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Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love!
April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

*Enter expectantly, pray reverently, greet each other warmly,
listen thoughtfully, sing joyfully, and leave faithfully.*

Chief Elder and Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Pastors: Rev. Mark V. Breland, Rev. Sayward E. G. Lippincott
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Jeffrey S. Gemmell
Trombone Choir & Handbell Choir Director: Marilyn Winfield
Lay Ministry Assistant: Greg Bomberger
Office Manager: Courtney Hackman
Sexton: Josh Bailey
Assistant Sexton/Security: Dan Turnbull
Treasurer: Barbara McKenney
Financial Secretary: Mary Sweger
Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

**Stand if you are able.*

Prayer of Meditation: Growing is Hard

Prelude: *Two Hymn Prelude*

Healy Willan

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Due to flu concerns, it's okay not to shake hands. Greet your neighbor with a smile, a word of greeting, a fist, or an elbow bump. Please pass prayer request cards to the aisle for the ushers during the first hymn. Please sign the Friendship Register and pass it through the pew. Please see an Usher or Sacristan if you would like: headphones to assist the hearing-impaired, large print bulletins, walker, wheelchair, or activity bags for young children.

***Hymn:** 528

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord

***Liturgy:** Discipleship Page 37

The Torch Bearers Episode 3:

The Torch Bearers is an historic pageant written by Mary Augusta Huebener, Lititz Moravian archivist, who also wrote the history for the 200th anniversary of the congregation in 1949. It was first presented during the week of dedication of the expanded Sunday School building in 1935, and repeated during the congregation's bicentennial celebrations fourteen years later. The readings presented under its title during this 275th anniversary year have been inspired by and adapted from the original manuscript.

Shared Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

(10:30) Children's Chat Hymn: 726

Jesus Loves Me! This I Know

(10:30) Children's Chat

Pastor Sayward Lippincott

Joyful Noise Offering: Board of World Mission Education Projects

Hymn: 531

Stand Up, and Bless the Lord

Message: Connected

Pastor Sayward Lippincott

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

(8:00) Offertory Organ Music

(10:30) Offertory Anthem: *For the Music of Creation*

Rustington
C. Hubert H. Parry

*For the music of creation, for the song your Spirit sings,
For your sound's divine expression, burst of joy in living things:
God, our God, the world's composer, hear us, echoes of your voice;
Music is your art, your glory, let the human heart rejoice!
Psalms and symphonies exalt you, drum and trumpet, string and reed,
Simple melodies acclaim you, tunes that rise from deepest need,
Hymns of longing and belonging, carols from a cheerful throat,
Lilt of lullaby and love song catching heaven in a note.
All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet,
Worship lifting up the senses, hands that praise, and dancing feet;
Over discord and division music speaks your joy and peace,
Harmony of earth and heaven, song of God that cannot cease!
Music is your art, your glory, let the human heart rejoice!*

Words by Shirley Erena Murray

***Offertory Response:**

Tune: Lasst Uns erfreuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.**

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn: 364**

Sing Alleluia, Christ Does Live

***Benediction**

Postlude: *Postlude in D*

Healy Willan

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Serving Today:

Sacristan: (8:00) Don Stoner (10:30) Greg Bomberger

Head Usher: (10:30) Russ Weidman

Scripture Readers: (10:30) Cathy Frey

Sound Booth Personnel: Troy Richard

Nursery (10:30): Erich & Allison Deutsch & Linden Hall Volunteers

Each Sunday, as part of the presentation of the regular offering, the children will be presenting the Sunday School offering as well. We are doing this to help make the children part of the worship and to help our children understand how our giving is all tied to the total stewardship of the congregation.

DO YOU HAVE A “GIFT” FOR THE GIFT SHOP?

We know from scripture that everyone has received a God-given gift to use to build God’s Kingdom. YOU may have a gift that could help our Moravian Mission Gift Shop continue to support the work of dozens of agencies which provide a wide variety of essential services to those in need. Last year our volunteers and supporters used their gifts of time, talent, and “treasure” which enabled us to contribute \$20,000 from our 2023 sales to worthy causes – both local and global. Nevertheless, at this point we are in serious need of “gifts” to keep our mission moving forward.

Perhaps you could give one or more of the following:

1. **The gift of your time** – Could you give 3 hours once a month - either 10:00 AM -1:00 PM or 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - serving in the shop on a Friday, Saturday, (or Thursday in the fall)? Your “ministry” would involve welcoming shoppers, pointing out merchandise, writing up and bagging sales, and offering a cheery “thank you for stopping by” when people leave. We offer training and lots of help to support your efforts!
2. **The gift of your talent** – We have been blessed by those who have donated, or sold to us wholesale, quality hand-made items for us to sell – wood creations, pottery, linens, ornaments and more! Indeed, shoppers are often looking for that special item they couldn’t get anywhere else – like the person who just bought a dozen scrubbies as a birthday gift for a relative who loves them! If you craft something you believe would sell in our shop, contact us!
3. **The gift of your “treasure”** – RE-GIFT! – Most of us have received very nice gifts we have not needed and have never used. Or maybe we bought something we never got to give to someone. Here’s a way you can use that “treasure” to help our mission! Re-gift that unneeded item to the shop; your donation will be most appreciated and acknowledged. Please remember, though, our counter space is limited to small items.

We look forward to seeing your gift at work for our mission. You are needed!

Please contact either Diane Bainbridge (717-283-6390) or Carol Dague (610-704-8360) or email moravianshop@gmail.com to find out how you can use your gift to help our ministry grow.

For Members Experiencing Difficult Financial Situations: The Congregational Assistance Fund is available to provide healthcare and financial support for members of the Lititz Moravian Congregation. All active, communicant members who are experiencing temporary hardships may request financial assistance. All requests are to be made by the person needing the assistance and they can obtain a request form from our pastors or the members of the CAF committee. Those members are Alison Sandercox (Elder member), Paul Swope (Trustee member) and Randy Bricker (elected member by Church Council).

275th Anniversary Pastoral Video Sharing:

May 12, 2024 - David Sommers 1987-1995

June 9, 2024 - Aden Ward 1990-1997

Greetings from the 275th Anniversary Taskforce!

As part of our 275th Anniversary Celebration we are excited to share with everyone the opportunity to refresh your Lititz Moravian Congregation Apparel and to share with your friends, family, and neighbors that we are celebrating this milestone. We hope a little something for everyone!

Orders are due by May 6th and we want to make ordering as easy as possible. Here is how to check out the products and how to order.

<https://ensingergraphics.tuosystems.com/stores/lititzmoravianchurch275> between now and May 6th and place your order directly. You can see all of the different sizes, color options, and fits. (Note: there is a 3% service charge for credit cards on the online store.)

Download and fill out the attached order form then: Turn your order form and your cash or check into the church office. Bring your order form and your cash or check to the prep room after church the next two Sundays.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Chris Styers at styers0718@gmail.com. Orders will take about 3 weeks to fill, so we anticipate we will have everything around the end of May.

FREE

SPRING fun fest

**CELEBRATE 275 YEARS WITH
LITITZ MORAVIAN**

8 Church Sq. Lititz, PA 17543

5.11.24

9AM - NOON

pony rides

hot dogs

bounce houses

popcorn

barrel train

and more



**(Jesus said) “I am making all things new.”
(Revelation 21:5)**

HOWEVER

We need to clean out our closets first .

**Construction will begin on the kitchen in the Social
Hall this summer**

We will need to prepare for the upcoming summer and fall events

If you want any memorabilia from the Kitchen, please see

Dianne by May 1st, 2024. We are looking for
nonprofits/donation points for all dishes.

Call the church office

Contact: Greg Bomberger: Cell (717) 682-3489

or

Dianne Zimmerman: Home (717) 626-7928

Cell (717) 723-6954





BOARD OF WORLD MISSION

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Engage your congregation in mission!

The Board of World Mission offers a variety of resources for local congregations to assist them in fulfilling their mission goals. These resources are designed to help congregations engage in meaningful mission work in their communities and beyond. These resources include a Mission Discernment Guide, a Mission Team training module, and sermon suggestions.

The Mission Discernment Guide is a multi-session guide that can help congregations discern their mission focus and develop a plan to achieve their goals. The Mission Team Training materials are for congregations forming teams to do mission work locally or globally. These materials cover cross-cultural sensitivity, team building, and spiritual formation. The BWM staff is available to help congregations utilize these materials.

The preaching guide is written by Bishop Chris Giesler and gives pastors, Bible study leaders, or Sunday school teachers suggestions and ideas for preaching or teaching with a missional focus. The text used each week is generally the Gospel lesson assigned in the 3-year lectionary.

These resources can be found on the BWM website at www.MoravianMission.org/Resources. They provide an excellent way for local congregations to deepen their engagement in mission work and positively impact their local communities and our Moravian siblings around the world.

Contact the Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler, BWM Director of Mission Engagement at chris@moravianmission.org to learn more about how you can join us in mission or receive a BWM staff member for mission training or worship.

Legacy of Love:

Power and Strength through Faith



Mark your calendar for our 2024 Retreat!

Date: November 8th - 10th

Time: 6:30pm Friday - 10:30am Sunday

Place: Kenbrook Bible Camp, Lebanon, PA

Presenter: Maggie Wellert, Retired Moravian Pastor

All are welcome for a time of

Relaxation ~ Spiritual Renewal ~ Fellowship

Price for Weekend includes 2 nights lodging and 4 meals

\$140 for single occupancy

\$115 for double occupancy

The Kenbrook prices are actually higher than those above. The Retreat Committee subsidizes approximately \$85 per person. Anyone who would like to help defray the actual cost, the additional contribution will be received as a gift. A deposit of \$50 per person is payable now with your registration form to reserve your spot. Scholarships are available. Contact Pastor Mark for more information.

Name _____
Phone _____
Rooming With _____
E-Mail Address _____
Dietary Needs _____
Amount Paid _____

Checks payable to "Retreat Committee". Return to Office, Attn. Pastor Mark. Registrations due no later than October 1.

Congregational Watchword for 2024:
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
Psalm 23:1

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers this week all of our nursing home residents and shut-ins at home.

Please remember in your prayers:

Serving our country in the military:

Lt. Col. Neal Miller, Army; Sgt. Jason Stoner, Army Reserves;

Lt. Dain Bomberger, US Navy; Major Andrew Kemp;

Staff Sgt. Austin Heacock; Lance Corporal Shawn Stauffer, US Marine Corps

Prayers of Healing for:

Irelyn Sprenkle

Sue Yeagley

Jeff Bamberger

Jeff Elser

Dick Martin

Meda Hostetter

Barry Erb

Harry Lefever

Pastoral Visitation: Please contact Pastor Mark to schedule a pastoral visit for yourself or family members.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of March	2023	2024
General Fund Income	\$71,576	\$71,349
General Fund Expenses	\$72,425	\$68,320
Net Income	(\$849)	\$3,028
YTD Through the Month of March	2023	2024
General Fund Income	\$207,184	\$180,336
General Fund Expense	\$192,023	\$179,841
Net Income	\$15,161	\$494

Remember, you can make donations online at lititzmoravian.org.

If you prefer to receive giving envelopes, but are not receiving them, please contact the Church Office at (717) 626-8515 or office@lititzmoravian.org

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

Monday, April 29, 2024

7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Prep Room

7:00 p.m. 275th Anniversary Committee

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

8:30 a.m. Qi Gong - Dance Studio

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

7:15 p.m. Trombone Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous - Social Hall

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday, May 2, 2024

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Church In Society - Outlook Library

Friday, May 3, 2024

9:00 a.m. Beginner Yoga - Fellowship Hall

5:30 p.m. Crafts with Friends - Prep Room

Saturday, May 4, 2024

May the Fourth Be With You!

Sunday, May 5, 2024 - Moravian Music Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All & Confirmation

REMINDER: The 10:30 service is livestreamed. Please be aware that worshippers attending the livestreamed service may appear on camera. The children's chat will be recorded from the back. If you would prefer not to have you or your family's image in the live stream, please sit in the balconies away from the choir or in the pews under the East balcony (toward Linden Hall).

Broken and Wounded

In John 15, Jesus offers this comprehensive depiction of life through the Vine and the Branches parable. Jesus teaches that our lives, bodies, and beings are the branches connected to him as the Vine. He describes our Father as the Gardener pruning and guiding. When life experiences cause a relationship, a job, or a project to end, it is like a severed branch. Only the Lord knew that it would not bear healthy fruit. He knew it was for our best that we cut our losses. When life experiences cause us to become uncomfortable, we may experience pruning, a step back to gain perspective, redirect our efforts, and move in a new direction that restores joy and happiness. As I reflect on the words of Jesus, I study the trees—their different forms, the multiple appendages, the shapes of the leaves—and recognize myself in the branches, some strong and reaching for the heavens, some small and feebly searching for the light, and the colorful fruit that adorns each. I recognize Jesus in the body, solid and sturdy, flexible and swaying with the rhythm of the wind. Our Father is all around us, the sun above, the earth below, the air between. And I am humbled by my existence among such greatness. And I contemplate the seasons. When we have grown to our full potential, some branches broken through the season storms, some severed and lying on the earth, some bearing the most vibrant array of golds and warmth, shining toward the heavens. One by one, we experience this beautiful falling away, returning to our Giver of life, our Sustenance, our Grounding, where we restfully reflect and renew, so that we may draw on his nourishment, grace, and living water once more. A welcomed rest and reset, a reminder of our connection to our Life-Giving Resource, and a humbled noticing of the mystery of our God. Amen.

*Jodi Heil, pastor, Berea Moravian Church, St. Charles, Minnesota, and
Our Savior's Moravian Church, Altura, Minnesota*

The Moravian Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

