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Special Envelope for March

EMC Camp Hope Scholarship Fund - This fund is designed to help offset the cost of camp at our Eastern District Moravian Church Camp. Camp Hope is located in Hope, NJ and has existed since 1946. This fund allows the church to donate ½ of the cost of camp for our Sunday School attendees. Fund raisers including Moravian Sugar Cake sales help raise money for this cause as well. Because of your support over the years, many youth have strengthened their faith through the camp experience!



2023 Watchword:

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us. Isaiah 63:7

Emmaus Moravian Church's Mission Statement:

Living in Fellowship, Growing in Christ!

The Moravian Motto:

In essentials unity; In non-essentials liberty; and in all things love!

A Message from Pastor Brian

REMEMBERING 2023 AGAIN

We can draw a line from the modern word “Remember” back through 14th Century English (*remembren*) to Latin (*memor*), with plenty use of the idea of “remembering” in both Hebrew Scripture (*zekher*) and the writings of the New Testament (*mnemoneuo*). God remembers: promises, people, and relationships (throughout the Torah, the Psalms and Prophets). Jesus asks disciples, “*Do you not remember the five loaves that fed the 5,000 and how many baskets of leftovers you gathered?*” ^{Matthew 16:9} The condemned man who died with Jesus said, “*Remember me when you come into your kingdom.*” ^{Luke 23:42}

There is also a plain sense in which “Remember” is the opposite of dismember. And isn’t this what remembering does? It puts things together again (Humpty Dumpty-style). It calls things to mind for focus and consideration; to hold onto and treasure again. To be conveyed and shared; a renewable source of inspiration (or instigation). When I say I want to challenge us to Re-Member 2023, this is what I mean. The Church is, after all, not an organization as much as an organism. Not an institution as much as an invitation. Not a building but a body. And this is, in truth, the Apostle’s prayer and reminder, “*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.*” ^{Colossians 3:15}

So, by remembering, I mean to keep building together again the Body of Christ.

In last month’s newsletter, I zoomed in (no pun intended) on EMC stats reported in the Directory of the Moravian Church in America and wondered what the numbers meant. In recent weeks, following Council and completion of our Provincial/District Annual Report, I say again, “I am continually amazed by the volume and variety of things we accomplish!” *We are a growing congregation!* Biblically speaking, the growth of a church is growth in faith, growth in the knowledge of God, growth in Christian love and fellowship. At Emmaus, we can add to these blessings the joy of new members and regular visitors in worship.

Although worship is – *for me* – a highlight and hinge of faith, I recognize that our community affords a wide range of experiences and expressions of Church. And, that each of us individually has different styles and schedules, differing approaches and availability, distinctive gifts and graces. So, if you are wanting to be more involved or reengage, please know that regularly attending Sunday worship is by no means the only means or measure of doing this.

I invite your prayerful consideration and participation in any of the following this year, by which I am confident that your faith will be nurtured and your sense of community will grow:

The Hartzell Grove project – Sr. Care Ministries – Camp Hope – 1st Responders’ Meals – Visitation Committee – Prayer Shawl ministry – Blessing Box – Food Bank volunteers – Backpack Ministry – Rummage Sale – Craft & Vendor Fair – Operation Christmas Child – First Friday Firepit – Trunk-or-Treat – Vacation Bible School – weekday Morning Prayer – Wed. Nite Lite vespers – Mission Insite conversations – Sugarcake & Lovefeast Baking – NSYNC (Not So Young Neighborly Christians) – Book Group – and the list really does go on!

Memento Vivere, Pastor Brian



Worship Opportunities

Sunday, March 5th ~ 9:00 Sunday School; 10:30 Worship ~ 2nd Sunday in Lent

Wednesday, March 8th ~ Wednesday Nite Lite in the chapel 7:00

Sunday, March 12th ~ Daylight Savings Time; 9:00 Sunday School; 10:30 Worship ~ 3rd Sunday in Lent

Wednesday, March 15th ~ Wednesday Nite Lite in the chapel 7:00

Sunday, March 19th ~ 9:00 Sunday School; 10:30 Worship ~ 4th Sunday in Lent

Wednesday, March 22nd ~ Wednesday Nite Lite in the chapel 7:00

Sunday, March 26th ~ 9:00 Sunday School; 10:30 Worship ~ 5th Sunday in Lent
Palm Cross Making 6:00

Wednesday, March 29th ~ Wednesday Nite Lite in the chapel 7:00

Sunday, April 2nd ~ Palm Sunday ~ 9:00 Sunday School; 9:45 Easter Egg Hunt; 10:30 Worship

Tuesday, April 4th ~ Holy Week Readings 7:00

Wednesday, April 5th ~ No WNL

Thursday, April 6th ~ Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service 7:00

Friday, April 7th ~ Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:00

Sunday, April 9th ~ 6:15 Early Dawn Service; 7:30 Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9:30 Easter Sunday Worship (no 10:30 Service)

All services are available live via zoom and available later in the day on Facebook.

[Go to www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us), Click on "Join a meeting" Enter meeting ID: 442 948 9211



Please remember those in need of our prayers ~

Gerry Lint, Ticia Herald, Dennis Bolich, Kathy Rinker, Paul Billiard, Connie Renner (daughter in law of Howard & Judy), Rev. Diane Joseph, Carol Campbell, Dale Washburn, our homebound members and nursing home residents.

~ Contact the office whenever a visit is needed or to inform us about any family situation. We will only post names on our prayer list if we have permission from the person in need of prayer, or their immediate family.

Morning Prayer ~ Is prayer something you want to do more of? Would you like to connect with other church members and pray for the needs of the church, community and world? Join us! Mondays, Wed, and Fridays we meet via zoom at 8:15 a.m (same log in as Sundays). On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we meet at Superior (102 State Ave) at 6:15 a.m. What a wonderful way to start to your morning!



“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” ~1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Dear EMC,

I want to express my sincere thanks to my EMC family for adding my name to the Tree of Life. It is not only a blessing and an honor to have my name added to the tree along with those who have served with deep love and devotion, but also be a part of the EMC family. VBS has grown and developed over the past few years because of the enthusiasm, effort and love of all of us. It is pure joy to be able to be a part of this mission to show children how God's love is with them.

In Christian love, Kay Marushak



Dear EMC,

Thank you all for your prayers and cards that I received through my surgery and recovery. It helped me through some tough times and is still a great comfort to know Jesus is with me on this path.

In His Name, Paul Billiard

An Author in our Midst...

Losing Light, Walking by Faith but Wanting to See, a book written by the Rev. Brian Dixon, is now available for purchase!

In the book, Pastor Brian invites readers on a similar journey through shadow and light. With a seeker's questions and a pastor's heart, he encourages us to "come and see" the fullness of life with God even if (and when) our vision is clouded or the way is unclear. The collection is divided into six sections of approximately 20 pages each, with the stories, poems and prayers in each section reflecting a slightly different theme related to light. ~ excerpt from Moravian Magazine, issue 4, 2022



The book, along with the last book written by Pastor Brian, *Keeping Time, Dances to the Beat of a Different Drummer*, cost \$10.00 each and are available in the church office or visit the virtual book store at www.moravian.org



Emmaus Moravian Church's Art Show

Friday, March 3rd from 6:00-8:00

We are excited to bring you our very first Art Show!

Many members have submitted their art for your viewing pleasure!

Please join us for a fun night of art, fun and fellowship!

Join us for String Art

String art night! Friday, March 31 at 6pm.
A Facebook event is set up under "String art with Lisa at Emmaus Moravian Church." OR text/call Trell Miller at 610-570-3552
\$3 non-refundable deposit & remaining \$35 DUE IN CASH day of event. Boards already nailed. Many string colors and boards available, but you must preorder your design.
Take home kits available for \$20 for class members. Sales end March 24th. Come see some finished products and a live stringing demo at our art show on March 3rd!



Upcoming Easter Activities

Flashlight Egg Hunt ~Kids in grades 6-8 are invited to a Flashlight Egg Hunt on Friday, March 31st at 7:00. Meet in the upstairs K-5 classroom. Bring a flashlight and a friend! RSVP to the office or Karen Semet at 610-554-9709. Join us for a night of fun!

Easter Egg Hunt ~ There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 2nd at 9:45 am. The egg hunt is for children ages 2-5th grade. Kids will attend Sunday School as usual, and then at 9:45, the teachers will lead them outside (or fellowship hall if inclement weather). Please bring a bag or bucket for your kids to gather eggs!

Donations of Individually wrapped candy accepted (no nuts or peanut butter). We are also asking for 3 bags of regular m&m's and 3 bags of jelly beans for our guessing game. Monetary donations for prizes accepted as well. Please donate to the office by March 19th.

Thank you! Karen Semet





Preschool Registration for the 2023/2024 now open!

You are invited to attend an Open House on
Thursday, March 16th from 6:00-7:30.
Adults and children welcome!

Applications for the 2023/2024 school year available!

Classes available:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00am-2:00pm

Pre-registration for the Tuesday/Thursday program is required. The day is filled with learning (letters, numbers, shapes, kindergarten preparedness), art projects, large motor skills, small motor skills. Children pack a lunch (refrigerator available). The program runs from Sept.- June. A \$50.00 deposit required for registration. Tuition is paid in 10 monthly installments of \$175. 15% discount for EMC members; 10% discount for families with multiple children enrolled.

Mondays or Wednesdays 9:00am-2:00pm

This is a unique program because it allows families options. Pre-registration spaces are available or, you can also sign up on a weekly basis. You can choose one or both days, and sign up sheets are available 4 weeks ahead of time. The program has the same educational level as the Tues/Thurs. class. Children pack a lunch. The cost is \$86.00 per month (for one day option) or 175.00 for 2 day option, or \$25.00 per day. This program runs from Sept. to June.

We also have **summer classes available** for any child ages 3-5! You can sign up for specific days (not a week at a time). Pick and choose when you want your child to attend!

Contact Melissa in the office for more information!

Operation Christmas Child We have begun collecting items for our fall shoebox packing party! The Operation Christmas Child collection for March will be bandanas and tote bags (small). Your donations can be placed in the box in the narthex. Each month we will be collecting something new to be prepared! Donations of small new or gently used toys and toothbrushes also accepted. Thank you in advance for all your support. ~Diane Lint



The EMC Book Club

The Book Club readers have made a new list! All are welcome to join our zoom meeting by calling Judy Williamson or the office for information.

March 13 "Sea Nurses" by Kate Eastham

April 10 "Keeping Lucy" by T. Greenwood

May 8 "The Foundling" by Ann Leary



VBS 2023

MARCHing right along to VBS, there are some exciting things happening and opportunities for volunteering and support. Through Bible stories, music, activities, crafts and lots of fun, we will discover how to shine bright and show God's amazing love to each other. And maybe even learn how to hang 10! It was so much fun to see Snappy and Skipper in church to give us a sneak preview of the fun that is to come. Thank you!

Surf Shack VBS will be held from July 17-21 from 9:00 to noon. Please note that is a change from the date originally established. And we are happy to announce that we will be able to serve ages 3- those just finishing 5th grade. We are excited to have a 3/4 year old program this year that will be a part of Surf Shack, but meet the needs of this age group.

There are countless ways to contribute and volunteer for VBS whether it be all week or for a few hours during or before VBS week. Many of you helped with our work day last year, and we will have one again this year sometime in June. Stay tuned! Help is needed for:

Bible stories (with a fun new twist), Art projects, Crew leaders, Help with the Preschool program, Photographer, Floaters to fill in where needed, At home help with bucket seats and name tags, Contributions of snacks and supplies, Bucks for Buckets (see below)

Remember- volunteering for one day or activity is welcome as well as all week. Help us make Shake Shack groovy!!!!



Bucks for Buckets : Each year we provide each child with a bucket which contains all the materials needed for each day, serves as their seat for activities, and is a useful reminder of VBS for them to keep at home. These buckets and lids are quite an expense so we would like to begin a Bucks for Buckets campaign to help defray costs. A sample VBS bucket as well as an empty one for donations will be in the narthex of the church for donations. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Please stay tuned for more details as VBS gets closer. And please contact Kay Marushak klmbbird10@gmail.com or Pat Honzer t pastorpat4@hotmail.com to let us know how you are interested in helping or with any questions you may have. And as our theme verse reminds us- Remember that the Lord is great and awesome! Nehemiah 4:14

Blessing Boxes

All of your donations are greatly appreciated. The Blessing Boxes are used by many people and your donations help keep the boxes stocked. We are always grateful to have back up supplies!

The Blessing Box immediate needs are:

Non food items desperately needed: shampoo, tissues, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, laundry pods or detergent, can openers

Food items: peanut butter, jelly, canned veggies, soup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, tuna, canned or individual cups of fruit or applesauce

~ Thank you from Linda Rohrbach and Carol George (the fillers of the boxes)

Spring Rummage Sale

It is time to clean out your closets, garages, basements, and attics. We will have our spring rummage sale on **Saturday, March 25th in Fellowship Hall from 8 am to 1:00.**

We will have our regular sale from 8 am until 11am. The Bag Sale will take place from 11- 11:45. After 11:45 – 1:00, donations will be accepted for all remaining items.

Delivery dates/times---

Wednesday, March 22, 12 to 6pm

Thursday, March 23, 12 to 6pm

Friday, March 24, 12 to 5 pm

No Saturday deliveries

Please call Meda Henry, 610-730-4716 for drop off appointments before March 22, 2023.

The following items will NOT be accepted: televisions, computer screens, computers, electronic devices, stuffed furniture, mattresses, clothing and shoes.

Please join us in preparing for our rummage sale!

Tuesday, March 21 from 2-5 pm, will be our first work day for volunteers.

We always have a great time working together!

Spring Outdoor Craft & Vendor Show

Mark your calendars for the outdoor craft and vendor show at Emmaus Moravian Church on Saturday May 6th, 2023, from 9am to 2pm. We are expecting a great day for the entire family! We could use a lot of help in planning such a large event so please reach out if you would like to volunteer. We will need volunteers for set up/clean up, advertising, kitchen, parking, and many other areas of the show throughout the day. This is a great opportunity for students to get in volunteer hours. We still have spots available for crafters and vendors so please contact us to reserve a spot.

Contact us for registration and volunteer information.

E-mail: EMCcraftshow@gmail.com

or call/text Amanda Stoeckel (484-553-6735) or

Paula Stoeckel (610-360-7228)

Connect with EMC in various ways: How do you receive the newsletter? If you receive it via email and would like a printed copy (instead of or in addition), let the office know. Do you have a friend that is interested in our activities? They can receive the newsletter as well. Have you visited our website lately? Once in a while, check it out! You may learn something new! Are you on our email list? As a member, you can receive updates about worship and any important notices about the congregation. And don't forget about Facebook. Most events are advertised via Facebook. Help the church by sharing their posts! We are an active church and it's always great to know what's happening in the life of your church!

Easter Candy Sale

Yes you read it right, there will be a candy sale this year! Although it will be a bit different, all your favorite egg flavors will be available for sale. This year we will not be taking orders but instead have a "Candy Store" open at the church. The cost will be \$8.00 ½ pound, a bargain when you consider the other stores are charging \$12-14.

Even though we are cutting back a bit this year, there will still be plenty of supply available. The plan is to do about half of what we normally make – that is still almost 200 pounds of candy!

Candy Store Hours
Saturday April 1st from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00
Sunday April 2nd – after church till – 1:00

after Sunday, any unsold candy will be available through the church office.

Be sure to mark your candy for the opening of the EMC Candy Store.
Come early for the best selections.

See you soon,
the head Oompa Loompa, Lori Maurer

Sponsor a Lily or a Palm

Each year the Sanctuary is decorated with lilies and palms for our Easter services. To sponsor a lily or palm, return this form with payment by **Sunday, March 26th**
Easter Lily, 4+ Bloom~ \$10.00; Palms ~ \$20.00

Name _____

Number of Lilies at \$10.00 each _____

Number of Palms at \$20.00 each _____

___ I will pick up the lily/palm after the 9:30 service on Easter

___ Please deliver my lily to a shut in

Please choose one per Lily or Palm purchased

___ In memory of _____

By _____

___ In Honor of _____

By _____

Please use multiple order forms if you have multiple orders.
You can also email orders to secretary@emmausmoravian.org

Camping Season is almost here!

There are many ways to support our Eastern District Moravian Church Camp! Camp Hope is located in Hope, NJ and has served children, adults and families since 1946. Emmaus Moravian Church supports Camp Hope in many ways. The biggest way you can support camp is to encourage your kids, grandkids and neighbors to attend! Then, they can then be supporters of this amazing ministry as they grow! At EMC, we have a scholarship fund to provide help to those attending camp. Our sugar cake sales and donations from our congregation fund this scholarship program. This year, the fund has enough money to send 5 kids to camp for free (parents must pay a \$50 deposit with registration). If your child would like to receive a free week of camp (or 3 nights for kids in 1st-2nd grade), have them write a paragraph and email it to the church office. If we have more than 5 interested, we will pay for ½ of Tier 3 for any child wanting to go to camp. Because of your support over the years, many youth have strengthened their faith through the camp experience!

You can start the season off by attending Mission Camp from May 16th- May 21st. Attend as many days as you like. Meals and board provided. There is no cost to participants, as expenses are paid for by the Board of World Mission. There are jobs for all abilities and ages!

Volunteers are needed for each camp as well. Wouldn't you love to mentor youth at camp? There is no cost to volunteer, but background checks, a pastoral reference and personal references required.

The summer camping schedule:

June 25 - July 1 -- Jr. Lifeguarding (Grades 5 - 8)

June 28 - July 1 -- Pre-Primary (Grades 1 and 2)

July 9 - 15 -- Grades 6, 7, and 8

July 16 - 22 -- Grades 3, 4, and 5

July 23 - 29 -- Musical Theater (Grades 5 - 9)

July 23 - 29 -- Swimming (Grades 3 - 6)

July 30 - August 5 -- Senior High (Grades 9 - 12)

