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

May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday in Easter
Christian Family Lovefeast & Mother's Day
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: Always caring Shepherd, we have known your love for us, guarding, guiding, giving everything we need. As mothers, fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers, aunts and uncles, may we care for our children as you have cared for us. Amen.

(8:00 a.m.) **Prelude:** *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*
In the Garden

Charles H. Garbriel
C. Austin Miles

(10:30 a.m.) **Prelude**

Trombone Choir on the Green

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:** *Faith of our Mothers*

H.F. Hemy
Arr., James G. Walton

Faith of our mothers, living still in cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love, Thy presence still pervades the air.
Refrain: Faith of our mothers, living faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, loving faith, Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove source of a finer, nobler race.
Refrain

Faith of our mothers, guiding faith, for youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way, Thy providential care without.
Refrain

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith, in truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church, and breathe thy spirit through our deeds.
Refrain

***Liturgy: Christian Homes, Page 119**

Shared Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Mother's Day Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

Message: *I Know You*

Pastor Mark Breland

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts and 2nd Mile Offering for Camp Scholarship

Offertory Anthem: *For the Music of Creation*

Rustington

C.H.H. Parry

Arr., Lloyd Larson

*For the music of creation, for the song your Spirit sings,
For your sound's divine expression, burst of joy in living things:
God, our God, the world's composer, hear us, echoes of your voice;
Music is your art, your glory, let the human heart rejoice!
Psalms and symphonies exalt you, drum and trumpet, string and reed,
Simple melodies acclaim you, tunes that rise from deepest need,
Hymns of longing and belonging, carols from a cheerful throat,
Lilt of lullaby and love song catching heaven in a note.
All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet,
Worship lifting up the senses, hands that praise, and dancing feet;
Over discord and division music speaks your joy and peace,
Harmony of earth and heaven, song of God that cannot cease!
Music is your art, your glory, let the human heart rejoice!*

Text by Shirley Erena Murray

Offertory Response

Lassst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.

Offering Prayer

Christian Family Lovefeast

Information regarding Moravian Lovefeasts
can be found on Page 9 of the bulletin

The Lovefeast is served during the following hymns.

Hymn: 675

Confession

What brought us together, what joined our hearts?
The pardon which Jesus, our High Priest, imparts;
'Tis this which cements the disciples of Christ,
Who are into one by the Spirit baptized.

Is this our high calling, harmonious to dwell,
And thus in sweet concert Christ's praises to tell,
In peace and blessed union our moments to spend
And live in communion with Jesus our Friend?

O yes, having found in the Lord our delight,
He is our chief object, by day and by night;
This knits us together; no longer we roam;
We all have one Father, and heaven is our home.

Hymn: 665

Hymn to Joy

Bless all those who nurture children, sharing knowledge, showing love;
Who by faithful words and actions lead young lives to God above!
Bless all those whose voice and presence, deep devotion, dignity,
Motivate the church to rev'rence, guiding Christ's community!

Jesus taught both by example and with words of lasting worth;
Christ has given ways to sample hints of Heaven here on earth!
In the same way Christian teachers model true humanity,
Demonstrating in their witness glimpses of eternity!

Hymn: 719

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 Nought be all else to me save that thou art —
 Thou my best thought, — by day or by night, —
 Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Hymn: 726*Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
 Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
 Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus take this heart of mine; make it pure and wholly thine.
 Thou has bled and died for me; I will hence-forth live for thee.

Refrain.

Hymn: 418*Feed Us, Jesus*

Feed us, Jesus, we in hunger stand.
 Feed us, Jesus, from your timeless hand:
 The broken bread of life, the love that we all need,
 O, feed us, Jesus, feed us.

Lead us, Jesus, gently day by day.
 Lead us, Jesus, show us each the way
 To walk your diff'rent walk, from fears and hungers freed,
 O, lead us, Jesus, lead us.

Grace before Partaking in the Lovefeast**Moravian Blessing: 816***Wareham*

Be present at our table, Lord;
 Be here and everywhere adored;
 From your all-bounteous hand our food
 May we receive with gratitude. Amen.

Sharing of the Lovefeast Meal
Senior Choir Anthems during the Lovefeast:

God, You Made This World a Garden

Hampton New
Tune and setting by Richard W. Gieseke

*God, you made this world a garden, every harvest bearing seed.
Loving God, today as ever you anticipate our need;
You are ready with your answer long before we plead.
Take us through that other garden, tragic, dark Gethsemane,
Where our Savior faced our future, set to win our amnesty;
Seed of woman, Seed of promise from a barren tree.
Now a universal garden, seeded with your living Word,
Grows with peace and love and beauty, song of freedom there are heard;
By your mercy, by your Spirit, thankful hearts are stirred.
In this corner of your garden planted by a faithful few,
We have thrived by their endeavor; as you blessed them bless us, too.
Find us, as you walk among us, bearing fruit for you.*

Text by Jaroslav Vajda

The Gift of Love

American Folk Tune
Arr., Hal Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and we are freed. Amen*
Paraphrase of I Corinthians 13 by H. Hopson

The cups are collected during the following hymns.

Hymn: 662

Hayn

Jesus makes my heart rejoice, I'm his sheep and know his voice;
He's a Shepherd, kind and gracious, and his pastures are delicious;
Constant love to me he shows, Yea, my very name he knows!
Trusting his mild staff always, I go in and out in peace;
He will feed me with the treasure of his grace in richest measure;
When a-thirst to him I cry, living water he'll supply.

(continued next page)

Should not I for gladness leap, led by Jesus as his sheep?
For when these blessed days are over to the arms of my dear Savior
I shall be conveyed to rest. Amen, yea, my lot is blessed.

Hymn: 731

Shepherd

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care;
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; yours we are. Blessed Jesus,
Blessed Jesus, you have bought us; yours we are.

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

***Hymn: 671**

Tune: 427, *O Perfect Love*

Lord, bless our homes with peace and love and laughter,
With understanding and with loyalty.
May we together follow Christ the Master
And know the blessing of his sov'reignty.

Forgive the hurts our selfishness inflicted
On those we love and those who love us best.
Christ, heal the scars, and draw us all together
In him whose will is peace and joy and rest.

Father, in gratitude for homes and loved ones,
We open now our hearts to humankind.
Grant us your spirit — love for one another
So in your peace may we our concord find.

***Benediction**

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune*

Henry Purcell



Blessings!

We will give carnations today on
Christian Family Sunday & Mother's Day.
They are joyfully and respectfully offered to all women.
Please pick up one after worship as you leave church.

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Serving Today:

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

Head Usher: Darrin Donmoyer

Co-Sacristans: Amy Sue Bomberger and Becky Turnbull

Scripture Readers: (8:00 a.m.) Paul Swope (10:30 a.m.) MaryLee Yerger

Sound Booth Personnel: Troy Richard

No Nursery available today.





The Moravian Lovefeast

The Lovefeast became a cherished part of Moravian worship after the spiritual renewal of August 13, 1727. On that day, in the context of shared worship and meals, Moravians rediscovered a sense of Christian unity and fellowship, which had been threatened by personal hostilities and doctrinal disputes.

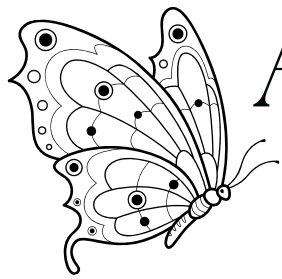
Though the meal has been simplified, Moravians and their guests still experience the blessings of Christian fellowship as they share hymns of praise over coffee and sweetened buns. Because the Lovefeast has no sacramental significance, it provides an ideal forum of celebrating Christian unity in a world where doctrinal disputes still fracture Christ's church.

THE SERVING OF THE LOVEFEAST

The female dieners (servers) will bring a basket of sweet buns to each pew and hand deliver the bun to each person. The male dieners (servers) will bring trays of beverages to each pew. There is a choice of decaffeinated coffee (unsweetened, with half and half) or chocolate milk. Inform the female diener your beverage choice. Beverages will also be hand delivered to each person.

Worshippers wait until all have been served and we have shared in the blessing. Thereafter, worshippers eat and drink the Lovefeast together while the choir provides the ministry of music. Later, servers will return to collect the cups and napkins while the worship continues.

Thank you to all those who helped in the preparation and serving of the lovefeast.



Announcements

May 11, 2025



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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*

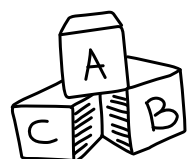
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Everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship **next** Sunday, May 18th, as we celebrate all those with birthdays this month! If you're celebrating your birthday, don't miss the chance to be serenaded by your church family — we'd love to honor you!

Refreshments will be served — come for the celebration and stay for the fellowship!

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Please note, the nursery will **not** be available from Sunday, May 25th through September.

We invite children to join their families during worship. There are activity bags in the Elbow Room available.



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.**

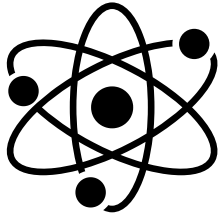
All delegates must be able to participate online in
advance and bring a laptop (or tablet) to synod.



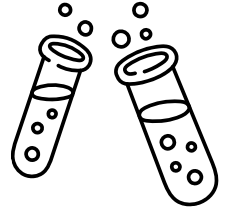
If you feel called to serve as a delegate, please speak with
Pastor Mark, Pastor Sayward or Greg Bomberger.


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
from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

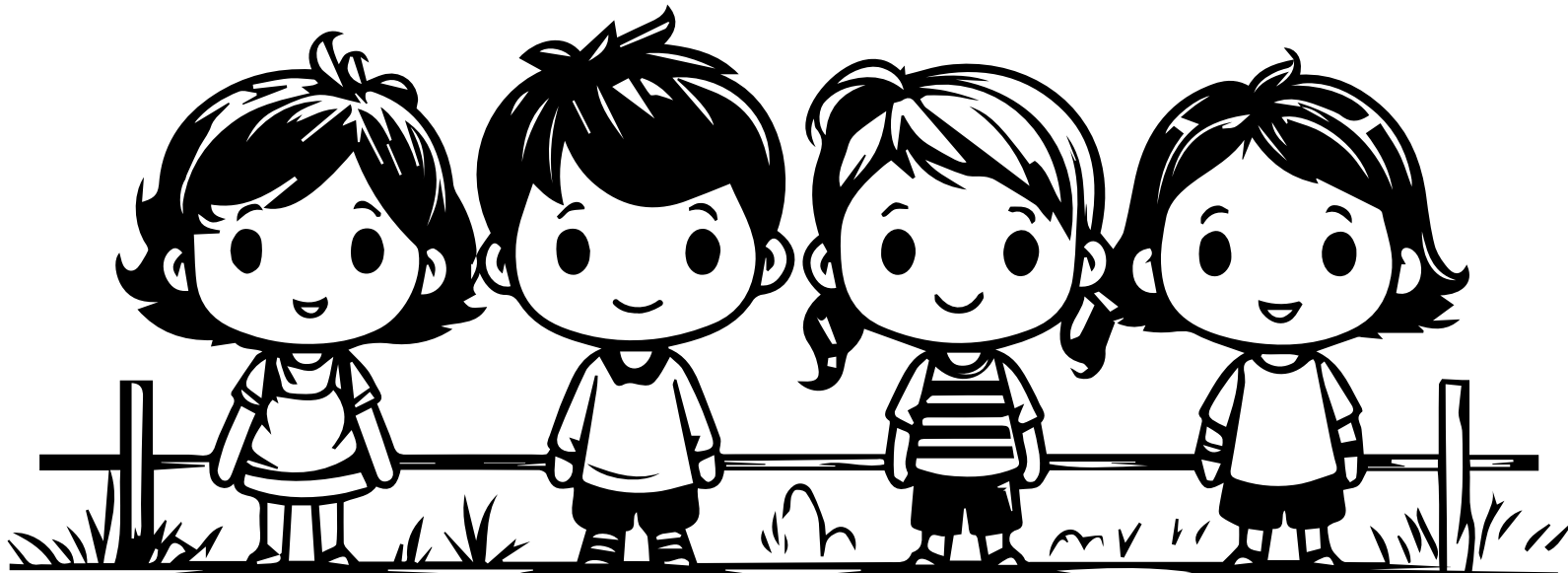
Sign up today by scanning the QR code.

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

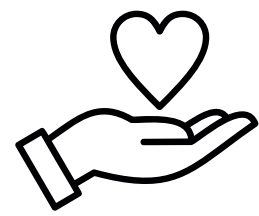


Scan QR code
to register !

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



Suggested Items for Donation to Lititz / Warwick Community Chest



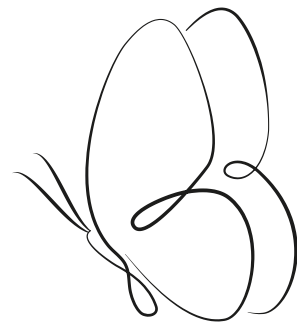
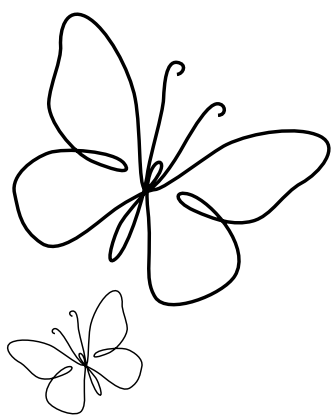
We are okay with normal size products, rather than really large sizes.

Our clients often have limited storage space.

Items in **bold** tend to be in low supply most often.

- canned fruit: **pineapple, pears**, peaches, fruit cocktail, etc.
- **applesauce**
- spaghetti sauce (glass is accepted, but canned / plastic is preferred)
- paste and noodles (all types)
- canned tomatoes: diced or stewed
- baked beans
- canned beans: **kidney, northern, navy, pinto**, black, etc.
- helpers: hamburger, **chicken, tuna**
- **instant mashed potatoes**
- rice: brown or white
- flavored pasta or rice mixes
- **canned chicken or Spam** (we receive lots of tuna already)
- **canned stew or sloppy joe sauce**
- mini meals for children: spaghetti-o's, ravioli, etc.
- condiments: **mayo, ketchup, mustard**
- peanut butter
- **jelly or jam**
- hot or cold breakfast cereal
- **instant oatmeal packets**
- granola bars
- pancake mix and syrup
- **coffee or tea bags**
- **juice for children** (no prune or tomato juices, please)
- crackers, **pretzels, snacks**
- shampoo and conditioner (2-in-1 products are fine)
- toothpaste and toothbrushes (adult & children sizes)
- **deodorant**
- feminine hygiene products
- **laundry detergent** (please avoid pods due to risk to small children)
- **dish soap** (to do dishes in sink, not dishwasher)
- facial tissues
- **paper towels, toilet paper**



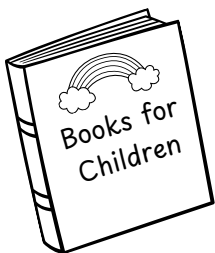


Spring

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.

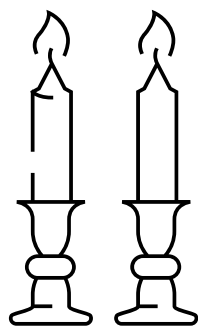


From beautiful gifts to seasonal décor,
there's something special waiting for you!

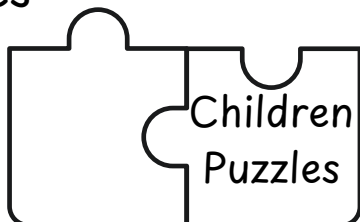


Come browse, shop, and support the mission...

"Where shopping means giving."



Flameless &
Unscented
Candles



Featuring Handmade
treasures
by local artisans



The Gift Shop
is open
Fridays and Saturdays
from 10am - 4pm

Stop by to say
HI!



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!




Sunday, May 18th

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

Also, last day the Nursery will be available until September.

Sunday, June 8th

Honoring High School graduates  during worship

Father's Day - Sunday, June 15th

10:30am - Outdoor Service

Sunday, June 22nd - Thursday, June 26th

Vacation Bible School (6-8pm) - "Changemakers Lab" 

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



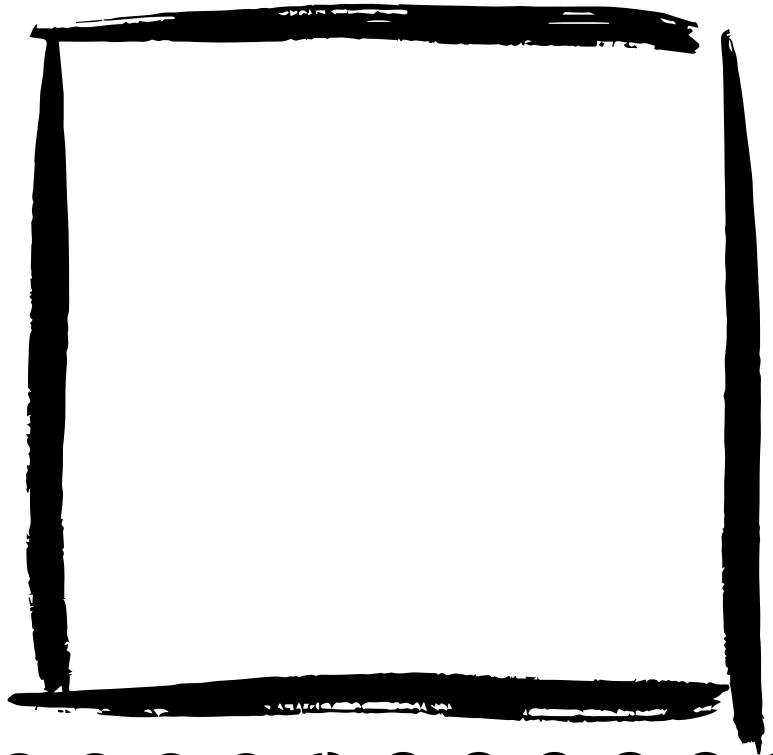
KidZone: "Safe in His Pasture" Edition

Draw this verse: →

"The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want."

-Psalm 23:1

Color
Me
In!



JOKE

Corner



Shepherd Song Time


Sing this to the tune of
"Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star":



Jesus is my shepherd true,
He takes care of me and you.
Like a mom, He leads the way,
Watches over night and day.
Jesus is my shepherd true,
He shows love in all He'll do.

Why did a mom bring
a ladder to church
on
Mother's Day?

Answer: Because she heard the
sermon was going to be uplifting!

 Fill in the Blank (Psalm 23 Style): →

The Lord is my _____, I have all that
I need.
He lets me rest in green _____.
He leads me beside peaceful _____.
Even when I walk through the darkest
_____, I will not be afraid.
Surely your _____ and unfailing
_____ will pursue me all the days of
my life.

meadows
love
goodness
shepherd
streams
valley

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

Pastoral Visitation:

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



Prayers of Healing for:

Barry Erb
 Dick Martin
 Jeff Bamberger
 Joy Sawyer
 Pastor Dean Jurgen
 Meda Hostetter
 Lorrie Miller
 Julie Gemmell
 Joan Keenan
 Barbara Stump
 Doodie Charles
 Erelene Deist
 Peg Ivey
 Carole Price

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)

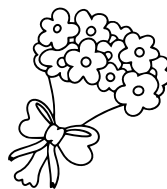
THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, May 11, 2025 - Christian Family Lovefeast & Mother's Day

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

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

No Nursery due to Mother's Day



Monday, May 12, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee - RAO

7:00 p.m. Lititz Community Band Practice - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 -

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

6:30 p.m. Archives Committee - HDR

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous - Liquid Classroom

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

Thursday, May 15, 2025 -

10:00 a.m. Warwick Release Time

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 16, 2025 -

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

6:00 p.m. Crafts with Friends

Saturday, May 17, 2025 -

Sunday, May 18, 2025 - Moravian Music Sunday

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

9:00 a.m. Snack N' Yak

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

LAST DAY of Sunday School before Summer Break

(with exception of Holy Time which will continue to meet)

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



God's Voice

The passage of John 10:22–30 begins with a conversation between Jesus and some Jews. It's interesting that those men tried to pin him down on whether he was the Messiah, because most Jews heard Jesus' claim about this relationship with God as blasphemy, declaring in John 10:33, "You, though only a human being, are making yourself God." But Jesus once again spoke clearly when he told them, "The Father and I are one."

Knowing his listeners would not accept this truth, he proceeded to draw a picture they could easily understand, since shepherds were quite familiar in their culture. "You do not believe, because you do not belong to *my* sheep. *My* sheep hear my voice and they follow me."

Let's consider connecting the Old Testament and New Testament on this subject: Psalm 23:1 . . . "The Lord is my shepherd" and John 10:11 . . . "I am the good shepherd." Another way of telling us the Lord and Jesus are the same.

Could it be that our goal as Christians—indeed our biggest blessing in life—is to hear God's voice and follow him? How do 'we as human beings hear the voice of God? Through the words of the Bible for sure, or perhaps through other Christians that God places in our path. Maybe God's voice could come within unexplainable life circumstances that change our direction, or in a moment when we have an opportunity to be a witness of God's love to others.

So many ways, there are so many ways for God to speak to us. Even if it's simply that we feel his words in our heart. However it happens, when we hear God's voice, may we follow him.

*Donna Hurt, Home Moravian Church,
Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

The Moravian Church

Fourth Sunday in Easter

May 11, 2025

