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Mission Statement:

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

**May 17, 2026**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Moravian Music Sunday**

**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.*

(8:00 a.m.) **Prelude:** Selections from *Nine Preludes*

Christian Latrobe

(10:00 a.m.) **Prelude**

Trombone Choir

### **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.*

**\*Hymn:** 532

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

**\*Liturgy for Moravian Music Sunday (Leader / Congregation)**

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

Tune: *Mit Freuden zart*

Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the  
God of all cre - a - tion, the God of pow'r, the

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre - a - tion, the God of pow'r, the'. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

God of love, the God of our sal - va - tion. My  
soul with com - fort rich he fills, and ev - 'ry grief he  
gent - ly stills: to God all praise and glo - ry!

Let us give thanks to the Father, who has enabled us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

**He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

In Him all things in heaven and on earth were created.

**He himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.**

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, to which indeed we were called in the one body.

**Above all, may we clothe ourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.**

1. Lord Je-sus, you are wor-thy for all on earth to— praise; our  
2. And I, un - wor - thy sin - ner when kneel - ing at— your feet, — can

hymns in— glad thanks - giv - ing in grat - i - tude we— raise, — for  
see that— my re - demp-tion in you is now com - plete:— in

all you did on Calv' - ry when suf - fring on the tree, — the  
faith I now would serve you through all my earth - ly days, — and

world from sin's do - min-ion most won-drous - ly — set — free. —  
then in heav'n - ly — glo - ry my ha - le - lu - jahs raise. —

*Lord Jesus, you are worthy* © Albert H. Frank. Used by permission.

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for every good gift. On this day especially we thank you for your creative gifts to us, which cause us to enrich our lives and experience through science and art, literature and drama, words and music.

**For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands we sing for joy.**

We thank you especially for your gifts to the Moravian Church: devotion to the Savior, simplicity, our strong sense of community and fellowship, and our long-standing dedication to spreading your gospel.

**We thank you for our musical heritage, through which we  
draw closer to you and to one another.**

Inspire and bless those who write and compose, those who play and sing, those who lead and teach.

**As you have helped us through the centuries to sing our faith,  
so move within each one of us today, that all our gifts may  
unite in your service.**

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,

**In whose holy name we pray. Amen.**

Tune: *Covenant* (185A)

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time, featuring a key signature of three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you shall re - main for - ev - er of our songs the on - ly theme; for your boundless love, your grace and fa - vor, we will praise your". The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady accompaniment.

sav - ing name; that for our trans - gres - sions you were wound - ed

shall by us in no - bler strains be sound - ed, when we, per - fect -

ed in love, once shall join the church a - bove.

**Hymn: 447**

91st Birthday for Marilyn Diener on May 20th

96th Birthday for Claire dePerrot on May 22nd

**With your presence, Lord, our Head and Savior,**

**Bless them now we humbly pray;**

**Our dear heavenly Father's love and favor**

**Be their comfort every day.**

**May God's Spirit now in each proceeding**

**Favor them with His most gracious leading;**

**Thus shall they be truly blessed both in labor and in rest.**

## Joys, Concerns & Prayer

### Death Announcement for Barry Erb

Children's Chat Hymn: 726

Children's Chat

\*Hymn: 525

Singstunde

Trombone Choir

*Jesus Loves Me! This I Know*

Pastor Sayward Lippincott

*Join We All with One Accord*

**Peace with God (Psalm 85:8, NIV):** "I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly)

Hymn: 710

*Peace, Perfect Peace*

Hymn: 592

*I've Got Peace like a River*

**Peace with Ourselves (Philippians 4:6-7, NIV):** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hymn: 739

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

Hymn: 754

*When Peace, like a River*

**Peace with Others (Romans 12:17-21, NIV):** Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hymn: 687

*God, Teach Us Peacemaking*

Hymn: 693

*Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

## The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

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

(10:30 a.m.) **Offertory Anthem:** *Come, Let Us Sing*

Ezechiel John Williams (b. 1943)  
(Port Elizabeth, South Africa)

*Come, let us sing, let us sing unto the Lord, our God;  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving.*

*Come let us worship and bow down before God;*

*Come let us kneel before the Lord.*

*For he is our God, and we are his people;*

*We are his people, and the sheep of his hand.*

*Let us shout for joy!*

*Let us shout with psalms and praises;*

*For the Lord is a great God, and the King above all other gods.*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah. Amen!*

Psalm 95: 1-3, 6-7

**Offertory Response:** 650 (v. 3)

*As Saints of Old*

**Offertory Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** 444

*Grace and Peace from God*

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** *Join We All with One Accord*

*Gaudeamus pariter,*  
arr. Robert B. Farlee

The white rose is displayed in memory of Barry Erb,  
who entered into the Church Triumphant on May 10, 2026.  
Please keep the Erb family in your prayers.

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**Serving Today:**

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

**Head Usher:** Pete Bainbridge

**Worship Leader:** Jonathan Kremser

**Scripture Readers:** (8:00 a.m.) Cathy Gelatka

(10:30 a.m.) Diane Bainbridge

**Sound Booth Personnel:** Wayne Wolf

**Nursery:** Priscilla Stoner, Shannon Richard & Linden Hall Volunteers

Reminder - This is the last Sunday for Nursery until September.

# Moravian Music Sunday

An argument has been made that perhaps every Sunday is Moravian Music Sunday and on a certain level that is true. Imagine a service without a liturgy, without hymns, anthems, or a benediction. The message of the service might remain, but all the color would be gone. The qualities that make us who we are would disappear. From the earliest years of the church, music has been used by the Moravians to spread God's message, to build community, and to praise the beauty and glory of God.

This year in the United States we are marking the Semiquincentennial—the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Through all the ups and downs that this country has faced, the Moravians have been there. Back in 1783, with the Revolutionary War finally coming to an end, the Moravians in North Carolina received a letter from Governor Alexander Martin proclaiming July 4th as a day of celebration and thanksgiving. The war had been a trying time for the Moravians, who had found themselves villainized by both sides for their pacifism. The reality was that they had much to lose. Despite the end of the war, their future was far from certain. Their response to this proclamation, however, was a remarkable Lovefeast Ode, which Johann Friedrich Peter named the Psalm of Joy. Written to celebrate the end of the conflict, the Moravians, notably, did not revel in victory, but rather sought unity in the promise of peace. In this year of celebration, turmoil, joy, and anxiety, we choose to honor that legacy by searching for peace in whatever form it can be found. As Moravians have done for centuries, we choose to turn to God and our music. Whether it is on an international, national, local, or even personal level, we are all searching for and praying to find the peace that comes from God's love and presence. On this day, let us remember all of those who are desperately searching for peace in their lives. May we each feel a small part of that peace in the practice of raising our voices together in harmony.

Moravian Music Sunday offers the opportunity to celebrate the joy of music and its importance in the lives of so many Moravians over the centuries. We are reminded today of the importance of our musical heritage and the beauty and comfort it has provided us for generations. The Moravian Music Foundation is an interprovincial agency of the Moravian Church in America, Northern and Southern Provinces. It preserves, shares, and celebrates Moravian music through publications and recordings, workshops and events, educational outreach, and Moravian Music Festivals. The Foundation is the custodian of this legacy, but as Moravians, this music is your inheritance. While we enjoy and cherish our music, we must also protect it for those who have yet to come. Visit the Foundation's website – [MoravianMusic.org](http://MoravianMusic.org) – for more information, and please contact the Foundation's office in Bethlehem or Winston-Salem if the staff can serve you or this congregation.

*Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things!*

“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me.’”  
— Matthew 19:14

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A thank you from Lititz Moravian Congregation to...

**A heartfelt thank you to ALL of our Sunday School teachers, volunteers,  
and Children’s Ministry Coordinator, Allyson,**  
for a wonderful year of Sunday School ministry.

Your faithfulness, care, and dedication have helped hearts *of all ages* grow deeper in their love for Christ and in their understanding of God’s Word. Thank you for sharing your time, gifts, and compassion so generously — what a true blessing you are to our church family!

“Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.”  
— 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

**Sprouts (Preschoolers)**

Kathy Dinkel, Mary Ginder, Rachelle Good, and Kim Stoner

**Rooted (Kindergarten – 5th Grade)**

Karen Keffer, Jan Reidenbaugh, Sandy Roland, Jen Walls, Carter Walls,  
MaryLee Yerger, Shannon Richard, and Allyson Miller

**Cultivate (6th – 12th Grade)**

Pastor Sayward Lippincott

**Wired Word**

Chris Styers, Nan Best, and Liesl Wolf

**Seekers**

Randy Bricker

**Keeping Holy Time**

The entire class

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A heartfelt thank you to all of our **Nursery volunteers** who faithfully care for our youngest children each Sunday and **Sue Bomberger** as our **Nursery Coordinator**.

Your kindness, patience, and loving attention provide a safe and nurturing space where little ones are welcomed and cherished while their families are able to participate in worship. Your ministry offers parents and caregivers the gift of peace of mind and the opportunity to fully engage in the life of the church. Thank you for sharing God’s love in such a meaningful way. Your care for these precious children is a true blessing to our congregation.

# Announcements

## May 17, 2026

### **Exciting things are happening at LMC on May 31st!**

Exciting things are happening at Lititz Moravian Church on Sunday, May 31st and we would love for you to join us — and invite a friend!

We are delighted to celebrate the installation of Pastor Mandy during worship at both the 8:00am and 10:30am services. Following the 10:30am service, everyone is invited to the Social Hall for a light refreshment reception as we welcome Pastor Mandy (back!) into this new chapter of ministry.

May 31st will also be our first Invite-a-Friend Sunday of the year! Whether worshipping in person or online, this is a wonderful opportunity to extend a warm welcome to family members, friends, neighbors, teachers, postal workers, and others in your life.

Invite cards are enclosed in today's bulletin, with extra copies available in the Star Room. If you receive the bulletin by email, you can also print or forward the attached invitation with ease.

Sometimes a simple invitation is all it takes to help someone discover a caring community of faith. Thank you for sharing God's love and inviting others to experience what it is like to worship together here at Lititz Moravian Church.

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### **“Welcome Home, Mandy!”**

We invite you to help us warmly welcome Pastor Mandy  
“back” to Lititz Moravian Congregation!

As she begins this new chapter of ministry with us, we would love  
to bless her with gift cards to local grocery stores, shops,  
and restaurants.

If you would like to participate, please place your gift card donation in the  
designated collection box in the Star Room by Sunday, May 24th.

Thank you for helping us share a warm welcome and support Pastor Mandy  
as she returns to our church family!

Many Thanks To...  
& a Reminder on Locking Up

We extend our **sincere thanks and gratitude** to Bob Turgyan, Paul Swope, Don Stoner, Greg Bomberger, Andy Weik and all who assist in securing the church campus by locking the buildings each evening.

Your care and commitment help keep our church safe and well cared for during this transition period.

As a reminder, anyone with key access to the church during off-hours is kindly asked to ensure all doors are locked and the building is properly secured when leaving.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming space for all.

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## ***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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The **Lititz Moravian Funeral Luncheon Committee** is seeking a congregation member to serve as a Co-Coordinator and share in this meaningful ministry. This role would work alongside the current coordinator to divide responsibilities and communicate together in planning funeral luncheons, including menu planning, budget, kitchen prep and meal deliveries to the church the day of the luncheon.

This ministry provides comfort and care to grieving families, who are deeply appreciative of the loving hospitality offered by our congregation.

If you are organized, budget-conscious, and feel called to support families during times of loss, we would be grateful to have you join this important ministry.

For more information or to express interest, please contact Jaime in the Church Office at (717) 626-8515.

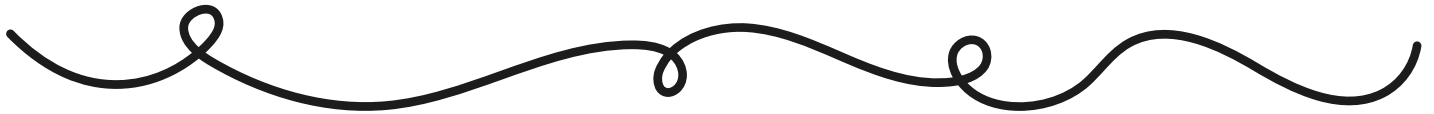
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*the*  
DATE

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!

# CAMP HOPE 2026

15 Ridgeway Avenue, Blairstown, NJ 07825

**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

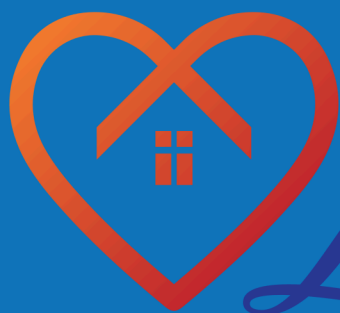
Senior High  
July 26 -  
August 1  
Grades 9-12

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

Pre-Primary  
August 2 - 5  
Grades 1 & 2

For more information, visit:  
[www.camphope.org/camp](http://www.camphope.org/camp)  
email: [hopecenter@camphope.org](mailto:hopecenter@camphope.org)  
call: (908) 459-4435





# COVER US IN *Love*



A COMMUNITY EFFORT TO BLESS 10 FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY HOMES WITH SAFE, NEW ROOFS—**ONE SHINGLE AT A TIME!**

Friendship Community is inviting local churches to join a special mission initiative we're calling "COVER US IN LOVE."

Several of our residential homes, where adults with Intellectual Disability and Autism live, grow, and experience Christ-like love every day, are in urgent need of new roofs.

This year, God has provided a tremendous blessing. **Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)** has offered to donate **all the labor** needed to reroof **10 homes**. Their gift allows every dollar raised to go **directly toward materials**. Each home requires **\$5,000** in supplies.

## HOW YOUR CHURCH CAN HELP: BUY A SHINGLE FOR \$50

- ♥ Buy a Shingle for \$50
- ♥ Write your name or a prayer on a paper shingle
- ♥ "Place" it on the roof of the display house
- ♥ Watch the house fill with love, prayers, and generosity each week

EVERY SHINGLE BRINGS US CLOSER TO PROVIDING SAFE, SECURE, LASTING HOMES FOR THE INDIVIDUALS WE SERVE. EVERY GIFT—LARGE OR SMALL—BECOMES PART OF THE COVERING.



# *Good Things are Coming!*

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Moravian Music Sunday with Trombone Choir**

Birthday Celebration after 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship in Fellowship Hall

-Last Sunday for Sunday School & Nursery care until September  
(exception: Keeping Holy Time will continue to meet at 9:15am weekly)

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Pentecost Communion & Confirmation Sunday**

**Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Kids Night Out - "God's Big Splash Bash!"**

Registration open now!

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Rev. Dr. Mandy Mastro's Installation**

**Invite - A - Friend Sunday**

**Trombone Choir Sunday**

Welcome Reception with Light refreshments in the Social Hall.

**Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

11:00 am - ROMEO's Lunch

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Honor LMC 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

**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:  
Meda Hostetter  
Erelene Deist  
Marilyn Diener  
Susan Yeagley  
Roger Groce  
Melissa Hostetter  
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)

# Walking Together This Week

## **Sunday, May 17, 2026 - Moravian Music Sunday**

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

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

11:45 a.m. Birthday Celebration - Fellowship Hall

## **Monday, May 18, 2026 -**

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Community Band Practice - Fellowship Hall

## **Tuesday, May 19, 2026 -**

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

6:30 p.m. Trustees - Liquid Classroom

7:15 p.m. Trombone Choir - Fellowship Hall

## **Wednesday, May 20, 2026 -**

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

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

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous - HDR

## **Thursday, May 21, 2026 -**

6:30 p.m. Lititz Historical Society

7:00 p.m. Historical Society - HDR

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

## **Friday, May 22, 2026 -**

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

9:00 a.m. Linden Hall Graduation - Sanctuary

## **Saturday, May 23, 2026 -**

## **Sunday, May 24, 2026 - Pentecost Communion**

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary / Confirmation Sunday  
with Joyful Noise

9:15 a.m. Keeping Holy Time - Eschbach Parlor

## *Invited into Relationship*

On the night before his death, Jesus shared a final meal with his disciples. Afterward, he prayed for those the Father had given him. Having revealed the Father and the Son whom the Father sent, he had shared the knowledge that gave eternal life. This was not mere intellectual knowledge, but the kind of knowledge that brought them into a deep, living relationship with both Father and Son. It is the kind of relationship that would also allow the disciples to experience a communion similar to what Jesus shared with the Father.

Christians have long called the Trinity a mystery: three persons, each fully God, and yet there is only one God. At the heart of that mystery is relationship—a single divine life held together by perfect love. Jesus also asked the Father that his followers would “be one, as we are one.” There is a clear through-line from Jesus’ prayer to us. Christians today, like the original disciples, are meant to be one. Yet this unity does not erase individuality. Unity in Christ is not bland sameness. If our oneness reflects the oneness of the Father and the Son, it preserves distinctiveness while binding us together in love.

Perhaps we should not be surprised that unity feels elusive when real people meet and share real differences. Fortunately, Jesus does not leave us to manufacture unity on our own. When we gather for worship, we come not merely as individuals, but as a people being shaped into one body in Christ. We are invited into relationship with the Triune God; that relationship is nurtured; and then we are sent back into the world to reflect that life in the way we love one another. Unity is a gift God is continually working to bring into being through relationship, worship, and prayer.

*Barbara Styers, pastor, Greensboro Moravian Church,  
Greensboro, North Carolina*

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# The Moravian Church

Seventh Sunday after Easter

May 17, 2026



We are excited about our first  
“Invite-A-Friend” Sunday  
of the year on May 31st!

Open this booklet to discover fun and  
simple way you can share the joy, hope,  
and welcoming spirit of  
Lititz Moravian Congregation  
with someone in your life.

A single invitation can make  
a lasting difference –  
and you might be surprised who says “yes!”

Who might God be placing on your  
heart to invite to  
“Invite - A - Friend” Sunday on May 31st?

Consider sharing an invitation with someone who  
could use a caring church community  
and a word of hope...

Extended Family      Close Friends or Neighbors

Teachers      Doctors

Coaches      Co-Workers      Delivery Drivers

Babysitters      Postal Carriers      Hair Stylist

Someone new in the community

A family with young children

Someone going through a difficult time

Walking Buddies      Restaurant Servers

Sometimes the most meaningful invitation is  
to someone you see every day.



YOU'RE

# Invited

LITITZ MORAVIAN  
CONGREGATION

Join me for something special!

Our church is celebrating the installation of our new co-pastor,  
The Rev. Dr. Mandy Mastros,  
And I'd love for you to come with me.

This is a great Sunday to check out church—  
especially if you don't already have one.  
It will be a joyful, welcoming service,  
and you don't need to know anything ahead of time—  
just come as you are!

Worship Details:  
Sunday, May 31st  
8 am or 10:30 am (livestreamed)  
Lititz Moravian Church

Let me know if you'd like to join me for a casual brunch and viewing,  
or I can send you the link.