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The SPiRE



Official Newsletter of Lititz Moravian Congregation
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A New Year and a New ...

When a new year begins, many of us think about making resolutions. But as we all know, resolutions can be hard to keep—only a small number of people stay committed, and many drift away within the first few months. Sometimes the goals are too big, the habits too hard to form, or the plan not quite clear enough. So maybe this year, instead of making a traditional resolution, we simply try something new—without the pressure that often comes with the word “resolution.”

This year, the Evangelism Committee is trying something new as well. As Pastor Sayward often reminds us, there are two words that can make many Moravians a little uneasy: Stewardship and Evangelism. Stewardship can feel like it's only about giving money, and Evangelism can feel like we're expected to talk about our faith in ways that may seem intimidating.

To help ease that feeling, our committee has chosen a new name: The Random Acts of Kindness Committee. We'll be spelling it out fully—no abbreviations like RAK or references to “the RAK Committee”—because the heart of the name is important. What a gentle, joyful way to live out Evangelism without calling it that!

Offering Random Acts of Kindness is a simple, friendly, low-pressure way to connect with others. A small gesture can open a door to conversation, and you never know where that moment may lead. And there's a lovely benefit for us as well—bringing joy to someone else has a way of bringing joy back to our own hearts.

So as we step into this new year, perhaps instead of making a resolution, we simply choose one new thing—just as we chose a new name. Maybe your “new thing” is joining us in sharing kindness, attending a Sunday School class, or spending a little more time in prayer and Scripture than you do watching the news. Whatever it is, we know you'll find something meaningful.

Wishing you a joyful and hope-filled 2026!

Happy New Year!

Welcome



Erica Rossner was received into membership on
Sunday, November 2nd.

Welcome, Erica!

Although you attend online because you live in
Massachusetts, we also know that we will see you
throughout the year when you visit your family in Lititz!

JANUARY 31ST

**K-6TH
GRADE**

LITITZ MORAVIAN CHURCH

**GOD'S
WINTER
WONDERLAND**



**CRAFTS, GAMES, SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS, SNACKS AND MUSIC!
REGISTER FOR "SNOW" MUCH FUN!**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
PLEASE RSVP BY 1/24**

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
BUILDING
8 CHURCH SQUARE**

**BURROWES ELEMENTARY IN
LANCASTER CITY HAS
MOVED INTO THEIR NEW
BUILDING!**

**PLEASE HELP US STOCK
THEIR TEACHERS'
CLASSROOMS FOR THE REST
OF THE 2025-2026 YEAR!**

**BURROWES'
WISH LIST**



TISSUE BOXES

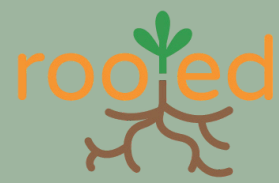


CLOROX WIPES



**EXPO DRY
ERASE MARKERS**

**DONATIONS CAN BE
DROPPED OFF IN THE
STAR ROOM UNTIL
JAN.31ST. PLEASE
DIRECT QUESTIONS TO
JESSIE STYERS.**



MEETS IN THE MUSIC ROOM
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

MEETS IN THE RAO
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM



ALLYSON'S TOP 10 MOMENTS OF 2025:

10. Christian Education Building Hide and Seek. That's all I can say about that.
9. Watching the Cultivate youth group hide Easter eggs for the Sprouts and Rooted classes' egg hunt.
8. Hungry Hungry Hippo with children and scooters and ping pong balls.
7. Generations of Grace Christmas vigil candle trimming.
6. The most competitive rounds of Throw Throw Burrito I've ever seen.
5. Lightbulb moments during the Bible story discussion.
4. Caroling around the adult Sunday School classes in exchange for the kids' Putz pieces.
3. Cultivate bus chats on the way to Worship Encounters.
2. The mad dash through the CEB during the Resurrection egg scavenger hunt. Yes, the kids know exactly where Eschbach Parlor is, and no, the egg from the elevator has never reappeared.
1. The Nino's vs. Roma's Showdown. Trophy goes to Nino's. But can it hold off Metro? We shall see!

Want to get in on the fun? Join us in 2026!

Save the Date

Church Council Meeting
Sunday, February 1, 2026
Lititz Moravian Church

All members are encouraged to attend as we look over the past year, look ahead to the ministry opportunities before us, and conduct the essential business of the congregation. Your presence and voice matter—please plan to be there.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026 • 7:00 PM
LITITZ MORAVIAN CHURCH

BEGIN YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY WITH A REFLECTIVE, MEANINGFUL EVENING SERVICE OF PRAYER, SCRIPTURE, AND THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES AS WE ENTER THIS HOLY SEASON TOGETHER.

DRIVE-THROUGH ASHES

CAN'T MAKE THE EVENING SERVICE?

DRIVE-THROUGH ASHES WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THE DAY FOR ALL WHO WISH TO RECEIVE A BLESSING AND BEGIN LENT WITH INTENTION—NO NEED TO LEAVE YOUR CAR.

MORE DETAILS TO COME. ALL ARE WELCOME.



Lenten Program 2026
"Mr. Rogers Guides Us Through Lent"
Wednesdays in Lent
Lititz Moravian Church
Dessert & Discussion Each Week

Step into a gentle, reflective Lenten season inspired by the wisdom and kindness of Fred Rogers. Each Wednesday, we'll explore how Mr. Rogers' grounding themes—neighborliness, compassion, emotional honesty, and quiet courage—can shape our walk with Jesus during this holy time.

We'll gather for dessert, then move into guided discussion and Scripture reflection. This series is designed for anyone longing for a more soulful Lent.

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us as we rediscover God's love through one of the most trusted neighbors of our time.



Thank you

A Heartfelt Thank You

To all who helped make this year's Lititz Moravian Christmas Vigils possible—thank you. From the musicians and candle servers to the sacristans, choir, orchestra, children's choir, dieners, ushers, office staff, sexton staff, prep room staff, sound booth, and behind-the-scenes helpers—you offered your time, talent, and care with such grace. Every detail, every quiet act of preparation, and every visible moment of service helped create the beauty, warmth, and reverence that make our Vigils so meaningful.

Your dedication allowed our congregation and community to worship with wonder, sing with joy, and encounter the light of Christ in this sacred season. I am deeply grateful for each of you and the way you share in the ministry of this beloved tradition.

Thank you for helping the light shine so brightly.
Stay Salty and Shine Bright,
Pastor Sayward Lippincott

A Thank You That Is Way Too Late

We wish to offer our heartfelt thanks for the years of faithful service Dan Turnbull gave to Lititz Moravian. We especially remember how he continued to serve during his own season of physical healing and his attention to safety, which provided peace of mind and protection to this congregation. His gifts and dedication nurtured the life and ministry of this congregation, and his work has blessed many in ways both seen and unseen.

We also acknowledge, with humility, that we did not extend these words of gratitude at the time of his departure. This was a serious oversight, and we sincerely ask for forgiveness.

Please know how deeply we appreciate all Dan offered in his season among 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.
& THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.**

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



CANDLEMAKERS

Christmas is over and the freezers are empty.
It is time to start to make more candles.
Recycling old beeswax candles will be
February 26, 2026 at 6:30 in the
Heritage Dining Room.
All are welcome.
Come and join in the fun!



2026 Second Mile Offering

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

2026 Second Mile Offering

January - The Food Hub - LCCC
February - Power Pack
March - Camp Scholarship
April - Warwick Release Time
May - Camp Scholarship
June - Milagro House
July - Warwick Community Chest
August - Power Pack
September - North Star Initiative
October - Warwick Community Chest
November - The Food Hub - LCCC
December - Milagro House

2026 Joyful Noise Offerings

January - Linden Hall Donation
February - You Belong
March - Camp Hope
April - Board of World Mission (General Fund)
May - LMC Refugee Project
June - Camp Hope
July - CWS
August - Rooted's pick
September - LMC Refugee Project
October - Cultivate's Pick
November - You Belong
December - CWS



Book of Remembrance

**In Memory of Art Shoemaker
LMC Senior Choir**

**In Memory of Dick Martin
Marie Morman**



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, January 1

New Year's Day

Office Closed

Friday, January 2

Office Closed

Sunday, January 4

Epiphany Holy Communion

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

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

Sunday, January 11

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

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

11:45 a.m. Birthday Celebration - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 18

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

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

Monday, January 19

Spire Deadline

Sunday, January 25

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

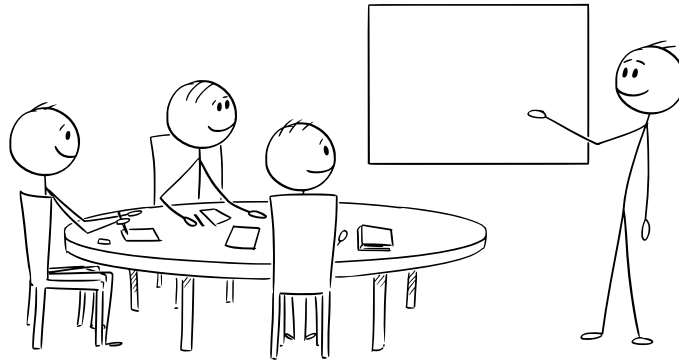
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

Saturday, January 31

Kids' Night Out: God's Winter Wonderland

NEWS FROM OUR BOARDS

Meeting



Highlights from the Board of Elders for December

- A few great ideas were presented to the Elders for 2026 - an Easter program, and a men's fellowship/mission group
- 3 membership actions were approved
- The Strategic Planning Committee is moving forward rapidly
- A document for Operating Procedures for all Boards and Committees was unanimously approved, and will make communication much better for the office staff.
- The Evangelism Committee will be changing their name to the Random Acts of Kindness Committee, in keeping with their activity of the past few years.
- The Nominating Committee has had good success in getting candidates for the slate.

Highlights from the Board of Trustees Meeting November 18, 2025

- It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes from the Trustee Meeting of October 21, 2025 with noted corrections. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded to approve the October financial reports. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded that we would accept the amendments to the Lititz Springs Park Board as reviewed. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded that we would accept Pastor Sayward's request for a Sabbatical from 7/13/26 to 8/31/26. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded that we would make a \$2,000 contribution to the Lititz Community Meal hosted by Hosanna! from the Trustee Discretionary Fund. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded that, considering the devastation from Hurricane Melissa, the Trustees will forgive the remaining balance of the \$6,000 loan to the Jamaican Mission Team so that any future efforts for aid can directly aid our Jamaican Brothers and Sisters. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint a committee for the purpose of creating a plan for renovating the Parsonage located at 208 East Main Street in Lititz, Pennsylvania. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded for an initial kitchen licensing fee of \$241 to be paid for operating the kitchen. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to end the Trustee meeting at 9:09 pm. 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 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:

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Stewardship To Date for 2025

Financial Summary (November)

- Tithes & Offerings 2024: \$60,382
- Tithes & Offerings 2025: \$65,381
- General Fund Other Income 2024: \$716
- General Fund Other Income 2025: \$3,890
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$58,980
- General Fund Expense 2025: \$42,112
- Net Income 2024: \$12,118
- Net Income 2025: \$27,159

2025 Year-to-Date (through November)

- Tithes & Offerings 2024: \$531,572
- Tithes & Offerings 2025: \$554,460
- General Fund Other Income 2024: \$76,918
- General Fund Other Income 2025: \$91,864
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$609,283
- General Fund Expense 2025: \$676,450
- Net Income 2024: (\$793)
- Net Income 2025: (\$30,126)

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)

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	Meda Hostetter
Jeff Bamberger	Joan Keenen
Pastor Dean Jurgen	Erelene Deist
Marilyn Diener	

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.

January 2026

February Spire Deadline: Monday, January 20th

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 NEW YEARS DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7P Yoga	2 9A Beginner Yoga	3
4 Second Sunday after Christmas Epiphany Holy Communion 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Sunday School for All	5 7P CEC 7:30P HBC	6 9A Quilting 7P Elders	7 8:30A Yoga 11A ROMEO's 7P NA Meeting 7:15P SC	8 7P Worship Comm. 7P Yoga	9 9A Beginner Yoga	10
11 First Sunday after Epiphany 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Sunday School for All 11:45A Birthday Celebration	12 7P Evangelism Comm. 7:30P HBC	13 9A Quilting 6:30P Archives Comm. 7P Stewardship Comm.	14 8:30A Yoga 7P NA Meeting 7:15P SC	15 7P Yoga	16 9A Beginner Yoga	17
18 Second Sunday after Epiphany MLK Sunday 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Sunday School for All	19 Spire Deadline 7:30P HBC	20 9A Quilting 6:30P Trustees 7:15P TC	21 8:30A Yoga 9:30A Women's Morning Circle 7P NA Meeting 7:15P SC	22 7P Yoga	23 9A Beginner Yoga	24 10A Random Acts of Kindness
25 Third Sunday after Epiphany 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Sunday School for All Joyful Noise Offering	26 7:30P HBC	27 9A Quilting 7:15P TC	28 8:30A Yoga 7P NA Meeting 7:15P SC	29 7P Yoga	30 9A Beginner Yoga	31 6P Parents Night Out