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Mission Statement:

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

**April 26, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**8:00 a.m. & 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  
Pastors: 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  
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:** *Pastorale*

Herbert Sumsion

**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)**

Easter people, we gather to worship and to listen, to learn the sound, the feel, the cadence of the Shepherd's voice.

**We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.**

We gather to worship and to discern, to learn how to recognize our Shepherd's voice amidst the chaos and noise of our lives.

**We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.**

We gather to worship and to find shelter, to learn to trust our Shepherd's voice to guide us to safety and provide for us in all things.

**We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.**

Come, let us worship as we listen for the voice of Jesus who guides us, protects us, provides for us, and draws us together in community.

**We come to worship as the family of Christ, a flock seeking and following our Shepherd's voice. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** 368

*With High Delight Let Us Unite*

**Opening Prayer:**

Loving Shepherd,  
you know our names;  
you care for us.

When we face darkness and death,  
journey beside us.

When we hunger for your love,  
fill us with your presence.

When we are fearful,  
feed us at your table.

May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy  
all the days of our lives. Amen.

**Prayer of Confession:**

**God of wisdom,**

**we confess the foolishness of our ways,**

**and our failure to follow you in your paths of right relationships –  
with you and with others.**

**We have gone astray; we feel lost.**

**We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others.**

**We have failed to be generous with the poor**

**and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice.**

**We feel the stains of our sins, God;**

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**Wash the sinfulness out of us**

**and help us to live more faithfully as your servants.**

**We seek your unfailing Lordship**

**and ask for your guiding hand on our lives.**

**You are the immortal, invisible One;**

**to you be honor and glory forever; amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

Merciful and loving God,

we thank you for never losing hope for us.

When we are lost, you are there on the lookout for us,

bringing us back to you like the good shepherd that you are.

Your Word tells us of the joy in heaven that awaits us.

May this joy flow into our lives each day,

and be faithfully reflected into the world around us.

Thanks be to God, our Great Shepherd.

**Hymn: 447            91<sup>st</sup> Birthday for Lottie Stoner on May 1<sup>st</sup>**

*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, Concerns & Pastoral Prayer**

**Death Announcement for Ginny Sipe**

**Trombone Choir**

**Scripture:** John 10:1-10

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

**Children's Sunday School Choir:**

*He is Alive*

**Children's Chat:**

Allyson Miller

**Joyful Noise Collection for Board of World Mission General Fund**

**\*Hymn:** 480

*At the Name of Jesus*

**Message:** *Why*

Pastor Sayward Lippincott

**The Offering's of Tithes and Gifts**

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

(10:30 a.m.) **Offertory Anthem:** *For the Music of Creation*

*Rustington*  
C. Hubert H. Parry

*For the music of creation, for the song your Spirit sings,  
For your sound's divine expression, burst of joy in living things:  
God, our God, the world's composer, hear us, echoes of your voice;  
Music is your art, your glory, let the human heart rejoice!  
Psalms and symphonies exalt you, drum and trumpet, string and reed,  
Simple melodies acclaim you, tunes that rise from deepest need,  
Hymns of longing and belonging, carols from a cheerful throat,  
Lilt of lullaby and love song catching heaven in a note.  
All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet,  
Worship lifting up the senses, hands that praise, and dancing feet;  
Over discord and division music speaks your joy and peace,  
Harmony of earth and heaven, song of God that cannot cease!  
Music is your art, your glory, let the human heart rejoice!*

**\*Offertory Response:** 815

*Our Tithes and Offerings, Lord, We Bring*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** 662

*Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** *Fanfare*

Kenneth Leighton



The white rose is displayed in memory of Ginny Sipe, who entered into the Church Triumphant on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Please keep the Sipe family in your prayers.

Funeral Services will be held at  
Lititz Moravian Congregation on  
Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.  
Visitation and Graveside will be private.

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**Serving Today:**

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

**Head Usher:** Tim Hartel

**Worship Leader:** Gary Bailey

**Scripture Reader:** (8:00 a.m.) Gary Bailey

(10:30 a.m.) LIFT Worship Leaders

**Sound Booth Personnel:** Thaddeus Lippincott

**No Nursery Available due to LIFT Worship**

# Announcements

## April 26, 2026

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*Reminder for today...*

**Join us  
immediately  
following the  
2<sup>nd</sup> worship  
in  
Fellowship Hall  
for a  
Congregational “Town Hall” Meeting  
to discuss  
Lititz’s Bylaws.**

The bylaws are available in the Star Room to reserve your own copy for review.

SAVE  
*the*  
DATE

Weekend of  
June 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>



Celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> and  
the Naming of the Town of Lititz

Watch Lititz Historical Foundation for more event details!



Lititz Moravian will host a  
Moravian Singstunde, or “Singing Hour”,  
on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.



*Come sing with us!* Join us in the Sanctuary for a Moravian Singstunde —  
a lively tradition where all are welcome to lift their voices together.

Led by Dr. Jeffrey Gemmell, Director of Music Ministries,  
and accompanied by the Lititz Moravian Choir and a string ensemble,  
this will be an hour filled with music and joy!



Afterward, head over to Fellowship Hall for a special demonstration of  
the historic Tannenber organ.





# GOD'S BIG SPLASH BASH

**KIDS' NIGHT OUT**

**LITITZ MORAVIAN CHURCH**

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**SATURDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>**



• **GAMES AND CRAFTS!**

**MUSIC & SNACKS** •

• **8 CHURCH SQUARE**

Kids in Kindergarten – 6th grade are invited to join us for an evening full of faith, fun, and water-filled excitement! We'll dive into games, laughter, music, and a splash-tastic reminder of God's love that surrounds us like an ocean.

Bring your friends, wear clothes that can get a little wet, and come ready for a night you won't forget!



# KIDS *Summer* CAMP

join us for  
the summer!  
registration  
is open!



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activities



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# CAMP HOPE 2026

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**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Musical  
Theater  
June 27 -  
July 4  
Grades 5-9

Primary  
July 5 - 11  
Grades 3 & 4

Middler  
July 12 - 18  
Grades 5 & 6

Junior High  
July 19 - 25  
Grades 7 & 8

Senior High  
July 26 -  
August 1  
Grades 9-12

Junior Park  
Ranger Camp  
August 2 - 8  
Grades 3-6

Pre-Primary  
August 2 - 5  
Grades 1 & 2



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call: (908) 459-4435



## COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Community Garden has been providing fresh produce to the Warwick Hub since Summer 2024.

To supplement the garden's yield, Lititz Moravian still delivers fresh produce to the Hub biweekly, which is purchased at Green Hills in Lititz.

The funds to purchase produce are starting to run low due to purchasing produce through the winter. If you would like to donate to keep this ministry delivering fresh produce, please send a check to the church office made out to "Lititz Moravian Congregation" and notation for "Community Garden".  
Thank you!

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## *Rooted in Care, Blooming in Love*



Thank you to everyone who signed up to tend the garden beds around Church Square. Your care and dedication help create a welcoming space of beauty for all who visit and worship here.

There is still one garden space available at the Cedar Street Cemetery entrance. If you'd like to put on your gloves and plant some blooms, please contact Dave Cochran at [dlcochran65@gmail.com](mailto:dlcochran65@gmail.com).

Thank you again to everyone who is helping make our grounds a place of warmth and hospitality for all:

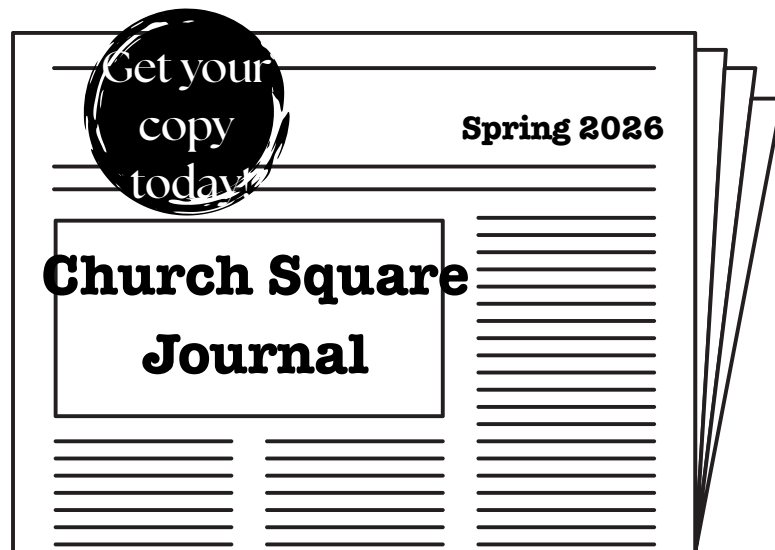
Dorinda Cochran, Kim & Don Stoner,  
Al & Donna Olah, Sue Snyder,  
Brenda & Rich Barnes, Darrell & Linda Sonnen



*Join us in showing love to our community!*

We'll be collecting diapers, wipes,  
and *new* sleep sets during  
Mother's Day and Father's Day Worship Services  
for House of His Creation.

Look for the donation box in the Star Room and be  
part of making a difference  
for local families.



Copies of the Spring 2026 Church Square Journal  
are located in the Star & Elbow Rooms

# *Good Things are Coming!*

**Sunday, May 10th** - Mother's Day  
Christian Family Lovefeast

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Birthday Celebration after 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship in Fellowship Hall  
(NOTE: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday this month)

**Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Kids Night Out - "God's Big Splash Bash!"  
Registration open now!

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Dr. Rev. Mandy Mastro's Installation

**No LIFT Worship from May - August.**  
**Last day of Children / Youth Sunday School, Wired Word & Nursery is May 17<sup>th</sup> until beginning of September.**

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Pentecost Communion  
Honor High School Graduates during Worship

**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**  
3:00 pm - Moravian Singstunde ("Singing Hour") - Sanctuary  
Tannenberg Organ Demonstration (following) - Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** - Father's Day  
8:00 am - Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:30 am - Outdoor Worship on Square (Weather Pending)

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**  
10:30 am - Independence Day Lovefeast (only worship)

**Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 pm - Vespers In The Park - Lititz Springs Park

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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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### **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*  
*Meda Hostetter*  
*Erelene Deist*  
*Marilyn Diener*  
*Susan Yeagley*  
*Roger Groce*  
*Melissa Hostetter*  
*Carol Dague*  
*Greg Laubach*  
*Marilyn Copenhaver*  
*Charlene Van Brookhoven*  
*Joyce Nolt*

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

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

### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

#### **Completed Month of March 2026**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Tithes & Offerings	\$43,977	\$46,457
General Fund Other Income	\$11,209	\$10,597
General Fund Expenses	\$73,772	\$64,812
Net Income	\$(18,585)	\$(7,758)

#### **YTD Through the Month of March 2026**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Tithes & Offerings	\$155,844	\$167,368
General Fund Other Income	\$23,848	\$24,803
General Fund Expense	\$209,973	\$197,547
Net Income	\$(30,281)	\$(5,375)

## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, April 26, 2026**

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship with Joyful Noise Collection  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages  
11:30 a.m. Congregational "Town Hall" Meeting - Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, April 27, 2026**

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Community Band Practice - Fellowship Hall  
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir - Prep Room

### **Tuesday, April 28, 2026 -**

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery  
7:15 p.m. Trombone Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, April 29, 2026 -**

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

### **Thursday, April 30, 2026 -**

6:30 p.m. Vigil Candle Prep - Craft Room - FINAL Candle Prep  
7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, May 1, 2026**

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

### **Saturday, May 2, 2026 -**

### **Sunday, May 3, 2026 -**

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School - All Ages

## Abundant Living

When so many are plagued by a scarcity mind-set, today's passage reminds us that Jesus does not want us to be limited in any way, but wants us to have life and to have it to the fullest. We hear about sheep, the shepherd who protects them, and the strangers, thieves, and bandits that come to steal and destroy. What are the things that get in the way of living abundantly? The thieves and bandits are often our own worries, fears, and feelings of inadequacy, and thinking small.

I work with many unhoused people. Often, because of challenging circumstances they have lost their ability to dream. They must focus on survival. They may be able to think about today or tomorrow, but the ability to think or plan a week out seems frivolous and almost impossible. Another way that I have seen this play out is during job searches with people. My first questions are, What would you like to be doing? What brings joy? Most struggle with those questions. Their concern is not enjoyment or fulfillment; it is paying bills. While that is necessary, making some type of connection between employment and enjoyment is a step toward abundant living. Allowing space for that conversation often feels foolish.

A week after our regular pianist gave me her vacation dates, I was overjoyed when in one of these conversations a person mentioned that playing piano used to bring joy. They were able to step in and play, and it led them to apply for other church musician positions.

Jesus does not want us to fall prey to tangible bandits or those in our minds. Jesus wants us to remember that he will supply all of our needs and so much more. Jesus will provide all that is necessary for an abundant life. All we have to do is dream and trust.

*Mandy Mastros, pastor, Lancaster Moravian Church,  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania*

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# The Moravian Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

