

JANUARY 2025

THE SPIRE

Official Newsletter of Lititz Moravian Congregation

Congregational Watchword for 2024:
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1

JANUARY SPIRE DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024

Starting New

As we step into a brand-new year, January offers us the perfect opportunity to reflect, reset, and renew. Just as we make resolutions to improve our physical health, relationships, or personal goals, we can also think about ways to deepen our walk with Jesus.

Even small, consistent changes can have a big impact on your faith journey.

Jesus calls us to abide in Him so that our lives may bear fruit (John 15:5). This month, as you prayerfully consider what to add to your routine, remember that each intentional step draws you nearer to His heart. Whether it's five extra minutes in prayer or a new practice of gratitude, let this addition be a blessing that strengthens your connection to Christ.

May this new year bring a fresh sense of purpose, peace, and joy in walking alongside our Savior.

"For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?" (Isaiah 43:19)

Happy New Year!



Being A Christian Citizen:

A Bible study for our time

This Bible Study uses the Moravian Covenant for Christian Living (MCCL), Chapter 4, "The Witness of the Christian Citizen," and related scriptures as outline for the five, one-hour sessions:

January 9

16

23

30

February 6

*7 pm in the Outlook Library located
in the Church Building, 2nd floor.*

*The use of this study has been encouraged by the Provincial Elders
Conference and the Bishops.*

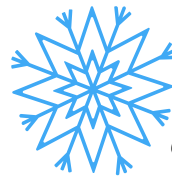
*The Bishops of the Northern and Southern Province wrote,
"We, the bishops...reviewed this Bible Study produced by the NP
Racial Justice Team and together we recommend the use of this
study be considered in the congregations of the
Northern and Southern Province."*

*If you have questions about this study, talk to Pastor Mark. The
leadership of this study is the Church In Society Committee.*

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE GREENHOUSE



JANUARY



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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR:
ALLYSON MILLER

9:15 a.m. in the RAO

Social Events and
Mini Missions

CULTIVATE COORDINATOR:
PASTOR SAYWARD

Social Events,
Missions, and Pastor
Chats

The new year is upon us but so is winter in PA!

It's that time of year when there are always hot chocolate packets in the cabinet, muddy paw prints down the hall, waddling to the store under 3 layers of fleece and anxiously watching the news for the school closings scrolling at the bottom of the screen. That 4-letter, "S-word"...SNOW. But when I think of snow, I am reminded that we are all, of course, like snowflakes, as well. Each one of us is unique. We have a cache of God-gifted talents, that we have probably been sharing with our community for years. But our children are just learning what their gifts and talents are. That brings me to our 4th Sunday LIFT worship service. Why do we have a LIFT (Living in Faith together) service?

Involving kids in leading worship is a wonderful way to help them grow in their faith. It also:

- **Builds confidence:** Self-esteem and public speaking skills are strengthened and honed.
- **Deepens faith:** It encourages them to think about what worship means and how they can express their faith.
- **Fosters community:** The connection to our church family is strengthened and children learn the importance of serving others and being part of something larger than themselves.
- **Creating future leaders:** Helping to lead worship prepares them for taking on more responsibility within the church and beyond.

We want to thank everyone who has supported not only our LIFT services, but the Rooted and Cultivate ministries, as a whole in 2024. We are so deeply appreciative and look forward to new adventures in 2025!

~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).

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 begin 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 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: DR. JEFFREY S. 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: 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

Thank You

"Dear Church Family,
I just wanted to thank you all for your prayers, cards, and calls during my recovery. I can't tell you how much I appreciated it!"

~Mary Ann C~

"Dear Lititz Moravian Congregation of Lititz,

On behalf of the board members of the Lititz Warwick Community Chest, I would like to thank you for the cash donation of \$1,435.26. 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 90 families in the month of November with a total of 709 deliveries in 2024.

~Sincerely,
Sara W, Treasurer
Lititz Warwick Community Chest~

"To the members at Lititz Moravian,
We are so deeply touched by your ongoing love and support for our ministry here in Green Bay. It is through the generous support of folks like you that make what we do for the people we serve possible. Our entire team thanks you and sends all our love back this Christmas season. We hope the smiles on this card warm your hearts.

~God Bless,
Pastor Greg & the You Belong Team~

"Dear Rev. Mark,
At the Lancaster County Food Hub, it is humbling to receive the steadfast support of so many friends - like you - who believe in our mission and work.
Your gift of \$1,455.32 will help to ensure that free food and clothing, homelessness services, and supportive outreach partners are sustainably available under the red awning at 812 N. Queen St.
Demand for our services is higher than ever, and numbers tell the tale. Last year, over **58,000 neighbors utilized our services** - and the number of people who need support continue to trend upwards.
Because of your generosity, we can uphold our commitment to meet neighbors where they are and support them toward more stable life circumstances, and for that, we are so grateful."

Gratefully,

Paige M. - Exec. Director

Corinne F. - Development & Comm. Manager

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, January 5

Epiphany Holy Communion

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

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

Sunday, January 12

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, January 19

MLK Sunday

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

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

Monday, January 20

Spire Deadline

Sunday, January 26

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

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

**Your Birthday Fellowship Hour Will Be Sunday, January 12 following 10:30 a.m. Worship
HAPPY BIRTHDAY! EVERYONE is invited to come to the Fellowship Hall every Second Sunday after
worship to celebrate those who have a birthday this month. If you are celebrating your birthday, be sure to
come and be sung to by your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ! Of course, refreshments will be served.**

"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.

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 (November)

- Tithes & Offerings 2023: \$50,119
- Tithes & Offerings 2024: \$60,382
- General Fund Income 2023: \$530
- General Fund Income 2024: \$716
- General Fund Expense 2023: \$51,344
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$48,980
- Net Income 2023: (\$696)
- Net Income 2024: \$12,118

2024 Year-to-Date (through November)

- Tithes & Offerings 2023: \$542,136
- Tithes & Offerings 2024: \$531,572
- General Fund Income 2023: \$77,244
- General Fund Income 2024: \$76,357
- General Fund Expense 2023: \$642,026
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$611,007
- Net Income 2023: (\$22,646)
- Net Income 2024: (\$3,079)

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)
Dave Walter, Chair 2027 (Trustees)
Paul Swope, Vice Chair, 2026 (Trustees)
Chris Styers, Secretary, 2027 (Trustees)

The SPiRE



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

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



In Memory of George & Ruth Smith Their Family

In Memory of Bob Stehman

Moravian Mission Gift Shop

Suzanne Snyder

Keeping Holy Time Sunday School Class

Russ & Carolyn Weidman

Harold & Susan More

In Memory of Dale Shelley

Roger & Carol Groce

In Memory of June Shelley

Roger & Carol Groce

Gary & Cindy Seibal

In Memory of Marian Shelley

Roger & Carol Groce

In Memory of John Smith

Dixie Lou Smith



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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:

Rev. Mark V. Breland, Sr., Pastor

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.