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

November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent
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 and Andy Weik
Treasurer: Barbara McKenney
Financial Secretary: Mary Sweger
Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

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

Prelude: *Two Preludes on "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland"*

J. S. Bach, Helmut Walcha

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. 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 and Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

First Sunday of Advent; HOPE Through Caring for the Captive

See Moravian Advent Liturgy Document

***Liturgy for Advent, Page 49**

Hymn: 447 90th Birthday Hymn for Virginia Sipe on November 30th

*With your presence, Lord, our Head and Savior,
bless her now, we humbly pray;*

*our dear heavenly Father's love and favor
be her comfort every day.*

*May God's Spirit now in each proceeding
favor her with his most gracious leading;*

*thus shall she be truly blessed
both in labor and in rest.*

Shared Joys and Concerns and Prayer

Scripture: Romans 8:18-27

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is

seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for word. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

This Little Light of Mine

*This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.*

*This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.*

*This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,*

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (sing twice)

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

Pastor Sayward Lippincott

***Hymn:** 274

O Come, O Come, Immanuel

Message: *Hope / Tikvah: The Rope*

Pastor Sayward Lippincott

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

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

(10:30 a.m.) *There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth* Felix Mendelssohn

*There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a sceptre from Israel rise up,
And dash in pieces princes and nations. As bright the star of morning gleams,*

So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams of light and consolation!

Thy Word, Lord, radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation;

Thine be praise and adoration!

***Offertory Response:** 817

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Offering Prayer

***Hymn:** 259

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

***Benediction**

Postlude: *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

Johannes Pachelbel

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Serving Today:

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

Head Usher: Matt Bomberger

Scripture Reader: (8:00 a.m.) Timothy Naisby
(10:30 a.m.) Becky Turnbull

Sound Booth Personnel: Wayne Wolf

Nursery: Greg and Sue Bomberger



Vigil Admission Cards will be
available to pick up after
8:00am and 10:30am
worship services *today in
Fellowship Hall.*



Announcements

November 30, 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

Vigil Volunteers Needed!!

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

Have you ever considered serving as a Diener or Fire Guard?

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:

Dieners: Becky Turnbull (717-572-7904) or

Amy Sue Bomberger (717-824-0313)

Fire Guards: Heather Kremser (484-772-0608)



Ways to give in December

This December, there are so many ways to give back and share God's love with others. Even small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's day.

Dobby's Christmas Sock Drive

Dobby, from the series Harry Potter, will be here on Sunday, December 14th collecting socks to donate to a local shelter.

Children are welcome to strike a pose and have their picture taken with him.



Dobby is handcrafted using a technique called needle felting, by the talented Patti Cornelius. Dobby is 2 ½ feet tall (the same size he was in the movie) and took over 2 ½ years to create.

Place new socks inside the red bag with Dobby and they will be distributed to a local charity during the holiday season.



Christmas Community Chest



Lititz Moravian children and youth will be meeting on Sunday, December 14 following the 10:30am service to wrap Christmas gifts for two local families.

We have our assigned Christmas families and *know their needs*.



Please consider signing up for a gift or food donation.



SIGN UP

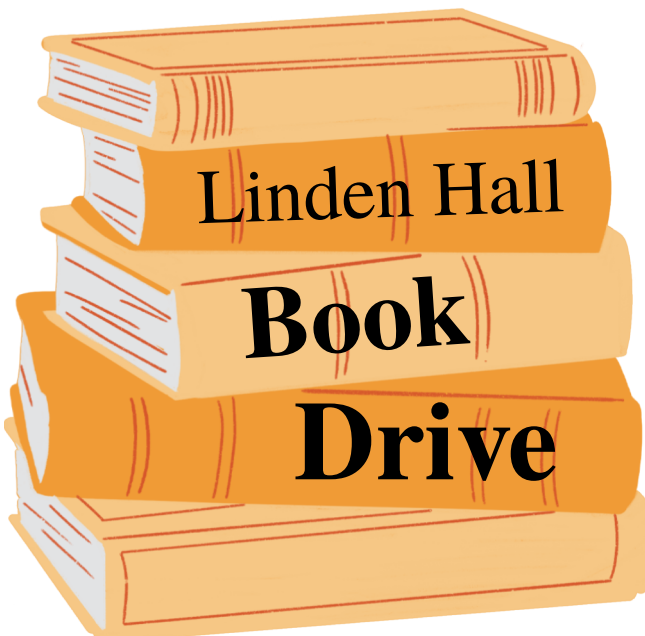


Please bring your *unwrapped* items to the Prep Room for gift wrapping. We will have all of the wrapping supplies needed to wrap gifts.



We're collecting very gently used books to support Linden Hall's Book Drive!

Please drop off your donations in The Star Room between now and next Sunday, December 7th.





Preschool Story Hour

Join the Waiting List

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**

WHO: Children, ages 3-5 years old

WHEN: 9:30 - 10:30 AM, Friday, December 19th

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



Volunteers are needed for the Advent Tea on December 6th

We're looking for volunteers to help make this year's
Advent Tea a warm and festive success!

We will also be hosting Attic Treasures and the Makers Market -
a wonderful day of fellowship, community, and Christmas spirit.

If you'd like to lend a hand, please sign up in The Star Room. We're looking
for help with setup, cleanup, baking, and serving.

As we prepare our hearts for the season of Advent, this is a beautiful way to
give back to the church and share the joy of Christ's love through service.



Welcome

Lititz Moravian Congregation is delighted to welcome Andy Weik as our new Sexton! His last name may sound familiar — Andy is the husband of Jaime, who serves in our church office.

We are grateful to have him join as part of our church family.

Andy is an outdoorsman at heart. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and just about anything that gets him outside. A lifelong thrill-seeker, he has loved racing motocross bikes competitively since childhood.

When he's not on the trail or at the track, you can often find Andy relaxing by a campfire with family and friends — preferably with a generous serving of french fries, his favorite treat.

As we welcome Andy, we also offer our heartfelt gratitude and blessings to Josh, who grew up at LMC and has faithfully served as our Sexton. He is stepping into a new, exciting career and life opportunities, and we wish him joy and success in this next chapter. Josh will be with us through the end of 2025 as we transition.

Please join us in welcoming Andy to the Lititz Moravian team!

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 October

	2024	2025
Tithes & Offerings	\$47,180	\$40,234
General Fund Other Income	\$8,642	\$13,344
General Fund Expenses	\$53,841	\$54,218
Net Income	\$1,981	\$(640)

YTD Through the Month of October

	2024	2025
Tithes & Offerings	\$471,190	\$489,079
General Fund Other Income	\$76,203	\$87,974
General Fund Expense	\$560,303	\$634,337
Net Income	\$(12,910)	\$(57,284)

Prayers of Healing for:

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 30, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)

Monday, December 1, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. CEC - RAO
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir - Prep Room

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 -

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery
3:30 p.m. Tai Chi - Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Joint Board - HDR
7:00 p.m. Elders - Liquid Classroom
7:00 p.m. Trustees - HDR

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 -

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

Thursday, December 4, 2025 -

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Mission Gift Shop Open
7:00 p.m. CIS - Outlook Library
7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 5, 2025 -

9:00 a.m. Beginners Yoga - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Mission Gift Shop Open
5:00 p.m. Linden Hall Vespers - Sanctuary

Saturday, December 6, 2025 -

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Mission Gift Shop Open
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Advent Tea with Makers Market and Attic Treasures

Sunday, December 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - Worship
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School (all ages)

“Let Us Rise”

Despite Jesus’ words to the contrary in the Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent, many claim to know the hour and the day. And, in Christ’s words about being found working when the day comes, many Christians seem preoccupied with not getting “left behind.” What if we worried less about that and worked more diligently and with greater care for the work at hand? What if this motivated us to love the work and to love those we work alongside? This song, based on Matthew 24:36–44, is a song of trust and confident assurance.

The day or the hour are known to none. Not the angels. Not the Son.
We will wait, and all will see. As it was, so shall it be.
Days of feasting and holy nights. Silent prayer and shrouded light.
Time of Noah. Days of our lives. From the waters, let us rise.
Through the waters, let us rise.

A sweeping away, starting again. Losing ourselves, found a Friend.
Hand of God, O hold us near. Teach us Love. Free us from fear.
Chorus

For work in the field, who is at hand? At the milling, will you stand?
Will you serve, and faithful be? Watching, waiting prayerfully.
Chorus

A house on the Rock is made secure. Of God’s mercy, may be sure.
It shall stand, and ready be. Precious Lord, we fly to thee.
Chorus



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recording of this song.

*The Broke Kings (David Melby-Gibbons & Brian Dixon)
Tricklebee Café, Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
Emmaus Moravian Church, Emmaus, Pennsylvania*

The Moravian Church

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