

DECEMBER SPIRE
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Official Newsletter of Lititz Moravian Congregation
NOVEMBER 2025

EASTERN REGION MORAVIAN WOMEN'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



What a beautiful celebration it was! Almost 200 women from neighboring states came to Lititz to worship and fellowship on this special occasion. Clothed in white attire, they filled our Fellowship Hall for breakfast and refreshment after the long journeys. At 11:15 they began their service with songs while standing and bringing spirited voices to the Lord. Letter and comments given by staff and clergy told a story of congratulations and recognition of a wonderful history of the church women.

Our hymn the following Sunday was most appropriate and spoke to their years of devotion to our Lord's Commission. It also spoke to the dedication and commitment of so many volunteers and bakers in our church that open our doors with great hospitality. "Christ you send us out to serve".

"You still fill us with your Spirit; lift us up on eagle's wings." There was a wonderful, heightened spirit throughout the day. It culminated with a lovely catered luncheon served by our members. It was enjoyed by everyone, and they were so happy and appreciative.

"In your work our spirit sings". Lititz Moravian and Lancaster Moravian worked together, and the Spirit of the day was felt. The Lord provided much energy. "You've proven you're the one who gives gifts of love and power, confidence, and self-control...help us reach your kingdom goal".

Thank you to the people of our congregation who worked tirelessly to make this program a success. Thank you all! Thank you Lord for this loving experience for everyone.

The day began with a
breakfast served in
Fellowship Hall.



Time of Worship, Communion,
and Fellowship in the
Sanctuary.



Our Trombone Choir played as
all the Women arrived for
their exciting day.



Ending the day with a catered
lunch and fellowship.

THE PRINCESS BRIDE

MOVIE NIGHT



Family Movie Night: “The Princess Bride”

On Saturday, October 18th, families gathered a showing of The Princess Bride — and what an evening it was! Pirates and princesses alike enjoyed a movie-themed menu while surrounded by a castle-like atmosphere that brought the story to life. Characters from the film welcomed guests and had them, “prepare to laugh!”

Throughout the evening, movie lovers quoted along with their favorite lines — from “As you wish” to “Inconceivable!” — filling the room with laughter and nostalgia. Even Miracle Max would have said the night was “mostly alive” with joy and fellowship!

It’s safe to say that true love — and a good movie — conquers all. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this fun-filled night of adventure and laughter. Be sure to watch for our next Family Night... because missing it would be “inconceivable!”



(Left to Right)

“Princess Buttercup” Allyson

“Inyogo Montoya” Courtney

“Fessik” Josh

“Prince Humperdink” Jaime





Volunteers
NEEDED



The Advent season is quickly approaching, and with it comes our cherished tradition of Lovefeast services.

Have you ever considered serving as a Diener?

We would love to welcome new volunteers and are happy to provide guidance for those who have never served before.

It's a meaningful way to connect with our community...and an experience you won't want to miss!

If you're interested or have questions, please reach out to

Becky Turnbull (717-572-7904)

or Amy Sue Bomberger (717-824-0313).

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.



Dear Members and Friends,

Christmas is a gift of God to be received and shared with joy. Like the beeswax candles we are given at our Christmas Vigils, we receive the light of Christ, and we raise the candles high to let His light shine not just in us, but through us. Our Christmas Vigils allow us to enjoy this most meaningful, beautiful service, and to share it with others. Please consider whom God has placed in your life-particularly those who might be without a church-and invite them to come to a Vigil service, with admission cards you could secure for them via the enclosed response card.

If you would like to invite someone new in this way, but customarily get admission cards for family or friends, we encourage you to let your family or friends know that they can get their tickets by sending a request with their phone number and a self-addressed stamped envelope, to the office by Friday, November 14. After that date, all non-member requests may be made at the public distribution. After the public distribution, non-member requests may be made in person at the church office. This way, they can continue to attend, and you can share a blessing for someone who has not attended before.

One of the six Vigils requires no admission cards:

Family Lovefeast Candlelight Service Sunday, December 21, 10:30 a.m.

Five identical Vigil Services require admission cards:

Saturday December 20, at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 21, at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Admittance into the church begins one hour before the service, with special prelude music for the evening Vigils beginning about 30 minutes before the service.

Information for completing the card can be found on the back of this letter. Please note the deadline, Friday, November 14, and respond by returning your completed card as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. To help us serve you best, please follow the instructions for use of the card exactly as stated. New this year, members will be able to choose either the traditional card or fill out a Google form to request tickets.

<https://forms.gle/dxpRlDpMuyBDHkPX7>

Public distribution will have two options:

traditional in-person and e-ticketing via Eventbrite.

Distribution of admission cards will take place in the Fellowship Hall following both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services on Sunday, November 23, and Sunday, November 30. All admission cards not picked up by Sunday, November 30, after the 10:30 a.m. service, will be given to others unless alternate arrangements are made before that time by contacting the Church Office. Public e-ticketing will open on December 1.

The nursery will not be open during vigils.

If you have a general question or concern, please contact
Jeff Elser: Coordinator (717-626-5410) or the church office (717-626-8515).

Yours in Our Savior,

Rev. Sayward EG Lippincott and The Board of Elders



November



Our Sunday School year kicked off with 3 lessons on Solomon building the temple, starting with scooter games where we learned about temples and churches. Our Rooted students also experienced the story of Solomon through the lens of cooking and music this month!

The theme for Preschool Story Hour this year is “Jesus’ Love is Bubbling Over!” We kicked off our first day back with reading stories, a bubble dauber craft, enjoying some finger Jell-O, and making our own bubble juice! We would love to have you join us! Just call the office to RSVP.

Preschool Story Hour is the 3rd Fri of each month, 9:30 -10:30 AM



Our second story of the year was all about Queen Esther! Our Rooted students performed a 2-act play with the king, Mordecai and Esther at the center of the story. They also practiced drawing Queen Esther’s face in art class and used gems to decorate her crown.

On behalf of our Sprouts, Rooted and Cultivate students, we wish Pastor Mark and Miss Dee the very best on this next chapter of their lives. May retirement be filled with new adventures and old friends, excellent food and loads of memories of your many years of service. We will miss y’all!



Reminders:

11/23: LIFT Worship Service

11/30: Intergenerational Candle
Wrapping

Sunday School: 9:15 - 10:15 AM

Sprouts: Nursery

Rooted: 2nd Floor Classroom

Cultivate: RAO



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: TUESDAYS AT 3:30 P.M.**

**PASTOR: SAYWARD LIPPINCOTT
OFFICE MANAGER: COURTNEY HACKMAN
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: JAIME WEIK
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: ALLYSON MILLER**

Attic Treasures

Moravian Fellowship will be holding an Attic Treasures during the Advent Tea on December 6th.

If you would like to donate household items or home decor, please drop clean & functioning items off in the Craft Room between now and the end of November.

Any questions, contact Clara, Linda, or Cindy (717-371-0448).



Thank you

"We cannot say thank you enough for your donation to Power Packs Project, so let us use the words of a parent in the School District of Lancaster: 'I recently lost my job, and I struggled a lot with finances. To make things worse, I found out we were not eligible for food stamps. It was almost impossible to make ends meet. Then, my daughter came home from school one day with a Power Packs application, and it was exciting to see that we might be able to receive some help! I applied, and we started the program. To be honest, Power Packs Project has saved us! There were days during this difficult time in our lives where I just didn't know what to do or where to turn. Without it, we could have gone days with little food.' Your donation of \$1,496.56 (dated 09/17/2025) goes directly to feeding local students and their families. We are so grateful to each donor and we consider them part of our family."

~Brad Peterson, Exec. Director~

**"Dear 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 donations of
(1) \$166.67 & (2) \$1,710.52.**

**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."**

Sincerely,

Sara Wiggins, Treasurer

**"Thank you for celebrating this
special occasion with the ERMW.
God bless you all."**

~Eastern Region Moravian Women~

**"Moravian Congregation of Lititz,
Thank you so much for your generous
support of "You Belong". Because of you
we can continue creating spaces and
programs where everyone feels valued
and included. Your kindness truly makes
a difference, and we're so grateful to
have you as a part of our community."**

~With gratitude,

The You Belong team!~

***"Thank you to everyone who attended
my birthday surprise and all others
who sent cards or called. I was really
surprised! It was heartfelt to see so
many friends from the church and
community."***

~Barb Snader~

**Moravian Congregation of Lititz,
On behalf of the Warwick Community
Ambulance Association, thank you for
your generous donation.**

It was greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Michele

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*

October...Warwick Community Chest
November...The Food Hub
December...Milagro House

2025 Joyful Noise Offerings *Approved by the Board of Elders*

October...Camp Hope
November...You Belong
December...BWM Educational Projects
(Christmas Family Lovefeast)



In Memory of Elaine & James Parson
Jean Pimental

In Memory of Beatrice & Frank Wonder
Jean Pimental

In Memory of Vincent Mizeras
John & Bonnie Long
Joyce Biemesderfer
Alfred & Jane Reist
Marilyn Sander
Raymond & Betty Gerhart
David & Rhonda Snider



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, November 2

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

Sunday, November 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

Sunday, November 16

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

Monday, November 17

Spire Deadline

Sunday, November 23

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

Thursday, November 27

**Thanksgiving Day
Office Closed**

Friday, November 28

Office Closed

Sunday, November 30

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



Stewardship To Date for 2025

Financial Summary (September)

- Tithes & Offerings 2024: \$50,378
- Tithes & Offerings 2025: \$37,707
- General Fund Other Income 2024: \$10,778
- General Fund Other Income 2025: \$10,748
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$58,527
- General Fund Expense 2025: \$65,479
- Net Income 2024: \$2,629
- Net Income 2025: (\$14,024)

2025 Year-to-Date (through September)

- Tithes & Offerings 2024: \$424,010
- Tithes & Offerings 2025: \$448,845
- General Fund Other Income 2024: \$67,561
- General Fund Other Income 2025: \$74,630
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$506,463
- General Fund Expense 2025: \$580,119
- Net Income 2024: (\$14,891)
- Net Income 2025: (\$56,644)

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:

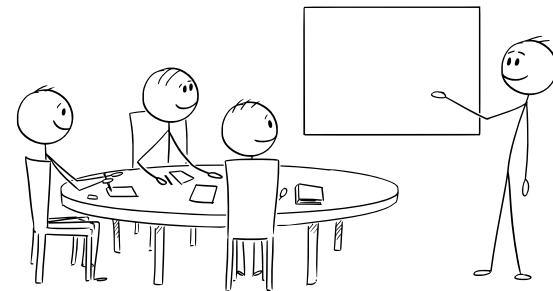
Lt. Col. Neal Miller, Army
Sgt. Jason Stoner, Army Reserves
Lt. Dain Bomberger, US Navy
Major Andrew Kemp
Staff Sgt. Austin Heacock
Lance Corporal Shawn Stauffer, US Marine Corps

Prayers of Healing for:

Barry Erb
Jeff Bamberger
Pastor Dean Jurgen
Rebecca Swartz
Marilyn Diener

Meda Hostetter
Joan Keenen
Erelene Deist
Bill Dussinger

NEWS FROM OUR BOARDS *Meeting*



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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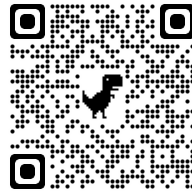
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Check us out on Facebook and Instagram



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

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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.

November 2025

December Spire Deadline: Monday, November 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						1
2 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Sunday School for All	3 8:30 a.m. Yoga 7P CEC 7:30P HBC	4 9A Quilting 3:30P Tai Chi 7P Elders	5 8:30A Yoga 11A ROMEO'S 7P NA Meeting 7:15P SC	6 7P CIS 7P Yoga	7 9A Beginner Yoga	8
9 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost 8 & 10:30A Worship 9A Snack N Yak 9:15A Sunday School for All 11:45A Birthday Celebration	10 8:30 a.m. Yoga 7P Evangelism Comm. 7:30P HBC	11 9A Quilting 3:30P Tai Chi 6:30P Archives Comm. 7P Stewardship Comm.	12 8:30A Yoga 7P NA Meeting 7:15P SC	13 7P Worship Comm. 7P Yoga	14 9A Beginner Yoga 6P Crafts with Friends	15
16 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Sunday School for All	17 8:30 a.m. Yoga Spire Deadline 6:30P Fellowship Comm. 7:30P HBC	18 9A Quilting 3:30P Tai Chi 6:30P Trustees 7:15P TC	19 8:30A Yoga 9:30A Moravian Women's Circle 7P NA Meeting 7:15P SC	20 7P Yoga	21 9A Beginner Yoga 9:30A Preschool Story Hour 7P Yoga	22 10A Random Acts of Kindness 6:30P Movie Night-Evangelism Comm
23 Reign of Christ Sunday 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Sunday School for All Joyful Noise	24 8:30 a.m. Yoga 7:30P HBC	25 9A Quilting 3:30P Tai Chi 7:15P TC	26 8:30A Yoga 7P NA Meeting 7:15P SC	27 Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED 7P Yoga	28 9A Beginner Yoga OFFICE CLOSED 6P Crafts with Friends	29
30 First Day of Advent 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Sunday School for All						