

OCTOBER 2024

THE SPIRE

Official Newsletter of Lititz Moravian Congregation

Congregational Watchword for 2024:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1

NOVEMBER SPIRE DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024

PRESCHOOL

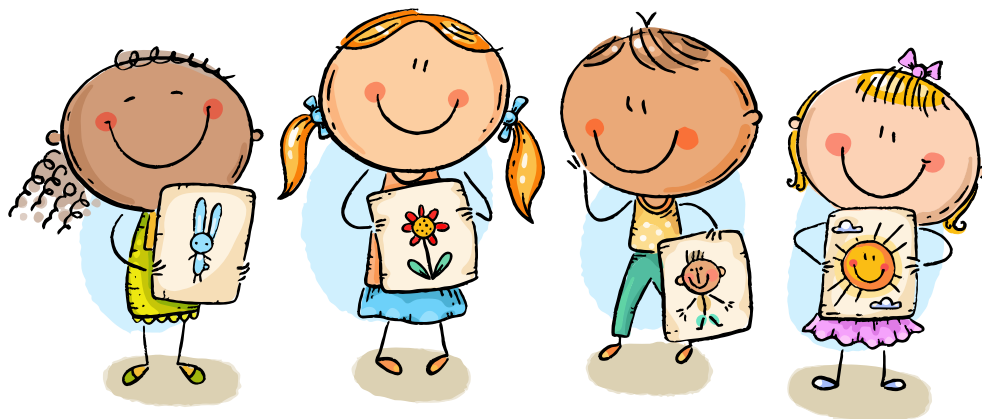
So, this is the year for our littlest to start experiencing school. We had to figure out what places offered preschool that would fix our schedule and fit our price range, and we had to be in a location that wasn't too far. We found one. I did all the paperwork and set up the payment schedule. Then came the first day. There was excitement before picking out clothes and packing a lunch.

But all that changed when we got to the classroom door. The handheld grip tightened, becoming a suffocating hug, and the tears started. "I don't want to go." "I will miss you." "Please don't leave me." "I'm scared."

In the middle of the loud, busy preschool hallway, we prayed. We prayed for courage and the strength to be brave. Tears were wiped on my shirt, a deep breath was taken, and she walked in a wave (holding back tears).

We now pray on our way to school. We finish with, "I got this because God's got me." The lunch box is stowed as the backpack is hung up, and a goodbye hug is given. I whisper, "You got this because God's got you."

Please remember "You've Got This Because God's Got You!"



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

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



FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Sabbatical Reflections: Gratitude

Now that my 4-week sabbatical has come and gone, and people have inquired about my experience. First, I am so grateful to the Lititz Moravian leadership for supporting me to take this time of rest. Second, my church family has been so helpful and supportive of my efforts to care for myself. Special thanks to Pastor Sayward for her strong encouragement to take the sabbatical. Without a doubt, my most important and sustaining feeling is one of gratitude. During my seventeen years of pastoral ministry, I was too busy to remove myself from the day-to-day ministry for an extended time. The times I took more than ten days off were during times of recovery after two surgeries. Thank you for giving me permission to rest, devote more time to prayer and reading, and address unfinished business.

Prayer and Reading

Two of the vows Moravian pastors take at their ordination are the following: A. Study the Holy Scriptures

B. Prayer

The reading of scripture and prayer is foundational for all pastors and yet, there can be a difference in this practice for the church and personal spiritual health.

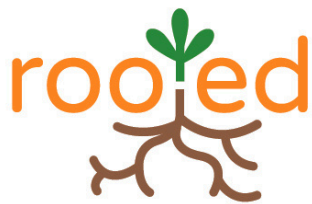
My time away allowed me to focus on me and my personal relationship with God. At times I was successful in not thinking about the work and needs of the congregation. It was difficult to not think about the ministry of the congregation, people on the prayer list, and calendar events. My spirit was restless the first two weeks as I tried not to be pastoral. I took this opportunity to write a journal and read.

Unfinished Business

It was special to relax on the beach with sand under my feet, the ocean in view, and the sound of the waves was much appreciated. Growing up in the flat lands of Indiana, the sight and sounds of the Atlantic never gets old. One of my goals was to visit one of my mentors. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Stanley Thomas was one of my father figures. Bishop Thomas and his wife Mrs. Faye Thomas were at Second Moravian Church when I was 8 to 18 years old. My Bishop is with the Lord, and I wanted to make a trip to New Jersey see one of my "mothers" who loved me and nurtured me. It was a great visit. Dee and I visited the resting place of her fifth grandfather Uncle Alfred a former slave of President Andrew Jackson. I went to Nashville, TN to visit the Hermitage and learn about the former president. We saw the tomb of President Jackson and his wife Rachel. To the right of the president's resting place is the grave of Alfred, all buried in an English Garden. In walking distance is the actual log cabin of Alfred. It was sobering to learn off all the enslaved and emancipated people, Alfred was the only one the Hermitage had record of his life and death.

I am grateful to my church family for the financial gifts and support to take a sabbatical. You bless me!

FROM THE GREENHOUSE



Nursery-5th Grade

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

Social Events and Mini Missions



6th Grade-12th Grade

9:15 a.m. in the RAO

Social Events, Missions, and Pastor Chats

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR:
ALLYSON MILLER

CULTIVATE COORDINATOR:
PASTOR SAYWARD

September has been busy with our Sunday School Kick-off, the launch of our Cultivate Sunday School program, Minis & Me Playgroup beginning and the Preschool Story Hour starting back up. I want to thank all of the volunteers who help to make these events run so smoothly. We all have gifts to share with the youngest members of our church family. If you are interested in sharing your gifts with us, please reach out to Allyson at allyson@lititzmoravian.org and we will find a place that works for you!

Thank You!



Preschool Story Hour

Friday, October 11th at

9:30 AM-10:30 AM

in the 2nd floor Book Nook



Minis & Me

CAREGIVER AND CHILD PLAYGROUP
AGES 0-5

EVERY MONDAY AT 10AM-11AM

CEB 3RD FLOOR DANCE ROOM



Music NEWS

**CHOIR DIRECTOR:
JEFF 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).



October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

God sends each shepherd to us with a specific set of spiritual gifts and then works through those gifts to bless us.

To show our appreciation for the service and leadership of our pastors, please send cards, e-mails, or any other type of appreciation during the month of October.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

OPEN ADVENT TEA POSITIONS

The Advent Tea is months away, but the Moravian Fellowship's event needs to fill two positions: selling jewelry or selling Attic Treasures. The collectibles are gathered months in advance of the first Saturday in December.

Co-leadership is certainly an option, so you can lead one of these important ministries with a friend! If you feel a calling to collect and sell jewelry or Christmas items, please contact Brenda Barnes at barnes1@ptd.net, or talk to someone in the Moravian Fellowship



In honor of our church's 275th Anniversary, we are inaugurating a church-wide service project: the expansion of our Lititz Moravian Community Garden. Since 2017, thanks to the leadership of Brenda Barnes, a small group has worked to fund and manage a modest, raised-bed garden near the pavilion which has provided much-needed fresh vegetables to our community food banks.

Donating fresh food actually helps serve two purposes for bettering communities. Aside from the immediate health benefits to our neighbors who depend on food assistance, the planet benefits greatly as well. The less unspoiled food that gets thrown away, the less unspoiled food that is sent to a landfill and goes to waste.

Now WE have the opportunity to fulfill Christ's call to serve! By expanding our garden significantly, we can honor our years as part of this community by producing a significant volume of fresh produce for those who are food deprived. The plan is to increase the number of raised beds and, consequently, the amount of produce raised, as well as offering our members the opportunity to participate in a service project that promises to improve the lives of many in our community.

There are a number of options for YOU to get involved:

- Help assemble and fill the beds
- Plant, water, weed, and harvest
- Transport the produce to food bank
- Plan to add some of your home-grown produce to the harvest
- Solicit friends and neighbors to donate produce
- Donate money to pay for initial and on-going maintenance of the garden
- Look for additional information in the future about this exciting project and how YOU can participate.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, October 6

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
(World Wide Communion)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

Sunday, October 13

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

9:00 a.m. Snack N' Yak

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

After the 10:30 a.m. Birthday Celebration

Sunday, October 20

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

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

5:00 p.m. Family Event: Manhunt & Pizza

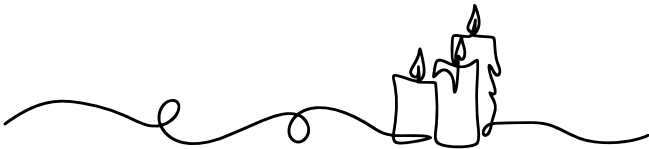
October 25

Spire Deadline

Sunday, October 27

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

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All



Vigil Dates for 2024

Saturday, 12/14/2024 at 5p.m.

Saturday, 12/21/2024 at 5 p.m.

Sunday 12/22/2024 at 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Family Lovefeast

Sunday, 12/22/2024 at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, 12/24/2024 at 5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

New this year, members can choose either the traditional card or fill out a Google form to request tickets. Public distribution will have two options: traditional in-person and e-ticketing via Eventbrite. More Details will be available in the letter that will be mailed out in the coming month.

Your Birthday Fellowship Hour Will Be Sunday, October 13 Following 10:30 a.m. Worship

"The Lititz Moravian Museum & Archives Committee would like to offer you a tour of our historic Church Square, plus a look inside our museum which contains many unique and rare artifacts of our Lititz Moravian history. Take a tour on any fourth Sunday when the Torchbearers history text is read.

Meet up with a guide in Fellowship Hall where the tour will begin after the 'birthday' celebration is over.

Tours usually last about 45 minutes.

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 6 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: 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**

MEET THE LMC STAFF



PASTOR SAYWARD E.G. LIPPINCOTT

Our staff spotlight this month is Pastor Sayward E.G. Lippincott.

Pastor Sayward came to Lititz Moravian Congregation in 2020.

Sayward, originally from Maryland, lives in Lititz with her husband and 3 children and the family dog. She enjoys life as wife, mother and Daughter of God and raising her children to love the Lord as much as she does.

In addition to enjoying time with her family, Sayward enjoys spending time with her extended family and nurturing her relationships with her brothers and sisters in Christ at LMC. When life permits time to relax and enjoy some down time, Sayward enjoys watching Dr. Who or Star Trek: Next Gen on TV or reading “The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe” (C.S. Lewis).

While most of our staff at LMC enjoy their coffee in the morning, Sayward can be found sipping on a Chai Tea and possibly snacking on something salty and crunchy but when given the choice of her favorite dinner to enjoy, she will immediately grasp the opportunity to enjoy seafood.

When asked, “If you had one wish, what would it be?” her response is “That the world would see each other as Brothers & Sisters and care for one another....and maybe a lifetime supply of sushi!” Those who have met and know Sayward, enjoy and appreciate her sense of humor and ability to be serious and take any time needed to listen and offer any advice or help that she can.

Legacy of Love:

Power and Strength through Faith



Mark your calendar for our 2024 Retreat!

Date: November 8th - 10th

Time: 6:30pm Friday - 10:30am Sunday

Place: Kenbrook Bible Camp, Lebanon, PA

Presenter: Maggie Wellert, Retired Moravian Pastor

All are welcome for a time of

Relaxation ~ Spiritual Renewal ~ Fellowship

Price for Weekend includes 2 nights lodging and 4 meals

\$140 for single occupancy

\$115 for double occupancy

The Kenbrook prices are actually higher than those above. The Retreat Committee subsidizes approximately \$85 per person. Anyone who would like to help defray the actual cost, the additional contribution will be received as a gift. A deposit of \$50 per person is payable now with your registration form to reserve your spot. Scholarships are available. Contact Pastor Mark for more information.

Name _____
Phone _____
Rooming With _____
E-Mail Address _____
Dietary Needs _____
Amount Paid _____

Checks payable to "Retreat Committee". Return to Office, Attn. Pastor Mark. Registrations due no later than October 1.

2024 Second Mile Offering

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

Approved by the Board of Elders

October: Warwick Community Chest We provide temporary food assistance to neighbors in need who reside within the boundaries of the Warwick School District.

November: The Food Hub Helping our neighbors thrive through sharing the resources they need most: food, clothing, & shelter all with faith & compassion!

December: Milagro House is the only residential program for mothers facing homelessness in Lancaster County that holds education attainment at its core. When women come to Milagro House, they find a way to break the cycle of poverty for themselves and their children. Milagro House is more than a place to live – it is a safe home, a place to grow and flourish, and an opportunity to build a brighter future through educational advancement.

Thank You

“Thank you for your support of the work of the Board of World Mission (BWM). Your generous gift of \$233.25, for the Education Fund helps us continue to make a difference in the lives of our Moravian brothers and sisters and their communities.”

~Sue Adams - BWM~

“On behalf of the board members of the Lititz Warwick Community Chest, I would like to thank you for the cash donation from 8/8/2024 of \$1,259.79. The donation will help us supplement the pantry stock that is collected from the community during food drives. 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, perishable vegetables and hygiene supplies. The Lititz Warwick Community Chest delivered food to 65 families in the month of July with a total of 383 deliveries in 2024”

~Lisa Ruth, Treasurer~

ATTENTION

Privacy Statement

In an effort to keep your personal information protected, a new policy has been adopted by the church office.

In the event someone would contact the church office requesting either your home address or phone number, the church staff will contact you directly before releasing the information.

This is to verify we have your permission.

Minutes from the May 14, 2024 Lititz Moravian Museum and Archives

There was no meeting in April, 2024. The May 4, 2024 edition of LNP article "Lititz Moravian Church commemorates 275 years" was discussed. The article contained several factual errors and misquotes.

Several members of the committee cleaned the museum, which is an annual project, before the tourist season begins. Also the "outhouse" was somewhat squirrel proofed!

The Spring Fest was a huge success with many families enjoying the offerings which included bounce castles, pony rides and complimentary refreshments. This was the first large event from the 275th celebration.

The alarm system was repaired in the museum. It was also noted there are several cosmetic projects coming up on the exterior of the building.

The committee will be participating in the Taste of Lititz night June 7 with sugar cake offered in front of the church. Tours of church square will also be offered to those interested.

The annual Departed Spirits tour will be held October 26 along with The Lititz Historical Foundation. It is hoped the third floor of the Brothers House will be available.

New updated bookmarks with 2024 love feast dates are now available for tour handouts.

It was mentioned to offer tours of the museum and church square on the fourth Sundays of each month beginning in May. These will coincide with the readings of The Torch Bearers.

Several group and bus tours are already scheduled for Moravian Church Square and museum.

No meetings in June, July and August.

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.

Joint Board Leadership

John Reidenbaugh, Vice Chair, 2025 (Elders)

Diane Bainbridge, Secretary, 2025 (Elders)

Dave Walter, Chair 2027 (Trustees)

Paul Swope, Vice Chair, 2026 (Trustees)

Chris Styers, Secretary, 2027 (Trustees)



Online Giving Available

To stop receiving paper envelopes in the mail, please contact the Church Office for more information

office@lititzmoravian.org

Donation Reminder

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

No Highlights from the Board of Elders for August

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 7 pm. in the Liquid Room.

Highlights from the Board of Trustees for July 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 June 18, 2024. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded to approve the June financial report. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded to renew the EAP Program for another year. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded that for photography requests that are conducted in the outdoors on the campus, requests would be permitted with a recommended \$50 donation. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- A motion to adjourn with no further business at 8:23pm was moved and seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- Next Trustee meeting will be on September 13, 2024, at 6:30 in the Liquid Classroom.

Stewardship To Date for 2024

Financial Summary (August)

- General Fund Income 2023: \$37,813
- General Fund Income 2024: \$36,877
- General Fund Expense 2023: \$61,587
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$68,104
- Net Income 2023: (\$23,774)
- Net Income 2024: (\$31,227)

2024 Year-to-Date (through August)

- General Fund Income 2023: \$465,318
- General Fund Income 2024: \$432,819
- General Fund Expense 2023: \$468,803
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$449,660
- Net Income 2023: (\$3,487)
- Net Income 2024: (\$16,841)

For Members Experiencing Difficult Financial Situations:

The Congregational Assistance Fund is available to provide healthcare and financial support for members of the Lititz Moravian Congregation. All active, communicant members who are experiencing temporary hardships may request financial assistance. All requests are to be made by the person needing the assistance and they can obtain a request form from our pastors or the members of the CAF committee. Those members are Alison Sandercox (Elder member), Paul Swope (Trustee member) and Randy Bricker (elected member by Church Council).



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Check us out on Facebook and Instagram



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

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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.



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.

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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

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