



2024

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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 the 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.



2024 Watchword:

Rejoice always. 1 Thessalonians 5:16

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

During the summer, we may choose to worship outside in the pavilion. This decision will be made and emailed to the congregation by Friday of each week. When we worship outside, you are welcome to bring chairs or blankets for seating, or use the benches provided.

Sunday, June 30th ~ Worship 9:30

Sunday, July 7th ~ Worship 9:30 ~ Holy Communion in honor of John Hus

Sunday, July 14th ~ Worship 9:30 ~ celebration of Dorris Schaffer's 100th birthday ~ reception after church

Wednesday, July 17th ~ Wednesday Nite Lite 7:00 in the chapel

Sunday, July 21st ~ Worship 9:30 ~ celebration of Jason Lint's adoption ~ reception after church

Sunday, July 28th ~ Worship 9:30 ~ 277th Anniversary Lovefeast

Sunday, August 4th ~ Worship 9:30 ~ celebration of Baptism

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

Go to www.zoom.us, Click on "Join a meeting" Enter meeting ID: 442 948 9211

Wednesday Nite Lite

Are Sundays difficult to attend? Do you need a boost during the week? Wednesday Nite Lite provides a mid-week worship service from 7:00-7:30 in the chapel. We keep it short, sweet, and soulful: one song, one prayer, one reading, one reflection, and one call to action. Zoom is available.

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? Is prayer something you would like to take more seriously? Even if it is one day a week, you are invited to join us whenever you can!

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays we meet via zoom at 8:15 a.m.

(the zoom link is always available on our website)

On Tuesdays & Thursdays we meet at Superior (102 State Ave) at 6:15am.

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

John Hus and the Moravian Church

July 6th is a special day of remembrance in the Moravian Church. On this date in 1415, a Catholic Church council in the city of Constance executed one of the great Christian reformers. Millions of Christians world-wide, including Moravians, view John Hus as a martyr to the gospel and a saint, even though he was officially condemned as a heretic. For many, the execution of Hus proved beyond doubt that radical reform was needed for the medieval Catholic Church, which had grown corrupt in doctrine and practice. A century after Hus's death, Martin Luther could boldly proclaim that he, too, was a Hussite. Hus was not the founder of the Moravian Church; however, his witness and courageous commitment to reform inspired Gregory the Patriarch to establish a new church forty years after Hus's death. Hus tried to reform the Catholic Church through his preaching, teaching and writing. He challenged the corruption of the church and called for priests and pastors to live as spiritual role models for their flocks.

Taken from "Simply Moravian, A modern Guide to the Ancient Essentials" by Ruth Burcaw

A Message from Pastor Brian

A prayer for July:

May the Living Word help me face my fears,
own my faults and walk by faith. Amen.

KINETIC ART

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
Which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.” Eph 2:10

When I was growing up, a mobile wasn’t a phone. Mobiles were grade school arts-and-crafts projects: paper shapes strung from a piece of cardboard, dangling in the window.

I didn’t know – but do now – that mobiles are “kinetic art,” where motion is an element alongside things like color, and shape, etc. And I don’t know why, but when completing the Shape of Leadership program in 2023, I made the mobile above as a capstone. Yep, in summarizing two units of training, development, skills and strategies; representing two years of study and strengthening, I turned a basket, paper, and some yarn into this and hung it in my office. Not sure how well you can see from the picture, but there are four origami shapes: an airplane, boat, car, and a dove. The dove represents the Holy Spirit. The car, plane, and boat are the tools and techniques we learned. All of which I saw as approaches – or vehicles – to church health, mission, and a vitalizing sense of purpose. The dove represents the godly wisdom we need to know what approach – which vehicle – is the one to best help get where God calls us to be. That it was made with found materials: an old basket; construction paper from a bin; borrowed scissors and begged yarn (a classmate was knitting); and knowing how to fold a few shapes... became a parable for reliance (on kindness, generosity and community) and resourcefulness (making faithful use of the blessings at hand). That the only yarn available was silver, a color reserved in 15th Century illuminated bibles for depictions of God’s Wisdom, was a divine “wink.” And the coup de grâce was observing that, being kinetic, it would be moved by those near it. Much like Christ’s call to let ourselves be impacted by the needs of our neighbors: food insecurity, loneliness, economic vulnerability, illness, penance and forgiveness, etc.

(Matthew 25:31 – 46)

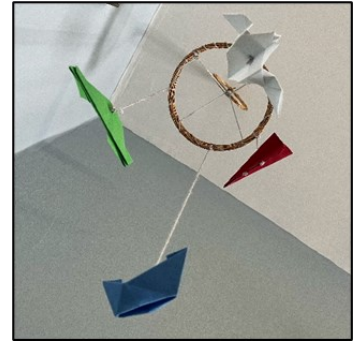
If you’re interested in seeing this mobile in motion, stop by the office.

And if you want to see mission in motion, grace-on-the-go, devotion in drive... I’d encourage you to keep Camp Hope programs in mind (and prayer); or support Vacation Bible School; or get involved with 1st Responders Meals or 2nd Helping Community Dinners; or donate to the Blessing Box; or reach out to someone needing encouragement; or just come to any of the weekly opportunities in July for worship – where we celebrate the work and witness of being community in Jesus’ name.

The more I think about it, the less goofy I feel about making that mobile. I think we’ve had – I think the world has had – quite enough of faith that doesn’t move, that isn’t moved. May God’s love truly move you this summer: closer to your loved ones and closer to all whom Jesus loves.

“Blessed be the tie that binds”

Pastor Brian



In Our Congregation

On June 23rd, Lois K. Haberstumpf, entered the nearer presence of her Lord and Savior. Services will be held at a later time. Please keep her family in your prayers— Elaine & Al Kneller, Lori & Michael Maurer, Deb & John McGinnis, Mark & June Haberstumpf and her extended family.



Please remember those in need of our prayers ~

Jerry Knauss, Nancy Thomas, Paula Stoeckel, Carol Campbell, Pat Rath, James Silvius (son of Jean Brendlinger), Mary (mother of Diane Joseph), Rev. Diane Joseph, Art Corbett (Jeanne Harakal's brother in law), Connie Renner (daughter-in-law of Howard & Judy), our homebound, assisted living & 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. Names will only be posted on the list if we have permission from the person in need of prayer, or their immediate family.



Celebrations within our Congregation

On Sunday, July 14th, we will be celebrating our dear church member, Dorris Schaffer as she celebrates her 100th birthday! We will honor Dorris during the service and will host a reception after worship. We invite the congregation to shower Dorris with cards! Cards can be brought to church on the 14th or dropped off in the office any time in the month of July!

On Sunday, July 21st, we will be celebrating the adoption of Jason Lint. Diane has been in the process of adopting Jason for over 5 years and we are excited to be celebrating this milestone with them! A reception will be held after worship. The congregation is invited to shower Diane and Jason with cards! Cards can be brought to church on the 21st or dropped off in the office any time in the month of July!



Did you know?

As you noticed, EMC doesn't shut down in the summer, and it isn't just busy on a Sunday morning! We are involved in our community and our church building is host to several AA groups, an NA group, a Girl Scout troop, the monthly Allentown Garden Club meeting, AARP Tax Aide, and many other groups. Our preschool operates Mondays thru Thursdays from 9:00-2:00, almost year round. And then there are all the events hosted by our church: dinners for our 1st Responders, our new 2nd Helping Community Dinner, and yearly events such as VBS, and the Backpack Event. We also now have a garden to help feed those around us! When you support EMC, you are supporting our community. We are grateful to share our space with so many! Our fundraisers help support EMC and its ministries. If you are looking for a place to fit in, contact the office to find current ministries available.

Firepit Fellowship

Join us for the First Friday Firepit Fellowship this summer near the pavilion. The dates are July 5th and August 2nd. The fun begins at 6:00! You can bring outdoor games and there will be hot dogs and smores available for roasting! We will have some beverages available. All ages welcome. You can bring your own beverages and chairs if you want.



Family Movie Night

Join us on Saturday, July 13th for an outdoor movie! If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will move inside! The movie will begin at 7:00. Feel free to show up earlier and hang out before the movie starts.

Youth Fellowship

On July 19th from 7:00-10:00, we will be hosting a gathering of youth! Anyone between 6th grade and 12th grade welcome to attend! Bring a friend! The event will include games, snacks, socialization and more! You are welcome to bring games and snacks. RSVP to the church office.



EMC day at the Shelter House

Did you ever wonder about **The Shelter House**? What is the interesting historical significance right here in our own backyard? How did it get its name? How old is it? All these questions and more can be answered in an hour long tour and Q & A on July 20th at 1:00pm. We will meet at the Shelter House (located at the top of South 4th Street in Emmaus—at the end of S. 4th St, turn left onto Fairview St).

To participate, please RSVP to the church office or Vicki Mitchell at (484) 951-2800.

New Member Gatherings

We love the visitors that worship and gather with us at EMC! We are excited to have those visitors take the next step to becoming members of our church! This summer and early fall, we are offering New Member Classes. These classes are meant to inform you about Moravian history, Emmaus Moravian history, and life at Emmaus Moravian Church today. The first set of classes will be held on Thursday evenings in August—8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th from 7:00-8:30.

If you can't commit to all 4 of those dates, the classes will be repeated in September. We would love to hear from you as to what works for your schedule. There is no obligation to join the church at the end of the classes and anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. Please contact the office if you are interested!





On Friday, July 26th, EMC will be hosting its 4th Community Dinner. Guests may arrive any time between 6:00 and 7:30pm.

You may be wondering who is invited to this dinner?

The 2nd helping community meal is for anyone who: desires fellowship, doesn't want to cook, is a member of our community, is a member of our church, needs a meal, needs grace, needs God's love

YOU are invited!

We hope to gather in the pavilion in July, but if the weather doesn't cooperate, we will move inside to fellowship hall.

The menu for July 26th is:

Grilled Chicken, Hot Dogs, Corn-on-the-Cob, various sides and desserts (we will always have vegetarian and gluten free options available), drinks (including sugar free options)

The meal is free. Any donations will go towards the next meal. Donations of desserts are appreciated!

Please contact Melissa in the church office for questions

Community Garden

Our Community Garden is ready! In order to support the various food-based ministries we have at church, a vegetable garden has been planted in the back corner of the lot (near the paper dumpsters). The main goal is to support the blessing boxes and community dinners. All excess food will be given to a local freezer ministry. Assistance is needed to keep the garden watered and maintained. If you are able to help with the garden this summer, please contact Morgan Donmoyer at morgan_donmoyer@hotmail.com or 570-605-0171.



Book Club

Book club is ready for summer with a new list of books to read! Please feel free to join all of our meetings or pick a book you find interesting. Discussions are informal, all opinions are welcome. We meet at 7pm in the Comenius Room. Zoom is available, contact Judy Williamson or the office with your email.



July 8th "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride
 August 12th "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby VanPelt
 September 9th "Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing: A Memoir" by Matthew Perry

Trex Recycling Program



Our church is participating in the NexTrex recycling program. This is the company that makes decking and outdoor furniture. Our goal is collect 1,000 pounds of plastic recycling in one year!

If we reach our goal, Trex will send us a bench for the church property (made out of recycled plastic of course)! Collection boxes located in the chapel lobby, the family living area (by the preschool) and the office. Help us reach our goal! All plastic will need to be sorted and weighed. If you would like to help, please contact Melissa in the office. Sorting once a month would be ideal.

Items that can be recycled:

produce bags, store bags, ice bags, Ziploc and reclosable bags, cereal box liners, bread bags, newspaper sleeves, drycleaning bags, bubble wrap, pellet bags, wrap that surrounds water bottles, toilet paper & other supplies, plastic mailers (please remove address label)
~ these items usually can't be throw in your recycling bin at home!

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue.

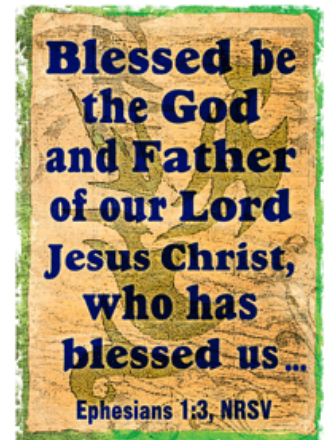
Blessing Boxes

Our Blessing Boxes continue to be used by many people and we are always grateful to have back up supplies! If you would like to give a monetary donation, we ask that you donate to the Community Assistance Fund. This fund allows us to help church and community members with grocery cards, utility bills, rent assistance, and blessing box purchases. During summer when kids are home, we like to have kid friendly items in the boxes. Check the list for ideas! Thank you for your continued support!

Food items needed: peanut butter, jelly, canned soup, spaghettios, tomato sauce, canned or individual fruit servings, canned veggies, snacks, crackers and cereal bars (for kids and our homeless community). These are only suggestions, we accept any shelf stable food!

Non food items most needed: shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, laundry pods or detergent, tissues, paper towels

~ Thanks from Linda Rohrbach & Carol George, the fillers of the boxes



EMC Spirit Wear

Thank you to Vicki Mitchell for her dedication to keeping our spirit wear going for many years!

I am looking for your opinion and submissions of Moravian designs for shirts, hoodies, etc. Hopefully soon, we will have a new look to our Spirit Wear!! Please let me know what different items other than t-shirts, hoodies, etc. you are interested in! I will also be starting a new line of Camp Hope designs. All profits from the Camp Hope line specifically will be given to the camp. We are excited to hear your ideas! Contact Karen Semet at semet13@gmail.com or 610-554-9709.



It's here! VBS Food Truck Party! Our stomachs are rumbling and hungry to get this party started. How satisfying that our children will learn through bible stories that God is Great, God is Good, Let Us Thank Him for Our Food, By God's Hand we all are Fed, Give Us, Lord, Our Daily Bread. Does that sound familiar? This table grace based on Mathew 6:11 is the base for our week. It helps us all to learn to turn to God. But the best part is, the kids and the volunteers will have fun with the lively songs, crafts, activities, each day. Top Chef and DJ Cupcake will lead us through it all.

VBS will be held from July 29- August 2 from 9:00-noon. Children from ages 3 to just completing 5th grade are welcome. Youth and young adults who have aged out are always welcome and encouraged to become junior helpers. Registration forms are now available through the office and in the narthex, and on our church website. Invite your neighbors, family, all you know to register NOW for the fun.

As we are planning, we are finding areas of need. They include:

Junior Helpers

Crew Leaders

Registration help each morning

Photographer to document the week

Help to assemble and write nametags

Help for one or more days with Bible Stories.

Floater to fill in gaps

Remember, you don't need to commit to the whole week.

Just one day is helpful!

But be assured, there is a fit for anyone if you want to join the fun no matter what level of participation you prefer.

We will hold a Work Day on Thursday, July 18 from 2:00- 6:00. This is an opportunity to help prepare materials or take things home to do. We have lots to accomplish. This is an opportunity for anyone to help that can't join us VBS week. Please join us!

Set Up days will be July 26th and 27th, and after church on the 28th. We need lots of muscle and help decorating those days, especially Friday the 26th.

Please check the list in the narthex of contributions you can make to our Lunchbag Blessings Mission.

It is so heartening to see the support our EMC family provides VBS. It is indeed one of our primary missions of the year that serve our youth and the youth of our community. God's love is at work!

Please don't hesitate to contact Kay Marushak (klmbbird10@gmail.com) or Pat Honszer (pastorpat4@hotmail.com) with any questions, suggestions, or to join us!



Peanut & Cashew Sale

Pick up on Thursday, July 25th from 1-3, Sunday, July 28th after worship,
or contact the church office 610-965-6067

Name & Phone Number _____

Peanuts \$4.00 per ½ pound

Cashews \$6.00 per ½ pound

Salted _____

Salted _____

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A Note from the Board of Trustees

We are blessed to have a number of our members feel called to either start new ministries or support existing ministries. While we celebrate the exciting opportunities that this enthusiasm creates, we also need to be mindful of the risk of overlapping efforts. The Board of Trustees is recommending that any individual who would like to contribute time or materials to benefit the church property, please contact any member of the Board of Trustees or the church secretary prior to taking action. We will then put you in contact with a “point person” and they can work with you on how to best accommodate your contribution. We encourage, celebrate, and thank everyone for their passion!

Current board members: Jeremy Charnegie, Jeff Eisenhard, Tina Giesler, Rebecca Heid, Michael Henry, Jane Hudak, Cathie Ingram, Mark Iobst, Laura Kriebel, Michael Maurer



Coordinator of Member Engagement & Outreach Job Opening

We are hiring! Please pass this opportunity onto people who you think would be interested!

Job Description:

Newly created position to provide leadership in youth and adult member engagement, outreach ministries and Christian education to promote spiritual health and growth of the Emmaus Moravian Congregation.

Qualifications:

- High School diploma or equivalent required. Associates/Bachelor degree preferred
- Experience in church ministry programming
- Beliefs and ministry philosophy should be aligned with the Moravian Church

Job Responsibilities:

- Adult and Youth Member and Non-Member Engagement
- Support youth member engagement, spiritual development and the development of youth leaders
- Support adult member engagement, spiritual development and the development of adult leaders
- Promote and be an advocate for Emmaus Moravian's worship services and ministries for members of the community that are not currently church members

Coordination of Outreach Ministries:

- Coordinate regular meet ups with outreach ministry leaders
- Assist ministry leaders with finding volunteers and help address ministry issues/concerns

Christian Education Programming:

- Support the Christian Education Committee with developing Educational programs
- Attend monthly Christian Education Committee meeting (evening meeting)

Requirements in addition to what is listed in the job responsibilities above:

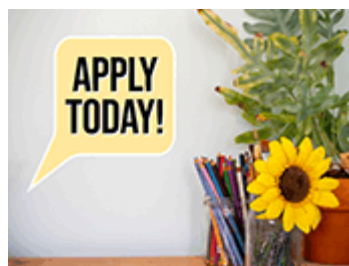
- While membership at EMC is not required, attendance at Sunday worship may be necessary at times
- Provide regular check in and status to Pastor and Elders
- Support meetings and other functions/ ministries outside of normal M-F working hours (8:00AM-5PM) as needed or required
- Proficiency in social media, group chat and apps
- Must present up to date child abuse and criminal background checks

Pay:

- Up to \$15,000 / year. Approx. 12-15 hours per week

To submit resume or ask questions, contact Melissa Heckman at secretary@emmausmoravian.org

Resumes accepted until July 10th, 2024



Camp Hope

Camp Hope is our Eastern District Moravian Church Camp located near Hope, NJ (48 miles from Emmaus). It has served children, adults and families since 1946. 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 \$100 fee due when registering, but the scholarship fund will reimburse \$50.00). If your child would like to receive a free week of camp (or 3 nights for kids in 1st-2nd grade), contact the church office. Any child from Emmaus Moravian is eligible for a scholarship worth half of the cost of the camp chosen.

Because of your support over the years, many kids and adults 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? There is no cost to volunteer, but background checks, a pastoral reference and personal references required.

You can support Camp Hope by giving to our scholarship fund, donating funds for camp upkeep, volunteering your time, sending your children to camp, and praying for a successful camping season.

Below are the dates for camp for Summer 2024. If you have any questions about camp, please reach out to the church office or visit www.camphope.org



Pre-Primary (completed grades 1 and 2) July 21st – July 24th ~ \$345.00

Primary (completed grades 3 and 4) August 4th – 10th ~ \$520.00

Middler (completed grades 5 and 6) July 28th – August 3rd ~ \$520.00

Junior High (completed grades 7 and 8) July 28th – August 3rd ~ \$520.00

Senior High (completed grades 9 - 12) July 7th – 13th ~ 520.00

Swimming (completed grades 3 - 6) July 21st – 27th ~ \$550.00

Musical Theater (completed grades 5 - 9) June 30th – July 6th \$550.00

Church Retreat at Camp Hope

Our church has rented out Camp Hope from Friday, November 1st- Sunday, November 3rd. Through generous donations and fund-raising efforts, our Camp Hope Scholarship Fund would like to pay for YOU to go to camp that weekend. Nominal charges for food need to be paid by the attendees. The cabins at Camp Hope are heated, they include 2 toilets, 2 showers and 2 sinks in every cabin. The cabins sleep a maximum of 12 people. Our hope is to have 2 families bunk together in a cabin (you can choose your roommates)! More information will be given soon!

Tell Me About Synod

Part VII

A Call to Shared Witness

We are God's servants, working together ... Ephesians 6:18a (NRSV)

Pray that synod as a whole might be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Pray for those who will facilitate or participate in synod. Pray for synod officers, the synod office staff, district officers, committee chairpersons, worship team, congregational delegates, guests, and all others involved.

A “synod” of the Moravian Church is an assembly of clergy and lay representatives from the congregations and organizations serving God within a particular province or district. The name “synod” is derived from two ancient Greek words “*syn*,” meaning together and “*hodos*” meaning path or way.

During synod Moravians come together to discern how we are to journey together as we seek to follow the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Working together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace is a powerful witness to society and the world of God’s reconciling grace.

2024 Synod Mission Project: One Tree Planted

Donations may be made through the synod web page:

<https://www.moravian.org/northern/edsynod2024/>



Dear friends at Emmaus Moravian Church,

It is with deep appreciation in my heart that I send you this note of thanks. Your gift to Star Mountain will help this mission agency do its work. This is very difficult work, not only because of the population they serve, but also because of their location. Your donation means a lot. God bless you all!

- Pastor Chris Giesler, Director of Mission Engagement

The Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center is an institution of the Worldwide Moravian Church working in Palestine. It contributes to securing a life of dignity for persons with intellectual disabilities through rehabilitation and training, integration and inclusion, awareness building, and community mobilization based on love, dignity, justice, and equality. Through our mission grant program, the BWM currently funds Star Mountain’s speech and occupational therapy programs.