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**MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025**



**Official Newsletter of Lititz Moravian Congregation**  
**JULY 2025**

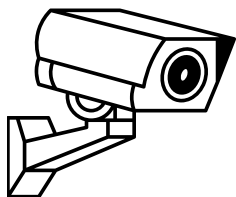


Lititz Moravian Church's beloved mascot, Star, brought joy and community spirit to the Friendship Community Fest on May 17th. Participating in the Mascot event, Star delighted attendees of all ages, embodying the church's mission of building community, bringing smiles, and living out its guiding principles. The event, which supports adults with intellectual disabilities and autism, provided a meaningful platform for Star to represent the church's commitment to service and love. Through such engagements, Lititz Moravian Church continues to foster unity and compassion within the community, reflecting its dedication to faith in action.

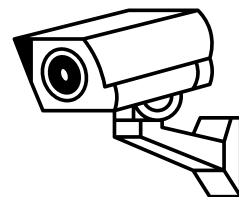




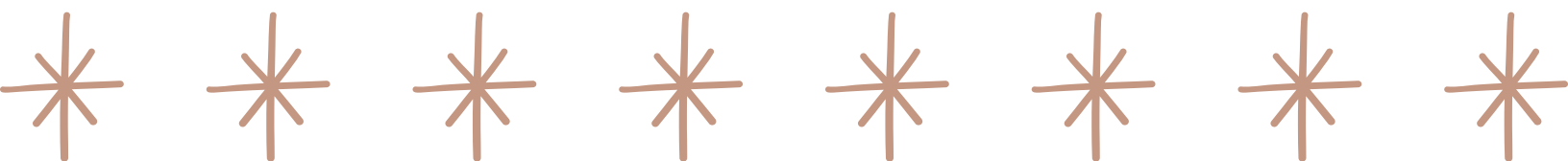
# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Campus Security Update Camera Installation



To enhance the safety and security of everyone on our campus, the Lititz Moravian Congregation has recently installed updated security cameras both inside and outside our buildings. These upgrades are part of our ongoing commitment to providing a secure environment for worship, fellowship, and community activities.



## 2025 Vigil Season

Saturday, Dec 20th.

5:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec 21st.

10:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

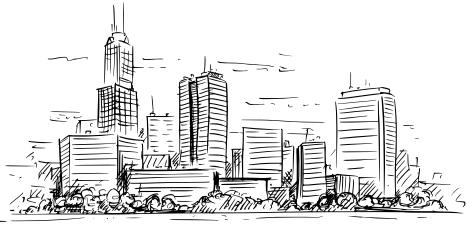
Wednesday, Dec 24th.

5:00 p.m.

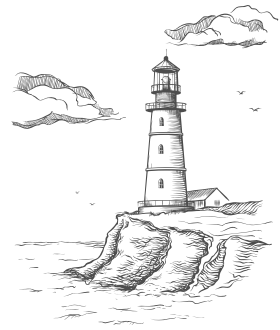
7:30 p.m.



Once again I'm riding in this year's Bike MS:



## *City to Shore Ride*



I would love your support in my fundraising efforts! This will be my 12th year of participation in this event. On Sept 27 I plan to ride 100 miles in support of the cause.

My personal goal is to raise \$2500.00 this year and I'm asking you to please help me reach and exceed it.

If you wish to contribute please see me or call me at 717-875-9707.

If you wish to donate electronically, I can send you a request link by email or text that you can use, or you can contact me through Facebook.

If you wish to donate by check, please make the check out to: National MS Society and get it to me then I will forward it to the proper destination.

I can also accept cash donations.

The congregation was very supportive last year and all your contributions were appreciated!

Given the circumstances of the past year the MS Society is in greater need of donations now more than ever, and I hope you will consider donating in support of their cause.

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. MS is different for everyone, and that makes it all the more challenging to solve.

Believe it or not, pedaling a bike could be the answer to a world free of MS.

Mile by mile, dollar by dollar, Bike MS provides much-needed funding not only to research, but to also ensure that people affected by MS can live their best lives.

I just signed up for this year's ride and I'd really appreciate your support in my fundraising efforts.

Your tax-deductible contribution will help the National MS Society fund groundbreaking research and life-changing programs for people living with MS. And ultimately, end MS forever.

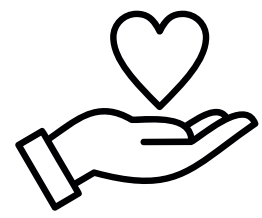
Again, thank you for your support,

Pete Bainbridge





# Suggested Items for Donation to Lititz / Warwick Community Chest



We are okay with normal size products, rather than really large sizes.

Our clients often have limited storage space.

Items in **bold** tend to be in low supply most often.

- canned fruit: **pineapple**, **pears**, peaches, fruit cocktail, etc.
- **applesauce**
- spaghetti sauce (glass is accepted, but canned / plastic is preferred)
- pasta and noodles (all types)
- canned tomatoes: diced or stewed
- baked beans
- canned beans: **kidney**, **northern**, **navy**, **pinto**, black, etc.
- helpers: hamburger, **chicken**, **tuna**
- **instant mashed potatoes**
- rice: brown or white
- flavored pasta or rice mixes
- **canned chicken or Spam** (we received lots of tuna already)
- **canned stew or sloppy joe sauce**
- mini meals for children: spaghetti-o's, ravioli, etc.
- condiments: **mayo**, **ketchup**, **mustard**
- peanut butter
- **jelly or jam**
- hot or cold breakfast cereal
- **instant oatmeal packets**
- granola bars
- pancake mix and syrup
- **coffee or tea bags**
- **juice for children** (no prune or tomato juices, please)
- crackers, **pretzels**, **snacks**
- shampoo and conditioner (2-in-1 products are fine)
- toothpaste and toothbrushes (adult & children sizes)
- **deodorant**
- feminine hygiene products
- **laundry detergent** (please avoid pods due to risk to small children)
- **dish soap** (to do dishes in sink, not dishwasher)
- facial tissues
- **paper towels**, toilet paper





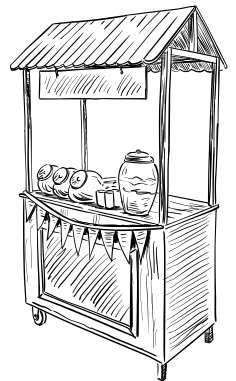
# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



## Craft Show Food Stand Is Seeking Volunteers

Save the date! The 2025 Lititz Rotary Craft Show will be held on Saturday, August 9. Sign-up information for volunteers will be available in July. In the meantime, here are some things to consider:

- It takes the effort of more than 50 volunteers each year to make the Food Stand a success! We appreciate each and every one of you who steps up to help.
- Shifts are available on:
  - Friday evening (August 8)
  - Saturday early morning (August 9)
  - Saturday sale (August 9)
    - Shifts are available for 1-2 hour slots between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- Some ways you can serve include:
  - Salesperson
  - Cashiers
  - Set-up
  - Clean-up
  - Cooks
  - Moravian Sugar Cake Bakers
  - Hospitality
  - Shoppers
- If you aren't up for working in the heat, ask about one of our indoor shifts!



Thank you for considering this worthy outreach to our community! For more information, please contact Susan Bricker at [susanbb123@comcast.net](mailto:susanbb123@comcast.net) or Brenda Barnes at [barnes1@ptd.net](mailto:barnes1@ptd.net)

# **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.**

**PASTORS: MARK BRELAND & SAYWARD LIPPINCOTT  
OFFICE MANAGER: 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)

### **Prayer Requests**

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



Prayer Request

### ***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:***

Barry Erb	Meda Hostetter
Dick Martin	Lorrie Miller
Jeff Bamberger	Carole Price
Joy Sawyer	Julie Gemmell
Pastor Dean Jurgen	Joan Keenan
Barry Frey	Erelene Deist
Vince Mizeras	Peg Ivey
Larry Zimmerman	
Matt Good	



Thanks to all the Prayer Warriors who kept me high and lifted up through my hip replacement surgery and continue to do so through my recovery. Too many to mention, but you know who you are! You are a light in the darkness, and the darkness will never put it out, Blessings on blessings to you all!

~Barry Frey~

"Happy Birthday"

It was greatly appreciated for all the birthday cards I received from my church family on my 90<sup>th</sup>.

It was with great joy to read all of them, plus all the gifts I got.

It made a wonderful day for me.

Again, Thank you very much!

Love,  
Lottie Stoner

Dear Church family,

Janel and I would like to thank the congregation of Lititz Moravian Church, our church family, for all of the cards and phone calls wishing a speedy recovery after my recent fall. Thanks also to the Moravian prayer chain prayer warriors and the Moravian morsels that were dropped off over the following days during my initial recuperation. It's times like these that remind us how blessed we are having such a loving and giving Church family! Continued prayers for a quick healing, strength, and patience during this process is greatly appreciated.

God bless the Lititz Moravian Church,  
Matt and Janel Good



**In Memory of Margaret Herzer**  
Rachelle Good  
Russ & Carolyn Weidman  
**In Memory of Harry Lefever**  
Ginny Sipe

Thank you for partnering with us in planting the seeds of God's Word in Young Hearts to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students within the Warwick School District. Thank you for faithfully giving!

~Warwick Release Time~

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for all the prayers, cards, and visits from Pastor Mark and Kim Stoner over the last few years. It meant so much to Harry and I that, even though we were not able to go to church, we were still part of a loving family.

Thank you also for your cards and phone calls on his passing.

In our time of loss, you have given us peace and healing through your comforting words. We are forever grateful.

~Mary Carolyn Lefever & Family~

To The Lititz Moravian Congregation,  
Family, and Friends,  
A heart felt thank you for all the cards and prayers which were sent our way on the passing of our mother. Greatly appreciated.  
Sincerely,  
The 4 K's!  
Kent, Karl, Kurt and Kevin Herzer





## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Friday, July 4**

Holiday - OFFICE CLOSED

**Sunday, July 6**

**John Hus Communion**

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

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

**Sunday, July 13**

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

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

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

**Sunday, July 20**

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

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

**Monday, July 21**

**Spire Deadline**

**Sunday, July 27**

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

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

**7 p.m. Vespers in the Park - Lititz Spring Park**

## **Stewardship To Date for 2025**

### ***Financial Summary (May)***

- Tithes & Offerings 2024: \$45,291
- Tithes & Offerings 2025: \$43,423
- General Fund Other Income 2024: \$412
- General Fund Other Income 2025: \$5,309
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$44,168
- General Fund Expense 2025: \$48,436
- Net Income 2024: \$1,535
- Net Income 2025: \$296

### ***2025 Year-to-Date (through May)***

- Tithes & Offerings 2024: \$241,571
- Tithes & Offerings 2025: \$255,438
- General Fund Other Income 2024: \$29,821
- General Fund Other Income 2025: \$38,164
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$278,085
- General Fund Expense 2025: \$316,300
- Net Income 2024: (\$6,693)
- Net Income 2025: (\$22,698)

From Ron and Anna Buch,  
members of Lititz Moravian since 2001 and  
currently living in Cornwall Boro, Lebanon Co.  
We are hoping to sell our home and relocate to  
Warwick Township or surrounding area in the next  
few months. We are seeking a rental housing that  
will allow our two mini-Schnauzers,  
both house broken and friendly, to accompany us.  
We are hoping for a ground-floor apartment unit or  
either single or semi-detached house  
with 2 bedrooms and 2 baths, and have off street  
parking for one vehicle.  
We are both retired and can handle minimal upkeep  
if required.

Ron is a retired police officer and former bank  
security.

Anna has served in the US Army and from various  
vocational backgrounds since.

If you know of any available housing, kindly give us  
a call at (717) 673-7823

Thank you and bless you!

# **NEWS FROM OUR BOARDS**

## **Highlights from the Board of Elders for March**

- the ROMEOS group will be starting monthly meetings - see Greg Bomberger if interested
- a Sign-up Genius is being created for the nursery - looking for volunteers!
- an Inquirer's Class will be held on March 29
- Readers for Holy Week services were procured, and the time of the Sunrise Service on April 20th will be 6 am.
- the Kitchen renovation is moving along on schedule!

## **Highlights from the Board of Trustees Meeting May 20, 2025**

- It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes from the Trustee Meeting of April 22, 2025. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded to approve the April financial report. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the quote for up to \$800 to reupholstering the two chairs in Eschbach Parlor. Motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the agreement with the Vista Program to bring Eric onboard to clean for 3 hours a week starting June 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Endowment Committee for Rutbell Fund distribution. Motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposal from Pequea Refinishing to redo the Main Street Parsonage Door for a cost of \$6,800.00. Motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to end the Trustee meeting at 8:10pm. Motion Carried Unanimously.

## **Highlights from Archive Committee Mtg. April 18, 2025**

- MARCH MINUTES: were accepted and approved
- TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made and passed to move some of the archives funds into a six-month CD with a higher interest rate. Marian Shatto made a motion that the Archives Committee allow Treasurer Bill Oehme to move \$5,000.00 from archives checking fund into a six-month CD, seconded by Charlie Best. The motion carried.
- FRONT DOORS MUSEUM BUILDING: It was voted on and passed by the committee to have the front doors sanded and varnished to preserve the aging wood.
- TANNENBERG ORGAN CONCERT: Lititz Moravian former organist, Phil Cooper, will present a concert June 13 at The York History Center Museum. A wonderful opportunity to hear another Tannenberg organ.
- NEXT MEETING: May 13, 2025 in Eschbach Parlor





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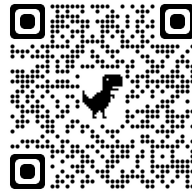
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Feel free to call the church Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.  
Please leave a message if you don't get us right away;  
Sometimes we're just in the next room, up the stairs, or down the hall.  
We are here to support you.

The Spire is a monthly publication of the Lititz Moravian Congregation. The Spire's mission is to inform and engage everyone involved in the church's life and ministry and reach out to visitors and friends offering opportunities to share in the work of Lititz Moravian. We welcome your suggestions and input.

\* Deadline for submitting articles: Noted on the upper left corner of the first page of The Spire.

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

**Newsletter Staff:**

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**Donation Reminder**

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



**Online Giving Available**

To stop receiving paper envelopes in the mail, please contact the Church Office for more information  
[office@lititzmoravian.org](mailto:office@lititzmoravian.org)

**Joint Board Leadership**

Randy Bricker, Vice Chair, 2026 (Elders)  
Diane Bainbridge, Secretary, 2027 (Elders)  
Dave Walter, Chair 2027 (Trustees)  
Paul Swope, Vice Chair, 2026 (Trustees)  
Chris Styers, Secretary, 2027 (Trustees)

**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.

**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.

# July 2025

*August Spire Deadline: Monday, July 21st*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Abbreviations: CEC = Christian Education Committee, NA = Narcotics Anonymous, HBC= Handbell Choir, SC= Senior Choir, CIS= Church in Society, TC= Trombone Choir		1 9A Quilting  7P Elders	2 8:30A Yoga 11A ROMEO's Lunch  7P NA Meeting	3   7P CIS 7P Yoga	4 <b>4th of July Holiday OFFICE CLOSED</b>	5
6 <b>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>John Hus Communion</b> 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Keeping Holy Time	7 8:30 a.m. Yoga  .  7P CEC	8 9A Quilting  6:30P Archives Comm.	9 8:30A Yoga  7P NA Meeting	10   7P Worship Comm. 7P Yoga	11 9A Beginner Yoga  6P Crafts with Friends	12
13 <b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Keeping Holy Time 11:45A Birthday Celebration	14 8:30 a.m. Yoga  7P Evangelism Comm.	15 9A Quilting  6:30P Trustees	16 8:30A Yoga  7P NA Meeting	17   7P Yoga	18 9A Beginner Yoga	19
20 <b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Keeping Holy Time  Joyful Noise Offering	21 8:30 a.m. Yoga <b>Spire Deadline</b>	22 9A Quilting	23 8:30A Yoga  7P NA Meeting	24   7P Yoga	25 9A Beginner Yoga  6P Crafts with Friends	26 10A Random Acts of Kindness
27 <b>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Keeping Holy Time  7P Vespers in the Park	28 8:30 a.m. Yoga  6:30P Fellowship Comm.	29 9A Quilting	30 8:30A Yoga  7P NA Meeting	31   7P Yoga		