MARCH 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

APRIL SPIRE DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2025

Our 276th Anniversary Lovefeast Service and Brunch

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Celebrating together in Worship

Enjoying a wonderful meal with friends and family



Spending time in Fellowship together

Sunday Worship at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

In-Person and Live on our website and
our Facebook page



Blowing Your Nose



How often do we stop to give thanks for the small things—the everyday moments and simple functions that we often take for granted? Today, I'd like to encourage us all to pause and consider the beauty of gratitude for even the most ordinary things—like the ability to blow our noses.

It may seem like an odd example, but have you ever had a cold so bad that your nose was completely blocked? Or, like me, having surgery that impacted your sinus or your nose? In those moments, you suddenly realize how wonderful it is to breathe freely. Something as simple as tissue and the ability to clear our sinuses can become a great blessing in times of discomfort. How quickly do we forget to be grateful for that essential function when we regain health?

This idea of appreciating the small things is woven throughout scripture. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Paul reminds us to "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." That "all" includes not just the significant milestones of life but the little gifts scattered throughout our days—waking up with energy, enjoying a warm cup of coffee, hearing a child's laughter, or feeling the sun on our skin.

God's goodness is not only found in grand miracles but also in quiet, unnoticed blessings. Jesus modeled this kind of gratitude by giving thanks before breaking bread with his disciples. It was a simple meal yet an opportunity to acknowledge God's provision.

Let's train our hearts to notice the little things. Let's give thanks for clean sheets, a well-timed green light, a friendly smile, or even the ability to blow our noses. When we cultivate gratitude for the small blessings, we see how much God's love and care surrounds us daily.

Pastor Sayward Lippincott



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. Deadline to order is April 13th.
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



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

Social Events and Mini Missions



CULTIVATE COORDINATOR: PASTOR SAYWARD



6th Grade-12th Grade

9:15 a.m. in the RAO

Social Events, Missions, and Pastor Chats

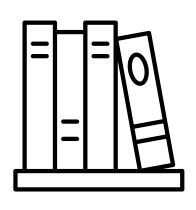
The annual Association of Partners in Christian Education (APCE) conference was held a few weeks ago in Memphis, TN and so with suitcase in hand, I escaped to warmer weather and a rejuvenating line-up of workshops and speakers. Pastor Sayward was able to attend the online portion, so we have spent the last few weeks exchanging notes and discussing how we can incorporate what we've learned. In addition to the thought-provoking sermons and well-planned workshops, I had the opportunity to meet other Moravian Christian Education leaders and swap stories of what's working (and what's not).

I ALSO had the unique opportunity to serve as an Honorary Duckmaster, a privilege that was only offered as a drawing to first-time conference attendees. If you are unfamiliar with the legendary ducks of the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, I can fill you in or you can check out the hotel website (or any Google search, really), but this was such a fun way to end a soul-soothing week. This title also came with a duck head cane, a tshirt designed like the Duckmaster uniform and a certificate of recognition. I'm almost certain the Venn diagram of duck wrangling and children's ministry overlaps more than I originally thought. More to come in a future children's chat, I'm sure!

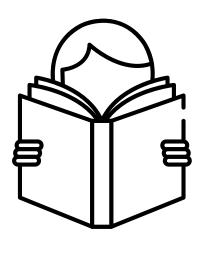


What we are looking forward to in March:

- · Rooted will begin a study of Ruth
- Cultivate will have a Moravian Scavenger Hunt, a mission project and brunch + faith topics.
- March 16 is family roller skating as our LMC in the Wild event. Everyone is invited!
- There are 5 Sundays in March so the LIFT service will be on March 23rd!
- March 29 will be a community garden prepping and planting day. We will be rooting AND cultivating!







In honor of our 275th Anniversary, I decided to make donations to the library ministry in memory of two Moravian friends. In order to display more forward facing books for our youngest readers, a new book display case was purchased for the Book Nook in memory of Sylvia Christman.

With library now part of the Sunday School rotation, I saw a need to provide more books for our youth, ages 8-12. Listening to the children's desire to have more mystery, fantasy and graphic novel options, the following books have been purchased in memory of Peggy (O'Keefe) Lafave:

- Imagination Station Series, Volumes 1-15
- National Park Mystery Series, Books 1-5
- Magic Tree House Graphic Novel Starter Set, Books 1-4

Look for individual titles in next month's Spire.

In other news, I discovered the author of a children's book in the alto section of the choir. You will notice "The Christmas Snowflake" by Patti Moore Cornelius in our new acquisitions.

New Acquisitions: PICTURE BOOKS

"Popcorn Thanks" by Natalie Chodniewicz "The Christmas Snowflake" by Patti Moore Cornelius YOUTH

"All Creation Waits" by Gayle Bass "What Do You Celebrate?" By Whitney Stewart

~Debbie Hornberger, Librarian~



"The 'Splash' program was started in 2005 by Cyndy Scibal (a former member). This ministry is part of the ministry of the CEC. Thru 2005 to 2024 there have been 98 babies born that were notified of birth. They receive a CD on their 1, 2, & 3 birthdays, along with a birthday card. The parents receive a monthly newsletter for 3 years.

If parents have the child baptized, the child also receives a baptism card on each baptismal date for 3 years.

I have read the newsletters and wish they had been available when we had our children. The little cartoon in each letter is cute. Also to learn how to speak words in other languages is good since we have other nationalities in America."

JOLUNTEER



HOWEVER

Due to construction in the social hall, we are delaying the start for candle making.



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 <u>final clean-up is scheduled for</u> Saturday, April 12, starting at 8:00am.

<u>Rain date</u>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!



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.



The 2025 Lititz Moravian Community Garden

Do you enjoy gardening? Are you looking to plant a garden but don't have your own plot? Do you have a heart for feeding families who need access to fresh produce? Then please consider helping the 2025 Lititz Moravian Community Garden get "off the ground" this season.

Our garden was totally renovated in November, and the new beds are higher and easy to reach, making them more accessible to gardeners with physical limitations.

What fits your schedule? Would you like to pick a few weeds or water the garden when going to and from church? Would you like to plant and harvest on a regular basis? Would you even like to tend or sponsor your own raised bed?

If you garden at home, please consider purchasing or growing a few extra seedlings to be planted in the LMC garden.

The tentative date for prepping and planting will be Saturday, March 29th, and you are invited to help out. There will be many opportunities during the growing season to pitch in a little or a lot, so please contact:

Brenda Barnes at barnes1@ptd.net or 717-201-5384 to help.

THE MORAUIAN MISSION GIFT SHOP 18 ON THE MARCH!!



Thanks to the support of our customers, the donations of new items from friends, and the commitment of our volunteers in 2024, we DONATED \$14,000 to worthy causes in the Lititz/Warwick community, the wider Lancaster area, and to Moravian ministries around the world! Twenty-eight worthy causes are better able to serve people in need with these proceeds from our small, but mighty shop.

It's 2025, and we are on the march again! Beginning March 7, we will be open Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and by appointment (717-626-9027). From October through December, we will also be open on

Thursdays, also 10-4.

While we specialize in stars of all sizes and materials, and beeswax candles hand-made by our church members, we also have collections of pottery, wood carvings, stained glass, artwork, ornaments of all varieties, Moravian CDs, ties, mugs, and towels, engraved glass bells and wine glasses, puzzles for all ages, Christian books for children, Bibles, biographies, and beautiful jewelry. And, of course, lots of colorful scrubbies!

There's something for just about everyone!



We try to offer locally made products, as well as items made by international small-business startups. We are always looking for new vendors with a creative touch, and we appreciate donations of new items from those who want to re-gift something they don't need.



This year we are happy to partner with the Moravian Camp Hope Quilters to sell their beautiful, quilted items at our shop.





SHOP WITH US!

SUPPORT LITITZ MORAVIAN MISSIONS!



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 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)



"Dear Lititz Moravian; On behalf of the board members of the Lititz Warwick Community Chest, I would like to thank you for your food donations of 2,215.1 lbs. for 2025. Your donation will be used to help local families through a difficult time. We are grateful to be part of a generous and caring community. Our volunteers continue to deliver non-perishable food from our pantry stock along with fresh meats and other perishable foods, fruits, and vegetables. The Lititz Warwick Community Chest made 793 deliveries in 2025. We appreciate your ongoing support in meeting this need."

> Sincerely, Dori Resch

"We are so grateful to the Lititz Moravian Congregation for supporting Milagro House! The gift of \$1,444.50, received on January 17,2025, will directly support our mission to provide education, housing, and support services to women and their children who would otherwise be experiencing homelessness.

Milagro House is Lancaster County's only residential program for mothers facing homelessness that places education at its core. Our program empowers women to find a way to break the cycle of poverty for themselves and their children, fostering lasting independence and transforming individual lives and families for generations to come.

Your support is essential to Milagro House. Every gift directly impacts the women and children we serve, making you an integral part of their success stories. Together, we're building a stronger community and creating brighter futures. Thank you again for your generosity. We look forward to advancing this vital work with your continued partnership."

With Gratitude, Christina D. & Ashley B.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, March 2

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

Wednesday, March 5 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Sunday, March 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

Wednesday, March 12 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Sunday, March 16

8:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All 10:30 a.m. LIFT Worship Service

> Monday, March 17 Spire Deadline

Wednesday, March 19 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Sunday, March 23

8:00 &10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

Wednesday, March 26 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Sunday, March 30

8:00 &10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All



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)

Donation Reminder

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

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.

Stewardship To Date for 2025

Financial Summary (January)

- Tithes & Offerings 2024: \$51,552
- Tithes & Offerings 2025: \$60,517
- General Fund Income 2024: \$9,397
- General Fund Income 2025: \$11,647
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$57,502
- General Fund Expense 2025: \$76,862
- Net Income 2024: \$3,448
- Net Income 2025: (\$4,698)

2024 Year-to-Date (through January)

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NEWS FROM OUR BOARDS

Highlights from the Board of Elders for February

- Introduced new Elders Earle Cornelius and Jonathan Kremser, and selected Committee Representatives
- Joint Board retreat date: March 22
- Hoping to hold an Inquirer's Class in March
- Considering new welcoming wording for the sign outside the Brother's House, pending advice from the Strategic Planning Task Force
- Pastor Sayward is coordinating Lenten Suppers from March 12 through April 9th

Highlights of 1-21-25 Board of Trustees Meeting

- It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes from the Trustee Meeting of December 3, 2024. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded to approve the final November 2024 financial report. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded to approve the December financial report. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation made via email to add \$710.87 from the Trustees' Discretionary Fund to take the Donation to Moravian Open Door to an even \$9,000.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- A motion to adopt the budget edits as presented in the year-end report (the report that will be presented to church council) was moved and seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to move the April 15th Trustees Meeting to April 22nd because of Holy Week. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to spend \$11,500 for the office renovations. Motion Carried
- A motion was made and seconded to end the Trustees meeting at 8:13pm and move into Executive Session. Motion Carried Unanimously.



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 right corner of the first page of The Spire or in our weekly bulletins.
 - * Submit articles to the church office: office@lititzmoravian.org or drop them by the office.

Newsletter Staff:

Writers: Members of the Congregation Editor(s): Courtney Hackman & Jaime Weik Printer: John Reidenbaugh Proofer: Church Office Volunteers



In Memory of Phyllis Wagner
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In Memory of Audrey Balmer

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Dick & Janet Coates

In Memory of Marion Shelley
Jane Bergman

In Memory of Glenn Bergman Jr.Jane Bergman

In Honor of Connie Lawrence Marian Shatto

In Memory of John Smith
Dixie Lou Smith



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Prayer Requests

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



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

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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:

Rev. Mark V. Breland, Sr., Pastor

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Bob Turgyan,

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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.

March 2025

April Spire Deadline: Monday, March 17th

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	ducation Committee, NA = sell Choir, SC= Senior Choir, C= Trombone Choir					_
2	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday	9	7	8
Last Sunday after Epiphany	8:30 a.m. Yoga	8:30A Tai Chi Easy	:30A		9A Beginner Yoga	
Transfiguration Sunday		9A Quilting	,			
8 & 10:30A Worship						
9:13A Sunday School for All	7P CFC		7P Lenten Service	7P CIS	6P Crafts with Friends	
	7:30P HBC	7P Elders		7P Yoga	7P Welcome Spring Dance	ec
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First Sunday in Lent	8:30 a.m. Yoga	8:30A Tai Chi Easy	8:30A Yoga		9A Beginner Yoga	
Lenten Holy Communion		9A Quilting			9:30A Preschool	
8 & 10:30A Worship			6P Lenten Dinner		Story Hour	
9:15A Sunday School for All	6:30P Fellowship Comm.		7P Lenten Service			
9A Snack N' Yak	7P Evangelism Comm.		7P NA Meeting	7P Worship Comm.		
11:45A Birthday Celebration	7:30P HBC	6:30P Archives Comm.		7P Yoga		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Second Sunday in Lent	8:30 a.m. Yoga	8:30A Tai Chi Easy	8:30A Yoga		9A Beginner Yoga	10A Random Acts of
8 & 10:30A Worship		9A Quilting	9:30A Women's			Kindness
9:15A Sunday School for All			Morning Circle			
			6P Lenten Dinner			
			7P Lenten Service			
	Spire Deadline	6:30P Trustees	7P NA Meeting			
	7:30P HBC	7:15P TC	7:45P SC	7P Yoga	6P Crafts with Friends	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Third Sunday in Lent	8:30 a.m. Yoga	8:30A Tai Chi Easy	8:30A Yoga		9A Beginner Yoga	
8:00A Worship		9A Quilting				
9:15A Sunday School for All			6P Lenten Dinner			
10:30A LIFT Worship Service			7P Lenten Service			
			7P NA Meeting	6:30P Candle Making		
Joyful Noise Offering	7:30P HBC	7:15P TC	7:45P SC	7P Yoga		
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