

**THE STAR
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Hope Sightings

“God puts rainbows in the clouds so that each of us — in the dreariest and most dreaded moments — can see a possibility of hope.” ~Maya Angelou

“Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come.” ~Anne Lamott

“There is no hope unmingled with fear, and no fear unmingled with hope.” ~Baruch Spinoza

On my first Sunday with you, I preached a sermon about hope. I continue to wonder about what hope really is and how we share the hope we know in Christ. There are stories of hope all around us – stories of how the Kingdom of Heaven is breaking into our ordinary, everyday lives. Recently, I was reading some articles online and found two stories of ordinary human beings who have done some extraordinary things.

On May 11th, James Harrison made the 1,173rd and final blood donation of his lifetime. When he was 13 years old, he needed a blood transfusion following surgery. Out of gratitude, he vowed to begin donating blood when he became an adult. He discovered that his blood contains a rare antigen that could cure Rhesus Disease. It is estimated that James has saved the lives of over 2.4 million unborn babies.

Don Ritchie is known as the “Australian Angel.” For almost 60 years he has lived near a famous cliff, where people have been going to end their lives since the 1800s. Don has made it his mission to watch the clifftop for signs of people in distress. When he suspects that someone might need him, he goes with words of kindness and a simple offer to come to his home for tea. Approximately 160 people took him up on his offer. People have said that his compassion and willingness to listen without judging was invaluable during their time of need.

These stories are so remarkable because the main characters are ordinary people who are using their gifts and their situations to offer hope to others. They are living examples of how the Kingdom of Heaven is a reality right here and now.

In a world where people can become discouraged and disheartened, it is so important for us to recognize and share the stories of hope. They are all around us. They are a part of our own stories, as we live in community with one another and serve Christ. Hope is a powerful force, and we can increase its power by noticing it and sharing it!

Blessings,
Pastor Missy

JULY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE
2nd Mile Offering – ANGELS IN AUGUST

- July 1 Birthday Sunday – One Service at 9:30**
Greeter(s) – Dave Ambler
Ushers – JoAnne Hoodmaker, Beverly Lerch, Gladys Koehler, Don
 Smith, Debbie Zechman
Nursery – Ruth Chupella, Andrea Mosely
Counters – Susan Engler, Sharon Donchez, Blair Bates
- July 8 Communion– One Service at 9:30**
Greeter(s) – Shirley Chiles
Ushers – Jack Boyd, Weida Family, Charly Ribau, Anthony Ribau
Nursery – Gail Brown, Julie & Sara Bright
Counters – Brenda Dorward, Chuck Ludivico, Evelyn Hayes
- July 15 Hymn Sing– One Service at 9:30**
Greeter(s) – Janet Dancs
Ushers – Dan Moser, Clara Floyd, Ruth Chupella, Lorelei Moser,
 Carolyn Dancs
Nursery – Mollie Santee, Eleen Oliech
Counters – Dave Ambler, Donna Peragallo, Martha Schrempel
- July 22 Ninth Sunday of Pentecost- One Service at 9:30**
Greeter(s) – Shirley Chiles
Ushers – Martha Schrempel, Gail Brown, Janet Dancs, Rich Wisnoski,
 Shirley Chiles
Nursery – Wendy Leap, Lorelei Moser, Jody Gilvary
Counters – Rheta Judd, Carl Rohmann, Wendy Leap
- July 29 Tenth Sunday of Pentecost– One Service at 9:30**
Greeter(s) – Rheta Judd
Ushers – JoAnne Hoodmaker, Beverly Lerch, Gladys Koehler, Don
 Smith, Debbie Zechman
Nursery – Ruth Chupella, Hannah Chupella
Counters – Rheta Judd, Sharon Donchez, Blair Bates

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Joyce Dawley
- 5 Poul Jeppesen
- 8 Seth Klausen
- 16 Thomas Santee
Julie Miller
- 20 Ronald Miller
- 21 Lisa Farkas-Palmer
Dawn Reuber
- 26 Amy Holbert
Nathaniel Palmer
Stacy Long
- 28 Rachel Kessler
- 29 Victoria Hallbauer

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Robert and Andrea Spiece
- 6 Poul and Ann Jeppesen
- 10 James and Janet Dancs
- 17 Sylvan and Cindy Wenrich
- 28 Matthew and Pam Zechman
- 30 Harry and Georgene Dooley



CHILDREN:

- 4 Hannah Chupella
- 5 Jonathan Bright
- 8 Cameron Bozik
- 12 Madison Bozik

The June 2nd Mile Offering will be given to Esperanza for Bethlehem. The total as of June 17th is \$290.00. The July 2nd Mile Offering will benefit Angels In August.

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

Thank you from Dot Winkler

"To all the wonderful friends at Advent! Hope to see you very soon. I do believe you have rescued the U.S. Postal service from bankruptcy! I loved the flood of get well wishes. Thank you one and all. I'll try to stay earthbound so you can save on postage! My sincere thanks to Advent ladies for all the wonderful messages.

ALL THINGS ADVENT MORAVIAN

Congratulations Graduates

Antuane Mosley Jr joined the realms of alumni from Wagner College in Staten Island with a degree in Sociology and a minor in Psychology.

Antuane continues to hold music as a medium through his participation in Marching Band, Orchestra and Jazz and has appeared in two Netflix movies, various parades and local New York activities in the past few years.

He is currently enrolled in a Childhood Developmental course that he feels will aide him in an understanding or identifying and applying current learning theories for children. His goal is to earn a Masters of Social Work degree. His career objective is to be a Social Worker with a niche for understanding students with special educational needs.

SOUTH AFRICAN BRASS GROUP TO PLAY AT ADVENT. The Salem Band from South Africa will be visiting the Lehigh Valley from July 13-15; prior to the Unity Brass Festival in Winston-Salem. They have accepted an invitation to play at our 9:30 service on July 15th. They will be offering special music and service music that morning. Please come and hear them!

HOUSING NEEDED for visiting brass groups from South Africa and Europe. Moravians from around the world will be traveling to the United States this summer for the Third Moravian Unity Brass Festival, being held in Winston-Salem July 19-22. Before and after the Festival – two international groups will be visiting the Lehigh Valley. The first, the Salem Band from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, will be in the valley July 13 – 15, and the second, a group from Europe (Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, and Switzerland, will be visiting July 25 – 30. We are looking for housing for both groups, each consisting of approximately 25 of our brothers and sisters. Specifically, we need: housing, (bed and breakfast) and transportation to a central location each morning. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact Gwyn Michel, Assistant Director of the Moravian Music Foundation, at 610-866-3340 or gwyn@moravianmusic.org.

Trustee News

Burkholder's Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc. of Emmaus completed the installation of the new rooftop HVAC unit in early June. After making an appeal in last month's edition of The STAR, we received a very generous gift that covers roughly 25% of the \$10,975. Thank you! Others wishing to help defray the cost of this capital improvement can speak with any of the trustees.

Advent at the IronPigs

Thirty-eight of the Advent faithful came out on Sunday June 3rd to cheer on the IronPigs as they sent the Toledo Mud Hens down to defeat. It was a perfect day for baseball and everyone had a great time. Hope to see you at next years' outing.

ALL THINGS MORAVIAN AND BEYOND

HISTORIC BETHLEHEM NEWS

The 31st Annual Blueberry Festival, Saturday, July 21st 10 am – 7 pm and Sunday, July 22nd, 10 am – 6 pm. When you think of summer in Bethlehem we hope you think of the Blueberry Festival!

There is a fantastic lineup of vendors, musical performers, demonstrations, activities, and of course - blueberry food! Many of your favorites from previous years are back, along with some new faces, too. More information available at HistoricBethlehem.org. Also, see the flyers on the bulletin boards.

Work Party at Esperanza

Just a reminder that the 3rd Tuesday of the month is now our regular time to serve at Esperanza clothing ministry. That means we'll be working at Esperanza on **July 17th**

Concert by the Salem(South Africa)Brass Band

Twenty three musicians from Moravian churches in South Africa will be visiting the Lehigh Valley and singing/playing in concert on Saturday, July 14th. 7pm at Nazareth Moravian Church, 4 South Main Street, Nazareth. Free admission – an offering will be received to help offset travel costs of the performers.

BAM Ministries Committee



Each year, the BAM Ministries Committee sponsors at least two activities that help us get to know each other better. Save the date for our first fellowship event this year, a summer trip to Knoebels Amusement Park in Elysburg, PA on July 6th. We will meet the bus at Central Moravian Church CE Building parking lot at 8:45 a.m. and depart at 9:00 a.m. We should return around 8:00 p.m. in the evening. You can make a reservation just for the bus trip (\$10 per person) or for the bus ride and a lunch prepared for us by the Knoebels staff (\$15 per person). Registration forms available on the table in the narthex. Make a check out to Central Moravian Church, and mail your check and completed registration form to Central Moravian, 73. W. Church Street, Bethlehem, PA. 18018. NO REFUNDS are possible after 6-30-18.



Christian Education at Advent End of the 2017-18 Season

Thank you to all who were a part of the Sunday school year and June 3rd worship program. It was wonderful to receive so many positive comments regarding the integrated worship experience. And, thank you to all who added to the Joyful Noise collection which generated \$73.70 for the Moravian Historical Society.

If you have a chance to walk to the end of the parking area, take a look at the “winter wheat” crop that was planted by the students in October of 2017. We hope to harvest in late July.

If you have thought about getting involved in Sunday School, please consider being active in the coming year. There will be a planning meeting in August for adult team members to plan the fall semester of learning & growing options for all ages.

The week of June 11 to 15 was a marvelous week of fun for children aged 4 through 6th graders. There were 35 children enrolled as learners and 12 teen helpers with 10 adult river guides!

Stories of the Bible came alive with the exciting stations of storytelling, music, art, science and recreation!

Vacation Bible School 2018

