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

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

4th Sunday of Lent

*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: "Air" from *Orchestral Suite No. 3*

J. S. Bach

Welcome, Greeting and Announcements

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)**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to God all my life long.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord:

Who made heaven and earth, and all that is in them.

Who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoner free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow,

But the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

***Hymn: 548**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Liturgy for Lent 2: 78

Handbell Choir: *As Long As I Have Breath*

Sue Farrar / arr. Mary Kay Parrish

Death Announcement for Marie Morman

Trombone Choir

Joys, Concerns and Prayer

Scripture: John 9:1-41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this

not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the he." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son

of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

(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

***Hymn:** 719 *Be Thou My Vision*

Message: *Dirty Hands* Pastor Sayward Lippincott

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

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

(10:30 a.m.) **Offertory Anthem:** *Fly Away Home* Pinkzebra

*I'll ride with the horses. I'll swim through the sea.
I'll climb to the mountaintops. Won't you come follow me?
I'll take time to notice all that I see.*

And after I've come so far, you'll know where I'll be.

I'll fly away, fly away, fly away, fly away home.

Well life is a vision. That's how it should be.

The world is a canvas. And the choices are free.

At the end of the journey, when all is complete,

They'll all wonder where I've gone but you know where I'll be.

I'll fly away, fly away, fly away, fly away home.

Our dreams last forever, for all that we know.

The roads come together and that's where we'll go.

We'll fly away, fly away, fly away home.

***Offertory Response:** 817 *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn:** 783 *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*

Benediction

Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in C Major* J. S. Bach



The white rose is displayed in memory of Marie Morman, who entered into the Church Triumphant on March 7th, 2026. Visitation will be on Saturday, March 28th at 10:30 a.m. and service in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m.

Graveside service will be private.

Please keep the Morman family in your prayers.

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Serving Today:

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

Head Usher: Pete Bainbridge

Scripture Reader: (8:00 a.m.) Tim Naisby
(10:30 a.m.) Steve Bell

Worship Leader: (8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.) Chris Styers

Sound Booth Personnel: Chris Rickson

Nursery: Priscilla Stoner, Rachel Best & Linden Hall Volunteers

In Person or
Zoom!!

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

A Lenten Journey with Mr. Rogers

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



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.

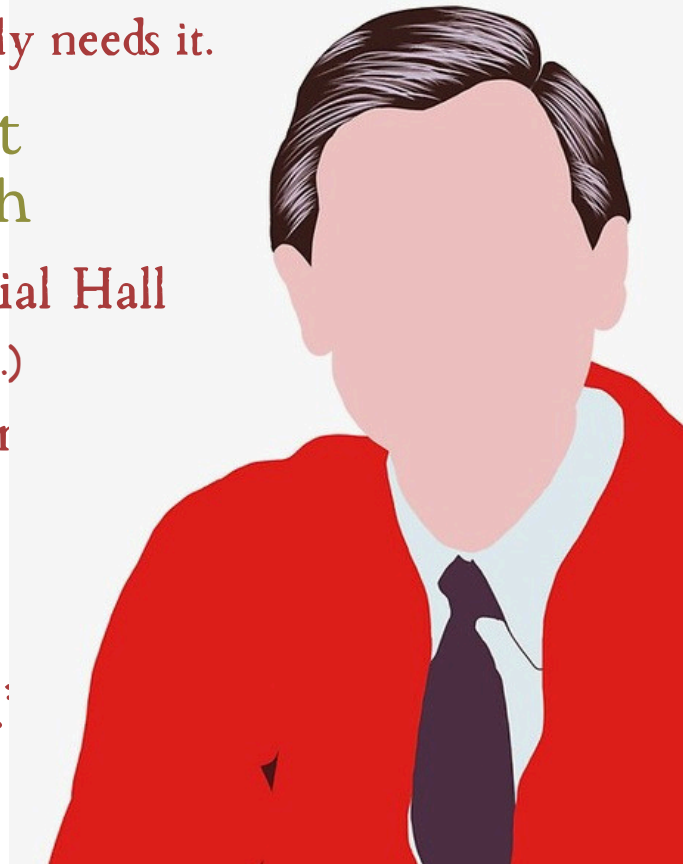
Through Scripture, meaningful discussion, and clips from Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, we'll explore what it means to live as faithful neighbors—practicing love and care in a world that deeply needs it.

In Person or
Zoom!!

Wednesdays in Lent
through March 25th

- 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

All Holy Week services
will be livestreamed on our
website with the
exception of Sunrise Service

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

March 15, 2026

Calling All Green Thumbs



Spring Clean-Up and Mulch Day

Saturday, March 21st

(Rain Date: Saturday, March 28th)



Help us *dig in, pitch in, and mulch-ibly* 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!

Calling All Gardeners!

The Cemetery Board is inviting individuals or groups who would enjoy planting and caring for selected flower beds on our church grounds. This is a wonderful way to share your gifts, nurture beauty, and help keep our church property welcoming for all.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Dave Cochran at dlcochran65@gmail.com or reach out to the church office at office@lititzmoravian.org.

Thank you for helping to beautify our church home and grounds!

Available flower beds: Cedar Street Cemetery entrance, Memorial Arch, General Sutter's grave, around Sunday School Building, Main Street sign, Memorial Garden, ~~Rock bed above God's Acre (Dorinda Cochran)~~





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: _____

CANDLEMAKERS

Christmas has come and gone, and our candle supply has burned bright! Now it's time to gather, recycle, and prepare to shine again!



Heritage Dining Room
Thursdays through May 7th - 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays through May 2nd - 9:00 a.m.
(exception: No candlemaking during Holy Week)

ATTENTION

Members of
The Last Supper Drama will be
having practice today after
2nd worship
(around 11:45am)
in Fellowship Hall.

Preschool Story Hour

Friday, March 20th from 9:30 - 10:30 am

Storytime, Crafts 

Snacks & Song

**Scan QR code
to join waitlist!**



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



Prayer & Lay Leadership: 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.

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 3: Prayers for Worship

Led by the Rev. Dr. Riddick Weber **Date: March 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Note date change!** 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.

Session 4: Praying on the Spot

Led by the Eastern District Executive Board **Date: April 27, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.**

Have you ever been asked to pray in public without any warning? What goes through your mind in that moment? Are there tips that can help you offer a meaningful prayer? Yes! Come and explore with us as we share practical guidance and encouragement for praying confidentially and faithfully when called upon.

Recordings of Sessions 1 and 2 are coming soon and will be posted on their website.

Scan the QR Code to Learn More & Register

Visit our website at www.moravian.org/equip

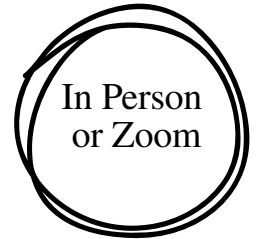
For questions email amy@mcnp.org



Good Things Are Coming



Every Wednesday through March 25th
(6:00 - 7:30 p.m.) Lenten Desserts & Discussion
"Won't You Be My Neighbor?"
Register for Discussions here!



Every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. through May 7th &
Every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. through May 2nd
(NOTE: No candlemaking during Holy Week)
Candlemakers to Recycle Vigil beeswax candles
Craft and Putz Rooms

Saturday, March 21st
Spring Clean Up & Mulch Day



Sunday, March 29th
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship

Monday, March 30th - Saturday, April 4th
Holy Week Services

Sunday, April 5th - Easter Sunday
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service // 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion - Chapel
10:30 a.m. Resurrection Day Service - Sanctuary

Sunday, May 10th
Christian Family Lovefeast



Saturday, May 30th - 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 in early May!

Sunday, June 7th
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Pentecost Communion

**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**

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. Cdr. Dain Bomberger, US Navy;
Staff Sgt. Austin Heacock

Prayers of Healing for:

Barry Erb
Jeff Bamberger
Pastor Dean Jurgen
Meda Hostetter
Erelene Deist
Marilyn Diener
Susan Yeagley
Roger Groce
Melissa Hostetter
Carol Dague
Cindy Herr
Greg Laubach
Marilyn Copenhaver

Pastoral Visitation:

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

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of January 2026

	2025	2026
Tithes & Offerings	\$60,517	\$50,380
General Fund Other Income	\$11,648	\$10,829
General Fund Expenses	\$76,862	\$73,083
Net Income	\$(4,698)	\$(11,874)

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 15, 2026

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship with Handbell Choir
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:45 a.m. Last Supper Drama (Practice) - Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 16, 2026

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery
6:30 p.m. Trustees Board Meeting - Liquid Classroom
7:15 p.m. Trombone Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Moravian Women's Circle - Prep Room
6:15 p.m. Lenten Desserts & Discussion - Social Hall
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall
7:45 p.m. Senior Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 19, 2026

6:30 p.m. Vigil Candle Prep - Craft & Putz Rooms
7:00 p.m. Historical Society - HDR
7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 20, 2026

9:00 a.m. Beginner Yoga - Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Hour - Book Nook (2nd Floor)
10:00 a.m. Gift Shop Open

Saturday, March 21, 2026

8:00 a.m. Grounds Spring Clean-Up & Mulching
9:00 a.m. Vigil Candle Prep - Craft & Putz Rooms
10:00 a.m. Gift Shop Open

Sunday, March 22, 2026

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship with LIFT and Joyful Noise (Camp Hope)
No Nursery Available this week due to LIFT Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
7:00 p.m. Last Supper Dress Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Lord, I Believe

Jesus saw a blind man as he was walking along, and he and his disciples began a conversation about why the man was born blind. They asked whether it was the man himself or the man's parents who had sinned, to cause him to be born blind. Jesus ended the conversation by saying that sin is not the problem here. Rather, the man came to Jesus so that God's works might be revealed. Jesus restored the man's sight.

The neighbors who were used to seeing the blind man begging along the road couldn't believe it was the same man. The man assured them he was one they had seen begging and told them what Jesus did to heal his blindness.

The Pharisees also questioned the man. For them, the first problem was that Jesus had performed this miraculous healing on the Sabbath. The man who healed could not be a man from God, because he did not observe the Sabbath rules.

They had so many questions about the man's healing that they went to the man's parents, who said that he was born without sight, but he could now see. They suggested that since he was an adult, the Pharisees should ask him themselves. The seeing man couldn't explain what had happened, but he was sure that Jesus was sent from God. The Pharisees sent the man away.

Later Jesus came to the man and asked him whether he believed in the Son of Man. Not knowing what Jesus meant, he asked, "Who is the Son of Man? Tell me so that I can believe in him." Jesus assured him that he was the Son of Man, and the man said, "Lord, I believe."

In this case, seeing is believing.

Kay Ward, bishop, retired pastor, Watertown, Wisconsin

The Moravian Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026

