

THE STAR

NOVEMBER 2018

STEWARDSHIP . . . *What a Relief!*

So often when we discuss stewardship, we speak in terms of obligation and responsibility. We think of what we *owe* God, in response to what God has given to us. While these are legitimate pieces of stewardship, what about the other side of the coin? When is the last time you thought about your responsibilities as a steward and felt an overwhelming sense of *relief*?? Never? Well, maybe you should.

We know that everything we have belongs to God. Put another way – none of us really owns *anything*! Everything we ever had, have now, or will ever have in the future is God's. We are all temporary managers of God's belongings. When we forget this, we run into problems.

When we think of ourselves as *owners* of our money and possessions . . . one period of economic hardship can lead to more than a financial crisis – it can be a spiritual one as well. We might begin asking how God could let this happen to us. In fact, we are simply managers of these resources, acting as generously and faithfully as possible, making wise decisions and investments. Some things are simply out of our control.

When we think of ourselves as *owners* of the earth . . . it is easier to misuse environmental resources when you view them as *yours*. We develop a sense of entitlement. This land is *mine*, so I should be able to do whatever I want with it. But if the land is *God's*, and you have been entrusted with its care, it feels a bit different. Whenever we witness a hurricane or an earthquake, we are reminded that we are not in control of the earth. It is interesting that we refer to these things as “acts of God.” What if we thought of everything we do regarding our environment as an “act on God's behalf?”

When we think of ourselves as *owners* of our families . . . recognizing that our loved ones actually belong to God involves a lot of trust. A friend once reminded me that my kids are really on loan to me (even though I can't return them like my library books!) I have an amazing opportunity to journey with them, care for them, and influence them, knowing that their lives truly belong to God. This changes how we experience times of transition and loss. After eighteen years or so, it will be time to let go and put even more trust in God. When someone we love dies, we recognize that while we had the privilege of loving them, they belong to God. And God loves them even more than we ever could.

We are merely managers of the multitude of blessings God has given to us. Our responsibility is to act as faithfully and responsibly as possible when it comes to stewardship – in many ways, the results are in God's hands . . . ***what a relief!***

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE
2nd Mile Offering – Northeast Ministry

- November 4 Birthday Sunday/Daylight Savings Time Ends-Worship at 10:15**
Greeter(s) – Gail Brown
Ushers – Dan Moser, Brenda Kramer, Ruth Chupella, Lorelei Moser
Nursery – Julie and Sara Bright, Mary Wright
Counters – Susan Engler, Martha Schrempel, Jack Boyd
- November 11 Twenty-fifth Sunday of Pentecost – Worship at 10:15**
Greeter(s) – Joan Gordon and Christine Hitzel
Ushers – Martha Schrempel, Gail Brown, Janet Dancs, Rich Wisnoski,
 Shirley Chiles
Nursery – Ruth Chupella, Hannah Chupella, Eleen Oliech
Counters – Brenda Dorward, Carl Rohmann, Wendy Leap
- November 18 Hymn Sing – Worship at 10:15**
Greeter(s) – Claire Kleppinger
Ushers – JoAnne Hoodmaker, Don Smith, Debbie Zechman, Bob
 Thomas, Beverly Lerch, Gladys Koehler
Nursery – Wendy Leap, Jody Gilvary, Lorelei Moser
Counters – Dave Ambler, Sharon Donchez, Blair Bates
- November 25 Reign of Christ (Christ the King Sunday) – Worship at 10:15**
Greeter(s) – JoAnne Hoodmaker
Ushers – Carolyn Dancs, Steve & Alicia Weida, Shirley Chiles, Charly
 Ribau, Anthony Ribau, Jack Boyd
Nursery – Gail Brown, Maddie Brader
Counters – Rheta Judd, Chuck Ludivico, Evelyn Hayes

Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings
from 10:00–11:00 a.m.
All are welcome to come and join us!



SUPPORT ADVENT'S MISSION WHEN YOU USE AMAZON

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jeffrey Wisnoski
- 3 Dylan Spadt
- 4 Blair Bates
- 5 Nancy Bacak
- 10 Ruth Chupella
- 11 Paul Hallbauer
- 13 Merlin Davidson
Shaina Palmer
- 14 Jeffrey Bartron
Sylvan Wenrich
- 15 Delores Breinig
Sara Bright
- 18 Suzanne Kirts
- 22 Lois Mease
Jayme Woodward
- 24 Harry Dooley
Marguerite Hamlin
Audrey Bartron
Russell Hayes
- 25 Evans Oliech
- 27 Dorothy Winkler
- 28 Monica Green-Chupella

CHILDREN:

- 18 Adam Wenrich
- 19 Conor Petro

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Scott and Wendy Leap
- 3 John and Lucille Lightcap
- 5 Ryan and Katherine Klinicki
- 23 Kenneth and Lois Mease
- 25 Tim and Karen Layne
- 26 Adam and Jennifer McElroy
Carl and Kathleen Rohmann



The October 2nd Mile Offering will be given to Meals On Wheels. The total as of October 21st is \$372.00. The November 2nd Mile Offering will benefit Northeast Ministry.

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

SINGERS NEEDED FOR THE CHOIR

The Advent and Christmas season will soon be here. The choir will be rehearsing for these services in November. Additional singers are needed to swell our numbers and produce a joyful sound! Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 – 8:45. (No rehearsal on Nov. 21st) Please consider joining the choir for the Advent/Christmas season!



ALL THINGS ADVENT MORAVIAN

Women's Fellowship

The Circle groups have begun their studies of the book of Genesis. In Session #2 - "Creation: In the Beginning, God..." we will discuss Genesis 1 & 2. Please bring your own personal Bibles along with you so we can compare how the different versions of the Creation are presented in the Bible.

Meetings: Circle #1 - Monday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Circle #2 - Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

NOVEMBER SECOND MILE OFFERING

This month we are collecting funds to support the making of Thanksgiving meal kits for the folks served by Northeast Ministry. This agency serves the many families of the Marvine-Pembroke low-income housing community, and we have the opportunity to partner with them to make this holiday special. Please mark your offerings accordingly, and thank you for your generous support!

Another wonderful way to support the cause . . .

Meal for a Good Cause at Hash & Hearth

Everyone is invited to Advent's fundraiser to raise additional funds to purchase food items for the Thanksgiving Meal Outreach project. Share A Meal for a Good Cause at Hash & Hearth located at 2201 Schoenersville Rd., Allentown, PA – November 4th – starting at 1:30 p.m. Pick up a flyer on the table in the narthex or contact the church office for one to be emailed to you. Attendees must bring the flyer for the 15% donation pledge to be applied by the restaurant.

ALL THINGS ADVENT MORAVIAN (CONT'D)

Advent Handbell Choir to perform at Tree Lighting

The Advent Handbell Choir will play at Hanover Township's Tree Lighting event on Friday, November 30th. The event is from 6pm – 8pm. The bells play in the community center around 7 pm. Come and enjoy the Christmas music. The ringers love to see familiar faces!

Morning Star Soloist

If your child is interested in singing the Morning Star solo on Christmas Eve, and is in grades 3-8, please contact Donna Ambler (dkambler@gmail.com). She will be happy to teach the hymn to your child.

ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

NOVEMBER MORNING PLANS – 9:00 AM START

4th Kingdom Quest series in classrooms for youth

Adult Study in Anderson Room

11th Youth Classes will do outings: Each teaching team will provide permission forms and description.

Adult Study in Anderson Room

18th Give Thanks by Sharing! All youth will gather in Christmas Hall for opening worship. Then, packing up Thanksgiving boxes for Northeast Ministries. Youth will be making "GRACE" cards to include in each meal box.

Adult Study in Anderson Room

25th New Advent series begins – College Care Packages readied for mailing/distribution

Adult Study in Anderson Room

Special Notes:

Sunday, November 4th is a fundraising day at ***Hash and Hearth***, a local restaurant to raise additional funds to purchase food items for the Thanksgiving Meal Outreach project. Pick up a form!

Sunday, November 25th following worship all are invited to stay and help ready our sanctuary (***Decorate***) and common areas for the Advent and Christmas season. Pizza will be served around 12:30 pm for all helpers.

Needed: A volunteer teacher to assist with the 2nd to 4th grade class on a regular basis – at least 2x per month. Please contact Mollie Santee – Email: msantee@moravian.com



ALL THINGS ADVENT MORAVIAN (CONT'D)

*Prepare for
The Advent Season!*



Although it's only November, please begin to think about our Advent and Christmas season! Here are some opportunities for you to get involved...

Sunday, November 25th Decorating the halls – stay after worship to decorate the sanctuary and common areas. Pizza to follow your service!

December 3rd is the deadline to order poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary. Please use the forms in the narthex area and return with your payment as indicated.

ALL THINGS MORAVIAN AND BEYOND

HARVEST DINNER

East Hills Moravian Church will be hosting a dinner to benefit the co-operative Freezer Ministry program on Saturday, November 10th from 5-7 p.m. Open seating. More info in flyer on bulletin board. Please purchase tickets in advance by contacting: Bob Wingrove 610-867-0537 or East Hills Church office 610-868-6481.

2019 Girls' Retreat at Camp Hope

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

ALL THINGS MORAVIAN AND BEYOND

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Jamaica Mission Trip 2019

Travel dates are March 9-16, 2019. The cost is 1250.00 per person. A deposit of \$250.00 is due by November 30th. Final payment must be made by January 31, 2019. Each participant must have a passport that is valid at least until September 17, 2019. The Facilitator is: Hopeton Clennon. He can be reached at chclennon@gmail.com or on his cell at 484-635-0400. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

SENIOR FRIENDS

1st 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

Calvary Moravian Church Reading Room

Open Now! FREE books for pre-school, elementary & middle school children. Open every Thursday, 1-7 p.m. Special programs for children at 3:30 pm (stories, crafts, snacks – parent/guardian must attend). Located at 948 N. 21st St., Allentown. 610-435-6881

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2018 Christmas Bazaar

Italian Dinner – Saturday, November 3rd from 4-7 pm

2018 Christmas Bazaar – Sunday, November 4th from 8:30am – 2:00pm

Food, baked goods, crafts – Contact Carol 610-866-5582 ext. 10 for info.

Saints Simon & Jude Church - 730 W. Broad St., Bethlehem, PA

MUSEUM GUIDES WANTED

Please consider becoming a Tour Guide at the Moravian Museum.

Training is available and scheduling is flexible. Visitors local and from around the world reinforce the important service we can provide in sharing our Moravian and Bethlehem heritage.

Contact Mary Brown (molliebrownus@yahoo.com/610-625-8966)

or Barry Pell (bpell6@aol.com/610-392-7892).