whimsy and yet as serious as a prophet's warning. Working in molten liquid the way other artists work in acrylics or clay, I was fascinated by the glass artists' ability to cast and blow and mold their materials into passionate, moving statements. They twisted and flattened, stretched and etched their messages into results both fragile and timeless, strong and timely. The contemporary galleries left me without words.

I'm not sure why I was so surprised by crystalline beauty. I have been captivated by glass objects ever since my grandparents took six-year-old me on a day trip to an unusual place where I first laid my eyes on a collection of glass paperweights. I was enchanted by their loveliness—the way embedded glass bubbles seemed to float, the way light passed through their solidness. I must have talked about them for months because, for my seventh birthday, my grandpa gave me one of the smooth, transparent orbs in which suspended swirls of blue, yellow, white, and red levitated. I adored it, and so he continued the special tradition annually until he no longer walked on this earth. My paperweight collection still brings me delight. I can be just as delighted with handcrafted marbles, ethereal baubles, and color-saturated suncatchers.

There is nothing remotely practical about the glass novelties that mesmerize me. A bowl, a plate, a vase. Such items have respectable purposes even if they are beautiful. But beauty for beauty's sake alone? Is that frivolous?

Maybe that's like asking if fields of sunflowers are without merit? Or if streaky orange and purple clouds at sunset are superficial?

Remembering that, "In the beginning God created...", beauty has always been a choice on God's palette. A renowned poet once said,

Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting.
~Ralph Waldo Emerson

In Beauty,

Pastor Chris

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

There's lots happening on Sunday mornings as September gets underway! On **September 7**, we'll welcome our new student pastor, Kayce Fava, and commission him for the work of the Church. A cake reception (along with Birthday Sunday!) will follow in Fellowship Hall at the conclusion of the morning's activities which include a brief meeting of the Church Council.

On **September 14** we'll worship with our hands and feet as well as our hearts when we observe the annual Moravian Day of Service. We'll gather in the sanctuary for abbreviated devotions before continuing with service projects in Fellowship Hall. Among the activities offered will be the opportunity to make sandwiches to serve for lunch at the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter. There will be something hands-on for folks of all ages and abilities to accomplish.

Sunday School for Children returns with Rally Day on **September 21** and an after-worship ice cream sundae party!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPECIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Joint Board announces a special meeting of the **CHURCH COUNCIL** to take place immediately after worship on **Sunday, September 7, 2025** for the purpose of selecting personnel to represent our congregation at the Synod of the Moravian Church, Northern Province, being held June 25–26, 2026 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Capable, qualified, available, and enthusiastic nominees have been secured: Amy DeLong (delegate) and Cory Dieterly (alternate delegate). The Church Council need only vote to affirm the nominees. The meeting is expected to be very brief.

Please note that this short meeting will be held **in-person only**. There will not be an opportunity to participate virtually this time.

WORLD HERITAGE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

On **Saturday, September 6** from **12 PM–7 PM** we will come together to celebrate the Moravian Church Settlement's new World Heritage Status. We understand that our strength is in our diverse Bethlehem community and our living heritage is best celebrated by our arts and music, community gatherings, and sharing in food and fun.

The day begins on the lower church green with an **opening ceremony at 12 PM**, followed by an unveiling of a new city mural and World Heritage inscription plaque. The **Johnston Music Festival concert** will be held within Central's Sanctuary at **3 PM**. A **free ice cream social**, sponsored by the Bethlehem Area Moravian churches, will be held from **5 PM–7 PM** on the church green. The day will end with a **Community Lovefeast** on the church green at **5 PM**.

And if you are a Moravian sugar cake baker, we are excited to invite you to enter the Sugar Cake Baking Competition. Enter by visiting: <https://www.visithistoricbethlehem.com/moravian-sugar-cake-competition/>

Following the Lovefeast, sugar cake winners will be crowned on the Church Green Stage — earning prizes, bragging rights, and a place in Bethlehem's baking history!

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:



Sunday School will kick off with Rally Day on **September 21, 2025**. Following worship, the Christian Education Committee will host an ice cream sundae party during Fellowship Hour.

Sunday School will be held again on October 12 & 26, November 9 & 23, and December 14 & 28.

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.

YOUTH COHORT

The youth cohort of young people around 7th grade and up (which clearly needs a snappier name!) will regroup for fun, friendship, and service this fall. For starters, on **Sunday, September 14**, the group will mash up with youth from the Palmer Community Moravian Church for a Pizza & Mini-Golf Outing.

For young people who confirmed their faith earlier this year, the Eastern District Christian Education Team will hold a Confirmation History Day at Schoeneck Moravian Church on **Sunday, September 21**.

And coming up in October, the young people will join folks from across the Lehigh Valley in the annual CROP Walk to end hunger.

Stay tuned for texts and emails from Pastor Chris as details become clearer.

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.

Walks will take place on the following Sundays:

September 28, October 26,
November 23
and a pre-New Year's walk on
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.

2025 FALL CRAFT/ VENDOR SHOW

College Hill will be holding our Fall Craft Show on **Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 9:00 AM–2:00 PM**. We will be offering indoor and outdoor spots for crafters. We will also be serving food and having a bake sale.

HOW CAN YOU HELP???

Interested in being a crafter?

Applications are on the **Craft Show Table** (against the wall under the window) in Fellowship Hall or can be emailed to you.

We are looking for volunteers for Friday, October 17 to help prepare and set up, as well as Saturday, October 18 to help in the kitchen, monitor the bake sale, and be a floater to assist the crafters throughout the day.

We are also looking for homemade baked goods to be sold at the bake sale table.

If interested in volunteering or making a baked good, please add your name to the corresponding signup sheet on the **Craft Show Table** in Fellowship Hall.

All proceeds from the show will go toward the general operating fund.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy DeLong at 610-704-0014 or amdelong3@gmail.com.

FLAVORS OF FALL 2025

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, September 28**, 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 (extras are available on the white table in Fellowship Hall) 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!

APPLESAUCE-MAKING FUNDRAISER

Saturday, October 4, 9 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.



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

On August 10, we joyfully received Nancy Snyder and Mike Beck into the College Hill community of faith during our 10:00 AM worship. They come to us from Morningstar Moravian Church.

Nancy has a passion for baking, a skill she is eager to share. Her interests include country, oldies, and big band music; decorating, baking, and cooking; and sports such as golf and bowling. She is also a fan of the 49ers and Eagles and enjoys NFL games. Nancy anticipates active participation in the church community and has already become a member of the choir.

An alumnus of Pennridge H. S. and Bucks County Community College, Mike is a sports enthusiast who enjoys golf and pop music from before 1985. He brings a variety of interests to the community, including a love for instrumental music.

Welcome, Nancy and Mike!

GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW STUDENT PASTOR!

Hello College Hill Moravian Family!

My name is Kayce Fava, and I am so excited to be joining you as your new Student Pastor while I continue my education right here in Bethlehem at the Moravian University School of Theology. I am grateful for the chance to grow alongside this church family and get to know each of you.

A little bit about me: I was born in Ukraine but raised by my adoptive parents a few towns over in Easton, PA. I studied Computer Science at what was then Moravian College, where I completed my Bachelor's in 2021. From there, I worked for a little while before ultimately hearing the call to ministry that has landed me in the Master of Divinity program at the Moravian University School of Theology. I currently reside here in Bethlehem, where I also work at Moravian University as the Assistant Director for Spirituality and Inclusion. When I am not studying or working, you can find me taking hikes with my two-year-old German Shepherd Jonah, playing video games with friends, or enjoying a lazy afternoon of movies with my fiancé.

Thank you for welcoming me into your community—I am truly blessed to be working with this congregation. I am looking forward to building relationships here, learning from you, and taking my next steps toward becoming a pastor.

In all things love,
Kayce Fava (he/they)

THANK YOU NOTES

To my church family,

Just saying thank you doesn't seem like enough. Your prayers, texts, calls, emails, and cards meant so much to me and Rich during my recent hospitalization while we were on vacation in TN. Besides being in the hospital far away from home, Rich had the additional stress of packing up from where we were staying and finding a hotel close to the hospital. Knowing our church family was

praying for us helped see us through
and brought us home safely.

Thank you with love,
Terri Harney

To our new College Hill church
family,

Michael and I would like to take this
opportunity to thank Pastor Chris,
Gwyn, the Joint Board, and members
and friends of College Hill Moravian
for your understanding and warm
welcomes, following the closing of
MorningStar on December 31, 2024.

God had a plan, as we all went our
separate ways. Seek and you shall
find. Knock and the door shall be
opened unto you.

When one door closes, another one
opens, and God's GPS led us to 72 W.
Laurel Street.

We found our new church home and
are looking forward to this exciting
faith journey with you.

Thank you all for the lovely plant,
welcome gifts, and delicious cake
and reception on Sunday, August 10,
2025.

Love and Blessings to All,
Nancy Snyder and Michael Beck

Thank you so much for your support
and participation in Lehigh Valley
Pride 2025. Your presence and
contributions make our Pride festival
possible. Your support of the
LGBTQ+ community does not go
unnoticed.

With Pride,
The Bradbury-Sullivan Center Team

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Coffee and Conversation will meet
in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday,
September 13 from 9-10:30 AM** in
Fellowship Hall. If you have any
questions, please contact Linda
Toggart at 610-217-1971 by phone
or text.

BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

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

September 30 *Night Angels*
October 28 *Passing Storm*
November 25 *River Sing Me Home*

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!

ABOUT THE SIGNS IN THE BASEMENT

“PRIVATE” signs have been posted
in the north section of the church
basement to designate a non-public
area in which U.S. Immigration and

Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents
are legally prohibited from entering
without a court-ordered, signed,
Judicial Warrant.

A STATEMENT ON SANCTUARY AND CARE FOR ALL

Since our Moravian motto ends with
“in all things love,” it is who we are
and is a call to follow Jesus's example
of caring for the least of these. We are
called to welcome the stranger and to
help those in need. In that love, we as
fellow children of a Loving God, offer
sanctuary and care to all who come to
our community for help and safety.
“In all things love” is more than a
motto; it is a call to Peace and Justice
as a church and as followers of Christ.

—College Hill Moravian Church
Board of Elders,
approved March 6, 2025



CALLING ALL SINGERS! CALLING ALL RINGERS!

Our Choir and Handbell Choir
members are currently enjoying a
well-deserved summer break. Both
ensembles will be back this fall when
rehearsals begin again on **Thursday,
September 11.**

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.

Organ Update

We're getting very close to hearing
the sound of the organ again in our
sanctuary! The old organ console has
been removed and the new one put in
its place. All three keyboards (one
more than on our previous console)
have been installed. We are now

awaiting the last step – installation of new software – before the organ rumbles again. Soon – VERY soon – the mighty sounds of the organ will again be able to lead us in worship.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! (Ps. 150)



WEST BETHLEHEM

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

THANK YOU for your donations to the West Bethlehem Emergency Food Pantry. 108 families—including 394 children, adults, and seniors—were served in July 2025. 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!



We received the following from Amanda, the Community School Coordinator: “As a Title I school, many of our students are unable to provide their own school supplies, and each year we greatly appreciate our community for always stepping in to help make sure our students always have what they need! Attached is a wish list of school supplies we are looking for.”

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

William Penn Elementary school is in desperate need of children's Halloween costumes. They do not need to be new, gently used ones are fine. If you have any laying around that you could donate, please put them on the COT table in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Yes, it's summer and yes, Christmas is months away, but we are collecting NOW so that everything can be packed up and blessed during our Advent Workshop. Visit the COT table in Fellowship Hall to pick up an ornament (or two or three) and purchase the item(s) attached. A complete list of requested items can be found on the table and all donations can be placed in the bins under the table. Let's make it a meaningful Christmas for the children and the teachers!

Essentials Café

Wooden Nickel Fundraiser:

A jar of wooden nickels sits next to the cash register at the Essentials Café. These nickels may be used by patrons who need help paying for their meal—

a nickel that has been gifted to pay for a breakfast or lunch. Our cards sell for \$12 and each one will purchase one nickel for the jar. These gift cards show that you have donated an Essentials Café meal “in honor of” the recipient. This is an ongoing project, and cards will be available for purchase in Fellowship Hall after church services. Our sincere thanks to everyone for helping to feed our neighbors!

Little Free Library

Our **Little Free Library** needs children's 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.

Moravian Day of Service – Save the dates!

Please plan to worship on **Sunday, September 14** when we participate in the Moravian Day of Service. We will be packing and distributing lunches for and at the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter, making cards for our housebound members, and decorating rocks to be left around the neighborhood. Not only do we need assistance in packing the lunches but we need a few volunteers to come to the shelter and help distribute them.

On **Saturday, September 13** we will be gathering at 2 PM to make the sandwiches for the BES lunches we are packing and distributing on Sunday. We need volunteers and any assistance is welcome!

COMPASS

Moravian Theological Seminary and Lancaster Theological Seminary have announced the launch of COMPASS: Preparing Leaders for Ministry and Service. Like Crossroads, its predecessor, COMPASS is intended for those feeling a call to become licensed lay pastors and for anyone who wants to enrich a part of their ministry by becoming better equipped in that area. The program is designed so that you can complete it in its entirety for certification or simply pick and choose one or more courses that

will benefit you and your ministry setting. For information on upcoming courses, visit <https://learn.moravian.edu/browse/compass>.

To encourage individuals and congregations to utilize this new program, the Eastern District Executive Board is making scholarship funds available for qualifying enrollments through December 31, 2025. For more information on scholarship opportunities, email melissa@mcnp.org.

OUR SHARED HISTORY: A TOUR OF PHILADELPHIA'S BLACK HERITAGE SITES

Join us on **Saturday, September 27** for a powerful journey through American history as we explore Philadelphia with a focus on Black heritage and the deeper, more complete story of our nation's past. This is not Black history or white history—it is our shared American history, told more truthfully and fully. Hosted by Central Moravian's Racial Justice Team, this 3½-hour seated tour will be led by historian Charlene Palmore-Lewis, who will guide us to important sites including: The President's House, The London Coffee House, Congo Square, and Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Schedule:

- Departure: 10 AM from the **College Hill Moravian Church parking lot**
- Lunch: Bring your own brown bag lunch to enjoy en route
- Tour: Starts at 1 PM at the Independence Visitor Center (Charlene joins us here)
- Return: Depart Philadelphia at 4:30 PM, back in Bethlehem around 6 PM

The cost is \$35 per person. If paying by check, please make checks payable to Central Moravian Church with *Racial Justice Trip* in the memo section. Reserve your spot by contacting the Central church office at (610) 866-5661 or office@centralmoravianchurch.org.

ART FOR JUSTICE

Art is able to tell a story that often words cannot. The Bethlehem Area Moravians are pleased to sponsor, with the support of the Moravian Theological Seminary, Daniel Gwynn, an artist from the non-profit organization Art for Justice on September 30. Art for Justice (www.artforjustice.org) supports and exhibits prisoner art to engage viewers in conversations about individual worth and collective justice, believing that this provides a path for conversation about justice in times of deep division. We are honored to welcome one of their long-time artists and powerful speaker, Daniel Gwynn, who was wrongfully incarcerated for more than 20 years, as he speaks and displays some of his art in the Saal at the Moravian Seminary, located directly inside the building at 60 W. Locust Street, Bethlehem) on **Tuesday, September 30 at 6 PM**. A light reception and showcase of his art will be held from 5 PM-6 PM.

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. 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/realml/>

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

TRUSTEES UPDATE

August 13, 2025

We continue to experience a shortfall from our giving units to cover our obligations (primarily to the Northern Province for Eastern District and Common Ministries). The Treasurer's report indicated a short fall of \$8,300 year-to-date. We are hopeful that as we enter fall our income will increase and we can get caught up. Your giving, as always, is appreciated. Thank you for your contributions as we continue to do God's work.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

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 that there is no meeting in September. Our next class will be held on **Wednesday, October 8**, from **5:30 PM–7:00 PM.**

CHURCH OFFICE REMINDERS

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 22

Please submit articles for the October 2025 edition of *The Builder* by **Monday, September 22, 2025** to 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
moravianpastorchrism@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)

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

September 2	Roy & Ruth Ann Miller
September 3	Brian & Stacy Moran
September 11	Scott & Heather Meixell
September 12	Jim & Marie Keim
September 13	Jason & Jodi Stepongzi
September 14	Danielle & Gregor Frisch
September 17	David & Alison Proserpi
September 20	Dan & Diane Abeles
September 25	Jason & Ashleigh Casassa



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 1	Justin Fenner
September 2	Erin Weychert Sue Boehm Shirley Guth Marie Keim
September 3	Lauren Kovacs
September 6	Robert Meixell
September 7	Hannah Bauer Roy Miller Cody Rehrig
September 8	Janice Harke Anthony Michaels Barbara Michaels
September 10	David Danneberger
September 12	Doug Kleintop
September 13	Connie Gregg Monica Dieterly
September 15	Donna DiMenichi Kayla Fenner Angela Knappenberger

September 21	Adam Abeles Ben Wallace
September 22	Trevor Seagreaves
September 23	Gloria Johnson
September 24	Pam Schaffner
September 26	Dawn Fenner Becky Olver
September 29	Nancy Penrose Ryan Buchman
September 30	Emmett Weychert

PRAYERS

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

- Terri Harney
- Joan Menges
- Carol Messina
- Nancy Beitel-Vessels
- Bonnie Stoltz
- Jerry Yob
- Will Harstine
- Gloria Reisinger
- Joe Pietkiewicz
- Tom Markley
- Sherwood Kindred
- Debbie Zechman
- 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)
- Martha Cox Popichak
- 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)

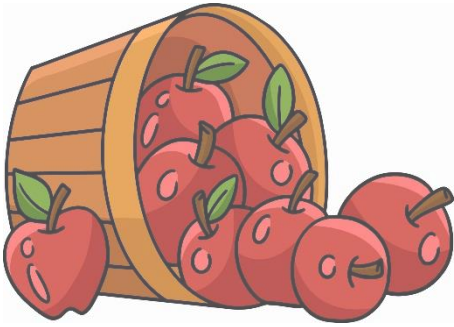
We pray for people in challenging circumstances...

- 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

We pray for people and ministries we support in particular ways...

- Essentials Café—its staff, volunteers, and customers
- Students, staff, and families connected with our neighborhood school, William Penn Elementary
- The ongoing work of racial justice and healing
- The ever-ongoing work of the Moravian Board of World Mission

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 2025

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, September 28** (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 4, beginning at **9:00 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, September 28: 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 5** and **October 12** or by arrangement. All items will come frozen.



Fall Craft Show

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 18, 2025
9:00AM - 2:00PM

Come shop all the great
crafters and grab delicious
food and baked goods!

Event is rain or
shine

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Bethlehem, PA 18018
(610) 867-8291

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