

THE STAR

FEBRUARY 2020

Watchwords to Guide Us

As Moravians, we have many wonderful traditions. One of my favorites is the practice of reading watchwords for each week and day (our Daily Texts) and selecting watchwords at the beginning of each year. Individuals had an opportunity to choose watchwords in worship on January 6th, and there are extras outside the sanctuary for anyone who would like one! We also selected watchwords for our congregation as a whole – and for specific groups. I wanted to share these with everyone as we use them to seek God’s guidance in our ministry together this year.

Advent Congregation (selected by Claire Kleppinger)

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. -Colossians 1:3,13

Joint Board

Jesus Christ came and proclaimed peace to you. -Ephesians 2:17

Board of Elders

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. -Matthew 5:4

Board of Trustees

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And God has committed to us the message of reconciliation. -2 Corinthians 5:19

Christian Education

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. -1 Timothy 6:11

Music Program

Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance. -Psalm 89:15

Men’s Fellowship

The great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord – the King of Israel!” -John 12:12-13

Women’s Fellowship

When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who watch over my way. –Psalm 142:3

Worship Committee

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. -1 John 1:8-9

As our mothers and fathers in faith did centuries before us, may we place ourselves constantly in the context of God’s Word – each and every day!

Blessings,

Pastor Missy

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE
2nd Mile Offering – National Alliance on Mental Illness Lehigh Valley

- February 2** **Worship at 9:00 - Birthday Sunday**
Worship at 10:15 - Birthday Sunday/ Scout Sunday
Greeter(s) – Shirley Chiles
Ushers – Dan Moser, Brenda Kramer, Ruth Chupella, Lorelei Moser
Nursery – Julie and Sara Bright, Lorelei Moser
Counters – Susan Engler, Martha Schrempel, Steve Weida
- February 9** **Worship at 9:00**
Worship at 10:15
Greeter(s) – Pat Sporka
Ushers – Martha Schrempel, Gail Brown, Janet Dancs, Rich Wisnoski,
 Shirley Chiles
Nursery – Wendy Leap, Kathy Rohmann
Counters – Brenda Dorward, Carl Rohmann, Wendy Leap
- February 16** **Worship at 9:00 - Communion**
Worship at 10:15 - Communion
Greeter(s) – Gail Brown
Ushers – JoAnne Hoodmaker, Don Smith, Debbie Zechman, Bob
 Thomas, Jeff Kessler, Beverly Lerch, Gladys Koehler
Nursery – Sherry/Tabitha Reinhart, Gail Brown
Counters – Dave Ambler, Sharon Donchez, Jeff Kessler
- February 23** **Worship at 9:00**
Worship at 10:15
Greeter(s) – Janet Dancs
Ushers – Carolyn Dancs, Steve & Alecia Weida, Shirley Chiles,
 Jack Boyd
Nursery – Maddie Brader, Ruth Chupella
Counters – Rheta Judd, Chuck Ludivico, Evelyn Hayes

Mark Your Calendars

The Women's Fellowship will be holding a
combined meeting in February. The meeting will be held on
Monday, February 10th at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.
Our topic for the meeting is "Using the Hymnal When You Pray"
with Donna Ambler as our guest speaker.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Gladys Koehler
Fred Smollinger
6 Jaimie Boyd
7 Larry Guzzo
9 Katherine Klinicki
10 Beverly Lerch
13 Matthew Zechman
19 John Egerton
Gladys Anthony
20 Daniel Moser
Mark Mitman
22 Mitch Huston
23 Nicholas Weida
24 Claudia Carr
Chase Miller
27 Jack Carr
Nicholas German
Lori Stom
Andrea Mosley
28 Eric Gerencser

CHILDREN:

- 2 Jasmyn Valdez
11 Idris Oliech
16 Olivia Harris

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Ronald and Tammy Miller
15 Mark and Nancy Bacak



The January 2nd Mile Offering will benefit
New Bethany Ministries.

The total as of January 26th is \$526.

The February 2nd Mile Offering will benefit
National Alliance on Mental Illness Lehigh Valley.

February 2nd Mile Offering:

National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI Lehigh Valley is an incredible asset to our community, providing education and support for individuals and families in an effort to improve the public awareness and understanding of mental health. In February our 2nd mile offering will support NAMI. So many people are affected by mental illness in themselves or people they love. We need to support one another and stop the silence and shame surrounding this issue. Each week we will learn about NAMI's role within our community. On February 16th, we will have the privilege of hearing from a long-time volunteer as to the impact NAMI has had on her personally – and the amazing work that is being done in the Lehigh Valley. Please check the website for more information! www.nami-lv.org



INCLEMENT WEATHER



In the event of inclement weather, changes will be posted on WFMZ-Channel 69 and their website www.wfmz.com/weather/stormcenter, on our Facebook page, and the church's phone message 610-866-1402. Please keep your own safety in mind when deciding whether to come or not.

ALL THINGS ADVENT MORAVIAN

Seven Last Words

A Lent Program for All Ages

Join in an opportunity for devotion and creating! Our 2020 Lent program is truly for *all ages*! Each week we will explore the life-giving words of Jesus, spoken from the cross. We will focus on one word each week, engaging in discussion that applies to kids, youth, and adults. While we have these holy conversations, folks who like to color are invited to create beautiful posters that will hang in our worship space through the Lent season. Come and engage your mind, your hands, and your heart!

All Sundays in March

11:15am – 12:30pm

Enjoy lunch together each week

Come for one week or for all!

Meet Our Newest Members



Gen & Ady Post

Genivre (Gen) and Adyson (Ady) Post are residents of Lower Nazareth Township. Gen has spent most of her life as part of the Moravian Church, confirming her faith as a teenager at the Palmer Township Community Moravian Church. She works as the Storeroom Clerk in the Dietary Department of St. Luke's Hospital Anderson Campus. Ady is in the sixth grade at Nazareth Area Intermediate School. She enjoys playing basketball. Their family includes Gen's older son, Noah, who is 21 years old and works in the HVAC field. The whole family enjoys the beach and cheering for the Eagles! Gen and Ady have been worshipping with us for several months, mostly at the 9:00am service. We welcome them into our community of faith and offer our prayers for their family!

ALL THINGS ADVENT MORAVIAN (CONT'D)

Moravian Open Door Thanks you!

Advent Moravian Church members were generous with financial and material gifts to Moravian Open Door (MOD) during the Advent season:

- A second mile offering of \$637.00.
- Many material gifts: 4 pillows, 5 twin sheet sets, 5 towel sets, 12 washcloths, 2 fleece blankets, 20 pairs socks, 8 toothpaste, 4 toothbrushes, 4 deodorant, 1 aftershave, 2 body wash, 2 body lotion, shampoo, pantliners, 13 bars bath soap, 12 disposable razors, 11 microwave soup bowls, 18 granola bars, instant oatmeal.

Thank you, Advent Moravian Church, for your generous continuing support of MOD through your many gifts!

Awakened Hearts Prayer Circle

Facilitator: Maggie Wellert



Awakened Hearts is a gathering grounded in the ancient spiritual practices of Wisdom. We spend time deepening our “knowing” of God beyond cognitive intellect, awakening the knowing centers of heart and sensation (body). The practices include Body Prayer, Chanting, *Lectio Divina*, and Centering Prayer. This Prayer Circle is open to anyone wishing to spend more time in prayer, or anyone desiring a deeper sense of God’s presence.

Come to one session or all!

**The 4th Tuesday of each month,
beginning 1/28/2020**

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

ALL THINGS MORAVIAN AND BEYOND

Moravian Holy Land Trip

We have the opportunity to participate in a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land June 30-July 9, 2020. We will be visiting major Biblical sites in Nazareth, Capernaum, Caesarea, Jericho, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. There is an optional 5-day extension to "Cairo & the Route of the Exodus" July 10-14. The all-inclusive cost from New York Kennedy airport starts at \$3,698 per person based on double occupancy. For more information, you may request a brochure by emailing hopeton@centralmoravianchurch.org or visit the website: www.moraviantour.com.

Rhine River Cruise and see the Passion Play in Oberamergau

Join the Central Travelers for this beautiful river cruise and the once every ten years presentation of the Passion Play in Oberamergau. This 19-day excursion includes the 15-day picturesque cruise of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers in the heart of Germany, 41 meals, including a home hosted lunch, overnight accommodations, 5 UNESCO World Heritage sites, many city tours along the way including the Gutenberg Museum, and of course tickets for the best seats with seat cushions and blankets for the Passion Play and many other surprises. Two cabins have become available due to cancellations. Please contact me soon as these cabins may not be available for long. Price - \$6,572 per person, double occupancy plus airfare. Flights from Newark leave August 15, 2020. Some discounts may still be available. For flyers and more details, please call or email Craig Mosebach - 610-625-476 or cmosebach@rcn.com

Moravian Historical Society

Two Part Invention:

Nora Suggs on Flute & John Arnold on Guitar
Saturday, February 8th at 3 PM

Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$5 for students with I.D., and free for MHS members. They can be purchased on our [Eventbrite page](#). **Limited seating; reservations recommended.** Please note the concert will be held on the second floor and is only accessible by stairs due to the historic nature of the building.



Food Collection

Advent Moravian Church is hosting a food collection for Northeast Ministry's food pantry

Food Bank Needs:

Canned Tuna, Jelly, Snack Crackers, especially Saltines
Hearty Soups
Pancake Mix and Syrup
and
Grocery Bags



Northeast Ministry is a non-profit social service agency located in the Marvine-Pembroke low-income housing community. Our goal is to offer programs and services to those in need in the community and to help them reach their highest potential.

Sugar Cakes

Mountain View Moravian Church is baking sugar cakes! Orders must be called in by February 6th to the church office 610-838-9344. Pick up is on February 8th at 10:30am at Advent Church.

ALL THINGS MORAVIAN AND BEYOND (CONT'D)

Camp Hope Kick-off Dinner

East Hills Moravian Church
(1830 Butztown Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18017)

Saturday, February 22, 2020

Shake off those mid-winter blahs and start thinking about the 2020 camping season at CAMP HOPE!

Featuring dinner, silent auction, camp songs, and more!

Order your tickets today by mailing the following form, along with your payment, to **Camp Hope, P.O. Box 165, Hope, NJ 07844**

Your name: _____

Number attending:

Adult (\$15) _____ x \$15 = _____

Child (\$10, ages 5 - 10) _____ x \$10 = _____

Or become a **Sponsor** (includes the price of the meal, a tax-deductible donation, and a Camp Hope gift for you)

Jr. Counselor (\$25) _____ x \$ 25 = _____

Counselor (\$50) _____ x \$ 50 = _____

Dean (\$100) _____ x\$100 = _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$_____

(Please make checks payable to **Camp Hope**)

Questions? Call 908-459-4435 or email director@camphope.org