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Mission Statement:

Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love!

November 9, 2025
Festival of Jesus Christ as Chief Elder
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
Pastor: 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
Treasurer: Barbara McKenney
Financial Secretary: Mary Sweger
Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

****Stand, if you are able.***

Thought for Meditation: "At this table I shall praise the God who gives me common days. And I shall live these days with pride, knowing God moves by my side. For at this table God has said: 'I share with you this daily bread' and by this Word we all are fed."

Prelude: "Andante" from *Manfred*

Carl Reinecke

Welcome and Announcements

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. If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to scan the QR code on the 'Connect Card' located on the cover of the Friendship Register. We are so glad you are here! Please see an Usher or Sacristan if you would like: headphones to assist the hearing-impaired, large print bulletins, walker, wheelchair, or activity bags.

***Call to Worship:**

Come those of you who are in darkness and need to see the light. Come those of you who are uncertain and seek the confidence of God's presence. Come, you who desire new vision and courage. Come you who need challenge. Come all for guidance, comfort and strength. Jesus, our Chief Elder, is here waiting for you, ready to fill your needs. Come let us worship our glorious Savior.

***Hymn: 399**

All Hail Our Church's Elder Dear

***Litany of Confession: (Leader / Congregation)**

Eternal God, so much seems strange in this age of change.

New technologies blur the boundaries of life and death.

Fresh discoveries challenge ancient notions of right and wrong.

From age to age, you are the same, but are we?

Our abilities outpace our wisdom.

We have improved ability to cure,

But not to care.

We have learned to shoot,

But lost our aim.

We demand our rights,

But cannot right our wrongs.

Faithful God, you alone hold steady and true.

Apart from you we draw no breath.

Apart from your wisdom we form no thought.

Apart from your truth we have no sight.

Apart from your love we have no life.

Apart from your care we have no hope. 2

Merciful God, we confess our weaknesses, our shortcomings, and our sinful thoughts and actions. In your grace, ground us firmly in your wisdom, that we may rightly discern the opportunities and dangers developing all around us. Let us hear your word for our times. Speak to warn and to recommend, that we may honor you and be of service to others as we follow Jesus, our Savior and Chief Elder. Amen.

Shared Joys and Concerns and Prayer

Scripture: Colossians 1:18-20 (The Message)

We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. [Jesus] was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body. [Jesus] was supreme in the beginning and—leading the resurrection parade—he is supreme in the end. From beginning to end he's there, towering far above everything, everyone. So spacious is he, so expansive, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals and atoms—get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of [Jesus'] death, his blood that poured down from the cross.

Matthew 23:1-10 (The Message)

Now Jesus turned to address his disciples, along with the crowd that had gathered with them. "The religion scholars and Pharisees are competent teachers in God's Law. You won't go wrong in following their teachings on Moses. But be careful about following them. They talk a good line, but they don't live it. They don't take it into their hearts and live it out in their behavior. It's all spit-and-polish veneer. "Instead of giving you God's Law as food and drink by which you can banquet on God, they package it in bundles of rules, loading you down like pack animals. They seem to take pleasure in watching you stagger under these loads, and wouldn't think of lifting a finger to help. Their lives are perpetual fashion shows, embroidered prayer shawls one day and flowery prayers the next. They love to sit at the head table at church dinners, basking in the most prominent positions, preening in the radiance of public flattery, receiving honorary degrees, and getting called 'Doctor' and 'Reverend.' "Don't let people do that to you, put you on a pedestal like that. You all have a single Teacher, and you are all classmates. Don't set people up as experts over your life, letting them tell you what to do. Save that authority for God; let him tell you what to do. No one else should carry the title of 'Father'; you have only one Father,

and he's in heaven. And don't let people maneuver you into taking charge of them. There is only one Life-Leader for you and them—[and that is] Christ.

Hymn: 552

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Message: “*Jesus Is...*” An Original Story

Rev. Carol P. Dague

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts and 2nd Mile Offering

2nd Mile Offering for The Food Hub - LCCC

Offertory Anthem: *Hear My Prayer*

Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin' when I rise.

It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within Your arms.

It's your servant bound for glory, O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done, and you come to take me home.

Just to know I'm bound for glory. And to hear You say well done.

Done with sin and sorry, have mercy, mercy. Amen.

***Offertory Response:** 815

Our Tithes and Off'rings, Lord, We Bring

Offering Prayer

***Communion:** Blue Booklet, Page 3

***Benediction**

Postlude: *St. Anthony's Chorale*

Franz Joseph Haydn

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Serving Today:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Carol P. Dague

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

Co-Sacristan: (8:00 a.m.) Ginny Journey

(10:30 a.m.) Becky Turnbull and Amy Sue Bomberger

Head Usher: Russ Weidman

Scripture Reader: Rev. Carol P. Dague

Sound Booth Personnel: Wayne Wolf

Nursery: Jason and Rachel Best

A Note from Pastor Mark

All praise to God for the honor and privilege of serving as an ordained pastor in the Moravian Church, Northern Province for 35 years, and 18 years at Lititz Moravian my home congregation. My Siblings in Christ, thank you for your love and support.

We have labored in God's vineyard experiencing the joys of successful ministries and the disappointments when despite our efforts we miss the mark. I had no idea when I arrived in February 2007 that I would serve you until 2025. It was an act of courage of the Joint Board at that time to call and welcome an African American pastor and family into this community of faith.

I confess that this past year I have been mindful of Saints Triumphant. Particularly when I look upon those seated in the sanctuary during worship, I remember my siblings now living with the Lord. I think of the Saints who served with me in the church office, boards, committees, and fellowship groups. Children and youth are the Church today and our hope for the future. I enjoyed having a role in their faith formation. They mentored me to see Jesus with an open heart, to laugh, be silly, and learn to share the gospel for each new generation. It was a privilege to share in team ministry with pastors Burt, Dean, and Sayward. Parish ministry is a challenge, and it was a blessing to learn from them, lean on them, and to love them as my brothers and sister.

Sunday, October 19, 2025, was a blessing. I was present for celebration for former pastors and staff, but I was not prepared for the expressions of love. I am so grateful to God for the years of ministry here at Lititz Moravian and I am humbled! All I wanted to do was to use my talents to "love" all people in Jesus' name. Thank you, Pastor Sayward, the office staff, our music ministry teams, and my wife Dee. I know she had a hand in the celebration. I entered the sanctuary, and it looked like an Easter morning celebration. I was confused seeing the pans in the sanctuary. I thought, "Why are the pans here and who will play them?" Looking at the Amen Pews I saw members of the Grace Steel Ensemble and I almost cried. They came from New York City to play for this service. The Moravian Church is a small denomination and some of my oldest ongoing relationships are in the clergy. It was a joy to see and hear from the Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller, the Rev. David Bennett, the Rt. Rev. Blair Couch, the Rev. Melissa Johnson, and the Rev. Dr. Mandy Mastros.

Thank you for the cards and retirement gifts. Thank you for the "Love Gift." Barbara McKenney told me we need to meet because she had a gift for Dee and me from the congregation. I opened the envelope, and I could not believe what I saw. Wow! I gave Barbara a big hug. I called Dee and I told her about the gift and Dee cried. We appreciate all of you and thank you!

You have always taken excellent care of me and my family.

The fellowship meal was delicious! Thanks to all who made the desserts and the meal. Ham and turkey sandwiches are good, but you cannot beat fried chicken and macaroni and cheese. My heart is full, and I love all of you!

Thank you, again, for the privilege of serving as your pastor!

Your Brother in Christ, The Reverend Mark V. Breland, Sr. – Pastor Mark



Announcements

November 9, 2025



Advent Tea Wreaths

We are in search of greens so that we can make wreaths, swags, & other Christmas decorations to sell at the Advent Tea on Saturday, December 6.

We would also welcome any donation of handmade Christmas wreaths. Please drop the greens off on a tarp that will be outside the rear entrance to the Brothers' House on Tuesday, December 2nd, since we will be working on them the mornings of Wednesday, December 3rd and Friday, December 5th.

Any evergreen trimmings are welcome, but especially white pine, holly, and yellow / golden arborvitae / cypress.

Please let us know if you're able to contribute by calling us on our home phone at 717-665-9714.

You can leave a voice message if we don't answer. Thank you!!!
Dwight & Cindy Herr

The Advent season is quickly approaching, and with it comes our cherished tradition of Lovefeast services.

Have you ever considered serving as a Diener?

We would love to welcome new volunteers and are happy to provide guidance for those who have never served before. It's a meaningful way to connect with our community... and an experience you won't want to miss!

If you're interested or have questions,
please reach out to

Becky Turnbull (717-572-7904) or
Amy Sue Bomberger (717-824-0313).



Lititz Moravian's Advent Poinsettia Tree

To be presented in the Sanctuary
December 7 & 14,
the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of Advent.

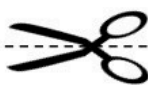
Poinsettias will be distributed after the
10:30 a.m. service on December 14.

Plants can be purchased for \$10.00 and will be
displayed on the Poinsettia Tree "In Honor" or
"In Memory" of a loved one.

Please print information on the form below and
turn into the **church office** or place in an envelope
in the **offering plate** during a Sunday service.
Proceeds go to the Jamaica Mission Team. Or send
your order by e-mail to Matthew Bomberger at
bommy6@hotmail.com

(Return this portion with your order)



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Presenter (From):

(CIRCLE ONE) - "In Honor" or "In Memory" of:

Name: _____

(CIRCLE ONE) - "In Honor" or "In Memory" of:

Name: _____

Number of Plants: _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Checks can be written to "Jamaica Mission Team"
with "Advent Poinsettia Tree" in the memo line.

DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

🎵 Calling All Young Voices! 🎵

Lititz Moravian Church is looking for children and youth to sing during our beloved Christmas Vigil Services this December!

Does your child love to sing about Jesus and share the joy of the season?

This is the perfect opportunity to lift their voices in worship and celebration.

🎄 Participants may join for as many Vigil services as they wish — attendance at all is not required!

🎵 Practices will be held Sundays following worship.

Help us spread the light and love of Christmas through song!

For more information or to show interest, please contact Jeff at jeff@lititzmoravian.org



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Everyone is invited to come to Fellowship Hall after worship **TODAY**, to celebrate those who have a birthday this month.

Refreshments will be served!

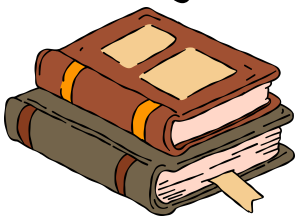
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Preschool Story Hour

Are you signed up for this month?

Together, with caregivers, children will grow in faith, nurture friendships, have fun and learn about God's love through interactive songs, engaging stories, creative crafts, and tasty snacks!



Sign up is easy by scanning the QR code!



WHO: Children, ages 3-5 years old

WHEN: 9:30 - 10:30 AM, Friday, November 21st

WHERE: The Book Nook
(2nd floor of the Christian Education Building)

Point of Contact: Shannon Richard: (717) 314-9375 or Allyson Miller (859) 684-1484



The Makers Market is back!

We're excited to welcome back the Makers Market during this year's Advent Tea—and we invite our talented church artists and crafters to rent a table and share their creations. Last year, we were truly blessed by the creativity within our congregation!

The Advent Tea, along with Attic Treasures and the Makers Market, will be held on Saturday, December 6th, from 12–3 PM. There will be eight tables available near Fellowship Hall (1st floor) and additional spaces near the Attic Treasures in Heritage Dining Hall. Each table is \$25, with all proceeds going toward charity.

To reserve your space, please contact Brenda Barnes via text at 717-201-5384. Come create, connect, and celebrate the spirit of the season with us!



Attic Treasures

*Do you have any
'treasures' to donate?*

Moravian Fellowship will be holding an Attic Treasures during the Advent Tea on December 6th.

If you would like to donate household items or home decor, please drop clean & functioning items off in the Craft Room between now and the end of November.

Any questions, contact Clara, Linda or Cindy (#717-371-0448).



Community Garden

Clean Up!

Attention Sprouts

& Rooted

Classes!

Please join us after church

TODAY

**to help clean up the
garden for the season!**

2025 Christmas Vigils



Saturday, December 20th
5:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 21st
10:30 am (no admission card required)
and 5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 24th
5:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Vigil request cards have already been
sent to members last month.

You received your request card as you receive the Spire.

If you receive the Spire by USPS, the request card was sent by mail.
If you receive the Spire by email, you received an email with a link to
the Google form.

If you would prefer a paper request card, please contact the office
at 717-626-8515, Monday through Friday from 10am - 2pm.

Member Vigil Ticket Requests are due by November 14th.



**Soon it will be that
busy time of year !**

**Just a friendly reminder
that your
Narrative Reports
for 2025
will be coming up!!**

**If possible, please have reports
submitted by December 15th.**

Church Square Journal

**Fall 2025 issue of
The Church Square Journal
is available!**

**Pickup your copy
in The Star Room,
Elbow Room or
online!**



Sunday, November 9th

Christ as our Chief Elder Communion

9:00 a.m. Snack n' Yak

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



Friday, November 21st

Preschool Story Hour



Scan QR code
to register!

Saturday, November 22nd

6:30 p.m. Community Movie Night, "I Heard the Bells"
in Fellowship Hall with popcorn & drinks



Thursday, November 27th - Friday, November 28th

Thanksgiving Day; Office Closed



Saturday, December 6th

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Advent Tea & Attic Treasures

Thursday, December 11th



7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Candle Trimming in Prep Room

December 20th, 21st and 24th

Vigil Services



(Ticket requests due by November 14th)

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.

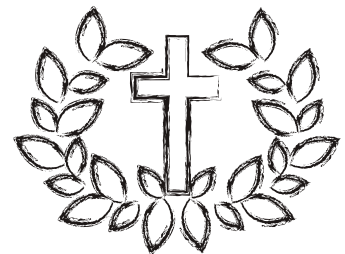
Please remember in your prayers:

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

Pastoral Visitation:

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



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of September

	2024	2025
Tithes & Offerings	\$50,378	\$37,707
General Fund Other Income	\$10,778	\$10,748
General Fund Expenses	\$58,527	\$65,479
Net Income	\$2,629	\$(14,024)

YTD Through the Month of September

	2024	2025
Tithes & Offerings	\$424,010	\$448,845
General Fund Other Income	\$67,561	\$74,630
General Fund Expense	\$506,463	\$580,119
Net Income	\$(14,891)	\$(56,644)

Prayers of Healing for:

Barry Erb
 Jeff Bamberger
 Pastor Dean Jorgen
 Meda Hostetter
 Erelene Deist
 Joan Keenen
 Rebecca Swartz
 Marilyn Diener

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 9, 2025 - Christ as Our Chief Elder Communion

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship with 2nd Mile Offering

9:00 a.m. Snack n' Yak - Fellowship Hall

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)

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

11:45 a.m. Community Garden Cleanup

Monday, November 10, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - HDR

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Leaders Meeting - Liquid

6:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee - RAO

7:00 p.m. CEC - Eschbach Parlor

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir - Prep Room

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 -

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

3:30 p.m. Tai Chi - Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Archives Committee - HDR

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee - Zoom

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

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

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

Thursday, November 13, 2025 -

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Mission Gift Shop NOW OPEN Thursdays
(through the remainder of the year)

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 14, 2025

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

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Mission Gift Shop Open

6:00 p.m. Crafts with Friends - Outlook Library

Saturday, November 15, 2025

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Mission Gift Shop Open

Sunday, November 16, 2025

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

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School (all ages)

Jesus Reigns

We Moravians delight in singing these hymns of our faith: “Crown Him with Many Crowns,” “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun,” “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name.” These beautiful words affirm that we stand confident and hold fast in believing that Our Lord Jesus is indeed the Chief Elder of our denomination. Today our thoughts turn to the church leaders who in 1741 voted by lot to confirm Jesus Christ as Chief Elder and the Great Shepherd of our worldwide Moravian Church.

In the Old Testament, Isaiah prophesies the birth of a child who will become our King, who will reign and bring peace, justice, and righteousness. In the Gospel of John, we read Jesus’ words: “I am the gate, whoever enters through me will be saved”; “I am the Good Shepherd, the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep”; and “I know my sheep and my sheep know me” (John 10:9, 11, 14 NIV). What comfort we find in these words!

In this world of turmoil and constant disagreements, we can turn to Jesus, our constant and sustaining leader. We feel his presence in our worship services, Bible studies, prayer meetings, our times spent in nature, and our moments of meditation. We feel his leading as we volunteer for missions, teach Sunday school, donate food and resources for the hungry and underprivileged, provide activities for group home residents, visit the sick and lonely, and feed bereaved families.

As we continue our Christian journey. we fall back on words of St. Patrick:

“Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me, . . .
Christ to comfort and restore me.”
(*Moravian Book of Worship*, p. 237)

*Kitsy Mathis, Konnoak Hills Moravian Church,
Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

The Moravian Church

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