

Pumpkins, falling leaves, crisp air... *and Christmas Vigils?*

There's something magical about this time of year. The air turns crisp, the leaves begin their colorful transformation, pumpkins appear on porches, and we happily pull out our favorite sweaters and fall decorations.

Before we know it, the pumpkins will be making way for evergreen, the fall leaves will give way to winter, and conversations throughout our congregation will turn toward one of Lititz Moravian's most cherished traditions:

Christmas Vigils.

For many in our community, the Christmas Vigil is more than a worship service.

It is a tradition woven into the fabric of our congregation and the Lititz community—a moment to pause, gather together, hear the Christmas story, sing traditional hymns, and experience the beauty of candlelight filling our sanctuary.

The story begins in 1756, when Lititz Moravian held its first Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Vigil. That evening was also significant for another reason: it marked the first time the newly formed Trombone Choir played for the service. The sound of trombones ringing out across the congregation would become an enduring part of the Lititz Moravian Christmas tradition.

Nearly a decade later, in 1765, the first Christmas Vigil odes were printed under the leadership of Brother Bernard Adam Grube, pastor and musician of the congregation. Music became an important part of the Vigil, helping to tell the Christmas story and give voice to the joy and wonder of Christ's birth.

And while the Christmas Vigil has naturally evolved over the centuries, much of what we recognize today has remained remarkably consistent. Much of the service we experience today reflects the form established in the 1890s.

Think about that for a moment.

When we gather at a Vigil, we are not simply attending a service. We are stepping into a tradition that has welcomed generations of families, children, visitors, and worshipers through the doors of our church.

The candles we hold.
The familiar hymns we sing.
The music of the Trombone Choir.
The words of the Christmas story.

These are more than individual pieces of a Vigil service.
They are threads connecting us to those who celebrated Christmas here long before us—and to those who will gather here long after us.

For more than 270 years, the Christmas Vigil has continued to proclaim the same message:

***Christ is born.
Light has come into the world.
And we gather together to celebrate.***

That is the beauty of tradition. We may be different generations, living in different times and facing different challenges, but during a Vigil, we come together once again to share in something that has been part of the heart of Lititz Moravian for centuries.

And soon, as fall gives way to winter, we'll begin preparing once again for this treasured tradition.

The candles will be ready.
The trombones will sound.

The sanctuary will fill.
And the Christmas story will be told once again.
Just as it has been for generations.



Christmas Vigils | 2026

Admission cards required at the following services:

Saturday, December 19th at 5pm and 7:30pm

Sunday, December 20th at 5pm

Thursday, December 24th at 5pm and 7:30pm

Vigil admission card requests will be accepted by the congregation beginning on Monday, October 19th.

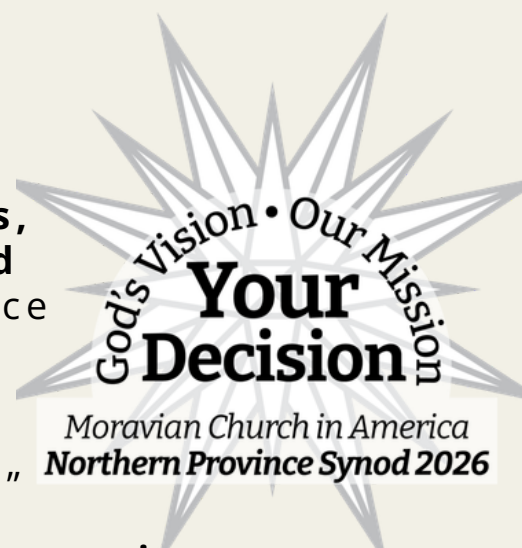
Requests must be received by Friday, November 13th.

Vigil request
letters & emails
being sent
in October!

Church in Society: An Overview of Synod

At the recent Northern Province Synod, the Church In Society Committee of the Synod presented twelve reports, from which thirty-seven resolutions were approved. The majority of them highlighted areas of concern needing our attention and action.

Report headings detailed where our focus should be: **Middle East Peace, Reconciliation and Ally-ship with Our LGBTQIA+ Siblings, Care and Healing of God's Creation, Antisemitism and Jewish-Christian Relations, Standing with Immigrants and Refugees, and Racial Justice and Healing.** The calls for justice and healing directed the PEC "to provide opportunities for prayer, advocacy, and action for the protection of human dignity, human rights, and the upholding of international law."



A number of the resolutions encourage congregations to engage in justice making as we are able. Examples for Lititz Moravian to consider include:

- Examining ways to develop ally-ship with the LGBTQIA+ community and consider becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation;*
- Creating a Caring for Creation committee, sharing information and educational materials on sustainability;*
- Implementing sustainable practices in consumption, energy use, etc.*
- Studying the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, discerning how Christ is calling us to ensure that the dignity and rights of all persons are protected, and establishing justice and peace in the name of Christ;*
- Engaging in pilgrimages, immersion experiences, and other means of education regarding the work of racial justice.*

The resolutions regarding Jewish-Christian relations raise the question of countering historic understandings of scripture that furthered antisemitism. This is a challenge for all Moravians, especially during the extensive readings for Holy Week. The Synod encouraged church leaders to make use of available educational materials examining texts and their historic context.

Complete reports from the Synod can be found here:

<https://portal.mcnp.org/> Click on the "public documents" link and follow the document titles.

Note: Resolutions on Church in Society issues passed by the official Synods of the Moravian Church in America, Northern Province, reflect the best wisdom and understanding available at the time to delegates of the Synods which passed them. They have been published and distributed to congregations for study, prayerful consideration, and possible action. It is understood that opinions on challenging topics will vary considerably. Unity of thought is neither desired nor commanded.



Kinder-5th Grade



NOURISH
6th - 8th Grade



9th - 12th Grade



9:15-10:15 AM
CEB



Photo of the Month

July's Family Summer Sunday School class included a scavenger photo hunt downtown + a kindness challenge. We fed the ducks, left notes of encouragement in the park and finished with doughnuts!

Last month, I received this graphic in some form from at least 3 separate people. After I recovered from my initial shock at this being from a Southern Baptist Church (I can say that as I was raised in an SBC), I started to think they are on to something - especially after the last 8 weeks. We pause children's and youth Sunday School over the summer because it's a time for families to travel, to enjoy leisurely Sunday mornings, and it allows our volunteers to do the same. But, man, have I missed the kids. I've missed the questions they ask, the observations they make, and, yes, even the jokes they tell. I've missed hearing updates about sports and school and weekend adventures. And I've really missed LIFT worship services!

Our children and youth bring an energy and enthusiasm that turns everything up a notch or two. They bring curiosity and an invitation to play as a way of experiencing the world. And who doesn't need more of that? So, bring the kids. Be sure to bring the kids. Ensure the kids are at church. They are welcome exactly as they are!

❤️, Allyson

TRINITY SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

Loud Children Policy - Effective Immediately

At Trinity Southern Baptist Church, we are committed to transparency and accountability in all matters of church life. The following document outlines our comprehensive procedures regarding loud children in worship. Please consider this your official notice of policy clarification.

Effective immediately, if a family is considering visiting Trinity Southern Baptist Church, and they have a loud kid, the following options are available:

Option 1. The family should bring the kid.

Option 2. The family should make sure they bring the kid.

Option 3. The family should ensure the kid comes to church.

Option 4. The family is to see that the child is brought to church.

Option 5. The kid is absolutely welcome and expected.

We believe the sound of children in worship is not a distraction. It is evidence of life, growth, and the future of the church.

If your child makes noise, you are not bothering us. You are blessing us.

Policy enacted. No exceptions.



Here's what's been happening at LMC...



A visit from Maddie Figiel, our Regional Faith Formation Director!

Moravians on the move! Braving the heat to spread joy on the 4th of July.



Moravian Cakes baked for the Craft Show were, once again, a huge hit with the crowds. Nary a crumb left.



We've continued to enjoy so much incredible music while the choir has been off this summer.



From Our Garden to Our Community

Our **Community Garden** continues to flourish—and so does its impact on our community!

Throughout the growing season, members of Lititz Moravian have been tending the garden, caring for the plants, and harvesting fresh produce. Each week, that harvest makes its way to **The Warwick HUB**, where it helps provide fresh food for members of our local community.

It's a beautiful way to put our faith into action—planting, growing, sharing, and caring for our neighbors.



Here's what's been happening at LMC...

Vespers In the Park: Christmas In July

On Sunday, July 26, the congregation and community gathered once again at Lititz Springs Park for a special evening of Vespers in the Park: Christmas in July!

Despite the summer heat, the familiar sounds of Christmas hymns filled the park, telling the timeless story of the birth of Jesus. The beautiful music of the Lititz Moravian Trombone Choir joined the voices of those gathered, creating a joyful and memorable evening of worship beneath the summer sky.

Our youngest worshipers had a special part in the evening, too! Children were invited to join us on stage to hear the Christmas-themed story *The Sparkle Box*, narrated by our Children's Ministry Coordinator, Allyson Miller. After the story, each child received their very own sparkle box to take home and fill with good deeds—encouraging them to share God's love with others throughout the summer.

There was something especially joyful about singing Christmas carols while surrounded by sunshine, green trees, and the warmth of July. It was a beautiful reminder that the message of Christ's birth—and the light and love He brings—is worth celebrating in every season.

As the evening came to a close, “kids” from 0-99 years cooled down with chocolate milk and cookies, sharing fellowship and laughter together.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in the park and helped make this year's Vespers in the Park a special celebration of faith, music, community, and Christmas joy—right in the middle of summer!



Members of the Lititz Moravian Senior Choir led the audience in Christmas hymns during Vespers in the Park in July 2026.

Be Part of What's Happening at LMC!

Sunday School
KICK OFF!

**Kick off the 2026-2027
Sunday School year with us
on Sunday, September 13!**

There's a place for everyone!

We offer classes for children, youth, and adults, with several adult classes featuring a variety of topics and study styles to help you grow in your faith.

Whether you're returning or joining for the first time, we'd love to help you find the class that's right for you.

Join us in Fellowship Hall to browse and talk to representatives from each of the various classes.

Children & Youth

Sprouts - Pre-K

Rooted - K through 5th Grade

Nourish - 6th through 8th Grade

Cultivate - 9th through 12th Grade

Adult

The Wired Word

Seekers

Keeping Holy Time

A light breakfast and refreshments will be served.

Come explore, connect, and grow with us on
September 13th at 9:15am.



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happenings & history!



Church Picnic

Who doesn't love a picnic filled with delicious food, great fellowship, and fun for all ages?

ONLY 1
SERVICE
AT 10:30AM

You're invited to the Lititz Moravian Church Picnic on **Sunday, September 20!** Join us for **outdoor worship at 10:30 AM** on Church Square (weather permitting), then stay for a picnic lunch, games, and fellowship in the area behind the church.

Curious about Lititz Moravian Church? We'd love to meet you! Join us for our second **Invite-A-Friend Sunday** and experience inspiring worship, genuine fellowship, and the welcoming spirit that has made LMC a special part of the Lititz community for generations.

R.S.V.P. coming out soon!

Come hungry, bring a friend, and enjoy a wonderful day of faith, food, and fellowship!



From Beeswax to Brass:
The Story Behind
Moravian Christmas Vigils



Behind the Scenes of Christmas Vigils

Christmas Vigils are one of the most cherished traditions of the Moravian Church—a beautiful celebration of Christ's birth filled with candlelight, sacred music, Lovefeast, and the joy of the Christmas season. But have you ever wondered what it takes to prepare for this beloved tradition?

Join us for a **special behind-the-scenes experience** and discover the months of planning, preparation, and volunteer dedication that bring Christmas Vigils to life each year at Lititz Moravian Church.

Throughout this **interactive event**, you'll have the opportunity to experience hands-on demonstrations, including tying wicks for our hand-poured beeswax candles, learning how Fire Guards use their blankets during candlelight services, carrying a Lovefeast tray complete with a cinnamon roll and chocolate milk, and exploring many of the meaningful traditions that make Christmas Vigils so special.

Whether you've attended Christmas Vigils for years or are experiencing Moravian traditions for the first time, you'll leave with a new appreciation for the faith, history, and countless volunteers who make this treasured worship experience possible.

Saturday, September 26
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

*One of a Kind
Experience!*

Come discover the story behind the tradition... and become a part of it!

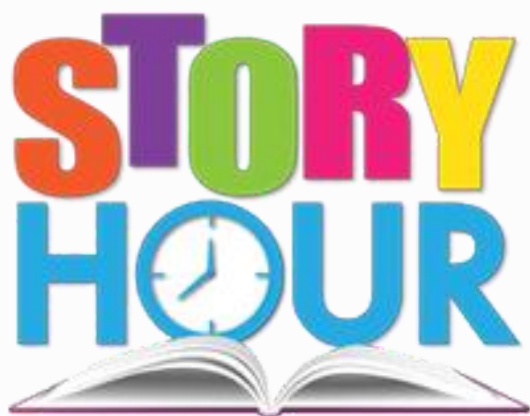
In Essentials, Unity

If you have stood in the churchyard on Easter morning, you know how the trombones sound as the sun rises over God's Acre. Some things about who we are do not change. They shouldn't. The essentials of Moravian life — the sunrise procession, the love feast, the daily text, the hymn sung in four parts, the welcome extended to a stranger who wanders in — are the same today as they were three centuries ago in Herrnhut, and (God willing) as they will be three centuries from now.

But not everything about a living church stays the same. Bulletins are printed differently than they were in 1935. Hymnals are revised. Meeting formats change. Technology arrives, gets used for a while, and gives way to the next thing. The specific ways we welcome our neighbors, tell our story, and steward what we have been given have all been reshaped in every generation — including our own. That is not a betrayal of the tradition; it is how a tradition stays alive.

Our forebears gave us a phrase for this discernment nearly four hundred years ago: In essentials, unity. In nonessentials, liberty. In all things, love. It is a way of saying that a healthy congregation knows what must be protected, knows what is free to change, and holds both with the same charity.

The seasons ahead will ask us to weigh some new choices together. When they come, the old motto will still be enough. What is essential, we will keep. What is not, we will weigh carefully and hold in love. That has always been the Moravian way, and there is enough grace for the walking.



Preschool Story Hour

Preschool Story Hour will resume in the fall from **9:30-10:30am** on the **third Friday** of **each month** from September through May.

We will meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am on the following dates:

September 18

December 18

March 19

October 16

January 15

April 16

November 20

February 19

May 21

Story Hour will be held in the Book Nook, which is located on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. Children age three to five are invited to come for an hour of stories, songs, movement, crafts, and a snack. Our primary mission is to plant seeds of Christian faith and values in young children through shared literature. Each month has a theme with a Christian message which we discuss in an age-appropriate way.

Children need not be members of Lititz Moravian to attend. Parents or grandparents are asked to remain and participate with the children. The program is free. Registration is limited, so please register your child early by completing the form below. If you have any questions, please call Shannon Richard (717) 314-9375.

Preschool Story Hour Registration

Child's Name _____

Age/birthdate _____

Food allergies _____

Child's Address _____

Adult's Name _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Drop off at the office or mail to Lititz Moravian Church: 8 Church Square, Lititz, PA 17543
or email completed form to: office@lititzmoravian.org

A Glimpse Behind the Walls of Linden Hall

In late July, the staff of Lititz Moravian Church had the opportunity to take a little “field trip” across Church Square to **Linden Hall School for Girls** for a special private tour of its historic campus.

While Linden Hall is a familiar part of the Lititz community, there is something special about stepping through its doors and hearing the stories held within its walls—especially when those stories are so deeply connected to our own Moravian history.

Founded in 1746 by the Moravian Church in Lititz, Linden Hall has the distinction of being the oldest independent boarding and day school for girls in continuous operation in the United States. From its earliest days, the Moravians placed a strong emphasis on education for young women, a forward-thinking commitment that helped shape both the school and the community that surrounds it.

Over the centuries, Linden Hall's story has continued to evolve:

1746: The Moravian Gemeinhaus was established in Lititz, marking the beginnings of the school community.

1777–1778: During the Revolutionary War, nearby buildings were used as a military hospital. With the disruption of the war, only four students remained to continue their studies in the Sisters' House.

1794: Records document the enrollment of the school's first non-Moravian boarding student, beginning a tradition of welcoming students from beyond the Moravian community.

1838: Headmaster Reverend Eugene Frueauff planted the campus's iconic linden trees, eventually inspiring the school to take the name Linden Hall.

1877: The Echo, the school's student literary journal, was established and continues a long tradition of student expression to this day.

1883–1885: The beautiful Mary Dixon Chapel was constructed and dedicated in memory of Mary Dixon, a Linden Hall alumna, by her grieving father.



While Linden Hall is no longer governed by the Moravian Church, the historic 49-acre campus welcomes a diverse and international student body of girls in grades 6 through 12.

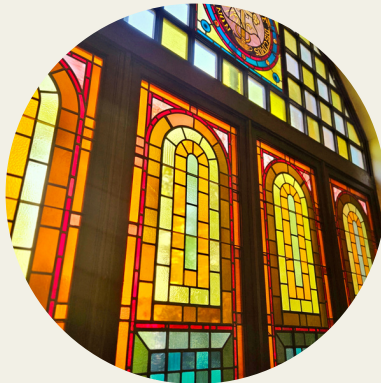
For those of us at Lititz Moravian, learning about Linden Hall is also a reminder of the remarkable legacy that surrounds us here in Lititz. The buildings, grounds, and institutions that make up our community are filled with stories of faith, education, service, and generations of people who helped shape the community we know today.

And apparently, we aren't the only ones who were curious to see what was behind those historic walls!

Following the staff's July field trip, members of Lititz Moravian Church were invited to participate in a private tour of Linden Hall. The response was overwhelming—and clearly, many of us are eager to learn more about this remarkable piece of our shared history.

Because of the tremendous interest, another tour will be planned soon for members of our congregation!

Be sure to watch for more information and upcoming dates so you can mark your calendar. We look forward to their doors opening again and discovering more of the history that has been part of our Lititz story for nearly three centuries!



Images from inside the Mary Dixon Chapel at Linden Hall

Departed Spirits Tour Returns through the Lititz Historical Foundation

The **Lititz Historical Foundation** will once again host its popular **"Departed Spirits Tour"** on Saturday, October 24 beginning at 5pm.

Led by a costumed docent, guests will journey through the historic grounds of the Lititz Moravian Church, where they'll encounter several "departed spirits" who will share fascinating stories and tales from Lititz's past.

Along the way, visitors will discover some of the area's most intriguing historic sites, including a former Revolutionary War hospital said to be haunted and the 1786 Corpse House, along with plenty of other interesting places, characters, and stories from Lititz history!

This is a family friendly event, and a **joint fundraiser** between the **Lititz Historical Foundation** and the **Lititz Moravian Archives**.

Do not miss this event as it always sells out!
Grab your tickets at: www.lititzhistoricalfoundation.com

History, mystery, and perhaps a little something from beyond...
This is one tour you won't want to miss!



Church Square Conversations

A chance to learn something new about a member of our church family... and maybe discover a new conversation starter!



Dwight & Cindy
at Oktoberfest



Cindy's horse,
Pride

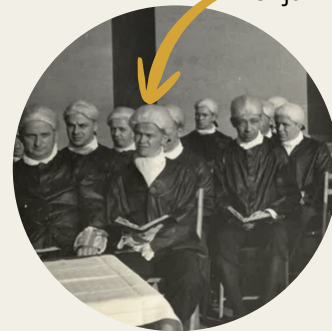
Dwight & Cindy Herr

- Dwight and Cindy enjoy traveling around to the local nursing homes to play a variety of music genres on the accordion for residents. It brings them such joy to see the excitement on their faces!
- Dwight enjoys his hobby with model train sets and helped direct the production of "The Last Supper" at LMC this year.
- Cindy enjoyed riding horses when younger and had the same horse, named Pride, for 32 years!

Dianne Zimmerman

- In her late 20's, Dianne was a high school & college referee for basketball and field hockey games.
- Benjamin G. Forrest, Dianne's dad, was the last Chief Burgess of Lititz and first mayor of the town of Lititz, also serving as President of Wilbur Chocolate.
- Benjamin first found his way to the Moravian Church through the choir, after hearing about it from coworkers at Wilbur. Dianne followed in his footsteps and continues that musical legacy today as a member of the Senior Choir.
- Funny Childhood Memory: While her dad was mayor of Lititz, the Chief of Police knocked on their front door. Why? A local resident's chickens were loose around town!
- Dianne has always loved a good beach getaway! She loves being by the ocean and heading out into the waves—and the bigger and wilder the waves, the better!

Dianne's dad,
Benjamin



LMC Senior Choir at
New York State Fair 1964



Dianne and her Dad at
Niagara Falls



Back In The Day...

Take a guess!

Which LMC member is pictured here in 1951, happily reading a comic at just five years old?

Think you know? See the answer on the last page!

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Throwback Photo... “Twenty-Somethings”

What is one of
your fondest memories from the group?

- **Becky Turnbull:** “I remember our ping pong tournaments and lovefeast bun eating contests. We always have fun when we’re all together. I also remember our deep, open discussions during Bible studies that truly made me learn and understand so much more about having a relationship with God; much more than just reading stories from the Bible.”
- **Pastor Mandy Mastros:** “Doing life together - not just doing church together.”
- **Amy Sue Bomberger: 20-Something Motto:** *“We are one in each other; discovering our faith journeys, supporting and encouraging one another while serving, reaching out, and growing. So come as you are, take a deep breath... welcome home.”*

“My time in the 20-Somethings Ministry can be summed up by this motto. Our group did everything together. We asked questions, challenged one another, grew in our faith, and supported each other through that stage of life. The church, in turn, supported our passions and our desire to be spiritually filled.

One of my favorite memories was our weekly Bible study. Every Tuesday night, the RAO was alive with our crew. Bible studies were led by many incredible people, including Dean Jurgen, Mark Breland, Liesl Wolf, Bill Mitchell, Barry Frey, Scott Miller, and Peg Greiner, just to name a few. Afterward, we would spend hours playing ping pong, enjoying snacks and music, or making a late-night trip to the Lyndon Diner.

We had a passion for serving and a passion for growing in our faith, and that enthusiasm was contagious. Looking back, I can honestly say that I would not be the person I am today without the 20-Somethings. The friendships, encouragement, and spiritual foundation I gained during those years have had a lasting impact on my life, and for that I will always be grateful.”

Open Hearts. Willing Hands.

There is a place for you to serve.

Our church is more than a building—
it is a community made stronger by the gifts, time, talents,
and willingness of its people.

From welcoming a familiar face to helping with a ministry,
preparing a meal, caring for our grounds, supporting our
children and youth, providing nursery care or
quietly lending a hand behind the scenes,
every act of service matters.

You don't have to have all the answers.
You don't have to have a lot of time.

You simply have to be willing to say, "Yes, I can help."

When we open our hearts to service,
we create opportunities to share God's love,
strengthen our congregation, and make a difference
in the lives of others.

Many hands. One community.
One shared calling to serve.

Where is God calling you to lend a hand?

Upcoming events you may want to lend a hand to... & who to contact.

Scripture Reader during Sunday Service - Greg Bomberger

Senior Choir - Dr. Jeff Gemmell

Sunday Worship Usher - Diane Bainbridge

Nursery Attendants during 10:30am Worship Services - Sue Bomberger

Kids' Night Out (4 events per year) - Allyson Miller

Advent Tea & Putz Showings (December) - Brenda Barnes

Attic Treasures (@ Advent Tea | December) - Cindy Walter

Making evergreen wreaths (for Advent Tea | December) - Dwight & Cindy Herr

Christmas Vigils (December)- Office

Faith In Action: Ways to Serve at LMC

Could You Be Part of the Next Chapter?

As we look ahead to the 2027 **Lititz Rotary Craft Show**, we're seeking 1–2 individuals to help lead our Food Court ministry for **Moravian Fellowship**.

You'll have the opportunity to learn alongside this year's team and help continue a tradition that has served our church and community for years.

If you'd like to learn more, we'd love to talk with you!

Please see Brenda Barnes with any questions or contact the office with interest.

Have you ever thought about singing with the LMC Senior Choir?

Now is the perfect time to give it a try!

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 9 at 7:15 PM in the Sanctuary. *The Senior Choir is the congregation's choir*, and we'd love to have you be part of this joyful music ministry! No experience is necessary—

just bring a love of singing and a desire to praise the Lord. Whether you've sung in a choir for years or have always wondered what it might be like, all are welcome!

Come sing, laugh, worship, and make music together.

Come join the fun—you might just discover a new favorite part of your week! Questions? Contact Jeff, Director of Music Ministries, at jeff@lititzmoravian.org or 717-342-4469.

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10



Traditions, Treasures and Christmas Cheer!



The holiday season is just around the corner, and **Attic Treasures** and the **Makers Market** are returning for this year's **Advent Tea** on Saturday, December 5!

Come sip, shop, browse, and get into the Christmas spirit!
Both Attic Treasures and the Makers Market will be open from 9:00 AM–3:00 PM, while The Advent Tea will be served from 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

Ready to make room at home?
Household items for **Attic Treasures** may be dropped off in the Craft Room beginning October 1.
For questions about Attic Treasures, please contact Cindy Walter.

Calling all makers!
Makers Market tables are \$25 each, so gather your creations and join us for a festive day of shopping and sharing.
For more information about the Makers Market, contact Brenda Watson.



Thank you...

Letters of thanks
expressed to the
members of LMC

Dear Moravian Congregation,

Thank you for your generous gift to the **Warwick Community Hub** through your **"Joyful Noise"** donation, including the additional donation sent, for the Summer Lunch Program! Because of your support, a neighbor found help, a family took a next step, and a bit of hope was restored.

Warwick Hub Team

Dear Friends,

We are so grateful to Moravian Congregation of Lititz for supporting **Milagro House!** The gift of \$1,313.47 will directly support our mission to provide education, housing and support services to women and their children who would otherwise be experiencing homelessness. Thank you again for your generosity.

Milagro House

A heartfelt thank you to one of our members (who prefers to serve quietly behind the scenes) and recently shared their time and skills to help **repair the drywall in HDR** following the resolution of the water damage.

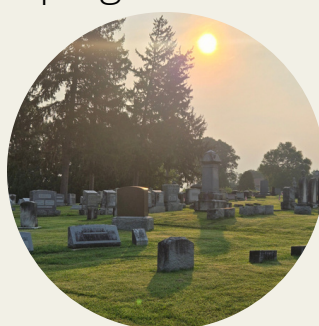
While your work may happen behind the scenes, the difference it makes is seen and appreciated by all of us.



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers who work to **care for and maintain the church grounds and cemetery.** Whether you are mowing, trimming, weeding, tending gardens, clearing pathways, or simply lending a helping hand when needed, your time and effort make a meaningful difference.

Because of your faithful service, our grounds and cemetery remain a beautiful and peaceful place to worship, remember loved ones, spend a quiet moment, and welcome visitors to our church community.

We are grateful for each of you and for the gifts of time and talent you so generously share. Thank you for helping us care for this special place we call home.



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Craft Show 2026: Thank You for Making It Happen!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the **2026 Craft Show Food Court** a success during the Rotary Craft Show—even with the rain that brought us to an early close! From setup and teardown to serving hot dogs, working the cash register, and baking our beloved Moravian Sugar Cakes, so many hands came together to support this fundraiser and ultimately give back to our community.

Together, we **raised \$1,330 in hot dog sales** before the rain arrived at noon. The Moravian Sugar Cakes were a sweet success, **selling out by 10:00 AM!**

But the blessings didn't stop there! With the Food Court closing early, our remaining hot dogs and rolls were **donated to the Warwick Community Hub**. More than 30 packages were available—enough to provide a package to every family signed up to receive support through the Hub.

God is good! What began as a fundraiser became an opportunity to bless our neighbors in another way. Thank you to everyone who shared their time, talents, and energy to make it possible. We couldn't have done it without you!



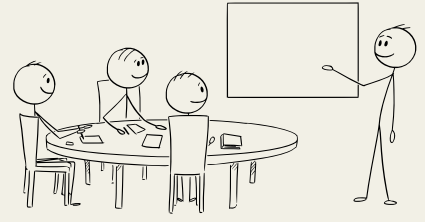
A heartfelt thank you to all of our **parking attendants** who generously gave their time during the Lititz Rotary Craft Show! From directing traffic and helping guests find their way to welcoming visitors with a friendly smile, your service helped make the day run smoothly.

Your efforts also helped raise funds to support the **Christian Education Committee** and the **LMC Handbell Choir**.

Thank you for giving your time, lending a hand, and helping make this community event a success. We couldn't have done it without you!

NEWS FROM OUR ELDERS

Next meetings:
September 1st, 2026
and
October 6th, 2026
in Liquid Classroom



Highlights from the Board of Elders from August 2026:

- Pastor Mandy is teaching a course on Adaptive Leadership and will be sharing appropriate handouts with Board Members.
- Plans for Christmas Vigil Open House are coming along well. Earle will take care of publicity through newspapers.
- The Strategic Planning Committee is working on an inventory of all committees, groups and events and the contact person for each.
- Randy Bricker is leading an Alpha Group in September.
- A Compass Class has begun.

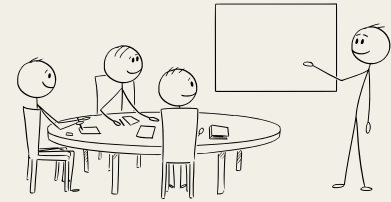
A note from the Vice Chair: Jonathan Kremser

As the new school year begins, I reflect upon the timeless instruction in the *Moravian Covenant for Christian Living*. In the message to our congregation on August 16, the Rt. Rev. M. Blair Couch described how foreign refugees from many parts of Moravia and Bohemia settled in Herrnhut in 1727. Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the members of the renewed *Unitas Fratrum* reconciled their differences on August 13, 1727, and became united in purpose, igniting global missions and prayer movements that have lasted to this day.

Earlier that same year, on May 12, the settlers at Herrnhut developed and committed to the *Brotherly Agreement of the Moravian Church*, which later became the *Moravian Covenant for Christian Living*. This document is one of the standards that emerged from this important year in our history, and it continues to provide guidance in the lives of our members. I still have my father's copy of *The Brotherly Agreement* that was adopted by the Northern Province Synod in 1966. I was surprised by how little has changed between then and now. Our *Moravian Covenant for Christian Living* is an important ministerial. During worship on September 20, we will observe the Cup of Covenant service by reading the *Covenant* and illustrating how the theme of each section is carried out in our everyday life. I suggest keeping a copy with you as a guidepost for your faith journey.

NEWS FROM OUR TRUSTEES

Next Meeting:
September 15th
at 6:30pm
in Liquid Classroom



Highlights from the Board of Trustees Meeting 7-21-2026

- The June 16th, 2026 minutes were reviewed. **It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

Financials

- Total income for April was \$66,161.93 with expenses of \$61,181.25 resulting total income of \$4,980.68. **It was moved and seconded to approve the June financial report. Motion carried unanimously.**
- It was moved and seconded to ratify action taken on June 30th to pay for repairs of the broken pipe in CEC building at a cost of \$12,257.29. **Moved and seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
- It was moved and seconded to accept the bid from Concrete Authority to repair and replace the patio at Rosemont parsonage. **Motion carried by unanimous vote.**
- **It was moved and seconded to set the cottage rent at \$750.00 per month. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Brother's House stairs: **A motion was made to authorize Tom Wentzel and Andy Weik to check the condition of the stairs and chapel floor by removing some carpet to determine condition and possible remediation as a start. Motion was seconded and carried by unanimous consent.**
- Adjourn: **A motion was made and seconded to end the Trustee meeting at 9:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.**

Stewardship To Date for 2026 Financial Summary (June)

Tithes & Offerings 2025: \$45,932
Tithes & Offerings 2026: \$54,852
General Fund Other Income 2025: \$10,504
General Fund Other Income 2026: \$11,310
General Fund Expense 2025: \$62,603
General Fund Expense 2026: \$61,181
Net Income 2025: \$ (6,167)
Net Income 2026: \$4,981

2026 Year-to-Date (through June)

Tithes & Offerings 2025: \$301,371
Tithes & Offerings 2026: \$324,791
General Fund Other Income 2025: \$48,668
General Fund Other Income 2026: \$49,083
General Fund Expense 2025: \$379,419
General Fund Expense 2026: \$356,817
Net Income 2025: \$ (29,380)
Net Income 2026: \$17,057

Stewardship To Date for 2026 Financial Summary (July)

Tithes & Offerings 2025: \$40,648
Tithes & Offerings 2026: \$68,100
General Fund Other Income 2025: \$9,915
General Fund Other Income 2026: \$9,256
General Fund Expense 2025: \$56,555
General Fund Expense 2026: \$64,601
Net Income 2025: \$ (5,993)
Net Income 2026: \$12,755

2026 Year-to-Date (through July)

Tithes & Offerings 2025: \$342,019
Tithes & Offerings 2026: \$392,891
General Fund Other Income 2025: \$58,582
General Fund Other Income 2026: \$58,340
General Fund Expense 2025: \$435,974
General Fund Expense 2026: \$421,419
Net Income 2025: (\$35,373)
Net Income 2026: \$29,812

September & October Special Offerings

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

Second Mile Offering

September 13th - North Star Initiative

October 11th - Warwick Community Chest

Joyful Noise Offerings

September 27th - LMC Refugee Projects

October 25th - "Cultivate's Choice!" - *Stay Tuned!*

Let the Bells Ring & Brass Resound! Sundays Filled with Music

Senior Choir is back in song beginning September 13th during worship services.

Trombone Choir - Sunday, September 20th

Handbell Choir - Sunday, October 18th

Come worship with us and enjoy the sounds of these wonderful LMC traditions!

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SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 9A - Quilting 7P Elders- Liquid	2 8:30A Yoga - FH 11A ROMEO's 7P NA - HDR	3 7P Yoga - FH	4 9:15A Yoga - FH	5
6 8A Worship 9:15A KHT - Eschbach 10:30A Worship (inperson/online)	7 Office Closed - Labor Day	8 9A Quilting - Nur 6:30P Archives-HDR 6:30P Fellowship - Eschbach 7P Stewardship - Zoom	9 8:30A Yoga - FH 7P NA - HDR 7:15P Choir	10 7P Yoga - FH 7P CIS - Outlook Worship Comm-Zoom	11 9:15A Yoga - FH	12 6P Kids' Night Out
13 ^{2nd Mile Offering} 8A Worship 9:15A SS Kickoff-FH 10:30A Worship (inperson/online) 11:30 Bday Celebration-SH	14 8:30A Yoga - FH 6:30P Girl Scout Leaders - Liquid 6:30P Random Acts Kind - RAO 7:30P HBC	15 9A Quilting-Nur 6:30P Trustees - Liquid 7:15P Trombone Choir - FH	16 8:30A Yoga - FH 7P NA - HDR 7:15P Choir	17 7P Yoga - FH 7P Lititz Historical Society - HDR	18 9:15A Yoga - FH 9:30A Preschool Story - BookNook	19 10A - 5P L'Italia Festival
20 ^{Trombone Choir -Outdoor Worship} 9:15A SS All Ages 10:30A Worship (inperson) 11:30 Church Picnic	21 8:30A Yoga - FH 7:30P HBC	22 9A Quilting-Nur 7:15P Trombone Choir - FH	23 8:30A Yoga - FH 7P NA - HDR 7:15P Choir	24 7P Yoga - FH	25 9:15A Yoga - FH	26 10A-1P Vigil Open House
27 ^{Handbell Choir Joyful Noise Offering} 8A Worship 9:15A SS All Ages 10:30A LIFT Worship (inperson/online)	28 8:30A Yoga - FH 7:30P HBC	29 9A Quilting-Nur 7:15P Trombone Choir - FH	30 8:30A Yoga - FH 7P NA - HDR 7:15P Choir			

OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 7P Yoga - FH	2 9:15A Yoga - FH	3 Lititz Fine Arts Festival
4 Worldwide Communion 8A Worship 9:15A SS All Ages 10:30A Worship (inperson/online)	5 8:30A Yoga - FH 7:00P CEC-RAO 7:30P HBC	6 9A Quilting - Nur 10A Endowment-Outlook 7P Elders-Liquid	7 8:30A Yoga - FH 11A ROMEO's 7P NA - HDR 7:15P Choir	8 7P Yoga - FH 7P CIS - Outlook Worship Comm-Zoom	9 9:15A Yoga - FH	10
11 2nd Mile 8A Worship 9:15A SS All Ages 10:30A Worship (inperson/online) 11:30 Bday Celebration-SH	12 8:30A Yoga - FH 6:30P Girl Scout Leaders - Liquid 6:30P Random Acts Kind - RAO 7:00P Com. Band 7:30P HBC	13 9A Quilting - Nur 6:30P Archives-HDR	14 8:30A Yoga - FH 7P NA - HDR 7:15P Choir	15 7P Yoga - FH 7P Lititz Historical Society - HDR	16 9:15A Yoga - FH 9:30A Preschool Story - BookNook	17 8:30A Women's Wellness Day
18 TC & HBC 8A Worship 9:15A SS All Ages 10:30A Worship (inperson/online)	19 8:30A Yoga - FH 7:30P HBC	20 9A Quilting-Nur 6:30P Trustees - Liquid 7:15P Trombone Choir - FH	21 8:30A Yoga - FH 7P NA - HDR 7:15P Choir	22 7P Yoga - FH	23 9:15A Yoga - FH 4P Alpha Study-HDR	24 4P Alpha Study-HDR 5P Departed Spirits Tours
25 Joyful Noise 8A Worship 9:15A SS All Ages 10:30A LIFT Worship (inperson/online)	26 8:30A Yoga - FH 7:30P HBC	27 9A Quilting-Nur 7:15P Trombone Choir - FH	28 8:30A Yoga - FH 7P NA - HDR 7:15P Choir	29 7P Yoga - FH	30 9:15A Yoga - FH	31



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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:

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Sgt. Jason Stoner, Army Reserves
Lt. Dain Bomberger, US Navy
Staff Sgt. Austin Heacock, US Marine Corps
Michael Hackett & Family serving overseas
for the government

"Back In the Day" photo on Church Square Conversations...

Marian L. Shatto!
Did you guess correctly?

Prayers for Healing

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Marilyn Diener
Susan Yeagley
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Greg Laubach
Marilyn Copenhaver
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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.