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Mission Statement:

Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love in Christ!

August 9, 2026

“Proving What to Whom?”

August 13 Festival

Matthew 14:22-33

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 & Rev. Dr. Mandy M. Mastros, LSW

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

Sexton: Andy Weik

Office Manager: Jaime Weik

Treasurer: Barbara McKenney

Financial Secretary: Mary Sweger

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

****Stand, if you are able.***

Prelude: *The Lone, Wild Bird* “Prospect” from *Southern Harmony*, 1835,
arr. Robert Lau

Meditation on “How Great Thou Art”

O store Gud, Trad. Swedish melody,
arr. Douglas Wagner

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

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)

Holy Christ, Jesus of Nazareth,

Even now

after the sermons, the healings, the miraculous feeding

Even now

in the ghostly pre-dawn glow

Even now

as the wind riles the waves and this boat pitches violently

Even now

as the figure comes walking toward us, rising and and falling with the water

Even now

we don’t know what to think, what to say, how to act

Even now

we only know that somehow, even though we don’t understand you, we want to move toward you

Even now we hope, we pray, that you will grab ahold of our outstretched hands.

***Hymn: 58**

We Long for Mighty Signs of God

Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Prayer

Hymn: 447 90th Birthday for Dolores Dussinger on August 11th

90th Birthday for Jacob Groff on August 11th

With your presence, Lord, our Head and Savior,

bless them now we humbly pray;

our dear heavenly Father’s love and favor

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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.

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Children's Chat Hymn: #726 (v.1)

Jesus Loves Me! This I Know

Children's Chat:

Pastor Mandy Mastros

Moments for Mission with Timothy Burchett from the Lancaster County Office of Aging

***Hymn:** 613

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Message: *Proving What to Whom?*

Pastor Mandy M. Mastros

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Duet: *When Peace, Like a River*

Ville du Havre,
Philip Bliss

Text may be found in the *Moravian Book of Worship*, #754

Samantha Katzaman, soprano | Tom Wentzel, tenor

Offertory Response: 652 (v.1)

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

**God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store;
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,**

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gifted by you, we turn to you,
off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Offertory Prayer

***Hymn:** 600

Jesus Calls Us

Benediction

Postlude: *St. Anthony Chorale*

Attr. F. J. Haydn,
arr. N. Rawsthorne

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Serving Today:

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

Head Usher: Darrin Donmoyer

Scripture Readers: (8:00 a.m.) Kim Stoner
(10:30 a.m.) Dan Graybill

Worship Leader: Dianne Zimmerman

Sound Booth Personnel: Wayne Wolf

Introducing... Church Square Conversations!

Did you notice a brand-new page in the July & August issue of The Spire?

We're excited to introduce Church Square Conversations—a fun new feature designed to help us get to know one another a little better!

As a church family, we may recognize familiar faces each Sunday, but there's so much of each person's story still waiting to be discovered. From favorite childhood memories and hidden talents to quirky hobbies and life experiences, this page is all about sharing the little things that make each of us unique.



Would you be willing to answer a few fun, random questions about your life or share a favorite photo from years gone by for our "Guess Who?" feature? The photos may be from your childhood or a wedding photo (it doesn't have to be church related). We'd love to include voices and stories from across our church family, helping us learn something new about one another and creating even more opportunities for connection!

If you would be willing to answer a few questions or submit a photo, please email Jaime at office@lititzmoravian.org to start the fun!

The best part? Every story shared is another opportunity to connect, laugh, reminisce, and strengthen the friendships that make Lititz Moravian such a special church family.



So jump in, have some fun, and let's keep the conversations going—both in The Spire and around Church Square!

Church Square Conversations

A chance to learn something new about a member of our church family... and maybe discover a new conversation starter!

Allyson Miller

- Allyson played the baby bass drum in the Marching Band during High School.
- She met Ken Burns while living in Los Angeles.
- Allyson has a love for photography, especially capturing unique moments in everyday life.
- Allyson once lost a brand new iPhone while kayaking in Kentucky with her husband.

Nancy Sandercox

- The one food Nancy could eat every day is yogurt.
- Nancy collects tiny pictures & figurines of foxes.
- During her childhood in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, she would pick and sell cherries from her family's farm.
- Her first job was at The Alumni Office of Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia.

Brenda Watson

- Brenda's favorite vacation spot is "any beach!" "As long as my feet are in the sand, I am happy!"
- Her favorite hobby is quilting. Did you know...? Brenda handmakes all the baby quilts for newborns born to members of LMC.
- Brenda's favorite movie is "Ghost."
- Her favorite board games growing up were Monopoly and Life.

Announcements

August 9, 2026

TODAY!

Parsonage Open House

Curious to see inside the church parsonage?

TODAY, following both worship services, everyone is invited to take a walk-through of the renovated parsonage and explore the historic home.

"I recognize the energy, time, and financial resources that this congregation has invested in making the parsonage a healthy and beautiful place to live and I am exceedingly grateful. I believe it is appropriate and important for the congregation to have an opportunity to see the investments they have made." - Pastor Mandy Mastros

Whether you've never been inside or would simply enjoy seeing it again, we hope you'll stop by!

Join the August Birthday Celebration!

TODAY!

Everyone is invited to join us in the **Social Hall** following the 10:30 AM worship service **TODAY** as we celebrate our August birthdays!

If your birthday is this month, be sure to stop by so we can sing "Happy Birthday" to you and celebrate together.

Enjoy a sweet treat, wonderful fellowship, and a little extra birthday cheer.

We hope to see you there!

ROMEO's Luncheon Rescheduled for August

Please note that the **ROMEO's luncheon** has been **rescheduled** for **Wednesday, August 19.**

The group will meet at 11:00 AM at Lititz Moravian Church before traveling together to a local restaurant.

All men are warmly invited to join us for an afternoon of good food, great fellowship, and plenty of conversation.

Whether you're a regular or considering coming for the first time, we'd love to have you with us!

Many Hands, One Heart...

Thank you!!

A heartfelt thank you to the many **volunteers** who generously gave of their time during this year's 47th **Annual Lititz Rotary Craft Show**.

Whether you welcomed hungry visitors at our Food Court, assisted guests as a parking attendant, helped with setup and cleanup, or quietly served behind the scenes, your time, energy, and smiling faces reflected the warm hospitality of Lititz Moravian Church.

Because of your willingness to serve, thousands of visitors experienced not only a great day in Lititz but also the kindness and welcoming spirit of our church family. **Your efforts helped support the ministries of the Moravian Fellowship, Christian Education Committee, and Handbell Choir,** while creating meaningful connections within our community.

Thank you for sharing your gifts, extending Christ's love through service, and making this year's Craft Show another wonderful success.

We are truly grateful for each and every one of you!

“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

A heartfelt thank you to **Shannon Richards** for helping Allyson prepare and cover our **bulletin boards** for the upcoming Sunday School year.

Your time, talent, and willingness to serve are helping to create a welcoming and exciting space for our children and families as they begin a new year of learning and growing in faith.

We can't wait to unveil this year's new Sunday School theme... coming soon!

Thank you for sharing your gifts and helping make our church a place where children feel welcomed, inspired, and loved.

How you can help the Moravian Youth Council...

The **Moravian Youth Council** holds a **youth Rally** every year – usually the second Sunday of October – which Lititz was the host congregation in 2009.

This year they are planning a reunion and hoping to have as many “former” youth as possible, join them at United Moravian Church in Harlem, New York.

To this end, they are producing a souvenir Journal to help raise funds. They are hoping that organizations like the Boards, Moravian Women, Men’s Fellowship, Choirs etc. as well as individuals will take out ads in the Journal.

Support the Moravian Youth Council's Annual Youth Rally by purchasing ad space in their 40th anniversary booklet!
Deadline is TODAY following worship services.

See Pastor Mandy or Allyson for more information!

A Time of Renewal for Pastor Sayward - Pastor Sayward's Sabbatical

As a reminder, Pastor Sayward began her sabbatical on July 3rd and will return on September 1st. This time of rest, renewal, and reflection is an important part of sustaining long-term ministry and caring for the spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being of our pastors.

During Pastor Sayward's sabbatical, Pastor Mandy, with the help of the Assistant Lay Minister, will be available for all pastoral care needs, emergencies, hospital visits, and other ministry concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact the church office if you are in need of pastoral support.

We look forward to welcoming Pastor Sayward back in September, refreshed and renewed for the ministry ahead.

Be Part of What's Happening at LMC!

KIDS' NIGHT OUT!! SPARK + IGNITE: SHINING OUR JESUS LIGHT

It's soon time for the next **Kids' Night Out!**
Spark + Ignite: Shining Our Jesus Light
Saturday | September 12th | 6-8pm

Kids' Night Out is a fun-filled evening where children discover God's love through exciting science experiments, music, crafts, games, and interactive Bible lessons that help them apply God's Word to everyday life.

The event is FREE and open to the community! Registration is easy by scanning the QR code!



Register here

Sunday School KICK OFF!

Kick off the 2026–2027
Sunday School year with us on **Sunday, September 13!**

There's a place for everyone!
We offer classes for children, youth, and adults, with several adult classes featuring a variety of topics and study styles to help you grow in your faith.

Whether you're returning or joining for the first time, we'd love to help you find the class that's right for you.

Come explore, connect, and grow with us on
September 13th at 9:15am.

Church Picnic

Who doesn't love a picnic filled with delicious food, great fellowship, and fun for all ages?

You're invited to the Lititz Moravian Church Picnic on **Sunday, September 20!** Join us for outdoor worship at 10:30 AM (only worship on this date) on Church Square (weather permitting), then stay for a picnic lunch, games, and fellowship in the area behind the church.

This also marks our **second Invite-A-Friend Sunday** of the year! Invite a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member to worship with you and experience the warm welcome, rich traditions, and loving community that make Lititz Moravian Church such a special place.

Come hungry, bring a friend, and enjoy a wonderful day of faith, food, and fellowship!



From Beeswax to Brass:
The Story Behind
Moravian Christmas Vigils

Behind the Scenes of Christmas Vigils



Christmas Vigils are one of the most cherished traditions of the Moravian Church—a beautiful celebration of Christ's birth filled with candlelight, sacred music, Lovefeast, and the joy of the Christmas season. But have you ever wondered what it takes to prepare for this beloved tradition?

Join us for a **special behind-the-scenes experience** and discover the months of planning, preparation, and volunteer dedication that bring Christmas Vigils to life each year at Lititz Moravian Church.

Throughout this **interactive event**, you'll have the opportunity to experience hands-on demonstrations, including tying wicks for our hand-poured beeswax candles, learning how Fire Guards use their blankets during candlelight services, carrying a Lovefeast tray complete with a cinnamon roll and chocolate milk, and exploring many of the meaningful traditions that make Christmas Vigils so special.

Whether you've attended Christmas Vigils for years or are experiencing Moravian traditions for the first time, you'll leave with a new appreciation for the faith, history, and countless volunteers who make this treasured worship experience possible.

Saturday, September 26
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Come discover the story behind the tradition... and become a part of it!

Be part of the LMC Church Team!

Are you—or someone you know—looking for a meaningful way to use your gifts in ministry? Lititz Moravian Congregation is excited to be hiring for two part-time positions and would love to hear from individuals who have a heart for serving the church and our community.

Administrative Assistant

We're seeking a warm, organized, and service-oriented professional to help keep our church office running smoothly. This part-time position (approximately 20 hours / week) serves as a welcoming first point of contact while providing administrative support to the pastoral staff and Office Manager.

Assistant Sexton

We're also looking for a reliable, hardworking, and service-minded individual (approximately 15 hours per week) to assist in caring for our buildings, grounds, and cemetery properties. This role is more than maintenance—it's an important ministry of hospitality and stewardship.

If you're interested in either position, please contact the church office for a complete job description.

To Apply:

Email your resume to office@lititzmoravian.org

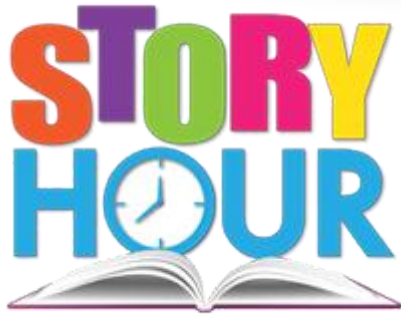
Or **mail** it to:

Lititz Moravian Congregation
8 Church Square
Lititz, PA 17543

Help us spread the word!

If you know someone who may be a great fit, please share this opportunity with them.

Be Part of What's Happening at LMC!



Preschool Story Hour is set to resume in the fall from 9:30-10:30am on the third Friday of each month from September through May.

We will meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am on the following dates:

September 18

December 18

March 19

October 16

January 15

April 16

November 20

February 19

May 21

Story Hour will be held in the Book Nook, which is located on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. Children age three to five are invited to come for an hour of stories, songs, movement, crafts, and a snack. Our primary mission is to plant seeds of Christian faith and values in young children through shared literature. Each month has a theme with a Christian message which we discuss in an age-appropriate way.

Children need not be members of Lititz Moravian to attend. Parents or grandparents are asked to remain and participate with the children. The program is free. Registration is limited, so please register your child early by completing the form below.

If you have any questions, please call Shannon Richard (717) 314-9375.

Preschool Story Hour Registration

Child's Name _____

Age/birthdate _____

Food allergies _____

Child's Address _____

Adult's Name _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Drop off or mail to Lititz Moravian Church: 8 Church Square, Lititz, PA 17543

| Grace Notes |

Sometimes one thought from a sermon can stay with us all week.

Use this space to write down what speaks to you today—a Scripture, a takeaway, a prayer, or even an upcoming event you'd like to remember.

May it continue to encourage you long after worship ends.

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:

COL. Neal Miller, US Army;

SGT. Jason Stoner, US Army Reserves;

Lt. Cdr. Dain Bomberger, US Navy;

Michael Hackett, Nancy Steedle & Family
serving overseas for the government

Pastoral Visitation:

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

Prayers of Healing for:

Meda Hostetter

Richard Hostetter

Erelene Deist

Marilyn Diener

Susan Yeagley

Roger Groce

Melissa Hostetter

Greg Laubach

Marilyn Copenhaver

Charlene Van Brookhoven

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of June 2026

	2025	2026
Tithes & Offerings	\$45,932	\$54,852
General Fund Other Income	\$10,504	\$11,310
General Fund Expenses	\$62,603	\$61,181
Net Income	\$(6,167)	\$4,981

YTD Through the Month of June 2026

	2025	2026
Tithes & Offerings	\$301,371	\$324,791
General Fund Other Income	\$48,668	\$49,083
General Fund Expense	\$379,419	\$356,817
Net Income	\$(29,380)	\$17,057

Walking Together This Week

Sunday, August 9, 2026

8:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Pasonage Tour

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

10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary in-person or livestream

11:30 a.m. Parsonage Tour

11:30 a.m. Birthday Celebration - Social Hall

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Monday, August 10, 2026

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Random Acts of Kindness - RAO

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

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

6:30 p.m. Archives - HDR

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee - Zoom

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. NA - HDR

Thursday, August 13, 2026

7:00 p.m. CIS - Outlook Library

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom

Friday, August 14, 2026

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

Saturday, August 15, 2026

Sunday, August 16, 2026 - Holy Communion

8:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

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

10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary in-person or livestream

Upcoming:

Sunday, 8/23/26:
Sanctuary
Anniversary
Lovefeast &
Blessing of
the Backpacks

Rowing in the Same Direction

We sometimes think of Peter's walk on the water as a test of his faith. When he got scared, he failed the test.

But Peter did not ask Jesus to test his faith. He asked Jesus to prove himself. "Lord, if it is you . . ." Was Peter's walk on the water evidence of his faith, or a consequence of his doubt?

Meanwhile, did Peter's choices help his fellow disciples? While he was on the water, there must have been chaos in the boat, with everyone trying to row in a different direction. Yet Peter had seen Jesus command wind and waves. Why, when he heard Jesus, did he say not, "Lord, if it is you," but, "Lord, thank God it's you," and reach for him to bring him on the boat?

When Jesus did get into the boat, the disciples worshiped him as Son of God. Instead of arguing about which way to row, they agreed on his lordship, focused on that, and gave themselves over to worship. Then they quickly reached land—possibly just by rowing in the same direction.

On August 13, 1727, Moravians in Herrnhut were united by their experience of the Holy Spirit. Until that day, tossed in a storm of clashing religious and governing powers, they argued about which way to row. Still, thanks to their Brotherly Agreement, they stayed in the boat. And when the Holy Spirit came to them, their response was not, "Lord, if it is you," but "Lord, welcome aboard." And they worshiped.

Five years later, the first Moravian missionaries landed their boat on the shores of St. Thomas. Clearly, the Herrnhut community had learned what can be accomplished by rowing in the same direction.

When Jesus comes to us across the water, let us welcome him aboard, and worship him, together.

*Ginny Tobiassen, pastor, Home Moravian Church,
Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

The Moravian Church

August 13 Festival

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