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Mission Statement:

***Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love!***

**February 15, 2026  
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

## **Transfiguration Sunday**

*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: Andy Weik

Treasurer: Barbara McKenney

Financial Secretary: Mary Sweger

**Ministers: All Members of the Congregation**

*\*Stand, if you are able.*

## **Prelude: Two Hymn Preludes**

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)**

On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus, wondering what we will encounter.

### **We come to encounter God's glory revealed.**

We witness the revelation of Christ's divinity made plain before us.

### **We come to witness God's glory revealed.**

We remember that God's glory is not about spectacle but truth, not about show but about Love made real among us.

### **We come to remember God's glory revealed.**

We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys, as God's glory goes before us and behind us.

### **We come to be sent out to share God's glory revealed. Thanks be to God!**

**Amen.**

### **\*Hymn: 517**

*Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

## **Opening Prayer**

Radiant God, we come to you on the mountaintop to experience your glory. You come to us in the valleys. We meet you in gladness in a place where heaven and earth collide. May our worship of you encourage us on the journey and make us aspire to reflect your kingdom in the world. Transform us and keep us near to you. Amen.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully. We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises, and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart. You have given us a love more fully than anything we could experience in this world but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security. Forgive us. Call us back to**

**You that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid. May we hear the words so clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration; may we rise up and not be afraid. In the name of Jesus, who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

You are God's Beloved; with you, God is well pleased. You are renewed and restored. You are forgiven and loved. You are a new creation in Christ, everything old has passed away; see, everything is becoming new. Go and share the good news of God's love. Amen.

**Hymn: 447      97th Birthday for Nancy Hess on February 21st**

*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.*

**\*(10:30 a.m.) Liturgy for the Reception of New Members: 170**

John and Anne Fritts

**Handbell Choir: Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

Arr., Jason W. Krug

**Shared Joys, Concerns and Prayer**

**Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

(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

(10:30 a.m.) You Belong Video

\***Hymn:** 326

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here*

**Message:** *Missing*

Pastor Sayward Lippincott

**The Offering of Tithes and Gifts**

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

(10:30 a.m.) **Offertory Anthem:** *Room at the Welcome Table*

*Traditional Spirituals*

*Welcome Table and Plenty Good Room*

Arr. Craig Curry

*I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days. Hallelujah!*

*I'm gonna feast on milk and honey one of these days. Hallelujah!*

*I'm gonna walk those streets of glory one of these days. Hallelujah!*

*Because there's plenty good room in my Father's kingdom,*

*Plenty good room, so choose your seat and sit down.*

*I would not be a sinner, I'll tell you the reason why,*

*'Cause if my Lord should call my name, I wouldn't be ready to die.*

*All God's children gonna sit together one of these days! Hallelujah!*

*Choose your seat and sit down!*

Samantha Katzaman and Michelle Phillips, Soloists

\***Offertory Response:** 819

*For the Life That You Have Given*

\***Offertory Prayer**

\***Hymn:** 541

*To God Whose Mercy Knows No Bounds*

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** *Postlude on "Lasst uns erfreuen"*

Hal Hopson



The red rose displayed today is in celebration of  
the birth of Bridget Rose Donnelly,  
born on February 7th, 2026 to proud parents,  
Kevin and Gwen Donnelly.

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## **Serving Today:**

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

**Head Usher:** Pete Bainbridge

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

**Worship Leader:** Chris Rickson

**Sound Booth Personnel:** Wayne Wolf

**Nursery:** Priscilla Stoner, Carol Mizeras and Linden Hall Volunteers



## **Invite Packs Available – Lenten Desserts & Discussion**

As we prepare for this year's Lenten series,  
A Lenten Journey with Mr. Rogers: "Won't You Be My Neighbor?",  
*we invite you to help share the welcome.*

If you would like to extend an invitation to family, friends, co-workers—and of course, neighbors—we've made it simple! "Invite Packs" are available in The Star Room, each containing six invitation cards ready to share.

Families are welcome to join with children, as we will be having a quiet themed craft to make with our Children's Ministry Coordinator.

Pick up a pack (or two!) and prayerfully consider who might appreciate a warm evening of desserts, discussion, and meaningful conversation this Lent. Thank you for helping extend fellowship and neighborly kindness as we open our doors and hearts to the community at Lititz Moravian Congregation.

# A Journey of Preparation: Lent

***Wednesday, February 18th  
Ash Wednesday***

## **Drive-Through Ashes**

If the evening service doesn't fit your schedule, come receive drive-through ashes from 2:00–4:00 pm. Bring a friend, neighbor, or family member who may appreciate a simple, meaningful way to begin Lent.

Begin the season of Lent with prayer and intention, all from the comfort of your car.

Pastor Sayward will be available under the portico near the Star Room entrance.

Whether you're on the go, longing for a quiet moment of prayer, or need an accessible option without entering the sanctuary, this offers a simple and meaningful way to begin the Lenten season. ***All are welcome.***

## **Ash Wednesday Service**

Begin your Lenten journey with a reflective, meaningful evening service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m., and invite family and friends to share this time of worship with you.



R.S.V.P.  
Sheet in  
Star Room  
or register by  
QR code

In Person or  
Zoom!!



# Won't You Be My Neighbor?

## *A Lenten Journey with Mr. Rogers*

This Lent, join us for a thoughtful and hope-filled Wednesday evening series—biblically inspired, warmly shared in love, and rooted in community.

Families and children are welcome to be part of the evening. After a brief opening discussion together, children will head off with our Children's Ministry Coordinator for a quiet, theme-related craft, while adults continue the conversation around the weekly lesson.

Through Scripture, meaningful discussion, and clips from Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, we'll explore what it means to live as faithful neighbors—practicing love and care in a world that deeply needs it.

In Person or  
Zoom!!

Wednesdays in Lent

February 25th - March 25th

R.S.V.P. for each date and total number attending on sheet in Star Room

- **Desserts & Drinks at 6:15 p.m. in Social Hall**

(Discussion to begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.)

- **Come for community and conversation.**

Wherever you are on your journey,  
you are warmly welcome here.

“Love is at the root of everything.”

— Fred Rogers



# A Journey of Preparation: Lent

**Palm Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Holy Week Worship Services**  
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Maundy Thursday Communion**  
7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday Service**  
2:15 p.m.

**Great Sabbath Lovefeast**  
Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

## **Easter Morning**

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service - Sanctuary and walk to God's Acre  
8:00 a.m. Easter Morning Communion - Chapel in Brothers House  
10:30 a.m. Easter Morning Worship



# Announcements

## February 15, 2026

### YOU BELONG



*You Belong* is a nonprofit organization serving the Green Bay area, offering programs and support for families, individuals living with disabilities, and their caregivers.

Through Joyful Noise Offerings, Lititz Moravian Congregation has supported their mission over the years.

A professional restoration company is currently assessing the extent of damage after a pipe burst in the kitchen causing extensive damage.

They are working toward the necessary repairs so this vital ministry can continue serving the community.

**The Joyful Noise collection this month on February 22<sup>nd</sup> will be for You Belong. *Don't just make it jingle - let's make it overflow!***  
***The less noise you make - the bigger the impact!***



Calling all sweet-makers!

Our Lenten Discussions kick off February 25, and we could use a little extra sugar and grace at the dessert table. If baking is your love language (or you just make a really good cookie), we'd love for you to share!

Please sign up on the dessert sign-up sheet in the Star Room and help us make this Lenten season a little sweeter—one treat at a time.



# Easter Lilies



As we look ahead to Easter, you are invited to honor or remember a loved one by placing an Easter lily in the church on Easter Sunday. These flowers help beautify our worship space while offering a meaningful way to give thanks and remembrance.

If you would like to participate, please return this form to the Church Office or place it in the Sunday offering plate no later than March 30. The cost is \$20 per lily. Kindly include your payment when submitting the order form. Make checks payable to Lititz Moravian Flower Fund with "Easter Lilies" noted in the memo line.

Lilies may be picked up following the 10:30 a.m. Easter service on Sunday, April 5.

Thank you for sharing in this meaningful tradition as we celebrate the hope of Easter together.



Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Plant:

In HONOR or in MEMORY of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one)

Second Plant:

In HONOR or in MEMORY of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one)

Third Plant:

In HONOR or in MEMORY of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one)

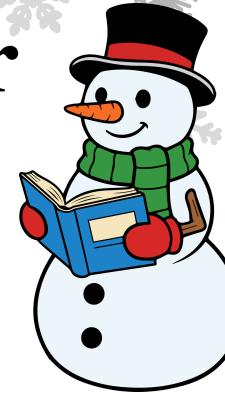
Number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 / each = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you are enclosing cash or check number: \_\_\_\_\_



# Preschool Story Hour

Preschool Story Hour  
will be this Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>  
in The Book Nook at 9:30 a.m.



Currently Full; Please register for waitlist off our website ([www.lititzmoravian.org](http://www.lititzmoravian.org)) for future openings!

## C A N D L E M A K E R S



Christmas is over and the freezers are empty.  
It is time to start to make more vigil candles!

**Recycling old beeswax candles will be on  
Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.  
in the Heritage Dining Room.**

*Thank you to Larry and Dianne Zimmerman for  
over 17 years of dedicated leadership of the  
Vigil Candlemakers for their continued support.  
Your faithfulness has meant so much to  
our congregation.*

## Spring Clean-Up and Mulch Day

### Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

(Rain Date: Saturday, March 28th)

Help us *dig in, pitch in, and mulch-iply* the beauty around  
Church Square as we prepare for Easter!  
Many hands make light (and fun!) work -  
invite family, friends, Scouts and  
neighbors to serve alongside you.



Come ready to get a little dirty for a beautiful cause -  
and bring another pair of hands with you!

You're invited to experience a meaningful evening of reflection and storytelling by being a part of The Last Supper.

# BE PART OF THE LAST SUPPER



Join us for a live dramatization of The Last Supper,  
inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's painting.

Hear the disciples share how their lives were changed by Jesus—  
and how that story continues to speak to us today.

Whether this is your church home or your first visit,  
all are welcome to gather with us.

This free presentation is open to friends, neighbors, and families—  
come and experience it together.

**Saturday, March 28th  
7:00 pm located in Fellowship Hall**

# LITITZ DAY OF PRAYER

**Friday March 6, 2026 at 7pm**

with music by the Lititz Moravian Trombone Choir  
starting at 6:30

**Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
26 Owl Hill Road, Lititz

**Celebrating  
60 years  
of  
Warwick  
Released  
Time**

Guest Speaker

**John Courschesne**

Director of Development  
at Kenbrook Bible Camp

Special Music by  
Saint James Folk Group

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

A free-will offering will be taken in support of the  
Warwick Released Time Program

Presented by the Warwick Association of Church Women

# **finding your way**

## **young adult retreat 2026**

### **camp hope | march 27-29**

**Join us for a weekend retreat at Camp Hope as we worship, connect, explore and wonder together. Led by Moravian Pastor Jennika Eckhaus, Director of Moravian Church Relations at the Moravian School of Theology this retreat will be full of love, joy, and fellowship as we gather together in the beautiful New Jersey forests around Little Silver Lake.**

**Program cost is \$145 for the weekend, but we do not want cost to be a barrier for participation. Scholarships are available, please contact Jennika for financial assistance via email at [eckhausj@moravian.edu](mailto:eckhausj@moravian.edu)**

**For young adults aged 18-30. Visit [camphope.org](http://camphope.org) or scan the QR code to register.**





## 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

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### 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](http://www.moravian.org/equip)

For questions email [amy@mcnp.org](mailto:amy@mcnp.org)



Good things  
Are Coming



## Wednesday, February 18th

Ash Wednesday Drive-Thru Ashes 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

## Friday, February 20th

9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Hour in The Book Nook

## Sunday, February 22nd

Lenten Holy Communion with Joyful Noise for You Belong

## Every Wednesday from February 25th - March 25th

(6:00 - 7:30 p.m.) Lenten Desserts & Discussion  
“Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”

## Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. Candlemakers - Recycle Vigil beeswax candles  
Heritage Dining Room

## Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Daylight Savings Time at 2:00 a.m. - “Spring” clocks forward one hour

## Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Spring Clean Up & Mulch Day



## Sunday, March 29th

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

## Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

Holy Week Services

## Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service // 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion - Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Resurrection Day Service - Sanctuary



## Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> - Kid’s Night Out!

Kid’s Night Out will be back AGAIN with more fun!

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. End of School Splash Bash!  
Watch for details to sign up coming soon!

# Take

## Note...



Need to jot down a reminder, a note or something special you are taking away with today's worship?  
Use this space to write down things to remember once you get home!

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**Congregational Watchword for 2026:  
Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch  
cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in  
the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.  
John 15:4**

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## **PRAAYER 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

### ***Prayers of Healing for:***

Barry Erb  
Jeff Bamberger  
Pastor Dean Jurgen  
Meda Hostetter  
Erelene Deist  
Joan Keenen  
Marilyn Diener  
Lisa Donmoyer  
Susan Yeagley  
Roger Groce  
Melissa Hostetter  
Carol Dague  
Brenda Watson  
Neil Shelley

### ***Pastoral Visitation:***

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

## **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

### **Completed Month of December**

|                           | <b>2024</b> | <b>2025</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Tithes & Offerings        | \$78,166    | \$62,265    |
| General Fund Other Income | \$9,735     | \$14,241    |
| General Fund Expenses     | \$55,136    | \$54,484    |
| Net Income                | \$32,765    | \$22,022    |

### **YTD Through the Month of December**

|                           | <b>2024</b> | <b>2025</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Tithes & Offerings        | \$609,738   | \$616,726   |
| General Fund Other Income | \$86,653    | \$106,110   |
| General Fund Expense      | \$664,419   | \$730,933   |
| Net Income                | \$31,972    | \$(8,097)   |

## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, February 15, 2026**

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

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

12:00 p.m. Easter Last Supper Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, February 16, 2026**

SPIRE Deadline for March and April submissions

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice

### **Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Liquid Classroom

7:15 p.m. Trombone Choir Practice

### **Wednesday, February 18, 2026 - Ash Wednesday**

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Moravian Women's Circle - Prep Room

2:00 - 4:00p.m. Drive-Thru Ashes (Parking Lot / Carport)

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

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

7:45 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

### **Thursday, February 19, 2026**

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Historical Society - HDR

### **Friday, February 20, 2026**

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

9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Hour - Book Nook (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

- Currently full; Pre-register on website for future openings

### **Saturday, February 21, 2026**

### **Sunday, February 22, 2026**

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship with LIFT Worship & Joyful Noise  
Collection for You Belong

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

No Nursery Available due to LIFT Worship

## Stop. Listen.

Years ago, after having an awful day teaching true little terrors how to ski, a group of us ski instructors went to the local watering hole, where randomly karaoke was going on. With our courage up, as a group we sang songs like “Achy Breaky Heart,” “Copacabana,” and “Just a Friend.” It was a magical moment. So much so that a few weeks later we tried to recreate the event—to no avail.

“Lord, it is good for us to be here!” In this moment, Peter speaks for all of us who have tasted something transcendent and want desperately to make it permanent. He sees the glory, feels the presence, and immediately starts planning how to preserve it. “Let us make three shelters,” he says—the human instinct to build, to contain, to control even the Divine. Up here, surrounded by God's obvious presence, Peter can see clearly. The struggle is absent, doubt has evaporated, and faith comes naturally. The questions are answered. Everything seems right.

But God's guidance cuts directly across human desire. Even as Peter speaks—trying to create space so they can either remain in, or possibly recreate, this holy moment—the voice from the cloud interrupts: “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” God says, “Stop planning, Peter. Stop trying to hold onto this one experience; there will be others. Listen.” Where Peter sees an opportunity to stay, God instructs to listen and (presumably) follow. Where human instinct seeks to make a special event a regular activity, divine guidance points toward listening and following. If we keep going back to the same place, we will for sure miss the new places where God's presence will also be.

I love the Moravian Church, and we suffer from this affliction. We make traditions out of events that were never planned to be more than a one-time thing, and we wonder, “Why don't more people feel this thing that is so special to us?” We are convinced that returning to the same structures on the same mountain is our unique witness to the world, when the voice of God is still saying, “Stop. Listen.”

*Zach Dease, Pastor, King Moravian Church, King, North Carolina*

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**The Moravian Church**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**  
February 15, 2026

