

AUGUST SPIRE
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Official Newsletter of Lititz Moravian Congregation
AUGUST 2025

Letter From
PASTOR MARK'S
Desk

Dear Church Family,

July 8th marked 35 years of service in the Moravian Church, Northern Province and over 18 years of service with you. You have blessed me and my family. After prayer, reflection, and discernment, I am writing to share I will be retiring from called pastoral ministry, and I will conclude my pastoral leadership at the Lititz Moravian Congregation October 19, 2025. This decision does not come easy; I will conclude 40 years of ministry when I remember the congregations I served during my seminary studies. It was a blessing to serve on the pastoral team with Pastor Dean Jurgen, Pastor Burt Parry, and Pastor Sayward Lippincott. Serving as your pastor has been one of the greatest joys and honor in ministry. Together we worshipped, prayed, served, laughed, cried, ate, shared hugs, and grew to be family. Thank you for stepping out in faith and calling me, an African American, to join the Lititz family.

While I will no longer serve as your pastor, I remain your brother in Christ, and I will continue to hold you in prayer. I trust that God is preparing both you and your next pastoral leader for a new season of faithful ministry. In the coming weeks, I welcome the opportunities to reflect, celebrate, and set the foundation of our new relationship as a member of the congregation. I hope you will join me in marking this transition with gratitude and love.

Blessings,

Reverend Mark V. Breland, Sr.

*Members will have the opportunity to give a financial love gift from
August to the end of September.*

*Gifts will need to be made out to Lititz Moravian
with the memo reading
'Pastor Mark.'*



They say a picture is worth a thousand words.
But I'm going to attempt to paint a picture of VBS with less than a
thousand words. Slideshow coming soon!

It was the day before VBS kick-off - a sticky Saturday afternoon when the Christian Education Building AC was struggling to keep up and my office looked like a craft and game store exploded. Flattened cereal boxes here, beach balls there. Name badges with daily schedules and PowerPoint slides altered for each evening. My "Chaos Coordinator" desk tile knocked askew by acting scripts and sign-in sheets, and a case of Spindrift water. It was all coming together but I would be working up until "go time" to make sure everything went perfectly.

Much like my wedding day, everything did not go perfectly, but it went smoothly and there is a difference. I had a slew of volunteers who didn't just show up but arrived with a smile on their faces and joy in their hearts. I had a Plan A, a Plan B, and something of a Plan C. But most of all, I had children who sprang through the door and up the stairs, ready to sing about being changemakers, play games that encouraged cooperation over competition, craft signs of welcome, eat new foods from different countries, and hear stories of God's boundless love and mercy. They heard that Jesus loves them, and we do, too.

What I am most proud of is that we demonstrated that love by being inclusive and supportive. We created a space where every child felt safe, welcomed and nurtured. It is so much easier to ask those who don't fit into perfect little boxes to contort themselves to try and fit anyway. But instead, Jesus calls us to climb out of our boxes and stand, hand-in-hand, with our brothers and sisters in Christ. There is always a way to invite everyone to the table. Sometimes you just need a bigger table. Our table at VBS was infinite and it made plenty of space for the Holy Spirit to move in, around and through us as we led children on a transformative journey of learning how to be changemakers in this world.

Although we are closing the book on Vacation Bible School and pivoting to a program that will take place throughout the year, that does not mean these moments of miracles and mercies will cease. By spreading out the 5 days across 12 months, it means we get to be re-invigorated by children delighting in the stories of scripture all year long! What an incredible blessing!

We are ending on a high note and it is with a satisfied soul and a heart bursting with joy and gratitude that I encourage you all to join us on our next adventure!

In all things ❤️, ALLYSON



SAVE THE DATE FOR PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR!



We're counting down the days until our Preschool Story Hour returns this fall! Together with caregivers, children will grow in faith, nurture friendships, have fun and learn about God's love through interactive songs, engaging stories, creative crafts, and tasty snacks!

WHO: Children, ages 3-5 years old

WHEN: 9:30 - 10:30 AM, 3rd Friday of each month (beginning September 19th)

WHERE: The Book Nook (2nd floor of the Christian Education Building)

POC: Shannon Richard: (717) 314-9375 or Allyson Miller (859) 684-1484



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.

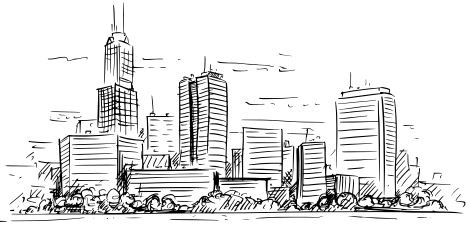
Wednesday, Dec 24th.

5:00 p.m.

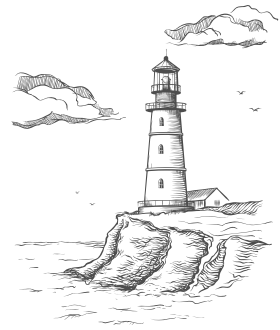
7:30 p.m.



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.

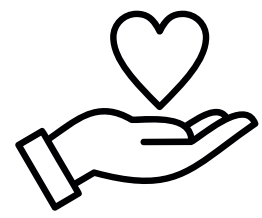
Your tax-deductible contribution will help the National MS Society fund groundbreaking research and life-changing programs for people living with MS. And ultimately, end MS forever.

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





Instructor Receives QiGong and Tai Chi Certifications

Eileen Wieder Crone, Lititz, has completed several trainings in Medical QiGong and Tai Chi during 2024 and 2025. The first was a Tai Chi Easy Certification in March, 2024, followed by a Level 1 QiGong Certification in June, 2024 and a Tai Chi Certification in October, 2024. Most recently, she attended the Medical QiGong Certification class in June, 2025 at Kripalu Center for Wellness in Stockbridge, Mass.

Jokingly, Eileen admits it is a lot of certifications, but each was unique in preparing her to teach others. All certifications were through The Institute of Integral Qigong and Tai Chi (IIQTC), which is dedicated to mobilizing citizens of all ages, professions, economic and social status to accept the responsibility for personal health promotion and self-care. The primary methodology for this initiative is to help to bring the ancient and sometimes esoteric self-care methods that are associated with traditional Chinese medicine – Tai Chi and Qigong – within the reach of typical American citizens.

Dr. Roger Jahnke, founder of IIQTC, states that their mission is to “train thousands of teachers to reach millions of people” and thus make an impact on helping individuals achieve and maintain wellness.

Crone, who is an adjunct professor of nutrition, wellness, fitness and yoga at Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC), will now be qualified to lead classes that are usually 45-60 minutes in length, in a variety of settings. Medical centers, retirement communities, schools, fitness centers, churches, senior centers and workplace wellness programs are possible venues for a Tai Chi Easy class.

Each class includes four dimensions: gentle movement, breath work, meditation and self-applied massage. One of Crone’s current students at the Woodlands in Lititz states,

“I feel so full of energy, yet relaxed after class.”

Qi Gong originated in ancient China to cultivate energy; Tai Chi, on the other hand is a newer form of Tai Chi often used as a martial art form. Crone says it’s good to know the difference. The form she has learned is a healing form designed to help individuals work with their own energy for wellness and healing, not fighting.

Qi means “energy,” and Gong means “work.” In simplified terms, we work with or refine the energy in our bodies and around us. Dr. Jahnke has written two books, *The Healer Within*, and *The Healing Promise of Qi*, explaining the many benefits of practicing QiGong and Tai Chi, including better sleep, improved immunity, lubrication of joints, better circulation of blood and lymph, and stress reduction. When students come together to practice, there’s a social connection, too. Crone states, “It simply helps us move better, breathe more intentionally, quiet the mind and feel contented and happy.”

Crone currently teaches a class at the Lititz Rec Center on Thursday mornings, a class at The Yoga Place in Ephrata twice a month on a Saturday, and is restarting a class at the Lititz Moravian Church each Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 pm beginning August 5, 2025 (no class August 19 or September 2) and continuing into the fall. This class has a nice twist to it. She is calling it Tai Chi & Chai Tea, and the class will include 50 minutes of practicing Qi Gong and Tai Chi, followed by tea-time! Students should bring their own small ceramic mug to enjoy the tea. When people first learn about this slow, gentle practice, they can’t pronounce the “Qi” or the “Chi”, which essentially mean the same thing...energy. Occasionally people get Tai Chi mixed up with chai tea, the beverage. “So,” Crone says, “we’ll do both on Tuesday afternoons.” The class will be by donation (\$10 suggested) with ten percent given to the church for use of the space. Come any time, no need to register. If questions arise, contact Eileen Crone at eileen@raw4yoga.com or (717) 627-4258.

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.
TAI CHI AT 3:30 P.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)



In Memory of Margaret Herzer

LMC Dieners & Sacristans

Helen Heron

Dixie Lou Smith

Suzanne More

In Memory of Harry Lefever

Jane Bergman

In Memory of Glenn Bergman Jr.

Jane Bergman

In Memory of Donald Wier

Jane Bergman

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, August 3

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. Bible Study - Liquid Room
9:15 a.m. Keeping Holy Time - Eschbach Parlor

Sunday, August 10

August 13th Holy Communion

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. Bible Study - Liquid Room
9:15 a.m. Keeping Holy Time - Eschbach Parlor
11:45 a.m. Birthday Celebration - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 17

Sanctuary Anniversary Lovefeast

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Keeping Holy Time - Eschbach Parlor

Monday, August 18 **Spire Deadline**

Sunday, August 24

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Keeping Holy Time - Eschbach Parlor

Sunday, August 31

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Keeping Holy Time - Eschbach Parlor

Stewardship To Date for 2025

Financial Summary (June)

- Tithes & Offerings 2024: \$46,324
- Tithes & Offerings 2025: \$45,932
- General Fund Other Income 2024: \$17,178
- General Fund Other Income 2025: \$10,504
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$54,482
- General Fund Expense 2025: \$62,603
- Net Income 2024: \$9,020
- Net Income 2025: (\$6,167)

2025 Year-to-Date (through June)

- Tithes & Offerings 2024: \$287,894
- Tithes & Offerings 2025: \$301,371
- General Fund Other Income 2024: \$47,000
- General Fund Other Income 2025: \$48,668
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$332,566
- General Fund Expense 2025: \$378,903
- Net Income 2024: \$2,328
- Net Income 2025: (\$28,865)

NEWS FROM OUR BOARDS

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
Dick Martin
Jeff Bamberger
Pastor Dean Jurgen
Barry Frey
Vince Mizeras
Matt Good
Sam Nolt

Meda Hostetter
Julie Gemmell
Joan Keenan
Erelene Deist
Peg Ivey
Betsy Teschner
Rick Lehigh
Jay Hostetter

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 June 17, 2025

- It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes from the Trustee Meeting of May 20, 2025. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded to approve the May financial report. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the estimate provided by Claire DePerrot for Adair to replace flooring in kitchen and powder room at 6 Church Square. Motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to end the Trustee meeting at 8:12pm. 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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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.

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 or drop them by the office.

Newsletter Staff:

Writers: Members of the Congregation

Editor(s): Courtney Hackman & Jaime Weik

Proofer: Sue Bomberger

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

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.

August 2025

September Spire Deadline: Monday, August 18th

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 9A Beginner Yoga	2
3 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 8 & 10:30A Worship 9A Bible Study 9:15A Keeping Holy Time	4 8:30 a.m. Yoga 7P CEC 7P Lititz Comm. Band	5 9A Quilting 3:30P Tai Chi 7P Elders	6 8:30A Yoga 11A ROMEO's Lunch 7P NA Meeting	7 7P CIS 7P Yoga	8 9A Beginner Yoga 6P Crafts with Friends	9
10 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 13th Holy Communion 8 & 10:30A Worship 9A Bible Study 9:15A Keeping Holy Time 11:45A Birthday Celebration	11 8:30 a.m. Yoga 7P Evangelism Comm.	12 9A Quilting 3:30P Tai Chi 6:30P Archives Comm.	13 8:30A Yoga 9P Wellness Wednesday 7P NA Meeting 7:15P SC	14 7P Worship Comm. 7P Yoga	15 9A Beginner Yoga	16
17 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Sanctuary Anniversary Lovefeast 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Keeping Holy Time	18 8:30 a.m. Yoga Spire Deadline	19 9A Quilting	20 8:30A Yoga 7P NA Meeting	21 7P Yoga	22 9A Beginner Yoga 6P Crafts with Friends	23 10A Random Acts of Kindness
24 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Keeping Holy Time Joyful Noise	25 8:30 a.m. Yoga 6:30P Fellowship Comm.	26 9A Quilting 3:30P Tai Chi 7:15P TC	27 8:30A Yoga 7P NA Meeting	28 7P Yoga	29 9A Beginner Yoga	30
31 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Keeping Holy Time	Abbreviations: CEC = Christian Education Committee, NA = Narcotics Anonymous, HBC= Handbell Choir, SC= Senior Choir, CIS= Church in Society, TC= Trombone Choir					