

# THE STAR

JANUARY 2019

Happy New Year! As you read this, you will be considering your New Year's resolutions, and we'll be selecting watchwords for ourselves and our congregation. This is truly a time to thank God for new opportunities and fresh starts. A strong sense of hope and God's presence will guide us in 2019.

As a congregation, we are also pausing to reflect on the past year and what new opportunities 2019 will bring for ministry. Soon you will have access to our annual reports, naming and celebrating the ministries of the past year. And at our upcoming Church Council meeting, we will have an opportunity to envision God's future together.

Perhaps you've been to 40 annual church council meetings. Maybe you've never attended one at all. Everyone is needed to make this year's meeting a success. Why come? To understand the inner workings of our congregation and why we do what we do. To celebrate the work we've done and how we've been blessed. To have a voice as we discern God's leading into the future. To spend some time with others who value the life of our congregation as much as you do.

Among other topics for discussion, we will focus on the results of our recent Feasibility Study and deciding whether we will engage in a capital campaign in the near future. There will also be time for discussion in smaller groups as we consider the mission of our congregation and ideas you might have.

We are committed to helping as many of our Sunday School teachers and parents as possible to attend this meeting. To that end, there will be no Sunday School at the usual time; however, there *will* be nursery care as usual during worship and fun programming for kids (through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) during the meeting time. Come and be a part of this important time in the life of our congregation!

**Annual Church Council Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:15 a.m. Worship**  
**11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting & Kid Fun Time**  
**Lunch for everyone!**

Blessings,  
*Pastor Missy*

**JANUARY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Offering – New Bethany Ministry**

- January 6**      **Epiphany of the Lord**  
**Birthday Sunday/Communion – Worship at 10:15**  
Greeter(s) – The Leap Family  
Ushers – Martha Schrempel, Gail Brown, Janet Dancs, Rich Wisnoski,  
Shirley Chiles  
Nursery – Julie/Sara Bright, Ruth/Hannah Chupella  
Counters – Susan Engler, Carl Rohmann, Wendy Leap
- January 13**      **Baptism – Worship at 10:15**  
Greeter(s) – Jane Ferenczy  
Ushers – JoAnne Hoodmaker, Don Smith, Debbie Zechman,  
Bob Thomas, Beverly Lerch, Gladys Koehler  
Nursery – Gail Brown, Kathy Rohmann  
Counters – Brenda Dorward, Sharon Donchez, Blair Bates
- January 20**      **Hymn Sing – Worship at 10:15**  
Greeter(s) – Evelyn Hayes  
Ushers – Carolyn Dancs, Steve & Alecia Weida, Shirley Chiles,  
Charly Ribau, Anthony Ribau, Jack Boyd  
Nursery – Wendy Leap, Jody Gilvary, Lorelei Moser  
Counters – Dave Ambler, Chuck Ludivico, Evelyn Hayes
- January 27**      **Church Council Meeting – Worship at 10:15**  
Greeter(s) – Janet Dancs  
Ushers – Dan Moser, Brenda Kramer, Ruth Chupella, Lorelei Moser  
Nursery – Maddie Brader, Mary Wright  
Counters – Rheta Judd, Martha Schrempel, Jack Boyd

 **IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER**, changes will be posted on WFMZ-  
Channel 69 and their website [www.wfmz.com/weather/stormcenter](http://www.wfmz.com/weather/stormcenter), on  
our website [www.adventmoravianbethlehem.org](http://www.adventmoravianbethlehem.org), and the church's phone  
message 610-866-1402. Please keep your own safety in mind when  
deciding whether to come or not.



**Thanks to Luci Cuddy for the wonderful fundraiser and to everyone who supported our congregation through purchasing pretzels and Moravian stars. We added \$362 to the General Fund!**



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Antuane Mosley, Jr.
- 3 Sherry Reinhart
- 4 Rheta Judd
- 7 Bethany Wisnoski
- 9 Joan Gordon
- 10 JoAnne Hoodmaker  
Tom Mohr
- 11 Sharon Guzzo  
Virginia Kroll
- 12 Carole Owens
- 14 Melodie Antonis  
Jack Lightcap  
Will Updegrave  
Eden Floyd
- 16 Megan Bittle
- 17 Hannah German
- 18 Bruce Kleppinger
- 20 Joshua Mitman
- 22 Karen Layne
- 23 Corinne Spadt  
Eric Klausen
- 24 Leonard Anthony  
Wendy Leap
- 25 Claire Kleppinger
- 28 Janet Dancs
- 29 Lillian Baker  
Bryan Owens
- 31 Jean Metzger

## CHILDREN:

- 6 Audrey Layne
- 13 Gabrielle Hagenbuch
- 16 Andrew Layne
- 28 Charles Leap  
Jesse Chupella
- 30 Elle Chupella

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 30 Tom and Landa Mohr



The December 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Offering will be given to Moravian Open Door. The total as of December 16th is \$481. The January 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Offering will benefit New Bethany Ministries.

**Don't forget to sign up to sponsor flowers and bulletins. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex!**

**Moravian Daily Texts 2019**  
will be available for purchase in the office.  
Regular print - \$10 and Large print - \$12.

## **SUPPORT ADVENT'S MISSION WHEN YOU USE AMAZON**

Advent is now registered as a charitable organization through Amazon Smile. 0.5% of each qualifying purchase will be donated to our church to help with our mission! To start contributing, go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/24-0799587> for your qualifying purchase percent to be donated.

# *ALL THINGS ADVENT MORAVIAN*

## **Women's Fellowship**

The Circle groups continue their studies of the book of Genesis. Session #4 - "The Flood" focuses on the scripture of Genesis 5:28-9:29. Please try to read the scripture and remember to bring your personal Bible along.

The meetings are: Circle #1 - Monday, January 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Circle #2 - Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Coming up on February 10th will be AMW Sunday. Along with circle members participating in the service, Lois Mease will bring the message.

## **REMINDER: Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale**

Put May 18, 2019 on your calendar. Women's Fellowship is beginning to organize an indoor rummage sale at Advent for that day. We are NOT accepting any items now, but stay tuned for more info about the sale, how to help and when to bring donated treasures to church for the sale or to reserve a table to sell items.

## **Ministry Of Care**

It is important for people to know that we care, especially during times of illness or great stress. Please call the church office at any time if you know of someone who would like a visit or a meal.

## **Open Mic Night**

On February 16th from 7-8ish, we will be having a family friendly open mic night in Christmas hall. All singers, players, comics, poets, dancers, jugglers, magicians, etc are welcome to the stage. We will have coffee, tea, and hot cocoa, available. We will also have board games and puzzles to play for those who just want to relax with some coffee and entertainment. For more information contact Jeff Wisnoski at (570)-807-6554 or [wisnoskij@gmail.com](mailto:wisnoskij@gmail.com).



# *ALL THINGS ADVENT MORAVIAN (CONT'D)*

## **New Youth Handbell Group**

Youth in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited to play handbells! Rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings, 11:15am – 12:00pm. Rehearsals will run for 10 weeks beginning on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Please contact Donna Ambler if interested.



- The Holy Spirit is God's spirit, who brings us to faith and dwells in us.
- All can open their lives to receive God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit, especially when they give their praise and thanksgiving.
- Giving thanks to God opens our hearts to better receive what the Holy Spirit is doing in our lives.
- Students will learn about stewardship – gifts they can offer.

Advent Sunday School takes place each Sunday at 9:00am. Grade levels are:  
Pre-school through first grade with Kate Braden and Ruth Chupella  
Grades 2 through 4<sup>th</sup> with Shirley Chiles and Wendy Leap  
Grades 5 to 7 with LeRoy Miller and Pat Sporka  
Grades 8 to 12 with Maddie Brader, Andrea Mosely and Antuane Mosley  
Adult Classes – facilitated by Rick Santee and Martha Schrempel  
Helpers – Marlene German, Melissa Johnson and Sue Wisnoski  
Sunday school coordinator is Mollie Santee – if you want to help or learn more, please reach out to Mollie using email or phone. Thanks!

There will be NO Sunday School hour on January 27<sup>th</sup> and instead, all families are encouraged to attend worship followed by the annual church council meeting. A kid friendly program will be offered during the council meeting.

Thank you to all who made our Advent and Christmas programming so special.

# ALL THINGS MORAVIAN AND BEYOND

## **2019 Girls' Retreat at Camp Hope**

Girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to come to Camp Hope for a weekend of fun-filled learning, sharing, singing, and crafting. Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm – Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm. Registration forms and Health forms are available by contacting: Rev. Jodie Harney at Mountainview Moravian Church – [jlharney212@gmail.com](mailto:jlharney212@gmail.com) 610-838-9344.

### **SENIOR FRIENDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month  
September thru May at 11:30 A.M.

BRING A SANDWICH Beverage and  
Dessert is provided  
You do not need to be a senior to  
attend.

**All our welcomed!!!**

West Side Moravian Church



## Food Collection

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

Possible items include...

Personal Hygiene Products  
Toiletries  
Non-perishables  
Canned goods  
Dish liquid  
Laundrydetergent  
Toothpaste  
Etc



**NORTHEAST**  
meeting the needs **MINISTRY**  
of the community

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.

Unitas Chorale announces its 2019 season! For its 23<sup>rd</sup> season of music making the Chorale will focus on music for *The Passion of Christ*, highlighting some of the most beautiful Moravian works ever written. Rehearsals are held January through April on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month at College Hill Moravian Church. All singers are welcome; no audition is required. Please contact director, Gwyn Michel, for further information: [gwyn@moravianmusic.org](mailto:gwyn@moravianmusic.org) or 610-866-3340. The Unitas Chorale was founded in 1996 and serves as the Northern Province performing arm of the Moravian Music Foundation.