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Mission Statement:

Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love!

March 16, 2025
Second Sunday in Lent
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.*

Thought for Meditation: “It was the holiness of the man shining through his humanness, his face so afire with it they were almost blinded.”

- Frederick Buechner (*Whistling in the Dark*)

Prelude: *Two “Orgelbüchlein” Chorales*

J. S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

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 (Genesis 15, Psalm 27, Luke 13) (Pastor / Congregation)**

Wait for the Lord; be strong!

The promises of God will never be broken.

With God as our light, what is there to fear?

The promises of God will never be broken.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

The promises of God will never be broken.

***Hymn:** 728

Lead Me, Guide Me

Opening Prayer (Genesis 15, Psalm 27, Philippians 3)

God of promises fulfilled,
we gather as descendants of Abraham;
we stand before you
as faithful testimony to your covenant;
we assemble as living proof
that your love for humanity
knows no limits.

When we feel overwhelmed
by the stresses of daily life,
we need only look at the stars in the sky
to remember your abiding faithfulness.
When we are overcome with despair
by the pain of war and poverty in our world,
we need only see the light of a single candle
to remember the one you sent
as our light, our strength, and our salvation.

We pray now in the name of that light,
Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Confession (Genesis 15, Psalm 27)

Eternal God,

we are quick to join

Abram's doubt and impatience,

but we find it difficult to copy

Abraham's faith and trust.

We want to believe your promises,

but the here-and-now problems of daily life

consume our focus

and erode our faith.

Open our eyes to your light.

Open our hearts to your love.

Open our minds to your possibilities.

Speak to us today, O God,

and strengthen our faith,

that we, too, may know

the everlasting power of your love.

Words of Assurance (Psalm 27)

When God is with us, whom shall we fear?

The God of salvation will never forsake you.

God's patience knows no limits.

Wait for the Lord.

Be strong and take heart.

Handbell Choir: *Lenten Nocturne*

Dan R. Edwards

Shared Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

(10:30 a.m.) Children's Chat Hymn: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

*Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Every color, every race,
all are covered by His grace;
Jesus loves the little children of the world. (Twice)*

Baptist Hymnal 1991, 592, by C. H. Woolston, George F. Root

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

***Hymn: 328** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Message: Under Different Wings Pastor Sayward Lippincott

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

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

(10:30 a.m.) Offertory Anthem: *Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake*
Richard Farrant (1525-1580)

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives
To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart.
Amen.*

from J. Bull, *Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations*, 1568

***Offertory Response: 819** *For the Life That You Have Given*

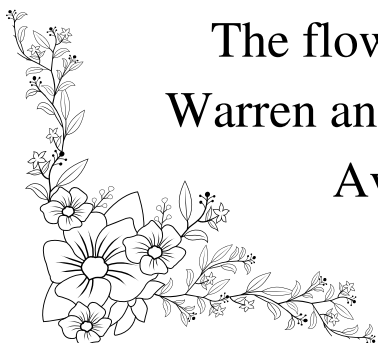
Offering Prayer

***Hymn: 334** *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

***Benediction**

Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in E Minor* J. S. Bach

The flowers today are in honor of the wedding anniversary of Warren and Avous Greenly on March 3rd and also the birthday of Avous Greenly on March 18th by their daughter, Avous Elaine (Greenly) Mathews.



Serving Today:

Sacristan: (8:00 a.m.) Don Stoner (10:30 a.m.) Gary Bailey

Head Usher: Pete Bainbridge

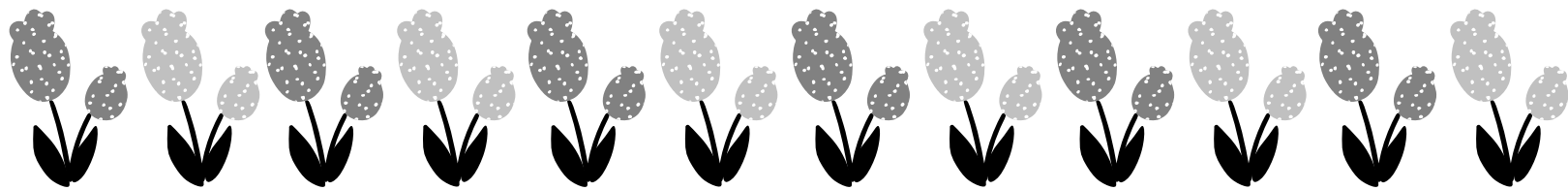
Scripture Readers: (8:00 a.m.) Randy Bricker (10:30 a.m.) Cathy Frey

Sound Booth Personnel: Chris Rickson

Nursery: Priscilla Stoner, Allyson Miller & Linden Hall Volunteers

Announcements

March 16, 2025



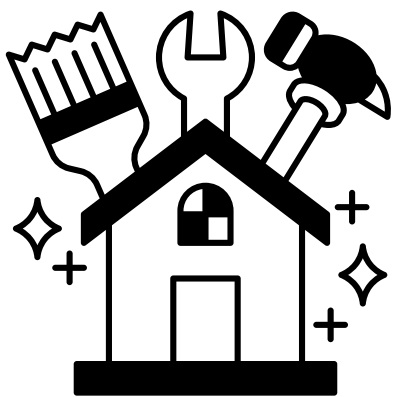
Exciting updates are happening all around!

Church Renovation Updates

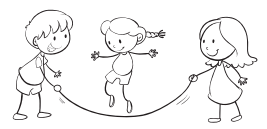
The kitchen roll-up doors have been installed, wired and working. The quartz counters for the coffee bar and the serving windows have been installed along with the star-themed wall tiles. The MEP inspections were done and everything passed! We are still waiting on the alarm company to do their work, which has pushed back the final inspections. The bulkhead in the HDR is finished and primed, awaiting final paint.

The church office flooring has been installed, the new furniture in place, and everything is color-coordinated, with thanks to Courtney for designing.

Come in and look around at all that has been happening.



SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It may be cold ❄️ outside, but we're too excited to not start thinking about warmer ☀️ days and Vacation Bible School!

This year's fun, exciting theme is
🧪 'Changemakers Lab!' ⚗️



✎ Mark your calendars 📅 for June 22nd - 26th and sign up today by scanning the QR code below.

Don't miss out—you won't want to have FOMO!

HELP CULTIVATE PACK HYGIENE KITS FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

ITEMS NEEDED:



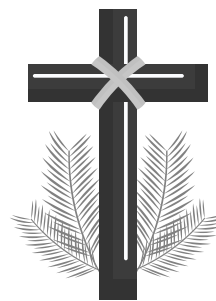
- Gallon resealable plastic bags
- New Washcloths
- New Toothbrushes (in original packing)
- New Fingernail or toenail clippers
- New Bath-size bars of soap (in original packaging)
- New Travel-size deodorant (3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol)
- New Travel-size lotions (3.4 oz. or less, fragrance-free, NEW only)
- New Travel-size shampoos (3.4 oz. or less, NEW only)
- New Travel-size toothpastes (3.4 oz. or less, exp. date of 1 year)
- New Sturdy wide-tooth combs (6" minimum teeth, packaging removed)

Drop off the items above by 9 am on March 23rd in The Star Room. (look for the drop off bin!)



Join Us for a Meaningful Lenten Journey

As we walk together through the season of Lent, you're invited to an evening of fellowship, reflection, and nourishment—both for the body and the soul.



Starting Wednesday, March 12th, at 6:00 PM, and continuing every Wednesday during Lent, we will gather for a Lenten meal and study.

In The Footsteps of the Savior - Max Lucado



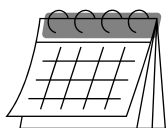
- March 12:** Capernaum: Following Jesus When You Doubt
- March 19:** Sea of Galilee: Following Jesus in Your Storms
- March 26:** Mount of Beatitudes: Following Jesus When You Worry
- April 2:** Temple Steps: Following Jesus ... And Only Jesus
- April 9:** Garden Tomb: Following Jesus When You Need Hope

Whether you come hungry for food or spiritual growth, there's a place for you at the table.

Bring a friend, bring your questions, and let's journey together.



Where: Fellowship Hall



When: Wednesdays during Lent, beginning March 12th at 6 PM

All are welcome—come as you are!

Class Membership

**Has it been on your heart to become a member of
Lititz Moravian Church?**

**Join us for our Membership Class
on March 29th from 9-11 AM.**



**It's a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our
congregation, deepen your faith, and take the next step in
your journey with us.**

We'd love to welcome you!

- ✝ Learn the Moravian approach to Christian faith and living!**
- ✝ Explore the opportunities for growing in Christ here at Lititz Moravian!**
- ✝ Enjoy informal, inspirational discussions with the pastors and others inquiring about church membership.**

**To let us know you are coming,
please reach out to Pastor Mark at 717-626-8515.**



Easter Lilies



As we look forward to Easter, would you like to honor or remember a loved one by placing a lily in church on Easter Sunday?

If so, please return this form to the Church Office or place in the Sunday offering plate no later than Sunday, April 13th.

The cost for lilies is \$18 per plant. Please attach your payment to the order form at the time you turn in the order.

You may pick them up following the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 20.

Please make checks payable to Lititz Moravian Flower Fund with "Easter Lilies" in the memo line. **Deadline to order is April 13th.**



Your Name: _____

First Plant:
In HONOR or In MEMORY of: _____

Second Plant:
In HONOR or In MEMORY of: _____

Third Plant:
In HONOR or In MEMORY of: _____

Number of Plants: _____ x \$18 = _____

Please indicate if you are enclosing cash or check number: _____



The 2025 Lititz Moravian Community Garden

Do you enjoy gardening? Are you looking to plant a garden but don't have your own plot? Do you have a heart for feeding families who need access to fresh produce? Then please consider helping the 2025 Lititz Moravian Community Garden get "off the ground" this season.

Our garden was totally renovated in November, and the new beds are higher and easy to reach, making them more accessible to gardeners with physical limitations.

What fits your schedule? Would you like to pick a few weeds or water the garden when going to and from church? Would you like to plant and harvest on a regular basis? Would you even like to tend or sponsor your own raised garden bed?

The tentative date for prepping and planting will be Saturday, March 29th, and you are invited to help out. There will be many opportunities during the growing season to pitch in a little or a lot, so please contact Brenda Barnes at barnes1@ptd.net or 717-201-5384 to help.



Attention Flower Enthusiasts!

The Cemetery Board is seeking individuals or groups interested in planting and maintaining select flower beds on the church grounds.

Select beds include: Memorial Arch, General Sutter's grave, areas around the Christian Education Building, Main Street sign, Memorial Garden and large rock bed at God's Acre.

If you have a green thumb and a love for flowers, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact David Cochran at dlcochran65@gmail.com for more details.

Let's brighten up our church grounds together!



Take Note...

Anyone in need of... ??

If you have a personal need or know someone who could use a residential stove, we have 2 available!! Please contact Greg at greg@lititzmoravian.org.



Show of hands of anyone ready to help "de-wick" some candles?



It's time for the "Great De-Wicking!" Join us on March 20th at 6:30 PM in The Putz Room as we pluck, pull, and pry the wicks from our beloved Vigil candles. No experience required—just willing hands. See you there!

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.

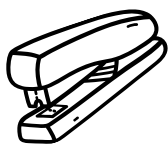
Interested? Please sign up by scanning the QR code or contact Sue Bomberger at 717-723-1526.

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

Volunteers
needed



Check it out



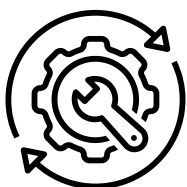
The church office has cleared out some extra office supplies. Need a stapler? Hole punch? Book ends? Scratch paper?



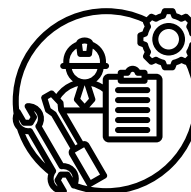
Take a peek in the box in The Star Room and see if there's something you can use.



Office Buzz



Maintenance Request Forms



If you see a repair or an area that requires maintenance attention, please fill out a form and place in container.

Forms are located outside both office doors.

The office will forward the information to our Grounds and Maintenance Team.

If you would prefer to submit your request by email, please email: Courtney@lititzmoravian.org.

We will address each request as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your help in helping to keep our Church Campus maintained and well kept.



Have something to submit for the bulletin, SPIRE or social media?

In an effort to streamline requests, we have created a form to be completed and submitted to the office.

A paper form is available in the office or we can email you an electronic version. *Thank You*



The office renovation is complete!

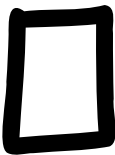
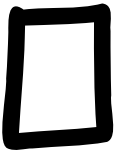
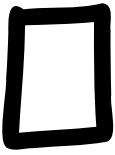
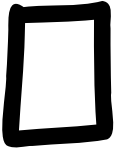
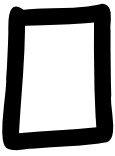
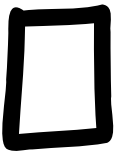
We have a fresh, brand new look and can't wait to show you!

Be sure to stop by Monday - Friday between 10 am - 2 pm.

Doodling Grace...



Need to jot down a reminder, a note or something special you are taking away with today's worship?
Use this space to write down things to remember once you get home!



**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

Jeff Bamberger

Joy Sawyer

Cynthia Good

Pastor Dean Jurgen

Meda Hostetter

Lorrie Miller

Don Wier

Arlene France

Carolyn Weidman

Marilyn Copenhaver

Grace, Robby and Richard

Sweigart

Pastoral Visitation:

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



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of January

	2024	2025
Tithes & Offerings	\$51,552	\$60,517
General Fund Other Income	\$9,397	\$11,647
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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 16, 2025 -

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship with Handbell Choir
9:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes - All Ages



Monday, March 17, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice - Prep Room

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi Easy- Dance Studio
9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery
6:30 p.m. Trustees Board Meeting - Liquid Classroom
7:15 p.m. Trombone Choir Rehearsal



Wednesday, March 19, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Morning Circle - Outlook Library
6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal & Study -



Sea of Galilee: Following Jesus in Your Storms

6:45 p.m. Lenten Study - Fellowship Hall - **UPDATED START TIME**
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous - Liquid Classroom
7:45 p.m. Senior Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 20, 2025 -

10:00 a.m. Warwick Release Time
6:30 p.m. Candle Making / "De-wicking" - Craft Room / Putz Room
7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall



Friday, March 21, 2025 -

9:00 a.m. Beginner Community Yoga - Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Crafts with Friends - Outlook Library



Saturday, March 22, 2025 -

10:00 a.m. Random Acts of Kindness

Sunday, March 23, 2025 -

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. LIFT Worship with Joyful Noise
Reminder: No Nursery this week due to LIFT Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes - All Ages



Jesus' Grieving and Ours

Even Jesus did not have a life free from grief or sadness. Along with the Old Testament prophets, in whose footsteps he walked, his wisdom in evaluating the current state of affairs brought him sadness, and his knowledge of the consequences of human actions caused him grief. In striking contrast to the ideals of Greek metaphysics, God suffers. God mourns over the sorrows of God's children. Jesus grieves over the suffering to come to Jerusalem (Luke 13:34–35). Jesus weeps at the tomb of Lazarus (John 11:33–35). Jesus prays in anguish in Gethsemane, knowing what he is facing (Luke 22:41–44).

Much of human suffering is caused by human actions, our own or those of others. Our hoarding in troubled times causes shortages for others. Our insistence on “the finer things of life” at the lowest possible prices leads to low wages for workers at home and abroad, clear-cutting of wilderness lands for unjust gain by foreign corporations, thoughtless consumption and disposal of single-use products.

As individuals, as a church, as a society, may we learn from the prophetic voices, past and present, of those who see the consequences of our actions. May we grieve, as God grieves, over our actions. May we change our hearts and lives in response to this holy grief. May we learn to see as God sees, to suffer as God suffers, to live in sacrificial love as Jesus lived.

What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest friend,
for this, your dying sorrow, your mercy without end?
Lord, make me yours forever, a loyal servant true,
and let me never, never, outlive my love for you.

(Medieval Latin, trans. Paul Gerhardt [1656], trans. J. W. Alexander [1830],
alt., Moravian Book of Worship, hymn 345)

Nola Reed Knouse, pastor of congregational care and visitation,
Calvary Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

The Moravian Church

Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

