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Mission Statement:

Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love in Christ!

October 4, 2026
Worldwide Communion
If-Then and When-Then
Matthew 21:33-46

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

*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 and 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
Administrative Assistant: Sharon Roseboro
Treasurer: Barbara McKenney
Financial Secretary: Mary Sweger
Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

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

Prelude: Selections from the Neumeister Collection J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

“Ach, Gott und Herr” (“Oh, God and Lord”)

“Ich hab mein Sach Gott heimgestellt”

(“I Have Committed My Cause to God”)

“Ach Gott, tu dich erbarmen” (“O God, Have Mercy”)

Welcome, Announcements and Holy Hellos

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)**

From every corner of the earth, God gathers us as one people.

We come from different places, cultures, languages, and traditions, yet we belong to one God.

At this table, there is room for all who come seeking Christ.

We come with open hearts and open hands, ready to receive.

Across nations and neighborhoods, Christians gather today around the same bread and cup.

We are many members, but we are one body in Christ.

Here, there is no stranger, no outsider, no one who stands alone.

We are sisters and brothers, joined together by the love of Christ.

So let us worship the God who calls us together, feeds us with grace, and sends us into the world in love.

With one faith and many voices, we worship the One who makes us one.

Amen.

***Hymn: 538**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Sharing of Joys, Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 21:33-46

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way.

Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when

the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

***Hymn: 415**

I Come with Joy
(Jeff will sing the first verse)

Message: *If-Then and When-Then*

Offertory Anthem: *Thou Hast Given Us Bread from Heaven*

Johann Christian Geisler (1729-1815),
arr., Clarence Dickinson

*Thou hast given us bread from heaven, Thy Holy Word, the bread of life.
Whosoever eateth thereof shall never, never hunger:*

Life-giving manna, Thy Holy Word.

*We praise Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, we praise Thy name for Thy Holy Word.
Bread of life, we praise Thy name for Thy Holy Word.*

Translation of Du hast uns Brot by Helen Dickinson

Offertory Response: 650 (v. 1 & 2)

As Saints of Old

Offertory Prayer

Liturgy for Communion in Celebration of the Holy Spirit: 222

Benediction

Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in E Minor (“The Cathedral”)*

J.S. Bach

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Serving Today:

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

Co-Sacristans: (8:00 a.m.) Ginny Journey
(10:30 a.m.) Becky Turnbull and Amy Sue Bomberger

Head Usher: Russ Weidman

Scripture Readers: (8:00 a.m.) Randy Bricker (10:30 a.m.) Anna Buch

Sound Booth Personnel: Wayne Wolf

Nursery: Carole Mizeras, Kathy Dinkel and Linden Hall Volunteers

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

This month, we celebrate and give thanks for
Pastor Sayward and Pastor Mandy and the many ways they serve
our congregation and community.

From worship planning and preaching to pastoral care, prayers, visits,
meetings, teaching, celebrations, difficult moments, unexpected phone calls,
and countless things happening behind the scenes, our pastors pour their
time, hearts, and energy into the life of LMC.

Ministry is more than what we see on Sunday morning, and we are grateful
for the countless ways Pastor Sayward and Pastor Mandy show up, listen,
encourage, lead, and walk alongside us.

So, when you see them this month, give them a little extra shout-out, hug,
high five, or word of thanks! Let's remind them how much they are
appreciated and how grateful we are to share in ministry with them.

*Thank you, Pastor Sayward and Pastor Mandy, for all you do
and all the love you bring to LMC!*

Announcements

October 4, 2026

CELEBRATE OUR OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

Join us next Sunday, October 11, following 2nd Worship in the Social Hall as we celebrate all those with an October birthday!



We'll gather for a little birthday song, yummy treats, and good old-fashioned fellowship.

Come celebrate another year of life and help us make our October birthday friends feel extra special!

Everyone is welcome to join the celebration!



PAPER RECYCLING HELP NEEDED

We go through a significant amount of paper at LMC, and we'd love to be better stewards of our environment by recycling what we can.

Unfortunately, Lititz does not offer curbside paper recycling, but the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority has a recycling drop-off location on Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster.

We're looking for a volunteer who would be willing to pick up our collected paper and make a recycling run about once a month.

Could you help us turn our paper waste into a little more environmental stewardship?

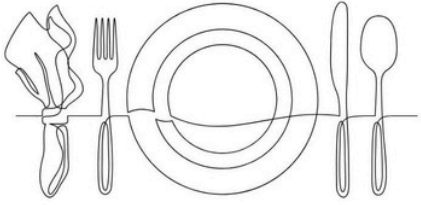
Interested? Please contact the church office.



We're excited to welcome **Sharon Roseboro**, our new **Administrative Assistant**, and **Rodney Moore**, our new **Assistant Sexton**, to the Lititz Moravian Church team!

ROMEOS

"Retired Old Moravians Eating Out"



Join the next luncheon out
on Wednesday, October 7th
at 11am.

Meet at the church for
transportation on the mini-bus.

It's not too late to participate in the **visitation curriculum** that Pastor Mandy is putting together. The curriculum is four 60 minute sessions long and will include **topics like why is visitation important, what to say and do during a visit, who needs a visit, appropriate scripture readings and prayers for a visit, how to end a visit and other helpful resources.** Each participant will receive a book with helpful resources. Dates and times still to be determined based on the availability of interested participants. Please reach out to Pastor Mandy or Greg Bomberger by October 4, 2026 if you are interested.

Departed Spirits Tours

The Lititz Historical Foundation will once again host its popular **"Departed Spirits Tour" on Saturday, October 24 beginning at 5pm.**

Led by a costumed docent, guests will journey through the historic grounds of the Lititz Moravian Church, where they'll encounter several "departed spirits" who will share fascinating stories and tales from Lititz's past.

Along the way, visitors will discover some of the area's most intriguing historic sites, including a former Revolutionary War hospital said to be haunted and the 1786 Corpse House, along with plenty of other interesting places, characters, and stories from Lititz history!

This is a *family friendly event*, and a *joint fundraiser* between the *Lititz Historical Foundation* and the *Lititz Moravian Archives*.

Grab your tickets at: www.lititzhistoricalfoundation.com
...then check out the 'events' tab.

History, mystery, and perhaps a little something from beyond...
This is one tour you won't want to miss!

Consecration Services

You are cordially invited to attend the Consecration Services for
Rev. Brian Dixon and Rev. Nasel Ephraim.

Rev. Nasel Ephraim

Consecration service will be held on
Sunday, October 18th at 4:00 pm at
Redeemer Moravian Church
in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

If unable to attend in person,
you may join the live-stream through
Redeemer's Facebook page:
Redeemer Moravian Phila

Rev. Brian Dixon

Consecration service will be held on
Saturday, October 31st at 2:00pm at
Emmaus Moravian Church
in Emmaus, Pennsylvania.

If unable to attend in person,
you may join the live-stream on Zoom at:
<https://zoom.us/j/4429489211>

Are you Christmas card ready?

WELCOME A MORAVIAN CHRISTMAS!

The historic Coffee Kitchen is ready for Christmas!

After serving as a festive photo backdrop during last weekend's
Vigil Open House,
we decided it was simply too pretty to take down!

Now you and your family can enjoy this special space and capture your own
Moravian Christmas memory in front of the beautifully decorated hearth.

Weekdays: Contact the Church Office to arrange a time to visit,
Monday–Friday during the day.

Sundays: Feel free to stop down between worship services.

Gather your family, bring your camera,
and step into a little piece of Moravian Christmas history.

Come make a memory. Come welcome a Moravian Christmas.



Sensory-Friendly Pictures

at The Arc Lancaster Lebanon

116 W Airport Road, Suite A
Lititz, PA 17543

November 16 or 17, 2026

NEW THIS YEAR—Choose your favorite setting!
A Magical Winter Wonderland or a special visit with Santa

On **Monday, November 16th**, families or individuals can sign-up for a time slot between **4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.** to schedule a picture.

**We ask that you sign up with a time slot so we do not double book time with Santa.*

On **Tuesday, November 17th**, families or individuals can drop-in for pictures between **5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

***We ask that you sign up so we have an approximate head count.*

Register below using the **Register Here** link or **QR Code**:

REGISTER HERE



Use your phone or camera to snap a picture!

Enjoy a calm and welcoming experience designed for individuals with sensory needs. We'll offer low lighting, less noise, and flexible timing so families can take their time enjoying the **Magical Winter Wonderland** or **meeting Santa** and making special memories.



Christmas Vigils

Vigil admission card requests will be accepted by the congregation beginning on Monday, October 19th.

IF you receive the Spire by mail, you will receive a Vigil Packet / Letter in the mail the 2nd week of October.

IF your email is on file with the office and you opted into receiving emails, you will receive your Vigil Google ticket request via email on October 19th.

Requests must be received by Friday, November 13th.

Tickets will be distributed after BOTH worship services on Sunday, November 29th and December 6th.



Vigil Services for 2026

Saturday, December 19th at 5:00PM and 7:30PM

Sunday, December 20th at 5:00PM

(10:30AM - Family Lovefeast - No Admission Card Required)

Thursday, December 24th at 5:00PM and 7:30PM

Traditions, Treasures and Christmas Cheer!



The holiday season is just around the corner, and **Attic Treasures** and the **Makers Market** are returning for this year's **Advent Tea** on Saturday, December 5!

Come sip, shop, browse, and get into the Christmas spirit!
Both Attic Treasures and the Makers Market will be open from 9:00 AM–3:00 PM, while The Advent Tea will be served from 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

Ready to make room at home?
Household items for **Attic Treasures** may be dropped off in the Craft Room beginning October 1.
For questions about Attic Treasures, please contact Cindy Walter.

Calling all makers!
Makers Market tables are \$25 each, so gather your creations and join us for a festive day of shopping and sharing.
For more information about the Makers Market, contact Brenda Watson.



A “HOLLY JOLLY MARKET” — SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR DURING THE MAKERS MARKET!

We’re adding a little holiday shopping fun for the younger shoppers during The Makers Market this year!

Our Holly Jolly Market will give children the chance to shop for family and loved ones, choosing special gifts priced between just \$0.25 and \$1.00!

They’ll get to pick, purchase, and take home their treasures—ready to give to someone they love.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We’re collecting small household items and holiday décor that are new or very gently used and would make fun gifts for Mom, Dad, grandparents, siblings, teachers, or someone special.

And here’s your hint:

You know that thing Aunt Sally gave you years ago that has been sitting on the top shelf of your closet ever since? This might be its moment to shine! (HELLO – “regift!”)

Please place your donated items in the collection box in the Star Room.

We’re also collecting gently used holiday gift bags so our young shoppers can take their purchases home wrapped and ready for gifting!

| 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 Sayward or Pastor Mandy
to schedule a
pastoral visit for yourself or
family members.
You may also scan QR code
below to submit a confidential
prayer request online.



Prayers of Healing for:

Meda Hostetter
Richard Hostetter
Marilyn Diener
Susan Yeagley
Roger Groce
Melissa Hostetter
Greg Laubach
Marilyn Copenhaver
Charlene Van Brookhoven

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of August 2026

	2025	2026
Tithes & Offerings	\$69,120	\$55,538
General Fund Other Income	\$5,300	\$306
General Fund Expenses	\$78,666	\$61,555
Net Income	\$(4,247)	\$(5,711)

YTD Through the Month of August 2026

	2025	2026
Tithes & Offerings	\$411,139	\$448,429
General Fund Other Income	\$63,881	\$58,646
General Fund Expense	\$514,640	\$482,974
Net Income	\$(39,620)	\$24,101

Walking Together This Week

Sunday, October 4, 2026 - Worldwide Communion

8:00 a.m. Worship

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

10:30 a.m. Worship **LIVE STREAM**

Monday, October 5, 2026

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. CEC - RAO

7:15 p.m. HBC Practice - Prep Room

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

10:00 a.m. Endowment - Outlook Library

7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting - Liquid Classroom

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Romeo's Luncheon

7:00 p.m. NA - HDR

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 8, 2026

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Moravian Mission Gift Shop Open

6:30 p.m. Joint Board - HDR

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. CIS - Outlook

Friday, October 9, 2026

9:15 a.m. Beginner Community Yoga - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Moravian Mission Gift Shop Open

Saturday, October 10, 2026

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Moravian Mission Gift Shop Open

Sunday, October 11, 2026 - 2nd Mile Offering

8:00 a.m. Worship

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

10:30 a.m. Worship Service **LIVE STREAM**

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

The Nov / Dec.
SPIRE deadline
for articles
& announcements
is October 12th.

Moravian Mission
Gift Shop
now open
fall hours!

“Remember Me”

Jesus said: Eat this bread; remember me. Jesus said: Drink this cup; remember me. When we receive Holy Communion, how do we remember Jesus?

Of course we remember that Jesus died for our forgiveness, and rose again that we might have eternal life. And we are thankful. But we also remember Jesus' life on earth. Jesus healed the sick, preached the good news, reached out to the poor, cast out demons, fed multitudes, taught his disciples to love one another, and commanded us to love, feed, clothe, visit.

How do we remember Jesus?

Today is World Communion Sunday. Imagine if all Christians in the whole world gathered, in whatever community they belong to or don't belong to, over a period of 24 hours, and they remembered Jesus the way Jesus wants us to remember him, the way he commanded us to do.

Remember and do. It would be like a beautiful breeze of love blowing around, encircling the world that God made and loves with the sweet, sweet Spirit of love.

After taking Communion, remember Jesus with loving thoughts and actions toward all God's creation, all people, all tongues, all colors, all varieties, all strangers: welcoming, giving, visiting, encouraging. Just think! Would wars cease? Would we all do what Jesus calls each of us to do?

Remember Jesus! Remember Jesus works through us.
Love your neighbor.

Barbara Rich, retired pastor, Watertown, Wisconsin

The Moravian Church

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026

