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EMMAUS MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Special Envelope for July

Common Ministries – The common ministries of the Worldwide Moravian Church include (but are not limited to) the following ministries: Moravian Open Door, Camp Hope, Ministerial Education, Board of World Mission, Moravian Music Foundation, and Provincial Archives. By paying our yearly assessments, we provide funding for these Moravian led ministries, and more. Many of these ministries are highlighted in the Moravian Magazine. As a member of the Moravian Church, you can receive this magazine for free. If you do not receive this monthly publication, please contact the church office.



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!

Worship Opportunities

Throughout the summer, we will often worship in the pavilion. Every week, an email is sent to all members to let them know if the worship service will be held outside. Please contact the office if you do not receive weekly emails from the office and would like to be placed on the list. If we worship outdoors, please feel free to use the benches provided or bring your own chairs.

Wednesday, June 28th ~ Wednesday Nite Lite 7:00

Sunday, July 2nd ~ Worship 9:30 ~ Festival of Jan Hus~ Holy Communion

Wednesday, July 5th ~ Wednesday Nite Lite 7:00

Sunday, July 9th ~ 9:30 Worship

Wednesday, July 12th ~ Wednesday Nite Lite 7:00

Sunday, July 16th ~ 9:30 Worship

Wednesday, July 19th ~ Wednesday Nite Lite 7:00

Sunday, July 23rd ~ Worship 9:30

Wednesday, July 26th ~ Wednesday Nite Lite 7:00

Sunday, July 30th ~ 9:30 Worship ~ Anniversary Lovefeast

Wednesday, August 2nd ~ NO WNL

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 ~

Rev. Rick Bruckart, Gerri Lint, Pam Roediger (Trell Miller's mother),
 Brantley, age 7 (relative of the Haus family), Iva Gingrich, Lynn Frontino, Amanda Stoeckel,
 Donna Leffler (daughter of Betty Hertzog), Carol Campbell, Rev. Diane Joseph,
 Connie Renner (daughter in law of Howard & Judy, our homebound & nursing home residents)

Please uphold these church members and friends in your prayers.

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.

A Message from Pastor Brian

THE "DOG DAIES" OF SUMMER

Even though there has been a strange run-up to it, summer is here. School's out. Warm and longer days. Spring plantings are now flowers and fruit. Night games. Fireflies. Weekend trips to the shore. The dog days of summer.

"Dog days" was a reference by ancient Greeks and Romans to the early rising of Sirius (the Dog Star), which they believed heralded warmer weather. The Egyptians saw the star as a warning that the Nile would soon overflow its banks. More recently - as in the 1552 Book of Common Prayer - July 7 is assigned a reading of Psalm 6, lessons from the book of Proverbs and Colossians and it is designated as the start of "Dog daies" through August!

In "The Bar Sinister," a 1903 short story by R.H. Davis (think Charlotte's Web, Watership Down, Wind in the Willows), a streetwise terrier, "Kid" puts it this way:

Water's so good that I don't blame the menfolks for locking it up inside their houses: but when the hot days come, I think they might remember that those are the dogdays, and leave a little water outside in a trough, like they do for the horses.

"When the hot days come," and as we are blessed to be able to pursue and enjoy some R&R, let us keep in mind the living water that Jesus makes to spring up in our hearts and which others need as well as us. Because, it does get hot, and rain falls, and waters rise, and sometimes the winds beat against our homes (Matthew 7:24 - 29).

Perhaps this is why the Apostle Paul told young Timothy to share God's word, "in season and off-season" (2 Timothy 4:5)?

Looking over our calendar, it would not seem that EMC is out for summer, on holiday, or away-from-office. There are activities to engage in; opportunities for service and spiritual nurture; work and witness; calling and care. We are genuinely happy to be a church that is here when you need it. And we can only do this - be here for each other - by God's grace and through the countless and grace-full ways we show up for each other, "in season and off-season."

Jesus speaks of the reward and fulfillment of a drink of water shared as a devoted student and practitioner (a.k.a. disciple) of his holy life (Matthew 10:42). I pray that as you find the refreshment, renewal, and rest you need; you may also find the thankful blessing of someone to share it with.

Cheers,

Pastor Brian



Christian Education News

CE doesn't stop in the summer!

We have many upcoming events and opportunities for fellowship. We hope you join us!
These events are open to all ages unless stated otherwise!

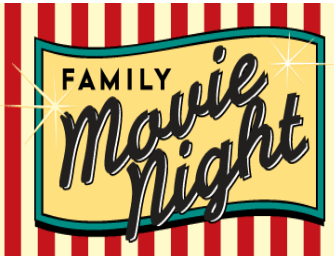
Nintendo Smashbrothers Game Night - Friday, July 7th at 6:00 for grades 6 and up!

Get ready to play Smashbrothers on the big screen with your friends! If you have a Nintendo Switch remote control, please bring it so lots of kids can play at the same time (put initials on remotes please). Contact the office or text Pastor Brian if you can make it!

Remote Control Car Rally ~ Sunday, July 9th and Sunday, July 23rd from 2:00-4:00!

Bring your remote control cars to the parking lot and have fun racing other cars and going over obstacles! No experience necessary!

Drive in Style Movie Night ~ Friday, July 14th



Join us for a drive in style movie in the parking lot outside of the church. (Weather permitting) Our movie pick is **Puss in Boots: the last wish!** Arrival time is around 6:30, the movie will begin as soon as it is dark (around 8:30). Bring your own dinner and beverages if you want and snacks for your family or to share! We'll play games (feel free to bring outdoor activities) & have time for fellowship until it's movie time! Call/text Trell Miller with any questions 610-570-3552.

Songfest and campfire ~ **Sunday, July 16th; 6:00-8:00** ~ Join us for a time of fellowship and singing! The songs will be led by Pastor Chris and Tina Giesler. We will be roasting hot dogs and smores and hanging out by the campfire. The event will be held in the pavilion. In case inclement weather, we will gather in the sanctuary (without the campfire). Bring chairs (if you want) and your voices!



Summer preschool and Fall Registration now happening!

The preschool has **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 the office if you are interested in sign ups. Spaces still available!

Fall Classes available- very limited availability!

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00am-2:00pm; Mondays and Wednesdays 9:00am-2:00pm Pre-registration for these classes 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. Contact Melissa in the office for more information!

VBS 2023 is almost here!



Shaka, shaka! Things are great indeed! It's July, and that means it's VBS time! All of the volunteers have been working hard to bring Surf Shack to EMC. Surf Shack owner, and all around cool dude, Skipper (Brian) and one happy, snappy crab, Snappy (Jeanne Puskaritz) can't wait to welcome all to catch the wave of God's love. All surfers will feel how God creates, God helps, God loves, God calms, and God sends us in our everyday lives.

Now we need surfers for our adventure! Registration forms are available in this newsletter (back page), in the church narthex and the church office and online at www.emmausmoravian.org. We are looking for surfers between the ages of 3 and those having just completed grade 5. Please encourage any youth you may know to sign up NOW! Children, grandchildren, neighbors, friends- any and all are welcome. We are so excited to welcome community members as well as our EMC family. VBS is a youth mission for all!

We are always looking for volunteers to join us in person for the week or even one day. There is a place for everyone. If you would like to contribute by purchasing supplies, or in other ways, please check the palm tree in the narthex. We have added some new items!

Help is also needed immediately before or after VBS to prepare, decorate, and tear down the physical spaces. On Friday, July 14th from 9:00-1:00ish and Saturday, July 15th from 9:00-12:00ish we will be setting up and creating Surf Shack. Also, we will need help to break everything down on Friday afternoon, the 21st. Any help those days is greatly appreciated!

Surf Shack VBS is the most exciting, energetic, VBS yet. Through all the fun and enthusiasm, the message of Nehemiah 4:14 that The Lord is Great and Awesome will fill our days and hearts!

In Christian love,

Kay Marushak (klmbbird10@gmail.com) and Pat Honszer (pastorpat4@hotmail.com)

The EMC Book Club

The Book Club is now meeting in person! The group will be meeting in the Comenius Room at 7pm the second Monday of the month. If you prefer zoom, contact the office or Judy Williamson.

July 12th *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult

August 14th *Homecoming* by Kate Morton

September 11th *What Happened to the Bennett's* by Lisa Scottoline

October 9th *Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict

November 13th *The Children's Blizzard* by Melanie Benjamin

Join us whenever you can, we welcome new members!



Ways to Give and Serve

Back to School Shopping Event

Our annual Back to School Event will be taking place on Saturday, August 19th from 9:30-11 am. Please consider donating backpacks & other school supplies to this ministry. We will also be accepting donations of lightly worn youth clothing as well. Please limit donations to school appropriate attire for students between the ages of 5 and 16 (no undergarments, swimwear or costumes). Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. Please contact Caren Harold at 484-894-1888 if you would like to volunteer for this event.

Backpack Collection



Operation Christmas Child

We have begun collecting items for our fall shoebox packing party! As of now, we are accepting donations of small fishing items that can be placed in a pill bottle to make a fishing kit (fishing line, hooks, weights, and small bobbers accepted), hair ties, scrunchies, small new or gently used toys, toothbrushes and bandanas! Donations can be placed in the narthex in the box. Thank you in advance for all your support. ~Diane Lint



Blessing Boxes

Thank you for all your amazing donations for the Blessing Boxes! 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:

Food items: jelly, soup, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned or individual cups of fruit ~ these are suggestions, we accept any shelf stable donations.

Did you know that you can't buy soap or toothpaste with food stamps? Quite simply, if it's not food, you can't use food stamps. That is why donations of non food items are important!

Non food items needed: shampoo, soap, washcloths, deodorant, tissues, toothbrushes, laundry pods or detergent

~ Thank you from Linda Rohrbach and Carol George,
the fillers of the boxes!



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 www.moravian.org



Morning Prayer

What is your daily prayer ritual? Would you like to connect with other church members and pray for the needs of the church, community and world? Join us!

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays we meet via zoom at 8:15 a.m. On Tuesdays & Thursdays we meet at Superior (102 State Ave) at 6:15am . You are welcome to join us every day, or any day that works for you! What a wonderful way to start to your morning!

If you ever have any prayer requests for the group, please contact the office or Pastor Brian.

"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



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!



Camp Hope

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. The biggest way to 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 program. Did you know that EMC will pay at least half of the cost of camp for any EMC child? Because of your support over the years, many youth have strengthened their faith through the camp experience!

Volunteers are needed for each camp as well. Wouldn't you love to mentor youth at camp? Background checks, a pastoral reference and personal references are required. Please reach out to Melissa in the office with questions.

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)

For more information, Go to www.camphope.org,
or email Suzanne at director@camphope.org,
or call camp directly at 908-459-4435,
or talk to Melissa in the church office.



Cash Card Program ~ Our cash card program can be used for gifts or your regular shopping! If you frequent a store or restaurant, you can purchase gift cards from the church and use them as cash! EMC gets a percentage of each gift card sale. We carry an inventory of over \$8,000 in 50 different cards for everyday shopping or gift giving! We have access to hundreds more we can order for you and have them in a week. Sales happen every Sunday before and after worship in the chapel lobby or in the office. Cash cards never expire!

Typically in stock: Amazon, Applebees, Arby's, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, Best Buy, Cabelas, CVS, Dick's Sporting Goods, Dominos, Dunkin, Gap, Giant, Holiday Hair, Home Depot, Itunes, JCPenney, Kohl's, Land's End, Limited, L.L. Bean, Olive Garden, Outback, Panera, Petsmart, Red Lobster, Target, Texas Road House, Walmart, Walgreens, Wawa, Weis, Wendy's



VBS Registration Form

(one per child)

Surf Shack Vacation Bible School

Emmaus Moravian Church

146 Main St., Emmaus, Pa.

For children ages 3- grade 5 (completed)

Monday, July 17th - Friday, July 21st, 2023

9:00 am-12:00 pm

*****Please return this form*****

Child's Name _____ My child's name preference is _____

Gender _____ DOB _____ Age _____ Grade Completed _____

Parent/Guardian Names

Child's Address

Parent Email

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Allergies or Special needs _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Relationship to child _____

Emergency phone number _____

Names of people permitted to pick up your child _____

I give permission for my child to be photographed to be used for Facebook, Website, etc. (initial) _____

I give my child permission to participate in EMC VBS activities _____
(parent signature)

To register, drop this form off at the church office or email completed form to: secretary@emmausmoravian.org If you have any questions, please email or call 610-965-6067