

FEBRUARY 2025

# THE SPIRE

Official Newsletter of Lititz Moravian Congregation

Congregational Watchword for 2025:

You will again have compassion on us; you will hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:19

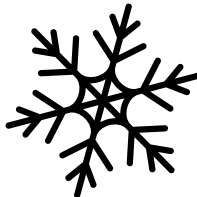
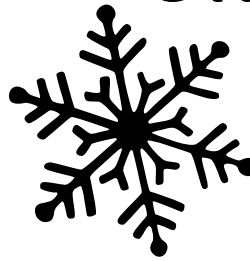
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Lititz  
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Congregation



Snow Days





As we look forward to Easter, would you like to honor or remember a loved one by placing a lily in church on Easter Sunday?

If so, please return this form to the Church Office or place in the Sunday offering plate no later than Sunday, April 13th.

The cost for lilies is \$18 per plant. Please attach your payment to the order form at the time you turn in the order.

You may pick them up following the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 20.

Please make checks payable to Lititz Moravian Flower Fund with "Easter Lilies" in the memo line.

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Plant:

In HONOR or In MEMORY of: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Plant:

In HONOR or In MEMORY of: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Plant:

In HONOR or In MEMORY of: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$18 = \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you are enclosing cash or check number: \_\_\_\_\_

# NOTES FROM THE GREENHOUSE



Nursery-5th Grade

9:15 a.m. on  
2nd FL SS Room

Social Events and  
Mini Missions



**F | E | B | R | U | A | R | Y**

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR:  
ALLYSON MILLER**

**CULTIVATE COORDINATOR:  
PASTOR SAYWARD**



6th Grade-12th Grade

9:15 a.m. in the RAO

Social Events,  
Missions, and Pastor  
Chats

I will be the first to complain that Valentine's Day is a made-up Hallmark holiday that encourages us to spend money we don't have on people who don't need anything. But we can also focus on themes of kindness and togetherness as we grow in faith, side by side.

We don't have to wait until February 14th to show love! As followers of Jesus, we know that love is at the heart of who we are and how we serve the world. God's love for us should remind us that every act of kindness, no matter how small, is also a way to show love. What are some random acts of kindness?

- Make eye contact with someone you pass by and smile.
- Let someone go in front of you in line.
- Send a joke to someone (or kids can mail a hug).
- Hold the door open for someone (bonus points if you haven't walked through it first).
- Stick a quarter in a parking meter

I know y'all can think of so many more! I would love to hear about it!

What else are we looking forward to in February?

- The Rooted class is studying the story of the Israelites wandering in the desert for 40 years.
- Cultivate will travel to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church for their next Worship Encounter, as well as playing games that require patience (we will see how THAT goes).
- Our next LMC in the Wild adventure will be snowtubing on February 16th. Everyone is welcome!
- It's never too early to start thinking about Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is "Changemakers Lab" and we would love to have you join us in any way that fits your schedule and comfort level! Please contact Allyson at [allyson@lititzmoravian.org](mailto:allyson@lititzmoravian.org) to sign up.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to our Sunday School class leaders: Karen Keffer (Cooking), Jan Reidenbaugh (Music), Sandy Roland (Art), Jen and Carter Walls (Drama), MaryLee Yerger (Bible Games), Kathy Dinkel (Pre-K), Kim Stoner (Pre-K), Deb Hornberger (Library Time), and Shannon Richard (Library Time). THANK YOU!

~Allyson



# Music NEWS



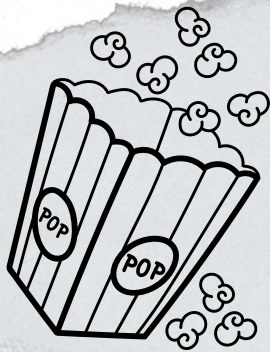
*Choir Director:  
Dr. Jeffrey S. Gemmell*

## *All Are Invited to Come and Join the Choir!*

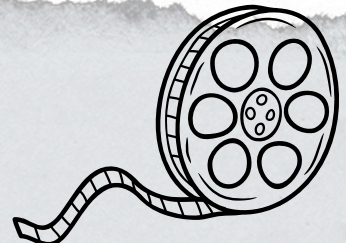
Senior Choir rehearsals for the season continue at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary! All singers, high-school age and above, are encouraged to join us! As always, a wide variety of music is planned for the coming months to facilitate musical growth, to lead effective music ministry, and to inspire everyone to draw closer to God through the delightful sharing of choral praise and prayer.

We'll make a joyful noise every Sunday morning for the late service (Sunday rehearsals generally begin at 10 a.m.) and we'll also prepare for special services including Christmas Vigils, Lovefeasts, Holy Week services, and Easter Day. A special event this year included the Moravian Music Weekend in Lititz (9/21-22) sponsored by the Moravian Music Foundation and featuring a performance with the Lititz Collegium Musicum. New members are especially welcome and previous experience is not required.

Questions? Contact the Director of Music Ministries via the church office or email ([jeff@lititzmoravian.org](mailto:jeff@lititzmoravian.org)).



# NOTICE: MOVIE NIGHT



**Saturday Night at the Movies**  
Come see the 2007 movie:  
"Amazing Grace".

How one man's passion and perseverance changed the world. Based on the true story of William Wilberforce, *Amazing Grace* follows his courageous quest to end the British slave trade. John Newton, a reformed ship captain who penned the beloved hymn, urges Wilberforce to see the cause through.

Join us Saturday night, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Outlook Library for the two-hour, PG movie. Snacks and drinks provided and sponsored by the Evangelism Committee.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Yes, we will be making candles this year.  
Come to learn how we make the beeswax candles that fill our  
sanctuary with beautiful light.

We meet every Thursday evening and Saturday morning  
for 6 weeks.

We will begin by meeting to remove the wicks from used  
candles. We will meet in the candle room.

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

6:30 PM

The next step begins on

March 6, 2025

Candle room

6:30 PM

Lots of hands are needed.

First, some of us tie the wicks onto the rods.  
Second, some hook the wicks through the molds.  
Then, a few of us pour the wax into the molds.

The final step happens on Saturday morning,  
March 8, 2025

Candle room

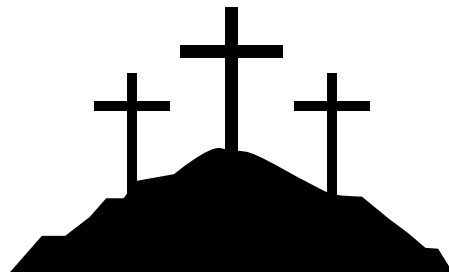
9AM

The candles are removed from the mold.

The wicks are trimmed.

The candles are "sized" to fit into the trays.

READY FOR CHRISTMAS!!



**A group is needed to take up the mantle of the Easter  
Sunrise Breakfast. If no group steps into that void,  
there will be no Easter Sunrise Breakfast in 2025.**

## DO YOU HAVE A “GIFT” FOR THE GIFT SHOP?

We know from scripture that everyone has received a God-given gift to use to build God’s Kingdom. YOU may have a gift that could help our Moravian Mission Gift Shop continue to support the work of dozens of agencies which provide a wide variety of essential services to those in need. Last year our volunteers and supporters used their gifts of time, talent, and “treasure” which enabled us to contribute thousands of dollars to worthy causes – both local and global. Nevertheless, at this point we are in serious need of “gifts” to keep our mission moving forward.

Perhaps you could give one or more of the following:

1. The gift of your time – Could you give 3 hours once a month - either 10:00 AM -1:00 PM or 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - serving in the shop on a Friday, Saturday, (or Thursday in the fall)? Your “ministry” would involve welcoming shoppers, pointing out merchandise, writing up and bagging sales, and offering a cheery “thank you for stopping by” when people leave. We offer training and lots of help to support your efforts!
2. The gift of your talent – We have been blessed by those who have donated, or sold to us wholesale, quality hand-made items for us to sell – wood creations, pottery, linens, ornaments and more! Indeed, shoppers are often looking for that special item they couldn’t get anywhere else – like the person who just bought a dozen scrubbies as a birthday gift for a relative who loves them! If you craft something you believe would sell in our shop, contact us!
3. The gift of your “treasure” – RE-GIFT! – Most of us have received very nice gifts we have not needed and have never used. Or maybe we bought something we never got to give to someone. Here’s a way you can use that “treasure” to help our mission! Re-gift that unneeded item to the shop; your donation will be most appreciated and acknowledged. Please remember, though, our counter space is limited to small items.

We look forward to seeing your gift at work for our mission. You are needed!  
Please contact either Diane Bainbridge (717-283-6390) or Carol Dague (610-704-8360) or email [moravianshop@gmail.com](mailto:moravianshop@gmail.com) to find out how you can use your gift to help our ministry grow.



The Moravian Mission Gift Shop will be closed January and February. We will reopen on Thursday, March 7, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Our hours will be Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 Am-4:00 PM through September. In October, Thursdays will be added.

# **JOIN US!**

**DO YOU HAVE A PASSION OR TALENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US? WE HAVE MULTIPLE GROUPS AND EVENTS THAT YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN! PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONTACT INFORMATION. (717) 626-8515**

**CHOIR DIRECTOR: JEFF GEMMELL  
SENIOR CHOIR- WEDNESDAYS AT 7:15 P.M. SEPTEMBER - MAY**

**HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: MARILYN WINFIELD  
PRACTICES: MONDAYS AT 7:30 P.M. SEPTEMBER - MAY**

**TROMBONE CHOIR DIRECTOR: MARILYN WINFIELD  
PRACTICES: 3RD AND 4TH TUESDAYS AT 7:15 P.M.**

**EVANGELISM: RANDY BRICKER  
MEETS: 2ND MONDAY EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.**

**ARCHIVES: TOM WENTZEL  
MEETS: 2ND TUESDAY EACH MONTH AT 6:30 P.M.**

**QUILTING: WILMA BEARD  
MEETS: TUESDAYS AT 9:00 A.M.**

**YOGA: EILEEN CRONE  
MEETS: MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 8:30 A.M. &  
THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.**

**&  
TAI CHI EASY CLASS  
MEETS: TUESDAYS AT 8:30 A.M.**

**PASTORS: MARK BRELAND & SAYWARD LIPPINCOTT  
OFFICE MANGER: COURTNEY HACKMAN  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: JAIME WEIK  
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: ALLYSON MILLER**

## **2025 Second Mile Offering**

**"Whoever goes with you one mile, go with them two" Matthew 5:41**

### **2025 Second Mile Offering** *Approved by the Board of Elders*

January...The Food Hub  
February...Power Packs Project  
March...Camp Scholarship Fund  
April...Warwick Released Time  
May...Camp Scholarship Fund  
June...Milagro House  
July...Warwick Community Chest  
August...Power Packs Project  
September...North Star Initiative  
October...Warwick Community Chest  
November...The Food Hub  
December...Milagro House

### **2025 Joyful Noise Offerings** *Approved by the Board of Elders*

January...LMC Refugee Project  
February...You Belong  
March...Camp Hope  
April...Lancaster Adult Daycare  
May...LMC Refugee Project  
June...Camp Hope  
July...You Belong  
August...Caitlin's Smiles  
September...LMC Refugee Projects  
October...Camp Hope  
November...You Belong  
December...BWM Educational Projects  
(Christmas Family Lovefeast)



## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **Sunday, February 2**

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

### **Sunday, February 9**

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. Snack N' Yak - CEB Lobby

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

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

### **Sunday, February 16**

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

### **Monday, February 17**

**Spire Deadline**

### **Sunday, February 23**

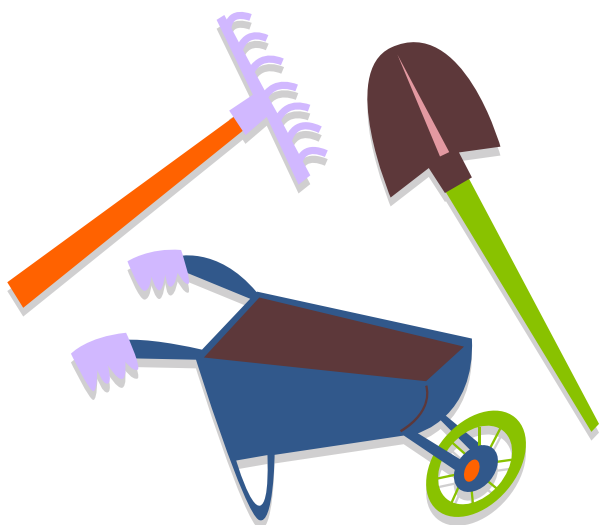
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9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

## **CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANUP** **To get the grounds cleaned up** **for the Easter Dawn**

Service and the walk to God's Acre, the Cemetery Board needs your help. Work by yourself or with a partner the week starting April 7 or before that: rake leaves from around the shrubbery, pick up limbs and twigs, weed, edge, etc. We will be grateful for anything you're willing to do to help us beautify the grounds for Easter.

Mulch and final clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, starting at 8:00am. Rain date is April 19. For the mulch party, it would be helpful if you bring a shovel or pitchfork and gloves. We are praying for good weather and lots of help. A good turnout means less work for all!



## Minutes from the September 10, 2024 Lititz Moravian Museum and Archives

Tom Wentzel shared an overview of early Moravian Brother Bernard Adam Grube known as the founder of the Collegium Musicum in Lititz. Also a Moravian missionary, teacher and preacher.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

**Departed Spirits Tour:** All scripts are written for each character. The third floor barrier will be removed by Matt Good. Al Olah will be the candle tender with volunteers from LHF and LMC filling in all needed spots for the tours.

**Tours:** Warwick 2nd grade classes will tour the Moravian Archives and Museum. This is a traditional fall field trip. There has also been a steady stream of call in tours including an accomplished organist from Canada and a researcher from Brazil.

**Repair/Maintenance:** The informational map in front of the Brothers House is in need of repair. It was suggested the woodworkers at Moravian Manor be contacted. Also the cemetery arch is in need of attention. The Trustees are aware of this and will look into it. The front door entrance of the Brothers House is looking shabby and should be cleaned and sprayed with D2 to make the entrance look more inviting.

**Putz Carving Donation:** The Art Shoemakers would like to make a donation of two putz groupings carved and painted by them. It was decided to accept both. Tom will prepare the accessions paper work.

**2025 Archives Budget:** The budget item for the Collegium Musicum arose and some discussion ensued on our continued support of this initiative with archive funds. The committee came to a consensus that this is budget money well spent.

**Organ Recital:** It was reminded organist Roger Kurtz will perform Sunday, October 20, in the sanctuary. This is sponsored by the 275th committee.

**Kitchen Renovation:** In the next few weeks work will begin on our kitchen and dining area. Next meeting November 12, 6:30, in Eschbach Parlor

## Stewardship To Date for 2024

### *Financial Summary (December)*

- Tithes & Offerings 2023: \$73,853
- Tithes & Offerings 2024: \$78,166
- General Fund Income 2023: \$9,998
- General Fund Income 2024: \$9,735
- General Fund Expense 2023: \$53,371
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$55,136
- Net Income 2023: \$30,480
- Net Income 2024: \$32,765

### *2024 Year-to-Date (through December)*

- Tithes & Offerings 2023: \$615,989
- Tithes & Offerings 2024: \$609,738
- General Fund Income 2023: \$87,242
- General Fund Income 2024: \$86,653
- General Fund Expense 2023: \$695,396
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$664,419
- Net Income 2023: \$7,835
- Net Income 2024: \$31,972

## Donation Reminder

Before items are donated to the church or any committee, please contact Pat Hartzell (717-371-7080)

## Highlights from the Board of Elders for November

- The October 1, 2024 minutes were approved as submitted.
- **275th Anniversary:** The actual anniversary date is Sunday Feb. 9th. It has been suggested that on that Sunday in 2025, we hold **one** Lovefeast service at 9:00 am, followed by a congregational (catered) brunch. Bob made a motion that the Elders agree to that schedule for February 9, 2025; Barbara seconded, and the motion passed.
- **New signage for Lititz as per Central Moravian:** In order to become more welcoming, John shared the wording of a sign at Central Moravian in Bethlehem and made the motion that Lititz should redo our Brother's House sign to reflect this wording. Bob seconded the motion, and it passed with one abstention.
- **Moravian History Weekend:** Marie Coutts requested use of our space for this event on February 21, 22, 2025. By consensus, the Elders approved.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 7 pm. in the Liquid Room.

## Highlights from the Board of Trustees for October 2024

- The Meeting was called to order by Dave Walter, President at 6:33 pm in the Liquid Classroom.
- It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes from the Trustee Meeting of September 17, 2024. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded to approve the September financial report. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded to accept bid from C&V Slate and Copper LLC of \$9,983 to complete work on the Steeple. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- A motion to adjourn with no further business at 7:37pm was moved and seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- Next Trustee meeting will be on November 19, 2024, at 6:30 in the Liquid Classroom.

## Highlights from the CEC for October 2024

- Rachel makes a motion to approve the September minutes, Liesl seconds. Minutes approved by CEC
- Jessie Styers makes a motion to approve the treasurer's reports, Liesl seconds, approved by CEC
- Rooted will sing on October 27th during the 10:30 service
- Liesl moves that we use up to \$3500 dollars in CEC funds to revamp and renovate spaces for children and youth, including but not limited to the nursery, the book nook, Sunday School classrooms, and Sunday School Music room. Sayward seconds, all in favor. Motion Passes
- A motion to adjourn with no further business was moved and seconded.
- Next CEC meeting will be on December 2, 2024, at 7PM in the RAO

## *Joint Board Leadership*

John Reidenbaugh, Vice Chair, 2025 (Elders)  
Diane Bainbridge, Secretary, 2025 (Elders)  
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\* Deadline for submitting articles: Noted on the upper right corner of the first page of The Spire or in our weekly bulletins.

\* Submit articles to the church office: [office@lititzmoravian.org](mailto:office@lititzmoravian.org) or drop them by the office.

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## Prayer Requests

Please remember all of our nursing home residents and shut-ins at home in your prayers.



Prayer Request

## In Memory of Homer E. & Flora A. Martin

Carol M. Dickey  
Suzanne M. Ward

## In Memory of Robert "Bob" Stehman

Highlands Central Baptist Church

## *Serving our country in the military:*

Lt. Col. Neal Miller, Army

Sgt. Jason Stoner, Army Reserves

Lt. Dain Bomberger, US Navy

Major Andrew Kemp

Staff Sgt. Austin Heacock

Lance Corporal Shawn Stauffer, US Marine Corps

## *Prayers of Healing for:*

Tiffany Skwarlo

Barry Erb

Dick Martin

Harry Lefever

Chad Hostetter

Jonathan Yerger

Marilyn Diener

Nova Mentzer

Jeff Bamberger

Joy Sawyer

Cynthia Good



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## Need Transportation to a Medical Appointment?

Our transportation ministry is happy to help! Please call the Church Office and speak with Greg Bomberger or leave him a message to schedule your ride.



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Feel free to call the church Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Please leave a message if you don't get us right away; sometimes we're just in the next room, up the stairs, or down the hall. We are here to support you.

**LMC Congregational Staff:**

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**Rev. Sayward E. G. Lippincott,** Pastor

**Dr. Jeffrey S. Gemmell,** Director of Music Ministries

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Dave Walter, Dianne Zimmerman, Greg Laubach

***Vision Statement***

We are a community that seeks first, last, and always to follow Jesus.

**Faith**—We see a community of FAITH where all are welcome to join in Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, and Evangelism. We see people on a faith journey, actively living a Christian life in our world and providing support for all those in need both at home and in mission.

**Hope**—We see a community of HOPE where people are encouraged and equipped to develop their spiritual gifts and to use them in the service of our Risen Lord. We see a congregation where all are involved in a rich variety of opportunities to serve and be empowered to follow God's calling.

**Love**—We see a community of LOVE where questions of faith are welcome, where the broken find comfort, where unconditional acceptance and love abound, and where all are under God's canopy of grace and forgiveness.