

Beyond the Money

Members of our congregation have received a letter regarding a Feasibility Study within our congregation. I am excited about the opportunity for us to work with Laura Watson and the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America. This Feasibility Study will help us to clarify our priorities when it comes to ministries and capital improvements. It will also help us to know what level of fundraising is *feasible* within our congregation. These are the obvious benefits of the study – but they are not the reason I'm excited.

I had the privilege of engaging in this process with my former congregation. What I experienced was the gentle wisdom and guidance of Laura Watson as we walked through the study. I saw the smiles on the faces of people leaving the interview room at the church. What a wonderful opportunity to share your hopes and dreams for the congregation with someone who is listening and taking them into account. The study will provide our congregation's leadership with so much valuable information that goes far beyond the financial aspect of fundraising. We will have a better understanding of our values and what inspires us in ministry. This is exactly what we need as we move into the future and embrace the ministry God has in store for us.

I encourage you to offer what you can share in this process. If Laura contacts you to be interviewed, please say yes. We need your input and your vision. If you know already that you would like to be interviewed, please call the church office (610-866-1402) by October 17th to let us know. If you're unable to be interviewed personally, there will be a survey available for you to provide your feedback.

Thinking about a capital campaign is so much more than planning a fundraiser. It is an opportunity for us to explore our sense of mission, become even more united in purpose, and gather our resources to support Christ's ministry. May God bless this process and this congregation, so we may continue to be a blessing to others.

Pastor Missy

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE
2nd Mile Offering – Meals On Wheels

- October 7 Birthday Sunday/Worldwide Communion – Worship at 10:15**
Greeter(s) – Gladys Koehler
Ushers – Dan Moser, Brenda Kramer, Ruth Chupella, Lorelei Moser
Nursery – Sherry & Tabitha Reinhart, Eleen Oliech
Counters – Susan Engler, Martha Schrempel, Jack Boyd
- October 14 Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost – Worship at 10:15**
Greeter(s) – Janet Dancs
Ushers – Martha Schrempel, Gail Brown, Janet Dancs, Rich Wisnoski,
 Shirley Chiles
Nursery – Ruth Chupella, Hannah Chupella
Counters – Brenda Dorward, Carl Rohmann, Wendy Leap
- October 21 Hymn Sing – Worship at 10:15**
Greeter(s) – Ruthann Petro
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
- October 28 Twenty-third Sunday of Pentecost – Worship at 10:15**
Greeter(s) – Jane Ferenczy
Ushers – Carolyn Dancs, Steve & Alicia Weida, Shirley Chiles, Charly
 Ribau, Anthony Ribau, Jack Boyd
Nursery – Gail Brown, Barb Egerton
Counters – Rheta Judd, Chuck Ludivico, Evelyn Hayes

October 2nd Mile Offering - Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley

Meals on Wheels is committed to supporting people's choice to age in place with dignity while maintaining their social connectedness. Throughout this month, we have an opportunity to support this ministry that does so much more than simply providing quality food. We can have a part in sustaining and improving the health and well-being of our neighbors. Thank you for your generous support!

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Randi Gerencser
5 Mollie Santee
10 Marsha Venanzi
Addie Mease
11 Janelle Mang
12 Doug Smith
14 Gail Brown
15 Lucianne Cuddy
Craig Stiegerwalt
16 Debby Copf-Miller
19 James Broughal
Doris Schattschneider
Adelmay Hallbauer
20 Kate Santee
21 David Ambler
23 Helen Salvesen
Carl Rohmann
26 Donald Smith
Richard Wisnoski
29 Rick Santee
Shirley Scheirer

CHILDREN:

5 Ian Oliech
12 Casey Gilvary
15 Derek Klinicki
16 Jason Caceres

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

8 David and Carole Owens
15 Jack and Terri Boyd
Ronald and Sharon Donchez
17 Christopher & Stephanie Fegley
26 Antuane and Andrea Mosley
31 Alex and Catherine Fattore



The September 2nd Mile Offering will be given to CROP Walk. The total as of September 23rd is \$644.00. The October 2nd Mile Offering will benefit Meals On Wheels.

CROP WALK

The annual Bethlehem area CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, October 14th. We can help end hunger in our community and throughout the world by walking and/or donating funds. For more information on how you can participate, please contact the church office.

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

**A BIG THANK YOU!!! To everyone that helped with the BAM Picnic!
A good time was had by all.**

ALL THINGS ADVENT MORAVIAN

Women's Fellowship

Our Circle groups will kick off the 2018-19 Study year with their October meetings. As a reminder, the morning group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, while the evening group meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. All women of Advent are welcome to join one of the groups!

Circle #1 will be meeting on **Monday, October 8th at 10:00 a.m.** in the Schattschneider Room. Please contact Ruthann Petro (610-865-9704) if you are interested.

Circle #2 will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Marlene German (610-866-1402) if you are interested.

This year our study will be "Bible Basics: A Study of Genesis" by Nancy Chandler. In her introduction the author states that, "We study the Bible not to **become** spiritually knowledgeable but to **grow** spiritually". Hopefully that will be the case by the end of the year! The scriptures that will be referenced in Session #1 "Overview of the Bible" are Mark 13:31 and 2 Timothy 3:14-17. If you are able, please read these short passages ahead of the meetings.

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.

In case you'd like to start a collection of things at home for the sale, these are some of the items that have sold well in the past: jewelry, handbags, fashion accessories, glassware, kitchen and home furnishings, toys and games. All donated items need to be clean and in good condition.

Clothes, shoes, stuffed animals and electronics will not be accepted for the general sale; **however, you may include these items if you reserve a table to sell items on your own.**

ALL THINGS ADVENT MORAVIAN (CONT'D)

MINISTRY OF CARE

We are excited to begin a new ministry of visitation and providing meals for our members. It is important for people to know that we care, especially during times of illness or great stress. We will visit folks who are in the hospital, living in care facilities, or homebound – or anyone who needs a visit for any reason! We plan to accompany this with the offer of a meal if it would be helpful.

In order for this ministry to be successful we will need two things – people to visit and/or deliver meals *and* information about people who might like to be visited. Please fill out the form below if you can help. Thanks to Jack Boyd for leading this effort. If you have questions, please contact him at 610-217-0502.

If you are interested in more information about helping . . .

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Someone who would like a visit or a meal . . .

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please call the church office at any time if you know of someone who would like a visit or a meal.

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.



October News Update

We began the new learning year with some exciting new things! We have a new start time, new grade level, a new young learner series called Kingdom Quest and some new teaching shepherds. **NEW** is what makes this update so terrific. What a wonderful start of our journey of learning and growing together!

What's ahead?

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| October 7 th | 9:00 AM All youth classes will meet in Christmas Hall for a Bread for Life program fully baked by Pastor Missy and helpers. |
| October 14 th | 9:00 AM All classes (adults also) will meet together in Christmas Hall for Mission Worship and a message from Rt. Rev. Chris Geisler about mission and the Haiti Goat Project. |
| October 21 | 9:00 AM All classes meet in their rooms. Specialist Shepherd, Sue Wisnoski brings music to each youth classroom. |
| October 28 | 9:00 AM Discover Spiritual Gifts during class time. |

Special **thanks** to all the members of teaching teams and shepherd specialists. Additionally, two people answered the Wish List call for learner equipment. Thank you to Rheta Judd and Tammy Miller for the new lap top tables for teens and scout room chairs on order!

Remember, Sunday School is for ages 3 to 103 – come join in. If you want to be a team member, please contact Mollie Santee or the church office.

ALL THINGS MORAVIAN AND BEYOND

Northeast Ministry Breakfast Buffet: Please join friends of Northeast Ministry for a fundraiser breakfast buffet **Sunday, October 7th**, 12:15 - 2:00 pm, hosted by East Hills Moravian Church. This year's breakfast will feature a Silent Auction of a diverse collection of items donated by members of the Bethlehem community. All proceeds directly benefit the programs/services of Northeast Ministry. Ticket prices are: adults-\$10/children-\$6 (6-12 yrs.)/children 5 and under-free. For information or to purchase tickets, please contact Northeast Ministry at 610-691-3355 or nembethlehem@gmail.com.

Fall Rummage Sale – Schoeneck Moravian Church

Adult & Children's Clothing, Shoes, Housewares, Toys, and more. Breakfast foods available and luncheon available to eat or take out. ** \$3 bag sale starts at 12 noon. ** Saturday, October 6 8AM to 1 PM at Schoeneck Moravian Church 316 N. Broad St. Ext., Nazareth PA.

Moravian Historical Society – Spooky Historic Nazareth Walking Tour

Enjoy a spooky stroll through haunted historic Nazareth with a costumed tour guide! Experience the fascinating story of the founding of Nazareth by learning about the Moravians and some spine-tingling tales on Saturday, October 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Info available on their website: www.moravianhistoricalsociety.org

Moravian Music Foundation presents – A Night of Chamber Music

Friday, October 12th at 7:30 pm at College Hill Moravian Church, 72 West Laurel St, Bethlehem, PA. The concert is free and open to the public.

Moravian Music Foundation - 6th Bethlehem Conference

Conference registration is now open for The 6th Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History & Music, sponsored by the Moravian Archives, Moravian College, and the Center for Moravian Studies, in partnership with the Moravian Music Foundation, Moravian Historical Society, and Moravian Theological Seminary. Conference attendees will explore Moravian history and music from the fifteenth to the twenty-first centuries in Europe, the Americas, Asia, Africa and Australia. The conference date is October 11 -13 2018. Visit www.moravianconferences.org to purchase tickets in advance or call the Moravian Archives at 610-866-3255.

ALL THINGS MORAVIAN AND BEYOND (CONT'D)

New Bethany Ministries 27th Annual Souper Day Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 16th at 12:00 pm at the Event Center at Blue, 4431 Easton Ave, Bethlehem. At this year's event, we will be joined by Keynote speaker Timothy S Fallon CEO, PBS Channel 39, and participants in our programs. See flyer on 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
402 Third Avenue Bethlehem PA
610-865-0256

October 4th: Lots of stories and song...By Denise McCormack

Moravian Freezer Ministry

There will be a cooking day for the Moravian Freezer Ministry at East Hills Moravian Church at 1 pm on Tuesday, October 2. This is a fun and rewarding three-four hour project which will provide another 500-600 servings of nutritious food to the community. All "cooks" will be able to take food home with them for distribution from their churches. No need to RSVP, just show up on October 2 at 1 pm.

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.