

## THE STAR JUNE 2018

On June 11<sup>th</sup> our ministry together begins. I am looking forward to meeting everyone, spending time learning about who you are as a congregation, and discovering where God might be leading us. What an exciting time, filled with new possibilities and also the stress of transition. I know that things will not feel the same as they have in the past – for any of us! And so I ask for your patience and offer my prayers as we get to know each other. Here is a little bit of background on my family to give us a head start:

**Frank** grew up in New Jersey (the Carpentersville area to be exact) and was raised in the Roman Catholic faith. He is one of 6 kids, and most of his family lives locally in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He has spent his career working as a union electrician, and has been working in the Lansdale area at Merck Pharmaceutical for the past 20+ years. When we got married, Frank joined the Moravian Church and has been active as a Trustee, handbell ringer, worship software operator, and in so many other ways throughout the years. He enjoys working outside, spending time with family and friends, and also feels a strong sense of call to the ministry of Moravian Open Door, where he serves on the Board of Directors. *In the interest of full disclosure, I should also mention that we are big New York Yankees fans, but I hope you will reserve further judgment until we've gotten to know each other.* ☺

**Morgen** is 13 years old and will be entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Nazareth Area Middle School in the Fall. She is a competition dancer. Dance (jazz, ballet, and lyrical) is her true passion, and it is how she spends the majority of her time when not in school. In her free time, she also likes to play piano and spend time with her friends. She has been involved in confirmation class for the past year, has sung as part of a worship team, and also enjoys playing handbells.

**Quincy** is 9 years old, entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade and starting at Nazareth Area Intermediate School in the Fall. Quincy enjoys playing basketball and soccer throughout the year. He also studies piano and drums and takes a dance class. In his free time, he loves to play video games.

**Travis** is our 8-year-old pitbull. He was the perfect addition to our family about 5 years ago. He enjoys eating, playing ball, and getting human attention, which constitute about an hour of his day. For the other 23 hours, he sleeps.

And **Melissa** (please feel free to use Missy or Pastor Missy) . . . I grew up in Nazareth, and most of my family is still local. Nine years ago we built a home, very near my childhood home, on land that was once part of my grandparents' dairy farm in Bushkill Township. Since graduating from Moravian Theological Seminary in 2001, I have served under call in 3 different ministry settings. I enjoy reading, cooking, spending time at all of my kids' activities, and especially our annual family trip to the Outer Banks.

I hope you will understand that my Summer schedule was set long before I received a call to be your pastor. Because of that, I will be away for several events shortly after my installation. I wanted you to be aware, so here are the times when I will be occupied elsewhere:

- June 20-25 (Northern Province Synod, for which I am serving as the Planning Committee Chair)
- June 29-July 8 (family vacation)
- July 16-21 (serving on staff at Camp Hope)

I hope this brief introduction is just the beginning of the many ways we will come to know each other. I look forward to hearing your stories, worshiping with you, and serving Christ alongside one another.

Blessings,

*Pastor Missy*

**JUNE WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Offering – ESPERANZA BETHLEHEM**

- June 3      Birthday Sunday – One Service at 9:30**  
Greeter(s) – Rheta Judd  
Ushers – JoAnne Hoodmaker, Beverly Lerch, Gladys Koehler, Don Smith, Debbie Zechman  
Nursery – Ruth Chupella, Gail Brown  
Counters – Susan Engler, Sharon Donchez, Blair Bates
- June 10     Communion– One Service at 9:30**  
Greeter(s) – Brenda Dorward  
Ushers – Jack Boyd, Weida Family, Charly Ribau, Anthony Ribau  
Nursery – Sherry and Tabitha Reinhart, Eleen Oliech  
Counters – Dave Ambler, Chuck Ludivico, Evelyn Hayes
- June 17     Installation of New Pastor-Missy Johnson/Father’s Day  
– One Service at 9:30 – Reception to Follow**  
Greeter(s) – Ruthann Petro  
Ushers – Dan Moser, Clara Floyd, Ruth Chupella, Lorelei Moser, Carolyn Dancs  
Nursery – Wendy Leap, Lorelei Moser, Jody Gilvary  
Counters – Dave Ambler, Donna Peragallo, Martha Schrempel
- June 24     Fifth Sunday of Pentecost– One Service at 9:30**  
Greeter(s) – Claire Kleppinger  
Ushers – Martha Schrempel, Gail Brown, Janet Dancs, Rich Wisnoski, Shirley Chiles  
Nursery – Julie & Sara Bright, Mollie Santee  
Counters – Rheta Judd, Carl Rohmann, Wendy Leap

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

For the period January 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018; total income received was \$59,747.79 vs. a total of \$68,498.61 received over the same period in 2017. Total expenses for the period stated were \$79,977.01 vs. a total of \$83,156.10 in 2017. Please continue to make your pledged and non-pledged contributions through the upcoming summer months.

**Trustee News**

The Board of Trustees has signed a contract for \$10,975 with Burkholder’s Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc. of Emmaus to replace one of our aging rooftop HVAC units that has failed. Although this action is not totally unexpected, it does put a strain on our budget. The new HVAC unit will be installed sometime within the next 3 to 4 weeks. If you would like to make a special contribution to cover part of the cost of this expense, please talk to one of the Trustees.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 5 John Paul Petro  
Jennifer Ribau  
Evan Holbert
- 6 Adam Manion
- 10 Liz Kempinski
- 11 Jack Beamer  
Anthony Mosley
- 16 Jody Gilvary
- 18 Charlotte Moralis  
Richard Villani
- 20 Susan Villani
- 22 Hope Bartron
- 26 Michael Manion
- 28 Gerald Still  
Stephanie Jeppesen
- 29 Ruthann Petro

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Stephen and Helen Salvesen
- 10 James and Janet Dancs
- 11 Joseph and Cecilia Lasso
- 14 Ronald and Rita Lintner
- 17 Cory and Liz Kempinski
- 22 Jeffrey and Audrey Bartron
- 25 Jack and Claudia Carr
- 26 Chet and Marsha Taylor
- 28 Chad and Madeline Brader
- 30 John and Barbara Egerton



## CHILDREN:

- 22 Brody McElroy
- 23 Johnathan Colonna
- 24 Logan Petro
- 29 Alden Fatzinger

The May 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Offering will be given to Moravian Historical Society. The total as of May 20<sup>th</sup> is \$365.00. The June 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Offering will benefit Esperanza for Bethlehem.

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

### Thank You Advent Musicians

I would like to thank all the musicians who enhanced our worship services with their music this past year. All are very dedicated volunteers whose time and talents are a great asset to Advent. The brass and bells concluded in May; the choir will sing on June 17<sup>th</sup> for Pastor Missy's installation. A men's quartet group will provide special music on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you! Donna Ambler, Music Director

### Thank you from Connie Geisenderfer

"I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers, and good wishes. I miss the church and everyone there."

## ***ALL THINGS ADVENT MORAVIAN***

### **Welcome to Our New Pastor!**

Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup> will be a very special day in the life of our congregation as we welcome the Reverend Melissa L. Johnson, her husband Frank, daughter Morgen and son Quincy into our Advent family. Reverend Johnson will be installed as Advent's new Pastor at a special worship service beginning at 9:30 AM. There will also be a reception immediately following the worship service so that everyone can personally greet Missy and her family. Please set aside the date and join us in welcoming our new Pastor!

### **To my dear Advent family,**

I want to extend my deepest gratitude and love to all of you for the beautiful celebration of our shared ministry on my last Sunday. I am so grateful for the many who planned and prepared for the day, those who showered me with gifts of all kinds, and the many who came out to join us for one last Sunday together!

I just hung the first quilt you gave me in my new living room to remind me of you. The quilt you presented to me as a parting gift will soon adorn my home office as a reminder of all you offered to me and taught me over our five years together.

My prayers continue to be with you during this time of transition...can't wait to see what God has in store for all of you in this next season of ministry with Pastor Missy!

Much love and many blessings!

Pastor Laura

### **Congratulations Graduates**

**Mitchell Bozik** is graduating from Northampton High School and will attend NCC in the fall.

**Harry Faber** is graduating from Northampton High School and will attend Moravian College in the fall.

**Heidi Faber** is graduating from Northampton High School and will attend Monmouth University in the fall.

**Thomas Ellis Santee** graduated from The Penn State University at State College on May 4<sup>th</sup> with a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering. On the same day, Tom was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy and will report for his next assignment to flight school in Pensacola, Florida in August.

While a student at Penn State, Tom participated in many activities as well as his NROTC leadership responsibilities. He especially enjoyed playing trombone in the Pep Band and his role as an officer and conference coordinator for the Model U.N. club. Tom is the son of Mollie and Rick Santee.

## **ALL THINGS ADVENT MORAVIAN (CONTINUED)**

### **ADVENT MORAVIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

We received a nice thank you letter from the Board of World Mission for our donation we presented to Catherine Moyzan and Susan Trimble at our joint Circle meeting in April. Catherine and Susan spoke to us about the Nepali Mission they participated in. We were informed they donated the honorarium to the Board of World Mission for use at the school in Nepal.

The ministry in Nepal appears to be now well-developed, stable and moving forward thanks to the many volunteers there over the past eight years and for donations made to the Nepali Moravian Outreach program. Ongoing support is now being sent through the BWM with funds going towards Tuition Aid, Higher Education or school building projects. They are always looking for volunteers to teach and help the staff at the school. If you are interested, please contact Jill Kolodziej, Director of Antioch for the BWM. ([jill@moravianmission.org](mailto:jill@moravianmission.org))

Our next Circle meetings will be our final ones for the season.

Circle #1 will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Prime

Circle #2 will meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Hanoverville Roadhouse

### **Dear Advent Family and Friends,**

Harry and I are so grateful for the continuous prayers, inquiries, and good wishes you have shown for our granddaughter Iris Dooley over the past few years.

This once seemingly normal little girl is now 10 years old and this incurable disease, GM1, Gangliosidosis, continues to gradually rob her of so many of the abilities she once had. She can no longer speak, walk, feed herself normally and has recently begun to have seizures. And yet, somehow, she continues to smile through all her frustrations and pain.

Since her diagnosis, her parents (Doug and Christine,) have devoted endless hours of research, met with other affected families and spoken with medical scientists (all over the world,) to understand, and to raise awareness, and to raise funds to fight this devastating genetic disease.

A great deal of progress is finally being made toward gene therapy treatment and hopefully an eventual cure, but funding this research is an extremely costly and ongoing process.

There is now an official fund for the medical research of GM1:

Cure GM1 Foundation

P O Box 6890

Albany, CA 94706

[christine@curegm1.org](mailto:christine@curegm1.org)

All the children on the poster, and many more need your prayers,

Thank You,  
The Dooley family

## ***ALL THINGS MORAVIAN AND BEYOND***

### **MORAVIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

***The Moravian Historical Society hosts the 40th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival.***

***Families are invited to enjoy this FREE event featuring local artisans, crafters, farmers, live music, and children's activities.***

Nazareth, PA - The Moravian Historical Society is pleased to announce the 40th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival, held on Saturday, June 2nd. Arts and craft lovers, families, and foodies alike will enjoy a beautiful day in the heart of Nazareth.

Hosted on the grounds of the 1740/1743 Whitefield House in beautiful downtown Nazareth from 9am – 3pm, it is one of the Lehigh Valley's largest outdoor arts and crafts festivals. The festival features free admission and free parking, local arts and crafts vendors, live musical entertainment, great food, and supervised kids' activities.

Rain location will be Nazareth Area High School Gymnasium.

### **2018 SUMMER CAMPS AT CAMP HOPE!**

**Pre-Primary Conference** (completed grades 1 & 2)- June 17-20, 2018  
\$240 (\$60 deposit)

**Primary Conference** (completed grades 3 & 4)- July 29-August 4, 2018  
\$365 (\$90 deposit)

**Middler Conference** (completed grades 5 & 6)- June 25 – July 1 – 7, 2018  
\$365 (\$90 deposit)

**Jr. High Conference** (completed grades 7 & 8)- July 22–28, 2018  
\$365 (\$90 deposit)

**Senior High Conference** (completed grades 9-12)- July 8–14, 2018  
\$365 (\$90 deposit)

**Swimming Camp** (completed grades 3-6)– July 15–21, 2018  
\$390 (\$100 deposit)

**Fishing Camp** (completed grades 6-10)– July 29–August 4, 2018  
\$390 (\$100 deposit)

**Musical Theater Camp** (completed grades 5-9)– July 15–21, 2018  
\$390 (\$100 deposit)

Some assistance with the camp tuition is available from Advent Church and from the Bethlehem Area Moravians for campers that are part of a BAM congregation. When registering for camp simply indicate the camper is a member of Advent.

### **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 **June 19<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 9:00 a.m. and going into the afternoon. Lunch will be served.

### **Moravian Music Foundation**

The Moravian Music Foundation is excited to announce the Third Moravian Unity Brass Festival, July 19-22, 2018, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The Unity Brass Festival is designed for brass players of all ages and levels, and promises to be four days of music and fellowship, practice and performance, learning and sharing for Moravian musicians from all over the world. For information and to register, visit: [www.unitybrass.moravianmusicfestival.org](http://www.unitybrass.moravianmusicfestival.org). We are also pleased to share that, both before and after the Festival, two international groups of Moravians will be visiting the Lehigh Valley: July 13-15 we will be hosting a group from Port Elizabeth (South Africa) and July 25-30 a group from the Continental (European) province. We are looking for housing (bed and breakfast) for both groups during their stays. If anyone is able to help, please contact Gwyn Michel at the Bethlehem office of the Moravian Music Foundation (610-866-3340 or [gwyn@moravianmusic.org](mailto:gwyn@moravianmusic.org)).

### **The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasures & Treats Foods Fest**

Saints Simon and Jude Church, 730 W. Broad St., Bethlehem, is having their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasures & Treats Food Fest on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm, in the Parish Social Hall.

### **BAM Ministries Committee**

Wooden roller coasters. Shade. Bumper cars. Ice Cream. Putt Putt. Conversation. Time to relax. (And you don't even have to drive!)



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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.) Contact your church office for registration forms or check the Central Moravian Church website. 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.

Registration forms available on the table in the narthex.