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Mission Statement:
Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love!

May 4, 2025
Third Sunday after Easter

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: May the Lord be with you!

Prelude: *Dunlap's Creek*

James Biery

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 (Leader / Congregation)**

O God, you have lifted us up,

So empires of this galaxy will not enjoy our defeat.

In our most desperate hour we cried to you:

‘Help us, O God! You are our only hope!’

Hearing our cries for help, you healed us;

Bringing us from Chaos, you restored our lives.

May we feel our emotions, understand them, and then let them go.

For your anger, O God, lasts but a moment, while your graciousness lasts a lifetime.

Weeping lingers for a night,

But joy comes with the morning.

And our spirits dance like Ewoks on Endor.

You have transformed our lives from mourning to joy.

May we give thanks, and praise, you, God for ever and ever.

***Hymn: 539**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, you have given yourself to us in the person of Jesus. We have his example of loving ministry as a guide for our lives. We stand as people forgiven and reconciled to you. Be with us this day. Remind us that you are always near. Guide our lives. For we ask this in Jesus' name.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have strayed from your path and your ways. You invite us to cast our nets, but we fall short of the trust you expect of us. Do you find our lack of faith disturbing? We acknowledge our shortcomings, our doubts, and the times we have failed to love you and our neighbor as ourselves. Like Peter, who denied you, we have also fallen short of your expectations, and we are deeply sorry for our sins. We ask for your forgiveness, your grace, and your healing. Help us to hear your voice, to follow your leading, and to live lives that are pleasing to you. We commit ourselves to a life of service and discipleship, to feed your sheep, and to follow you wherever you lead. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God hears our prayers, both spoken and those we are too ashamed to pass through our lips. Just as Jesus restored Peter, know that God restores you so that you might have a renewed sense of purpose and direction...Receive the assurance of forgiveness and pardon, for Christ's sacrifice has redeemed you. Be faithful, be strong, and be a light in this world. Amen.

Reception Liturgy for New Members: Page 165

Nan Best, "Al" Hamilton Reynolds, Chris, Jennifer and Isabelle "Izzy" Kirman

Handbell Choir: Festival Intrada

Jeffrey Honore

Featuring trumpet musicians, Paul Swope and Skip Walls

Shared Joys and Concerns

(10:30 a.m.) Death Announcement for Donald Wier

Trombone Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: John 21:1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John,

do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

(10:30 a.m.) Children's Chat Hymn: 726

Jesus Loves Me! This I Know

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

Pastor Sayward Lippincott

***Hymn: 363**

Jesus, Life of All the World

Message: *Breakfast of Forgiveness*

Pastor Sayward Lippincott

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

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

(10:30 a.m.) Offertory Anthem: *He Has Arisen, Alleluia!*

Tanzanian melody, Arr. N. Reed Knouse

Moravian Book of Worship, #357

Offertory Response: 815

Our Tithes and Off'rings, Lord, We Bring

Offering Prayer

***Hymn: 361**

The Strife is O'er

***Benediction**

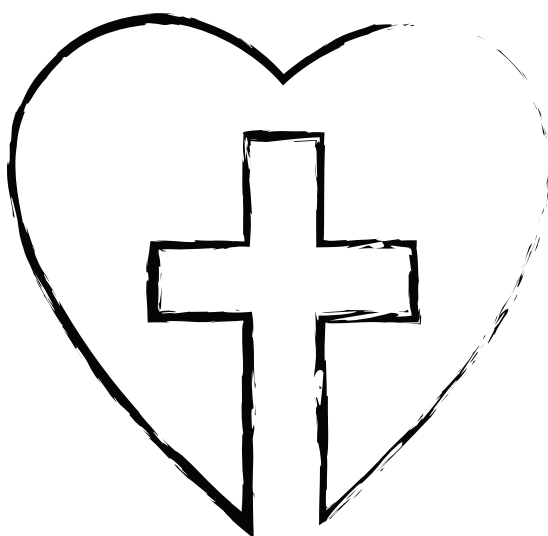
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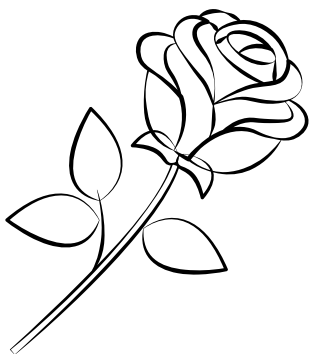
Hyfrydol (Welsh tune)

Rowland H. Prichard

Arr. John F. Wilson, based on J.S. Bach's

Organ Prelude in F Major





The white rose is displayed in memory of Donald Wier,
who entered into the Church Triumphant on April 28th, 2025.

Please keep the Wier family in your prayers.

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Serving Today:

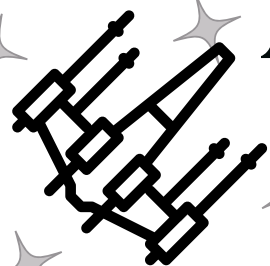
Sacristan: (8:00 a.m.) Don Stoner (10:30 a.m.) Matt Good

Head Usher: Russ Weidman

Scripture Readers: (8:00 a.m.) Randy Bricker (10:30 a.m.) Joyce Dougherty

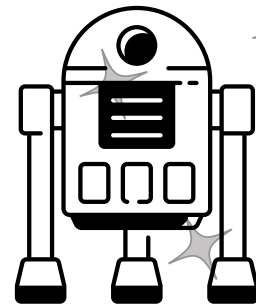
Sound Booth Personnel: Wayne Wolf

Nursery: Priscilla Stoner & Linden Hall Volunteers



Announcements

MAY 4, 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*



Get your
copy
today!

Spring 2025

**Church Square
Journal**

**GRAB
YOURS
TODAY**

Church Square Journal
Located in the
Star Room or
Elbow Room

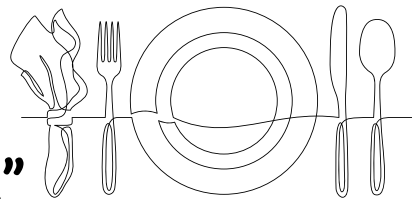
We have plenty of spots open for
nursery volunteers!

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



**Guess
WHAT**

ROMEOS



"Retired Old Moravians Eating Out"

Join us for a Men's Lunch Group on Wednesday, May 7th!

Come together for great fellowship as we visit
Manheim City Star Diner for lunch this month.

It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with other men
within our congregation, share good conversation,
and make new memories.

Please meet at LMC at 11:00 AM,
with transportation provided by the mini bus.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Contact Greg Bomberger with any questions!

(Greg@lititzmoravian.org)

PRECHOOL STORY HOUR



**Join the LAST Preschool Story Hour (for this session!) on Friday, May 9th!!
Story Hour will start back up in early fall!!**

Story Hour will be held on Friday, May 9th in the Book Nook,
which is located on the second floor of the Christian Education Building.
Children ages three to five are invited to come for an hour of stories, songs,
movement, crafts, and a snack. Our primary mission is to plant seeds of
Christian faith and values in young children through shared literature.

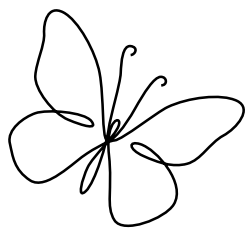
Preschool Story Hour has a theme with a Christian message which
we discuss in an age-appropriate way.

Children need not be members of Lititz Moravian to attend.

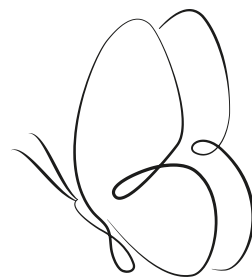
Parents or grandparents are asked to remain and
participate with the children.

The program is free. Scan QR code to register!!



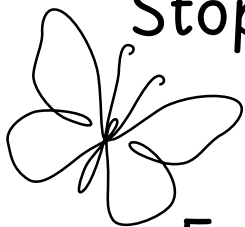


Spring



has sprung at the Moravian Mission Gift Shop

New season, new treasures!



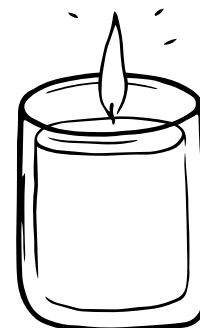
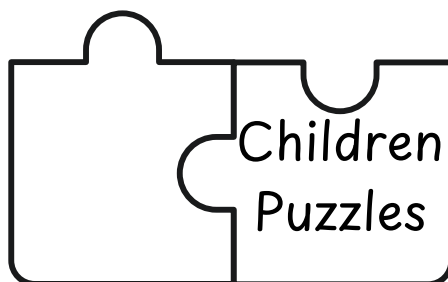
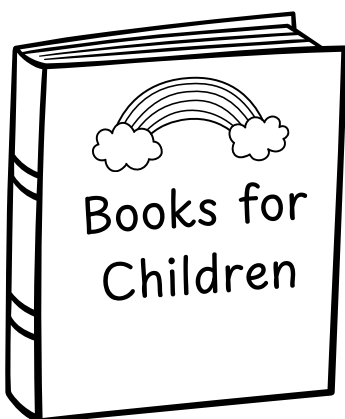
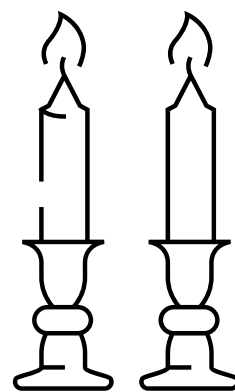
Stop by and check out all the fresh spring arrivals now on the shelves.

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





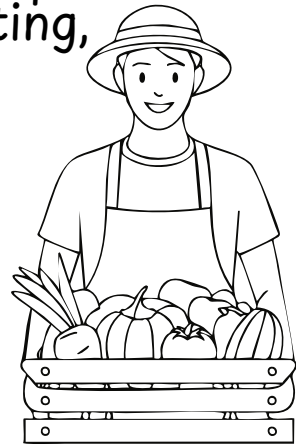
The 2025 Lititz Moravian Community Garden

Through the generous donations by individuals and our church groups, the Community Garden has been providing fresh produce to the Warwick Hub.

When it's not growing season and the garden isn't producing, Lititz Moravian, through the Community Garden, still delivers fresh produce to the Hub which is ordered through Green Hills in Lititz.

The generous donations made in 2024 are starting to run low due to one-time garden upgrades and the biweekly purchasing of produce in 2024-25. If you would like to donate to keep this ministry delivering fresh produce until we start harvesting, please send a check to the church office made out to "Lititz Moravian Congregation" and notation for "Community Garden". Thank you!

you
can
HELP



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!!

Thursday at 6:30pm

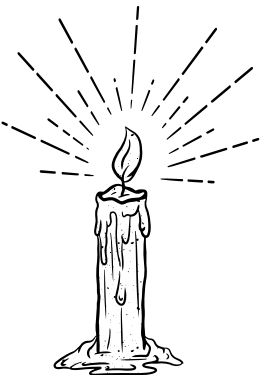
May 8th

Saturday at 9:00 am

May 10th

Location:

Craft Room





Save The Date for 2026 Northern Province Synod



Synod Sessions: Thursday & Friday, June 25-26, 2026

Travel Dates: Wednesday & Saturday, June 24 & 27, 2026

Location: Hotel conference center near
the Minneapolis / St. Paul Airport
(shuttle service provided)

**We will hold a special Church Council Meeting
on June 1, 2025 after the 10:30am service
to elect synod delegates.**

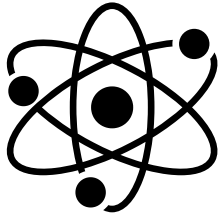
All delegates must be able to participate online in
advance and bring a laptop (or tablet) to synod.



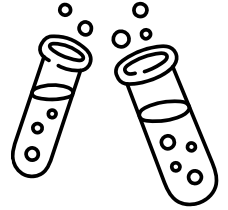
If you feel called to serve as a delegate, please speak with
Pastor Mark, Pastor Sayward or Greg Bomberger.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The weather is getting warmer outside , so you know what's right around the corner...
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.

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



Scan QR code
to register !

**INVITE A FRIEND
TO JOIN THE FUN!**






Mother's Day - Sunday, May 11th

Christian Family Lovefeast

Sunday, May 18th

Last day of Sunday School until early Fall
for all ages (with exception of Holy Time)

Sunday, June 8th

Honoring High School graduates  during worship

Father's Day - Sunday, June 15th

10:30am - Outdoor Service

Sunday, June 29th

10:30am - Independence Day Lovefeast - Only Service

Sunday, July 27th

Vespers In The Park at Lititz Springs Park

Sunday, August 17th

Sanctuary Anniversary Lovefeast



Sunday, September 14th

10:30am - Outdoor Worship

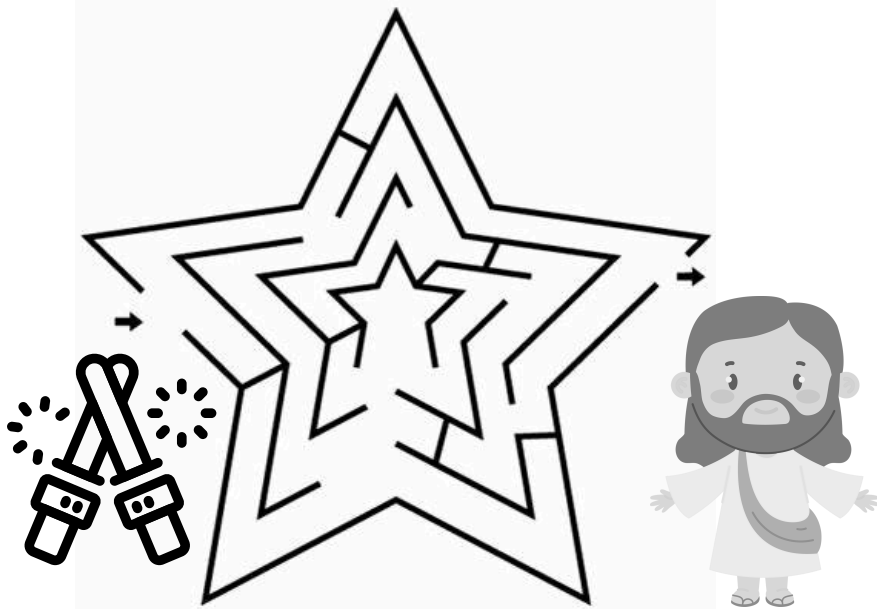
11:30am - Church Picnic



KidZone: May the LORD Be With You

A special Star Wars-themed activity page for May the 4th — reminding us that God's power is even stronger than the Force!

Can you
find your
way to the
Light of
the World
— Jesus!"



JOKE Corner

What do you call a
droid that helps
you follow Jesus?

Answer: R2-Pray2

Yoda's Bible Riddle of the Day

(Read in your best Yoda voice, of course)

"Protect you, it does... but no metal, it is.
Truth and peace, faith and more -
His strength is truly His!
What does the Bible say we wear, to
stand strong in the fight?"

you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."
Ephesians 6:11 - "Put on the full armor of God, so that

Answer: The Armor Of God

Wookiee Wisdom

Fill in the blanks using these words

I am the _____ of the _____.
Whoever _____ me will never walk in
_____, but will have the light of
_____."
John: _____

Light
Follows
Life
8:12
World
Darkness

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
 Jeff Bamberger
 Joy Sawyer
 Pastor Dean Jurgen
 Meda Hostetter
 Lorrie Miller
 Cathy Frey
 Carole Price
 Julie Gemmell
 Joan Keenan
 Barbara Stump
 Doodie Charles
 Erelene Deist

Pastoral Visitation:

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



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of March

| | 2024 | 2025 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Tithes & Offerings | \$60,704 | \$43,977 |
| General Fund Other Income | \$10,646 | \$11,210 |
| General Fund Expenses | \$68,320 | \$73,445 |
| Net Income | \$3,028 | \$(18,258) |

YTD Through the Month of March

| | 2024 | 2025 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Tithes & Offerings | \$159,363 | \$155,844 |
| General Fund Other Income | \$20,973 | \$23,848 |
| General Fund Expense | \$181,119 | \$209,683 |
| Net Income | \$(783) | \$(29,991) |

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Sunday, May 4, 2025 -

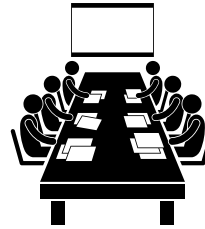
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship with Handbell Choir
9:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes - All Ages

Monday, May 5, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Lititz Community Band Practice - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. CEC Meeting - RAO
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice - Prep Room

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi Easy- Dance Studio
9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery
7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting - Liquid Classroom



Wednesday, May 7, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. ROMEO's Luncheon
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous - Liquid Classroom
7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 8, 2025 -

10:00 a.m. Warwick Release Time
6:30 p.m. Vigil Candles Prep - Craft Room
7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom



Friday, May 9, 2025 -

9:00 a.m. Beginner Community Yoga - Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Hour- Book Nook, CEB 2nd Floor

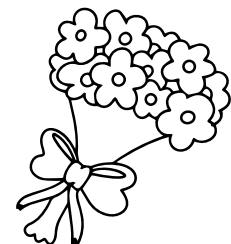


Saturday, May 10, 2025 -

9:00 a.m. Vigil Candles Prep - Craft Room

Sunday, May 11, 2025 - Mother's Day

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship with Christian Family Lovefeast
9:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes - All Ages
No Nursery Due to Mother's Day
NO Snack N' Yak or Birthday Celebration this week
(Scheduled for following Sunday, May 18th)



Temple of Dirt

The clay stretches and thins as it starts to take the shape of a bowl. Hands away, I slow the wheel down to have a look. Levered back against the wheel, getting a better perspective, I see it's almost there. The bowl needs more volume, and the shape could be a more consistent curve downward toward the narrow base. One last pull. I use a sponge to mop the water out of the base, then upcycle the water inside the portion of the bowl that needs expansion. The bowl will sink a little bit as the clay thins further and takes the final shape. The sponge and a wooden straightedge give the burnished look that makes the clay look silken, even if it still feels more mud. Running the cut-off wire under the base, the pot separates from the wheel to rest on the drying rack.

A heavy hand, a bubble in the clay, even a clumsy wind is enough to spoil any vessel at any moment, but it's just dirt. The star-stuff that everything is made of, that received God's life-giving wind, it's all just dirt. We are just dirt.

The time and dedication necessary to craft the beautiful vessel, to be a servant to our neighbors and enemies, to follow The Good Shepherd—they are all made of delicate moments and gentle care in the midst of constant, even violent, entropy. We will all suffer pain; the stones of our lives may fall and break on one another until it seems there is nothing that will give us life again. And yet the dirt that we were made of can be lifted up again, because we believe that a life of service to one another is enough to make a temple of everyone.

*Andrew Craver, pastor, Rural Hall Moravian Church,
Rural Hall, North Carolina*

The Moravian Church

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

