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

December 7, 2025
Second 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: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
Sleepers Wake!

Arr. Hal Hopson

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 (Leader / Congregation)**

We gather seeking God's peace.

Christ, our Prince of Peace, meet us here.

Calm our hearts and unite us in Your love.

Come, Lord Jesus, bring Your peace.

***Hymn: 266**

People in Darkness Are Looking for Light

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

See Moravian Advent Liturgy Document

Hymn: 447

102nd Birthday for Marie Morman on December 7th

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.

Handbell Choir: *A Christmas Carillon*

Arr. Margaret R. Tucker

Shared Joys and Concerns and Prayer

Death Announcement for Arthur Shoemaker

Trombone Choir

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation: you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

(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:**

Earle Cornelius

***Hymn:** 264

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Message: Shalom / Eirēnē

Pastor Sayward Lippincott

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

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

(10:30 a.m.) Offertory Anthem: *Keep Your Lamps*

Traditional Spiritual,

Arr. Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

***Offertory Response:** 820

O Jesus Christ, Our Gracious King

Offering Prayer

***Hymn:** 268

How Shall I Meet You, Jesus?

***Benediction**

Postlude: *Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ*

Johann Pachelbel

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Serving Today:

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

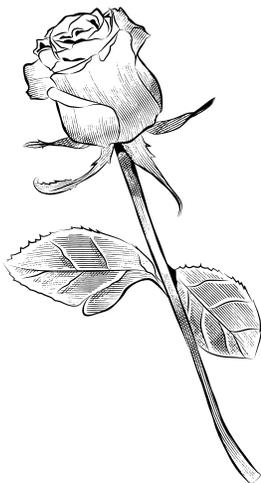
Head Usher: Darrin Donmoyer

Scripture Reader: (8:00 a.m.) Tom Snavely
(10:30 a.m.) Michelle Phillips

Sound Booth Personnel: Wayne Wolf

Nursery: Priscilla Stoner, Karen Keffer and Linden Hall Volunteers

A heartfelt thank you to the Hartel family for your faithful help each year in assembling our beautiful poinsettia tree. Your care, time, and joyful spirit bring so much beauty to our sanctuary and help make the Christmas season feel truly special.



The white rose is displayed in memory of Arthur Shoemaker, who entered into the Church Triumphant on November 30th, 2025. Please keep the Shoemaker family in your prayers.

Announcements

December 7, 2025



Vigil Admission Cards that were not previously picked up are now in the office.

You may stop in for your (pre-ordered) cards from 9am - 2pm, Monday through Friday.

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 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:
Heather Kremser (484-772-0608)



Ways to give in December

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.

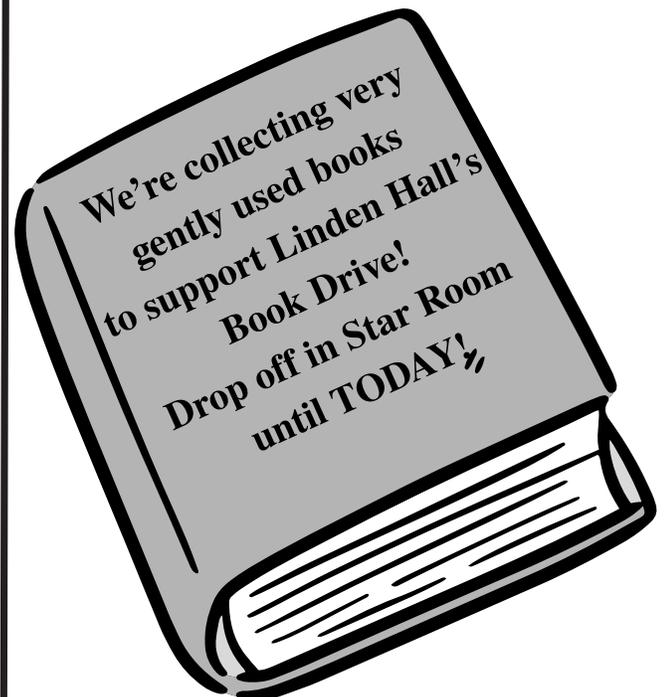
We have our assigned Christmas families and *know their needs*.

Please consider signing up for a gift or food donation.

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



Linden Hall Book Drive



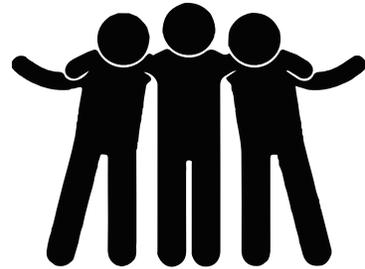
HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Everyone is invited to come to the Fellowship Hall after worship next Sunday, December 14th, to celebrate those who have a birthday this month.

If you are celebrating a birthday, be sure to come & enjoy some refreshments as we celebrate you!

**The final Snack 'n Yak
will be next Sunday, December 14th
in CEB Lobby at 9:00 a.m.**



**It's never too early to mark your calendars!
Spring Clean-Up and Mulch Day in
preparation of Lent will be Saturday,
March 21st.**

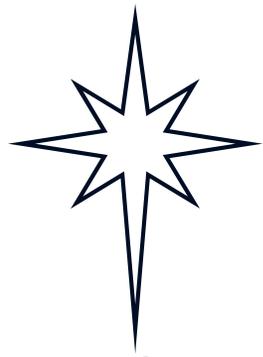
**(Rain Date, Saturday, March 28th)
Helpful hearts and hands will be needed to
clean up
Church Square following winter.**

thank you!



Thank you to everyone who brought in fresh greens for our Advent Tea wreath-making.

We are grateful for your support and the beauty you helped create.



Putz

The Putz will be open for viewing throughout the Christmas season!

You are invited to experience this treasured Moravian tradition during any of our open times. The Putz can be viewed every Saturday in December from noon to 3:00 pm, no appointment needed — simply stop in, first-come, first-served. (The last showing will be at 2:30 pm) We also welcome group visits by appointment. To schedule a time, please contact the church office at 717-626-8515 during office hours.

Additional viewing opportunities are available December 26th through 30th at 7:00 pm, as well as immediately following the December 31st Watchnight Service.

Come enjoy the story of Christ's birth in this beautiful, meaningful way.



The Putz is located in the basement of the Christian Education Building. Follow the signs posted.



Prayer & Lay Leadership: A Three-Part Educational Webinar Series

Deepen your prayer life. Strengthen your leadership.

Enrich your community.

Join us for a three-part series of 90-minute live webinars via Zoom exploring how prayer shapes personal faith and congregational life. Each session offers a unique perspective—its theology, creativity, and role in leadership—led by gifted Moravian educators.

Join one, two, or all three sessions—each stands alone while contributing to a richer understanding of prayer.

Who Should Attend: Lay leaders, worship assistants, educators, musicians, and anyone seeking to deepen their understanding and practice of prayer.

Hosted by: The Eastern District Executive Board

Session 1: The Heart of Prayer

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jennika Eckhaus and Theresa Fisher

Date: January 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Explore the foundations and expressions of prayer. Learn simple, practical ways to deepen your spiritual life—whether you're new to prayer or seeking renewal.

Session 2: Preparing Meaningful Devotions

Becky Lepore & the Rev. Mikayla Sauerbrey

Date: February 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Asked to offer devotions at a gathering? Looking to provide spiritual grounding for your group? Learn practical tools for creating meaningful moments of prayer and connection.

Session 3: Prayers for Worship

Led by the Rev. Dr. Riddick Weber

Date: March 25, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Wondering how pastoral, intercessory, and invocation prayers differ or what to say in an offertory prayer? Learn the purpose of key worship prayers & simple ways to craft them.

Scan the QR Code to Learn More & Register

Visit our website at www.moravian.org/equip

For questions email amy@mcnp.org

**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.

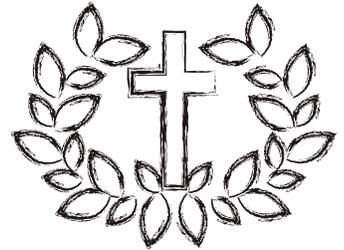
Please remember in your prayers:

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 Jurgen
- Meda Hostetter
- Erelene Deist
- Joan Keenen
- Marilyn Diener
- Jonathan Yerger

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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)

Monday, December 8, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Leaders Meeting - Liquid Classroom
6:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meeting - RAO
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir - Prep Room

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 -

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery
6:30 p.m. Archives Committee - HDR
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee - Zoom

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 -

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

Thursday, December 11, 2025 -

9:00 a.m. until finished Candle Trimming - Prep Room
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Mission Gift Shop Open
6:30 p.m. Christmas Carols with Lititz Historical Foundation followed by
hot cocoa served in Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Yoga - Dance Studio (NEW location for tonight!)
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom

Friday, December 12, 2025 -

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

Saturday, December 13, 2025 -

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

Sunday, December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - Worship
9:00 a.m. Snack N' Yak
9:15 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)
11:30 a.m. Christmas Community Chest - Prep Room
Kids gift wrapping!
11:45 a.m. Birthday Celebration - Fellowship Hall

“Repentdance”

The Gospel stories in which John the Baptist appears are often unsettling and confrontational. John is wild-eyed and coarse. He speaks to what makes us most uncomfortable, what demands more rigorous commitment from us. But John’s news is good news, too! That change is possible. That there is a loving and faithful God to turn back to. That the Communion of Saints is also a communion of sinners on whom Jesus never gives up. How can we keep from singing? Should we not for gladness leap?

Down by the river, way out of town, in the desert wild,
“Change your heart! Here comes your life! You are heaven’s child!”
*The voice of one, “Kingdom come!” Roll the carpet out,
For Love to find its way to you. For ev’ry heart to shout!*

John was an ember, fiery and bright, strap around his waist.
Honey sweet. “The water’s fine!” Goodness you can taste.

Chorus

They came from afar, sorry and sad, burdens to lay down.
Broken hearts. “What must we do?” Let our sorrows drown.

Chorus

Not all who gathered wanted to bring hearts ready to hear.
Foolish pride. “We’re justified!” Hiding from our fear.

Chorus

From these stones, children; branches and vine,
knowing God can raise;
Holy ones. “Spirit and fire!” Everlasting praise!

Chorus

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



Scan to access music and a recording of this song.

The Moravian Church

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Board of World Mission

Moravian Ministries Foundation

Southern Province Commission
on Congregational Development



Advent Wreath Lighting Liturgies
2025

Second Sunday of Advent (December 7, 2025)

PEACE Through Protecting the Vulnerable

On this Second Sunday of Advent, as we anticipate the coming of the Christ Child, we light the candle of peace.

We rejoice that in Jesus Christ, God is with us, Immanuel.

(Two candles are lit.)

John the Baptist calls out in the wilderness, “Make straight the crooked paths and prepare the way of the Lord!”

The way of the Lord is right relationships, wholeness, and harmony for all people everywhere.

For those experiencing crooked and stony paths, may new ways be found that are smooth.

Jesus, we pray that you will guide our feet into the path of peace.

In Sierra Leone, young girls had to leave their villages to be educated. Away from home, without protection, young girls were vulnerable to abuse and worse. With the establishment of a Moravian School for boys and for girls, now children are safe, learning and thriving close to home.

We thank God for those who offer peace through protection.

The global work of the Unity Women’s Desk develops congregational resources that equip people to advocate for both women who are suffering from violence and for changes in legal systems.

We thank God for those who offer peace through protection.

In this time, our congregation celebrates the light of Peace in our community and through our shared ministry:

Milagro House
North Star Initiative
Safe Communities

And all God's children say:

We thank God for those who offer peace through protection.

ST. THEODULPH (151 G)

*The peace of our salvation is ours to fill our hearts.
Christ came to dwell among us and share our common plight.
The whole world's grief and suff'ring and earth's unspoken pain,
your perfect peace embraces till only peace remains.*

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We pray today for all God's children,

**That each one might know the hope, peace, joy, and love
that comes from God to the world through the advent
of the Christ Child. Amen.**