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Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love!

January 12, 2025

First Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00 a.m. and 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
Children's Ministry Coordinator: Allyson Miller
Lay Ministry Assistant: Greg Bomberger
Office Manager: Courtney Hackman
Administrative Assistant: Jaime Weik
Sexton: Josh Bailey
Custodian and Security: Dan Turnbull
Treasurer: Barbara McKenney
Financial Secretary: Mary Sweger
Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

**Stand, if you are able.*

Prayer for Meditation: Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation. By water and word you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission. May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

Prelude: *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

J.H. Hopkins, Jr.,
arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

Welcome, Announcements & Greetings

Due to Covid and flu concerns, it's okay not to shake hands. Just greet your neighbor with a smile, a word of greeting, fist or 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 to help busy young children.

***Call to Worship: Leader/Congregation**

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

***Hymn: 530**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Call to Confession

God loves us and calls us each by name.

Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved,

let us boldly confess our sins before God.

Prayer of Confession – Congregation

We are precious in your sight,

yet we often forget that we are your beloved.

We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant.

We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world.

We are sorry and we want to change.

Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve,

reconcile us one to another,

and bless us with your peace. Amen.

Words of Pardon

Beloved, God forgives your sins;
know that you are pardoned
and be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.

*Hymn: 447 90th Birthday for Ruth Patsy Kremser on January 15th

*With your presence, Lord, our Head and Savior,
bless her now we humbly pray;
our dear heavenly Father's love and favor
be her comfort every day.
May God's Spirit now in each proceeding
favor her with his most gracious leading;
thus shall she be truly blessed
both in labor and in rest.*

Shared Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

(10:30 a.m.) Children's Chat Hymn: 723

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb (v 1 & 3)

(10:30 a.m.) Children's Chat:

Pastor Mark Breland

***Hymn: 321**

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Message: Jesus Stood In Line

Pastor Mark Breland

The Offering of Tithes, Gifts and 2nd Mile: The Food Hub

(8:00 a.m.) Offertory Organ Music

(10:30 a.m.) Offertory Anthem: When John Baptized by Jordan's River

Louis Bourgeois (1453)

The text for this anthem may be found in the *Moravian Book of Worship*, #315

***Offertory Response: 817**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn: 783**

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

***Benediction**

Postlude: *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

Johannes Pachelbel

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Serving Today:

Sacristan: (8:00 a.m.) Don Stoner (10:30 a.m.) Matt Good

Head Usher: Darrin Donmoyer

Scripture Reader: (8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.) Carol Dague

Sound Booth Personnel: Chris Rickson

Calm Space for Families

“IT’S OKAY TO TAKE A BREAK”

**If you need to step away from worship,
please use our Outlook Library.**

You will be able to see worship on the TV.

There is a bathroom located in the room as well.



PLEASE FOLLOW THE SIGNS

OR ASK ONE OF

OUR SACRISTANS

FOR ASSISTANCE.



Announcements
January 12, 2025



Happy Birthday! **EVERYONE** is invited to the Fellowship Hall after worship
TODAY

to celebrate those who have a birthday this month.



If you are celebrating your birthday, be sure to come and
be sung to by your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ!

Of course, refreshments will be served.



Being A Christian Citizen: A Bible study for our time

This Bible Study uses the Moravian Covenant for Christian Living (MCCL), Chapter 4, “The Witness of the Christian Citizen,” and related scriptures as outline for the five, one-hour sessions:



January 9, 16, 23, 30
February 6

at 7 pm in the Outlook Library
located in the Church Building, 2nd floor.

The use of this study has been encouraged by the Provincial Elders Conference and the Bishops. The Bishops of the Northern and Southern Province wrote, “We, the bishops...reviewed this Bible Study produced by the NP Racial Justice Team and together we recommend the use of this study be considered in the congregations of the Northern and Southern Province.”

If you have questions about this study,
talk to Pastor Mark.

The leadership of this study is the
Church In Society Committee.

SAVE THE DATE



Annual Church Council
will be held in the sanctuary following the
10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, February 2nd.
More details to follow.

**COMING
SOON**

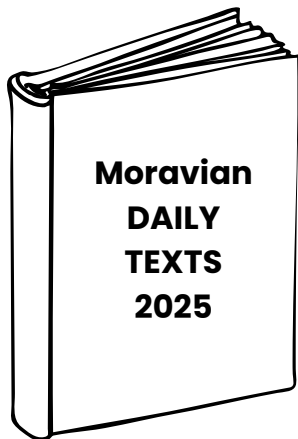
276th Anniversary
Worship Service &
Luncheon

Look for insert on how to RSVP for our 276th catered
luncheon following worship on February 9th.
Be sure to mark your calendars now!

REMINDER There is only 1 worship service on this day at 9:00 a.m.

2025 Moravian Daily Text

Pick up your copy of this year's *Daily Text*
at the church office for \$14.00.



Payment may be exact change or checks made
payable to Lititz Moravian Gift Shop.

Stop by the church office Monday through
Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.



275th Anniversary Orders

All items from the 275th anniversary orders are ready for pick up in the church office.

Please stop by the office Monday - Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Volunteers
needed

Nursery
Care



We're looking for caring individuals to help watch the kiddos in the nursery during worship services. This is a wonderful way to serve our community and allow parents to fully engage in worship while knowing their little ones are in good hands.

If you enjoy spending time with children and can lend a hand, we'd love to have you join us! Volunteers will be scheduled on a rotating basis, so you won't miss every service.

Interested? Please sign up by scanning the QR code.

Thank you for helping us create a loving space for everyone!

REMINDER

The Mission Gift Shop
will be closed until
Friday, March 7th.

HAPPY
birthday

Exciting news!!



We will begin to sing & celebrate
a birthday hymn during worship
for all the "young at heart" from
90 years and older.

8 (no longer just 90 and 95+ years!)

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 thousands of dollars 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.

**Congregational Watchword for 2025:
 You will again have compassion on us; you will
 hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.
 Micah 7:19 NIV**

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:

- Barry Erb
- Dick Martin
- Harry Lefever
- Chad Hostetter
- Jeff Bamberger
- Joy Sawyer
- Cynthia Good
- Pastor Dean Jurgen
- Meda Hostetter
- Jeff Elser
- Bill Dussinger
- Jan Reidenbaugh
- Cindy Walter
- Juanita Regennas

Pastoral Visitation:

Please contact Pastor Mark or Pastor Sayward to schedule a pastoral visit for yourself or family members.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of November

	2023	2024
Tithes & Offerings	\$50,119	\$60,382
General Fund Other Income	\$530	\$716
General Fund Expenses	\$51,344	\$48,980
Net Income	\$(696)	\$12,118

YTD Through the Month of November

	2023	2024
Tithes & Offerings	\$542,136	\$531,572
General Fund Other Income	\$77,244	\$76,357
General Fund Expense	\$642,026	\$611,007
Net Income	(\$22,646)	(\$3,079)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, January 12, 2025 -

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship

9:00 a.m. Snack N Yak

9:15 a.m. Sunday School - For All Ages

11:45 a.m. Birthday Celebration - Fellowship Hall



Monday, January 13, 2025 -

6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Leadership Meeting - Liquid Classroom

6:30 p.m. Moravian Fellowship - Eschbach Parlor

6:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee - RAO

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice - Prep Room



Tuesday, January 14, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi Easy- Dance Studio

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

6:30 p.m. Archives Committee

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Women's Morning Circle - Outlook Library

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

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Practice - Sanctuary



Thursday, January 16, 2025 -

10:00 a.m. Warwick Release Time

7:00 p.m. Bible Study, "Being A Christian Citizen" - Outlook Library

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 17, 2025 -

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

9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Hour - Book Nook (rescheduled from 1/10/2025)



Saturday, January 18, 2025 -

Sunday, January 19, 2025 -

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship; Handbell Choir in church

9:15 a.m. Sunday School - For All Ages

Our True Home

What a beautiful day to worship the Savior with the fellowship of believers! What a beautiful picture the baptism of Jesus paints for us of the relationship for which our hearts were made and for which they yearn. The Father, Son, and Spirit are present for one another in the same time and space. They join their lives together for the greatest good purpose we could hope for or imagine.

Our experience too often includes broken families, disordered relationships, and bitter conflicts. Many wander in a world of fear, anxiety, and rejection, with no word of hope or blessing. The further we travel from God, the emptier our hearts feel, the deeper our disorientation. The closer we come to God, the greater our chance to repair and reorder what is broken, and to establish and deepen what has been eroded.

“Son, beloved, well pleased.” What a blessing to have a firm, established place in a family! What a blessing to know I am actually loved! What a blessed assurance that they are happy to know and have me! Whatever we may lack from the human family, all this is ours in Jesus Christ!

“How great a love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called (adopted) children of God! And that is what we are!” (1 John 3:1 NIV). “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! . . . Come and share your master’s happiness!’” (Matthew 25:21 NIV).

The Word of the Cross is the only authentic source of acceptance, love, and meaning. It’s all there for you, me, and everyone you know. The crosses in our churches point us to our only true Home—the Savior. Come home to him today!

Bill Andrews, retired pastor, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

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