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Mission Statement:

Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love!

April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday
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 of Meditation: Rejoice greatly, for your sovereign comes to you, triumphant and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He shall bring peace to the nations, and His dominion shall be from sea to sea. (Adapted from Zechariah 9:9-10)

(8:00 a.m.) Prelude: *Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

(10:30 a.m.) Prelude Trombone Choir

(10:30 a.m.) Prelude: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* 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.

***Hymn: 342** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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

***Liturgy for Palm Sunday, page 49**

(“Hosanna” is not sung here, but in the Holy Week readings.)

***Hymn: 447** **95th Birthday for Wayne LeFevre on April 15th**

*With your presence, Lord, our Head and Savior,
bless him now we humbly pray;
our dear heavenly Father's love and favor
be his comfort every day.*

*May God's Spirit now in each proceeding
favor him with His most gracious leading;
thus shall he be truly blessed
both in labor and in rest.*

Shared Joys, Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Tithes and Gifts and Second Mile Offering

Second Mile Offering for Warwick Released Time

The Warwick Released Time (WRT) Program is a nondenominational Christ-centered Ministry offered to all third and fourth grade students in the Warwick School District.

Our mission is to plant seeds of God's Word in young hearts by offering a variety of experiences to foster spiritual growth, nurture Christian character, and build relationships.

(8:00) Offertory Organ Music

(10:30 a.m.) Offertory Anthem: "Lift Up Your Heads" from *Messiah*
G. F. Handel (1685 - 1759)

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of glory shall come in.*

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Psalm xxiv, 7-10

***Offertory Response: 819**

For the Life That You Have Given

***Offertory Prayer**

Holy Week Readings: Page 5 (*Music Edition*, page 5)

(On page 9, or Music Edition page 11, we sing the Hosanna found on page 239 of the Moravian Book of Worship. At 8:00, men and boys sing Part 1 and women and girls sing Part 2. At 10:30, children will sing up until the repeat sign at the end of the line at the top of page 241, then the choir sings Part 1 and the congregation sings Part 2.)

(10:30 a.m.) Senior Choir Anthem: *Hosanna*

Edward W. Leinbach (1823 - 1901)

Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

St. Matthew 21:9

Soloists:

Rebecca Swartz, soprano; Samantha Katzaman, alto; Steve Bell, bass

At the conclusion of the readings:

(10:30 a.m.) Senior Choir Anthem: *Bethany, O Peaceful Habitation*

Johann Soerensen (1767 - 1831)

Bethany, O peaceful habitation, blessed mansion, love abode.

There my Lord had oft his resting station;

Converse held in friendly mood with this bliss which Mary highly savored.

I could wish this day still to be favored;

but thy presence makes to me every place a Bethany.

***Benediction**

Postlude: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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Serving Today:

Sacristan: (8:00 a.m.) Don Stoner (10:30 a.m.) Bob Turgyan

Head Usher: Darrin Donmoyer

Scripture Readers: (8:00 a.m.) Tom Snavely (10:30 a.m.) Liesl Wolf

Sound Booth Personnel: Wayne Wolf

Nursery: Shannon Richard, Priscilla Stoner & Linden Hall Volunteers

Holy Week Readers:

Sunday (8:00 a.m.): Tom Snavely

Sunday (10:30 a.m.): Liesl Wolf

Monday (7:00 p.m.): Dianne Zimmerman

Tuesday (7:00 p.m.): Alison Sandercox

Wednesday (7:00 p.m.): Rachel Best

Thursday (7:00 p.m.): Kim Stoner

Friday (2:15 p.m.): Greg Bomberger

Orchestra:

Flute: Jessica Kistler, Diane Bainbridge

Violin: MaryLee Yerger, May Zia, Venona Detrick, Michele Allen

Viola: Emily Sheffer, Brooke Mead

Cello: Ailin Hsieh

Bass: John Yerger



Announcements

April 13, 2025



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*

REMINDER → SPIRE deadline for May's issue is April 21st



"You're Invited..."

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has shared Holy Week & Easter invitations with family and friends!

Your efforts help spread the joy and hope of this sacred season.

Need more invitation cards?

Extras are available in The Star Room, the hallway to the Sanctuary, and the CEB lobby.

Let's continue to invite others to experience the renewal of Easter together!

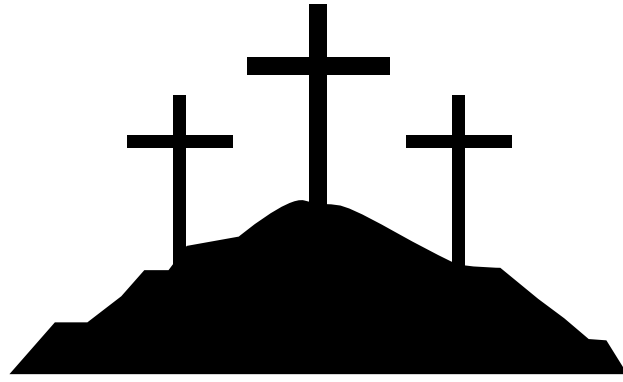
Only a few more spots open to fill up the nursery volunteers until summer break!

Scan QR code to sign up or call Sue Bomberger at 717-723-1526



Volunteers needed

Holy Week Worship Schedule



Sunday, April 13th - Palm Sunday

8:00 am - Worship in Sanctuary

 LIVE STREAM 10:30 am - Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, April 14th - Wednesday, April 16th

 LIVE STREAM 7:00 pm - Worship in Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, April 17th

 LIVE STREAM 7:00 pm - Holy Communion in Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 18th

 LIVE STREAM 2:15 pm - Worship in Sanctuary

Great Sabbath Lovefeast, Saturday, April 19th

 LIVE STREAM 4:00 pm - Worship in Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 20th

6:00 am - Sunrise Service with walk to God's Acre

6:45 am - 8:00 am - Breakfast

8:00 am - Holy Communion in Chapel (Brothers House)

 LIVE STREAM 10:30 am - Resurrection Service in Sanctuary



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 **TODAY**.

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 TODAY!**



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: _____

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!



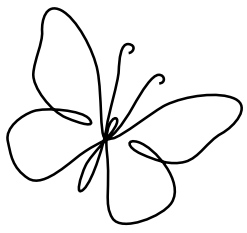
Please contact David Cochran at dlcochran65@gmail.com for more details.

Let's brighten up our church grounds together!

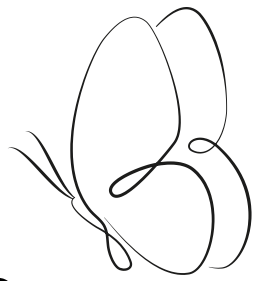


Spring Clean-Up

So.... Spring Clean-Up and Mulch Day was scheduled for yesterday. 😊 At the time of bulletin print, we were unable to determine if the weather was going to cooperate to have the clean-up as planned. **IF** the event had to be postponed due to weather, just a friendly reminder that we will meet this upcoming Saturday, April 19th at 8:00 a.m. for clean up as we beautify the grounds for Easter.



Spring

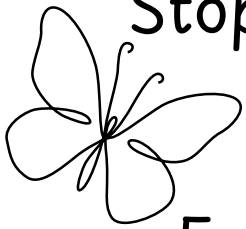


has sprung at the

Moravian Mission Gift Shop

New season, new treasures!

Stop by and check out all the fresh spring arrivals now on the shelves.



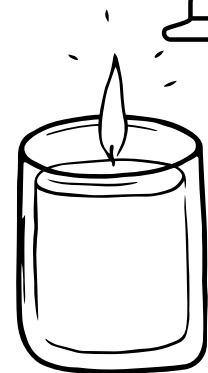
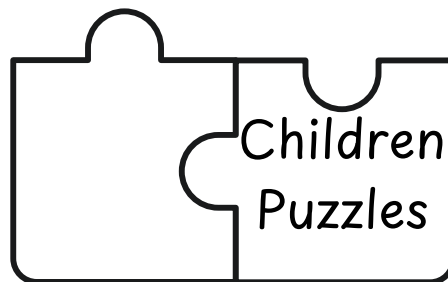
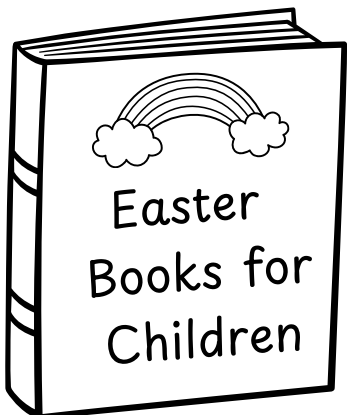
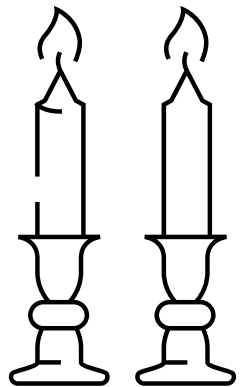
From beautiful gifts to seasonal décor, there's something special waiting for you!

Come browse, shop, and support the mission...

"Where shopping means giving."




Flameless &
Unscented
Candles





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 last 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?

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. 

Get your copy today!

Spring 2025

Church Square Journal

GRAB YOURS TODAY

Church Square Journal

Located in the Star Room or Elbow Room

It's Never Too Early to Prepare the Vigil Candles!

The light may shine bright during our Christmas Vigil services,
but the work starts now!

Join us as we begin the careful preparation of the Vigil candles
because a beautiful tradition takes time
(and a little waxy dedication).

See the dates below to join the “plucking, pulling, prying
and trimming-candle” preparation fun!!

Thursdays at 6:30 pm

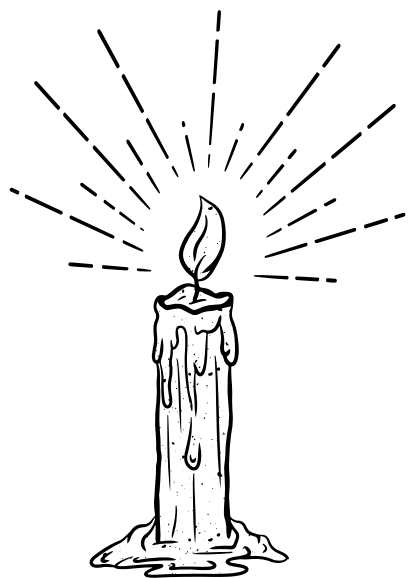
April 24th and May 1st

Saturdays at 9:00 am

April 26th and May 3rd and 10th

Location:

Craft Room



HAPPY
Birth
DAY



Today, after worship, **everyone** is invited to Fellowship Hall
for a special celebration honoring those with birthdays
this month!

If you're celebrating an April birthday, be sure to join us—
you won't want to miss being sung to by your church family!

And yes, refreshments will be served—because what's a
birthday celebration without a sweet treat?

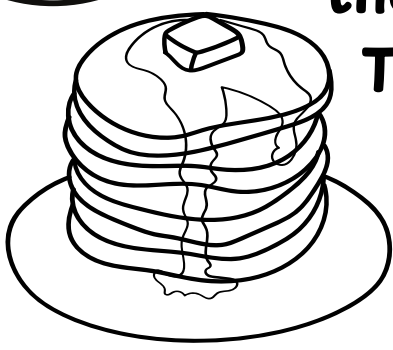
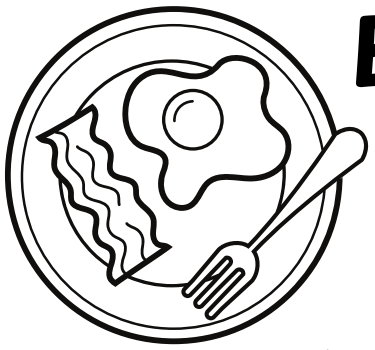
Take note: May's Birthday Celebration
will be May 18th (3rd Sunday)





Easter Morning Breakfast

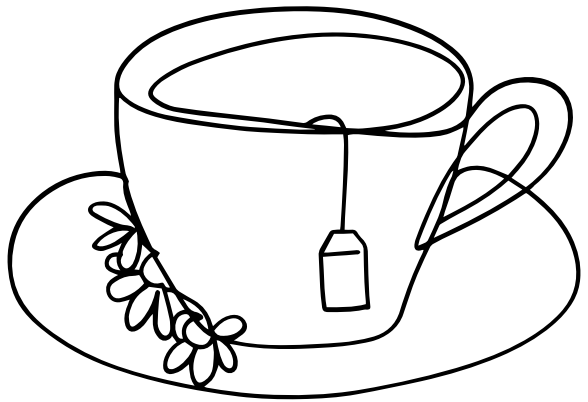
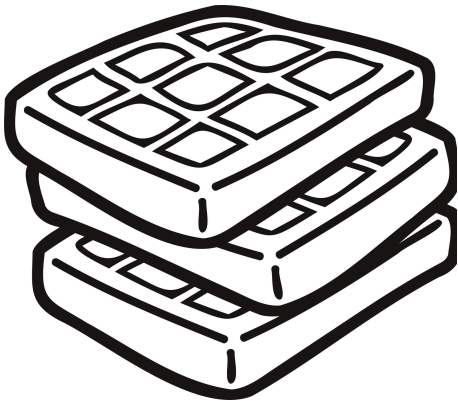
Following the Easter Sunrise service on Easter Morning (April 20th), there will be a light breakfast served. The breakfast will be served from 6:45 am to 8:00 am in Fellowship Hall.



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help with the prep work on April 19th. We have this day completely covered - WAHOO!!

We are still looking for 1 more early bird riser on Easter morning to help from 6am - 9am.

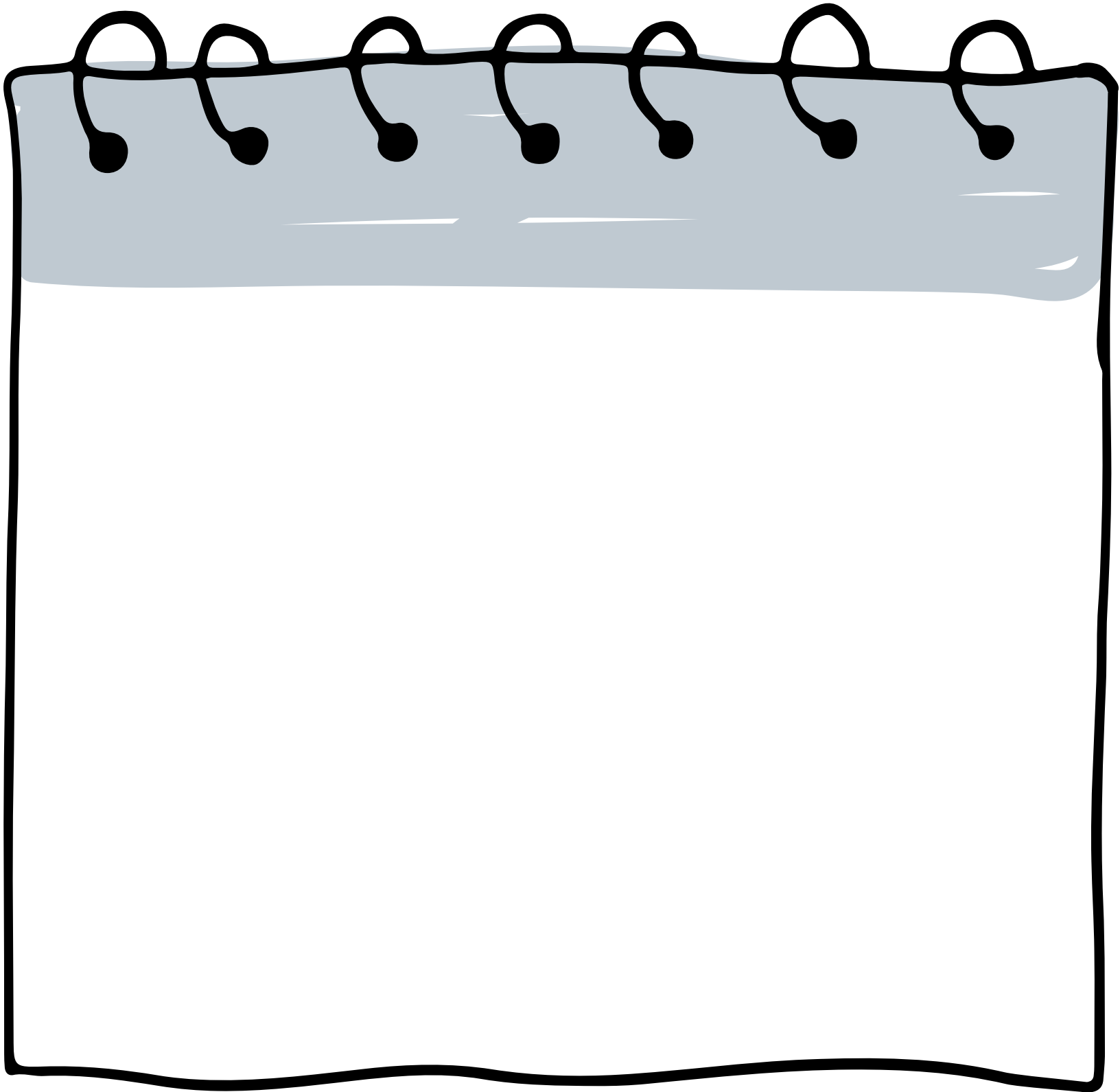
If you would like to help with this event, please email Jaime in the Church Office at jaime@lititzmoravian.org or see Alison Sandercox.



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
- Pastor Dean Jurgen
- Meda Hostetter
- Lorrie Miller
- Don Wier
- Doris Donmoyer
- Cathy Frey
- Julie Gemmell

Pastoral Visitation:

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



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of February

	2024	2025
Tithes & Offerings	\$47,107	\$51,351
General Fund Other Income	\$931	\$991
General Fund Expenses	\$55,297	\$59,376
Net Income	\$(7,259)	\$(7,034)

YTD Through the Month of February

	2024	2025
Tithes & Offerings	\$98,659	\$111,867
General Fund Other Income	\$10,328	\$12,639
General Fund Expense	\$112,798	\$136,238
Net Income	\$(3,811)	\$(11,732)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Sunday, April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship with Trombone Choir

9:00 a.m. Snack N Yak - Fellowship Hall

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

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



Monday, April 14, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

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

7:00 p.m. Holy Week Service - Sanctuary



Tuesday, April 15, 2025 -

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

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

7:00 p.m. Holy Week Service - Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

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

7:00 p.m. Holy Week Service - Sanctuary

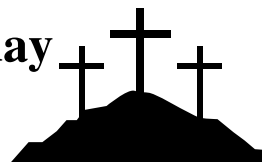
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall



Thursday, April 17, 2025 - Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Holy Week Service - Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall



Friday, April 18, 2025 - Good Friday

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

2:15 p.m. Holy Week Service - Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Crafts with Friends



Saturday, April 19, 2025 -

8:00 a.m. Spring Grounds Cleanup (Rain date **IF** last Saturday was cancelled)

10:00 a.m. Random Acts of Kindness

4:00 p.m. Great Sabbath Lovefeast - Sanctuary



Sunday, April 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

6:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. - Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

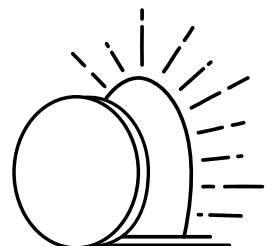
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion - Chapel in Brothers House

9:15 a.m. Easter Sunday School Program - Fellowship Hall

NOTE: No Adult Sunday School Classes

10:30 a.m. Resurrection Day Worship with Trombone Choir

NOTE: No Nursery during worship today



Do We Welcome Jesus?

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, a time of deep reflection, humility, and anticipation. It is a day filled with symbolism and profound significance as we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, greeted by the people who laid palm branches at his feet, shouting, "Hosanna!" They hailed him as King, unaware of the deeper, sacrificial journey that lay ahead.

This celebration reminds us of how quickly joy can turn to sorrow, and how unreliable human praise can be. The same crowd that praised Jesus would, days later, call for his crucifixion. Yet Jesus knew this and still rode into Jerusalem, fully aware of the pain and suffering he would soon face. This is a powerful testament to his unwavering love and commitment to God's plan of shalom.

Palm Sunday invites us to reflect on our own lives and how we respond to Jesus. Do we welcome him with open hearts, but turn away when things become difficult? It's a humbling reminder that true faith perseveres, even in times of uncertainty and hardship.

At the heart of Palm Sunday is the message of hope. Despite the trials ahead, we know that resurrection and new life await. Jesus' journey to the cross teaches us that even in moments of suffering and darkness, God's love remains steadfast, offering redemption and peace.

As we wave our palm branches, whether physically or in spirit, let us renew our commitment to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. May we allow his humble yet victorious entrance into Jerusalem to inspire us to trust him, even when the road is uncertain, knowing that with him, victory is always assured.

Hosanna in the highest! Let us welcome the King of Kings with faith, hope, and love.

Osheta Moore, co-pastor, Roots Moravian Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

The Moravian Church

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

