

**THE STAR  
MAY 2018**

**MAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Offering – MORAVIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

- May 6      Birthday Sunday – One Service at 9:30  
Moravian Music Sunday**  
Greeter(s) – Erika Still  
Ushers – Mike & Marsha Venanzi, Carolyn Dancs, JoAnne Hoodmaker,  
                Don Smith, Beverly Lerch, Gladys Koehler, Debbie Zechman  
Nursery – Barb Egerton, Andrea Mosley  
Counters – Susan Engler, Sharon Donchez, Chuck Ludivico, Blair Bates
- May 13     Family Sunday Lovefeast Mother's Day**  
Greeter(s) – Joan Gordon (8:30); Gail Brown (10:45)  
Ushers – Mike & Marsha Venanzi, Carolyn Dancs (8:30); Jack Boyd,  
                Weida Family, Charly Ribau, Anthony Ribau (10:45)  
Nursery – Ruth Chupella, Eleen Oliech  
Counters – Dave Ambler, Jack Boyd, Evelyn Hayes
- May 20     Communion/Pentecost**  
Greeter(s) – Blair Bates (8:30); JoAnne Hoodmaker (10:45)  
Ushers – Mike & Marsha Venanzi, Carolyn Dancs (8:30); Dan Moser,  
                Clara Floyd, Ruth Chupella, Lorelei Moser, Carolyn Dancs  
                (10:45)  
Nursery – Wendy Leap, Lorelei Moser, Jody Gilvary  
Counters – Dave Ambler, Donna Peragallo, Helen Salvesen
- May 27     Trinity Sunday**  
Greeter(s) – Kathy & Carl Rohmann (8:30); Jane Ferenczy (10:45)  
Ushers – Mike & Marsha Venanzi, Carolyn Dancs (8:30); Martha  
                Schrempel, Gail Brown, Janet Dancs, Rich Wisnoski, Shirley  
                Chiles (10:45)  
Nursery – Pat Sporka, Julie & Sara Bright  
Counters – Rheta Judd, Carl Rohmann, Wendy Leap

**Financial Update**

The budget which was passed at the 2018 Church Council in January calls for an envelope giving target of \$180,000 for the year. Our monthly target is \$15,000 and our weekly target is \$3,462. For the first quarter of 2018 which had 12 Sundays, we received a total of \$37,384 vs. a budget of \$41,544.

Our total income for the period from January 1 thru March 31, 2018 which includes money from sources other than weekly envelopes (Facilities Rental, Loose Plate Offering, Lenten Offering, etc.) was \$41,456 and our expenses for the same period totaled \$63,049.

With the summer months quickly approaching, the trustees request that you please continue your planned giving to Advent.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Gail LeVan  
4 Stephen Farkas  
5 Greg Huston  
7 Christine Hitzel  
8 Susan Engler  
Sharon Donchez  
Eleen Juma Oliech  
10 Roberta Farkas  
13 Monica Bates  
16 Mark Bacak  
17 Linda Robbins  
18 Tracy Bozik  
20 Madeline Brader  
21 Cory Kempinski  
26 Chelsey Mahon  
28 Donald Harris  
29 Kate Braden  
31 Lara Boshell

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

10 Anthony and Jennifer Valdez  
14 Karl and Shirley Scheirer  
15 Larry and Joyce Dawley  
16 Jeffrey and Bethany Wisnoski  
18 John and Gail Brown  
21 Russell and Corinne Hayes  
22 Stephen and Alecia Weida  
29 Ronald and Patricia Sporka  
31 Dylan and Cheryl Spadt



## CHILDREN:

1 Julia Bartron  
11 Anthony Gerencser  
21 Juliana Valdez  
27 Matthew German  
29 Shea Gilvary

The April 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Offering will be given to Camp Hope Offering. The total as of April 22<sup>nd</sup> is \$437.00. The May 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Offering will benefit Moravian Historical Society.

**Please let the Advent Office know if you have any upcoming graduations to announce.**

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

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

### **Spring Clean-Up May 5th**

Can you spare some time on Saturday morning May 5th to help keep our church building, parsonage and grounds inviting and beautiful? There are lots of little projects that need our attention. We'll have a list of items to tackle that includes simple and easy tasks which can be accomplished in one to four hours. We will gather at 9:00 AM and expect to finish no later than 1:00 PM. Please consider helping us for all or part of that time. Refreshments will be provided to keep the energy level high! And remember....."many hands make less work."



### **ADVENT MORAVIAN WOMEN**

We had a very interesting and inspiring presentation at a joint Circle meeting for April on the Moravian Mission in Nepal. The presenters were Catherine Moyzan of East Hills Moravian and Susan Trimble of Central Moravian. Catherine and Susan shared with us their experience as volunteer teachers and daily life in Kathmandu for three weeks in 2017.

We will continue our study of Moravian Missions in May.  
Circle #1 meets May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.  
Circle #2 meets May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

We'd like to welcome our newest member to the Women's Fellowship Board, Shirley Chiles. Shirley has joined the board filling the position left by the resignation of Jane Ferenczy. Thank you, Jane for the many years as a faithful board member.

**\*\*Please take note of our latest fundraiser for Advent. You will find an order form for Matey's Pizzas in this issue of the Star.** The sale will run May 1 through May 20, 2018. Pickup is scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2018 at Advent 5-7 pm.

All orders must be **prepaid** with cash or checks made out to Advent Moravian Church with *Pizza Sale* written on the memo line.



### **Have You Seen Our New Book Exchange?**

What do you do with all of those novels, biographies and other types of books that gather dust on your bookshelves once you're done reading them? The answer is bring them to church. Not to read during the sermon, but to share with your Advent family. Perhaps you've noticed the book cart with a sign that says T.O.L.O. (an acronym for **T**ake **O**ne **L**eave **O**ne) in the church narthex when you come for Sunday Worship services. Anyone is welcome to take a book home and to leave a book that you've finished reading. Thanks to Steve Salvesen (an avid book reader) for this wonderful idea and for stocking the cart with some of his favorite books

### **Moravian Music Sunday**

Moravian Music Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be one Community Connect Service at 9:30 am, and we will celebrate Birthday Sunday. Come and hear music by Moravians, both past and present. Lend your voice to the hymns and liturgy. The choir and brass will provide anthems and instrumental music. Enjoy birthday cake after the service but don't leave too early so as not to miss the Morning Star Polka postlude!

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

### **SENIOR FRIENDS LUNCHEON**

All seniors and friends are welcome to attend a luncheon on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month September thru May at 11:30 a.m. at West Side Moravian Church, 402 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. May's BRING A SANDWICH! Beverage and Dessert is provided!!

### **MORAVIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Free Family Sundays at the Kemerer Museum** starting April 8<sup>th</sup>, every Sunday from 1:00-4:00PM is FREE! Programs and activities for all ages.

### **WEST SIDE MORAVIAN WOMEN'S ANNUAL SPRING BAZAAR MAY 5th, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

*Attic Treasures – Bedding Plants – Baked Goods – Clothing*

Lunch Served

West Side Moravian Church Fellowship Hall, Third & Prospect Ave., Bethlehem, PA  
CALL FOR INFO 610-865-0256

### **PALMER MORAVIAN CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE**

*Books, Clothes, Dishes, Toys, Linens, Holiday, Odds-n-Ends Refreshments & Bake Sale*

Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Bag Sale 9:00-12:00 a.m.

Moravian & John St., Easton, PA

### **NorthEast Moravian Disaster Response Presents:**

**An Introduction to Mission at Camp Hope**

**May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Listen to your call to mission. Experience the joy of being and working with others as we join together in Christian fellowship, sharing our God-given skills and talents while helping with needed projects at Camp Hope. Hear stories of how responding to the call to mission has changed lives. Take advantage of this close-at-hand mission opportunity to live your faith in service to others with fellow Moravians.

Tools and instruction will be provided by NEMDR.

\$10.00 each day or \$15.00 for the weekend.

Meals and overnight accommodations provided.

For information and to reserve your space to participate,  
call John Egerton at 610-217-0514 or Mike Rampulla at 610-462-7401

Become the person God knows you can be!

### **Work Party at Esperanza**

Just a reminder that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month is now our regular time to serve at Esperanza clothing ministry. That means we'll be working at Esperanza on **May 15<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 9:00 a.m. and going into the afternoon. Lunch will be served.

## **BAM Ministries Committee**



One of the organizations the BAM Ministries Committee supports is the Bethlehem Area Moravian Trombone Choir. The trombone choir is the oldest, continuing musical group in the United States which started in 1754 when when a set of trombones arrived from Herrnhut, Germany. In the 1700's, musicians who played in the choir saw their service as a vocation and practiced together after their regular work. They played for church festivals, announced deaths in the community with special hymn tunes, and played for funerals. Over the years, the choir has acquired many more instruments, including some rare contrabass trombones. The group still plays for church festivals, special occasions, and funerals. Sometimes you'll even hear them playing from the Belfry at Central Moravian. You may have heard them recently they played chorales for five Holy Week reading services, made rounds in the wee hours of Easter morning to wake up the community, and then played for our joint Easter Dawn Service. They use funds from BAM to help cover the cost of instrument repair and purchase. The group welcomes new members and would be happy to teach people how to play. The group is available to play for worship services and events at your church. To learn more contact group member Nancy Beitel-Vessels, 610-868-5560 or leader Don Kemmerer, 610-428-9803.

We are blessed to have the resources to help make larger projects in our community possible. This year, we have contributed \$5,000 toward a Habitat for Humanity project here in Bethlehem. Our gift will join contributions from other faith communities to match a generous \$72,000 grant from Thrivent Financial Services. Our contribution will help four families obtain their Habitate for Humanity homes. Contributing money is not the only way we can help make this miracle of home-ownership happen. See the article below for ways that you can get involved in this year's Habitat for Humanity Faith Build.

### **COMING SOON TO NORTH BETHLEHEM.....ANOTHER HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FAITH BUILD!**

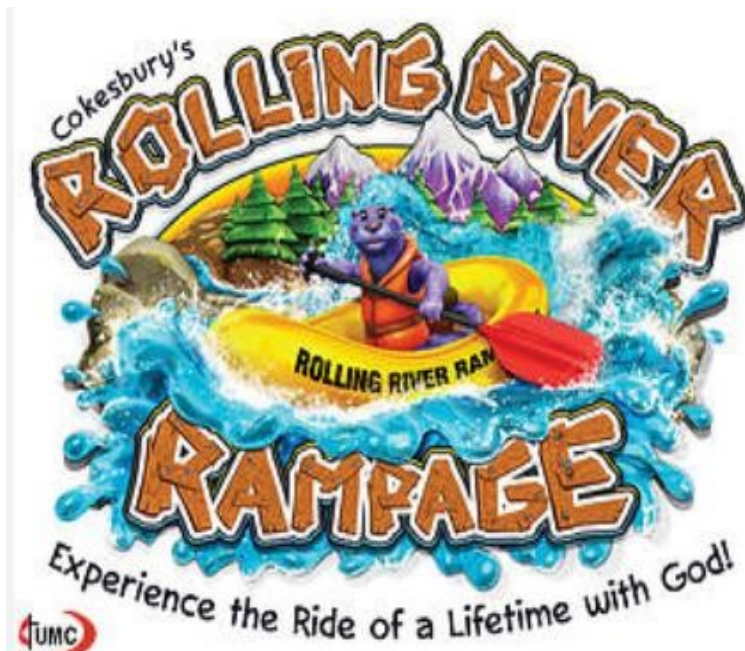
And you're invited to participate!! Habitat will be building 4 new homes (2 twins) beginning in June, and one of the homes (at 412 Keystone Ave. in Bethlehem) will be a Faith Build, with financing and construction crews coming from area churches. Thrivent Financial has given a Challenge Grant and will match donations from churches. BAM (Bethlehem Area Moravians) has already made a generous financial pledge, and we are looking for volunteers - men and women - from area Moravian churches to join with folks from other denominations on this project. So if you can hammer, or drill, or wield a paint brush....or would like to give it a try, please join us for an educational and rewarding experience. And if you'd like to help in ways other than construction, we'll also need help providing lunch and snacks for the workers. Building is expected to commence in early June. Work days are Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Come when, and as often as you are able. If you wish to come with a friend, or a small group from your church, find a day that suits you all and sign up for that day.

While skilled volunteers are welcome, the majority of our volunteers have few construction skills. Site supervisors and CORE construction volunteers will teach you everything you need to know on your build day. In order to participate, BAM members will need to create a **Volunteer Hub Account** (<http://habitatlehighvalley.volunteerhub.com>)

If you have participated in the past you may only need to update your password. You will also need to sign a safety waiver when you create your account.

**Harry Tachovsky (610-691-3737 or [harry.tachovsky@gmail.com](mailto:harry.tachovsky@gmail.com))** will be the contact person for creating an account, signing up, and for questions on the process. Harry is a Central Moravian Church member and an experienced Habitat volunteer; he would be happy to speak with you about the Faith Build.

We hope many volunteers from all the BAM churches will participate.



Mark your calendar and spread the word – **Vacation Bible School** will be a great adventure this year!

**Dates:** June 11<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9:00 to 12:30 daily

**Place:** Advent Moravian Church

**Students:** Ages 5 (entering kindergarten in the fall) to 6<sup>th</sup> grade

We are now assembling a list of interested helpers. There are lots of opportunities to help make this week memorable for everyone!

Story tellers, Classroom guides, Recreation rangers, Scenery assistants – teen helpers and adults welcome! Please contact Mollie Santee or the church office if you are willing to help. This program is a shared vision of Central, East Hills and our Advent congregational leadership. **You really “otter” get involved!**

*p.s. Helpers are invited to a “team ranger” meeting on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Advent – around 7pm.*