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Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love!
April 14, 2024
Third 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: Doubt is easier than hope.

Prelude: *Dunlap's Creek*

James Biery

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Due to 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:** 356

Christians, Dismiss Your Fear

Call to Worship: Leader / Congregation

How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

We are called to be Easter people!

Darkness cannot claim us!

Fear cannot bind us!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!

Prayer of Confession: Congregation

Patient Lord, you wait for us to understand. You wait for us to remove the blinders of prejudice, fear, unbelief, confusion. You have offered to us the greatest miracle of all time, the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ. We sang and celebrated Easter, but two weeks have passed and we have slid back into our old ways of perceiving your presence and love. Shake us up, Lord! Shake us up and cause us to look with new eyes on our Savior, who came that we might have life, abundantly serving all who are in need. Forgive our stubbornness and our complacency. Reach out to us so that we may reach out with healing love to others, for we pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Leader

Let the stone of ignorance, stubbornness and fear be rolled away from your heart. Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! Know that his love is poured out for you, for your healing. Be at peace and Rejoice! Amen.

Shared Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

275th Pastoral Reflection Video: The Rev. Denny Rohn

***Hymn: 357**

He Has Arisen, Alleluiah!

First Time: **ALL**

Second Time: **High Voices** (Soprano & Alto)

Third Time: **Low Voices** (Bass & Tenor)

Fourth Time: **CHOIR ONLY** *in Swahili*

Fifth Time: **ALL**

Scripture: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

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Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

(10:30) Children's Chat Hymn: 723 *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb* (vs. 1 & 3)

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

Message: Whistling in the Dark Pastor Sayward Lippincott

***Hymn: 713** *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts and Second Mile Offering:
Warwick Released Time

(8:00) Offertory Organ Music

(10:30) Offertory Anthem: *O Sons and Daughters* *O filii et filiae*
See Hymn 369 for text.

Offertory Response: 817 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn: 792** *I Serve a Risen Savior*

***Benediction**

Postlude: *Festival Voluntary* Flor Peeters

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Serving Today:

Sacristan: Don Stoner

Head Usher: Darrin Donmoyer (10:30)

Scripture Readers: Randy Bricker (8:00), Leah Turnbull (10:30)

Sound Booth Personnel: Wayne Wolf

Nursery (10:30): Kathy Dinkell, 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:

April 14, 2024 - Dennis “Denny” Rohn 1979-1981

May 12, 2024 - David Sommers 1987-1995

Anniversary Singstunde: The 275th Anniversary Committee will host a traditional Moravian Singstunde (Singing Hour) on Sunday afternoon, April 21, beginning at 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. The devotional service known as Singstunde dates from the early years of the Moravian revival in Herrnhut and brings the message of the day entirely in the texts of the hymns to be sung. The hymns for our service will carry the message of our Anniversary theme: Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love! Jeffrey Gemmell, Director of Music Ministries, will accompany our singing on the Tannenberg organ built right here in Lititz in 1787 for our congregation’s new church. Please mark your calendars now. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors! And plan to join us for this joyous hour of celebration and devotion.

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8 Church Sq. Lititz, PA 17543

5.11.24

9AM - NOON



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Sunday, April 14, 2024

To Benefit

Lititz Moravian Retreat Committee

At Isaac's

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**Sorry, we cannot accept coupons, discounts or Loyalty perks on Fundraising orders.*



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.

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:

Jeff Elser | Jeff Gemmell

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 February	2023	2024
General Fund Income	\$53,101	\$48,038
General Fund Expenses	\$62,759	\$55,297
Net Income	(\$9,658)	(\$7,259)
YTD Through the Month of February	2023	2024
General Fund Income	\$135,608	\$108,987
General Fund Expense	\$119,598	\$111,784
Net Income	\$16,010	(\$2,797)

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

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 14, 2024

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

9:00 a.m. Snack n' Yak - CEB Lobby

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

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

7:00 p.m. Women's Circle - Eschbach Parlor

Monday, April 15, 2024

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

7:00 p.m. Joint Board Strategic Planning Committee Mtg. - Liquid Room

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

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

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Prep Room

6:30 p.m. Board of Trustees - Liquid Room

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Women's Circle 2 - Prep Room

6:30 p.m. Friendship Committee - Outlook Library

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

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

Thursday, April 18, 2024

10:00 a.m. Spire Stuffers - Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Candle Making - Craft Room

7:00 p.m. 275th Anniversary Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 19, 2024

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

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

Saturday, April 20, 2024

8:30 a.m. Candle Making - Candle Room

Sunday, April 21, 2024

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

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

3:00 p.m. 275th Anniversary Singstunde - Fellowship Hall

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).

MISSION GIFT SHOP: Open 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Fri. & Sat.

ARCHIVES, MUSEUM, & TOURS: Open by appointment. 717-626-8515

Easter People

Although the church celebrates forty days between Easter and Ascension Sunday, the Gospel of Luke has it all done in one day. Our Gospel passage today opens with the disciples talking about what has happened so far in this amazing day: the visit the women and Peter made to the empty tomb, Jesus' visitation with Peter (Luke 24:34), his appearance to the two disciples on the way to Emmaus. In the midst of that fear-filled, grief-wrestling, awe-inspiring, joyous discussion, Jesus appears and says, "Peace be with you."

The disciples are far from peace and filled with so much fear at his arrival that Jesus suspects they doubt his existence. He shows them that he is the one who suffered and died for them, by showing the wounds on his hands and feet. He shows them that he lives, by eating the food offered him. And if this physical certification of his resurrection is not enough, Jesus "opens their minds to understand the scriptures" (v. 45) and reminds them that what he told them was supposed to take place.

Our passage today is Jesus' confirmation to his disciples of the truth of his resurrection. All doubts should be washed away. All that has taken place has led to this moment, so that the disciples can truly believe and begin their ministry of proclaiming "repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name to all nations" (v. 47). Even in their doubt, Jesus believed in them enough to entrust them with the faith.

It is their "witness," their belief, their faith in what has taken place in Christ Jesus that they have passed on down through the generations to us, and that we are called to share. Through their ministry, we have become an Easter People, People of the Resurrection, ones who are called to share this amazing story in both voice and action through the love of Christ.

*Gregg Schafer, pastor, Morongo Moravian Church,
Banning, California*

The Moravian Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

