EAST HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH EVENTS NOVEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Consecration Sunday 9:30 am Unity Worship (1 service) 10:30 Brunch Knitwear/bake sale 11:30 am Handbells 12:00 pm Mossing 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Confirmation	2 7:00 pm Darts (A)	3 Election Day 7:30 pm Moravian Women	4 10:00 am Moravian Women 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	5 5:30 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm Senior Choir	6	7 9a-3p Yard Sale Drop- offs
8 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Bible Study	9 7:30 pm Worship Cmte.	10 7:00 pm Preschool Board	5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Youth Group Outing 7:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	12 5:30 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm Senior Choir	13	14
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22 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 Church Council 12:15 pm Handbells 2:30 pm Hanging of Greens 6:00 pm Bible Study	23 7:00 pm Darts (A)	24 7:00 pm Elders	No Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed No Boy Scouts No Choir Rehearsals	27	28
29 1st Sunday Advent 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Bible Study	30 7:00 pm Darts (A)		Don't forget! Daylight Savings Ends Nov 1!			

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"What is Consecration Sunday?"

If we're honest with ourselves, we have to admit that many Christians think of stewardship primarily in terms of an annual appeal for financial resources to fund the ministries of their home congregation. But congregations which approach stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay the bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God.

What's spiritual about giving money to the church?

Stewardship is an indispensable part of being a follower of Jesus Christ. It is a faith-based lifestyle which recognizes God's ownership of all things – including our time, abilities and financial resources. As the Psalmist says, "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it..." (Psalm 24:1). By supporting East Hills Moravian Church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their income and time, persons share in Christ's ongoing work of spreading a gospel of faith, love and hope.

This year EHMC's Joint Board has again selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we trust that worshippers are followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages us all to progress toward the goal of proportionate and systematic giving. Faith is brought to completion through those actions which tangibly express our faith (James 2).

On Consecration Sunday, we will invite worshippers to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world by completing an *Estimate of Giving Card* as a confidential expression of faith. The procedure will be done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We urge people to attend; including those who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards.

Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and secure a commit from everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship, to come to our celebration fellowship brunch, and to prayerfully consider their response to God's presence in their lives.

Derek French



Preschool News Mary Kay Brezinsky

The leaves are changing, the weather is turning colder, and every November just before Thanksgiving, a group of Pilgrims and Indians dressed in their native

attire gather together and share a feast at our preschool. Each class prepares some of the foods themselves learning to measure, pour, bake, and cook until it is time to sit together and enjoy a wonderful feast. The Three-Year-Old classes have a traditional Thanksgiving breakfast and the Four-Year-Old classes have a Thanksgiving lunch. Our Two-Year-Old program also shares a special snack and talks about what they are thankful for. All the children make special placemats that they take home as a Thanksgiving keepsake to be used for years to come! Our preschool feast is a very special occasion for all.

In the days leading up the feast, the children learn about the first Thanksgiving. They also learn to thank God for the many blessings in their own lives including family, friends, home, school, church and other things they might be thankful for. Thanksgiving gives us a wonderful opportunity to teach little children about what it means to be thankful and it in the process we are reminded as well!

There are two other important dates to remember in the month of November: We are thankful for the freedoms we enjoy as a nation and the privilege of voting on November 3; and we are thankful for all the men and women who have served our country in the military with some giving their lives, as we remember them on November 11, Veterans Day.

I would also like to thank everyone who participated in the Preschool Fall Fundraisers. Your support is very much appreciated! If you have not yet given us your Giant Rewards card number, the clipboard is on the church office door so please feel free to add your number. The children will benefit from your efforts.

Christian Fellowship News & Opportunities

Young Adult Ministry

YAM sends care packages to college-age youth attending school, in the military, or in the job force twice a year. If you are a young adult or know of a young adult (your child), please give his/her mailing address to Lucy Thompson at 610-691-2708 or slmicro@ptd.net or Bobby Shimer at 610-868-0179 or barbara.shimer@gmail.com. The young adult will be added to our list and receive a package from us in early November. Many of the young adults receiving a box are thrilled to receive it and enjoy the food and fun contained inside. We also need bakers to supply two dozen baked items, individually wrapped; or individually wrapped candy; or small fun activities (age does not matter) for these youth. We are also collecting monetary donations to cover mailing costs. If you wish to donate, please make checks payable to East Hills Moravian Church, memo: YAM. The deadline for contributions is **Sunday, November 1**. If you wish to donate or have questions, you may contact Lucy Thompson or Bobby Shimer at the contact info above. Thanks for caring!

Why Knots Winter Sale & Women's Fellowship Bake Sale

Come out and do some early Christmas shopping at our annual sale to be held in the Family Center, along with the congregational brunch, **November 1**, **following the 9:30 am unity service**. In addition to beautiful handmade baby items, there will be lovely cold-weather accessories for all ages, as well as delicious baked goods made by our Moravian Women. Our dedicated Why Knots members provide hundreds of baby items for St. Luke's Hospital each year and appreciate your support of their efforts. Profits from both of these sales are returned as an offering to the church.

Star Newsletter

The deadline for all information for the **combined December/January issue of the Star will be November 10.** Please help us distribute information in a timely manner by meeting this deadline and keeping information as brief as possible due to space limitations and costs. Thank you!

Women's Fellowship

- **~Eastern Region Workshop:** On September 26, East Hills was the site of the Eastern Region Moravian Women's Workshop. Approximately 135 women attended this event from Canada and all along the Atlantic coastline with several buses traveling from New York City. Workshops were presented on mission, faith, and wellness. Study, good food, and fellowship were enjoyed by all!
- **~Bake Sale:** If baking for the sale to be held on **November 1** following worship, please call Janet Droney at 610-691-1984 to let her know and plan on bringing your baked goods to the Family Center on **Saturday**, **October 31** between 4 and 6 pm to begin set-up. Thank you!
- ~November Meetings: The evening group will meet on November 3 at 7:30 pm at the church with hostess Nancy Kichline, and the morning group will meet on November 4 at 10:00 am in the church kitchen with hostesses Eileen Ackerman and Betty Damm. Please call Janet Droney at 610-691-1984 if you plan to attend either meeting. Both groups will study session 7 from last year's book, "Use of the Hymnal When You Pray" page 46.

Why Knots

The Why Knots is a group of about 10 talented and dedicated women who meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at the home of Sue Hahn. In addition to enjoying the fellowship of being together, we use our talents to make a diverse collection of knitted, crocheted, and quilted items, most of which are donated to St. Luke's Hospital. Some of these items are presented for sale at church each fall. This year our sale is **Sunday, November 1**. If you are reading this announcement before the first, we invite you to see us at the sale, where we will have available an assortment of winter accessories for all ages, in addition to beautiful baby items and quilts. For further information, contact our leader Ginny Yanzsa at 610-704-2591. If you plan to attend our meetings, please notify Sue Hahn at 610-865-2304 several days ahead so she may prepare for seating and refreshments.

EHMC Yard Sale

Mark your calendars for the EHMC yard sale coming on **May 21, 2016**, to donate all those unwanted items! Items may be dropped off at the church on the following days from 9 am-3 pm: November 7, March 7 &14, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, and May 7. This year clothing and shoes will be accepted for the EHMC Girl Scouts fundraiser. For more information, to volunteer, or to arrange a drop-off time, contact Wayne Gruver, 610-867-7818, or <u>ufospacehunter@yahoo.com</u>.

It's Mossing Time

Mossing will take place on **Sunday**, **November 1**, (rain date November 8). We will carpool from the church leaving at **noon** and returning home before 5:00 pm. Please bring a tool to scrape moss off of the rocks and dress appropriately for the weather that day including shoes that can get dirty. Contact Peter Diehl for more info at petersdiehl@gmail.com or 610-435-4651.

Save The Dates

All are invited to help decorate East Hills for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season. Plan to join us for whatever time you have available for putz construction which begins in the afternoon on **Sunday, November 15**, and for "Hanging of the Greens" on **Sunday, November 22**, from 2:30-6:30 pm.

<u>Cradle Roll Update</u>

Congratulations to Patricia Winter Kuhns, who turns 3 years old on November 18 and graduates from Cradle Roll here at East Hills Moravian Church! Cradle roll is a Christian based age appropriate program where information is mailed monthly to all parents of children from birth (adoption) through three years. Once a child turns three, they graduate from cradle roll and become eligible to attend Sunday School nursery class. Cradle roll also provides a card that is given to the family at baptism. If you know of any church members who have a child from birth (adoption) through three years old that is not receiving Cradle Roll's monthly age appropriate mailing, please contact Denise Kohn at 610-867-8467 or contact the church office.



EHMC Harvest Dinner

Please plan to join us for the 2015 Harvest Dinner which benefits our congregation's food ministry program on **Saturday**, **November 21 at 6 pm**. This year's menu will include: Turkey, Ham, Pennsylvania Dutch Potato Bread Stuffing, Vegetable Style Rice Pilaf, Sweet Potato Pie, Green Beans/Sweet Corn, Cranberry Relish, Salad, Rolls, Iced

Tea/Coffee/Hot Tea, and Dessert Bar. Cost: Adults-\$10; Children (6-12)-\$5; Children under 5 are free. Please purchase tickets in advance by contacting: Bob Wingrove @ 610-867-0537 or the church office @ 610-868-6481.

EHMC Moravian Dinner Night

View the Christmas Putz, listen to music, and dine at our delicious buffet on **Tuesday, December 15.** Putz showings are at 4:30 and 7:00 pm (before or after dinner), and please reserve a specific show time for the putz. Buffet will be served from 5-7:00 pm with continuous seating along with music for your listening pleasure. Contact Bob Wingrove @ 610-867-0537 or the church office @ 610-868-6481 for tickets. Cost: Adults-\$15; Children (6-12 yrs.)-\$7; and 5 yrs. & under-free. Proceeds go to the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter Project.

Christmas Poinsettias

We are offering poinsettias for purchase in the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve. Plants are \$9 each and orders must be placed by **Sunday**, **December 6**. Plants may be taken home after the final service on Christmas Eve. Order blanks will be available in Sunday bulletins and in the Narthex, on the EHMC website, or use the form below. For more information contact Jim or Anna Koehler at 484-256-5697 or nyaapa@aol.com.

Poinsettias

ORDER FORM

We are offering poinsettias for purchase to place in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve for \$9.00 each. They may be taken home after the last service Christmas Eve.

Please order by completing this form and returning it with payment to: Anna Koehler, 2124 Abington Rd, Bethlehem PA 18018. Order deadline is Sunday, December 6. Please make checks payable to East Hills Moravian Church or EHMC.

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This is how it will appear in the bulletin.		
Fill in the line you wish to have included in the bulletin:		
In Honor of		
In Loving Memory of		
For Blessings Received		

Mission In Action - Victory House

Did you know our congregation has supported an important local ministry for many years? Victory House, located on Bethlehem's Southside, is a 24-hour shelter for homeless men, and, since 1985, they have helped over 3,500 men. This community-based non-profit organization does much more than just provide food and housing; they offer a number of important support services, including medical care, education, and employment assistance. Their program is designed to provide their clients with a comprehensive life re-education program to help them transition to self-sufficient living, and, in return, clients are required to give back through community service.

East Hills supports Victory House by preparing and serving a full dinner for their clients once every month which consists of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, bread, and a homemade dessert. Our church budget supports the purchase of the food required for this dinner, but more importantly, we currently have a group of 40+ volunteers from our congregation who do the work necessary to feed these men.

Each month, a team of 5 volunteers performs the various duties required to provide this dinner, from shopping for the groceries to cooking and serving the dinner at the Victory House facility. Our team consists of a shopper, a person who makes a homemade dessert, a person to prepare the meatloaf and potatoes in our kitchen, and two people who take the food to the facility, cook it in their kitchen, serve it, and get to eat and chat with the men. If you would like to become part of this team or just want more information, contact Susan Kriebs at 610-867-5971 or skriebs@gmail.com

Camp Hope Avon Fundraiser

Support Camp Hope with all of your Avon purchases now through December 31. Go to **louisesnyder.avonrepresentative.com**, click on any of the images, and start shopping! You will pay online and the order will be shipped to your home. Information is available in the church narthex, on the bulletin board and will be available in future Sunday bulletins. For more information or questions, contact Louise Snyder at 610-865-4118 or <u>avonlouise@ptd.net</u>.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your words of encouragement, your actions of love and compassion, and your ceaseless prayers for my Mom and our family throughout this past year. Your actions and love have been a great strength to us during this difficult time.

Catherine and Kevin Moyzan





NOVEMBER

3	Barbara Shimer
6	Olivia Kuhns, Doris Rice
7	Amanda Keirle, Mikela Ortwein
8	Mary Ellen Rudolph
9	David Bieber
11	Linda Adams
15	Lucy Thompson, Donald Zeitner
16	Jean Bennett
18	James Epler, Phillip Gruver, Patricia Kuhns
20	Kim Donatelli, Brian Yost, Macy Yost
23	Elmer Brogdon, Lois Meixell
24	Emily Turton
25	Sandra Gribbin, Megan Latham
26	Michael Clem, David Sommers
27	Stephanie Demko, Robert Hauck, Kathy Sardine

Mark Gibson, Anna Koehler, Caroline Radchuk

Katrina Lehman, Thomas Walz

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Juliana Keirle



Sunday November 1: Consecration Sunday
One unity service worship at 9:30 am followed by brunch

November Worship Schedule

In case of inclement weather please check Channel 69 News Storm Center and/or East Hills Moravian Church Facebook Page for schedule changes and closings.

November 1

Consecration Sunday

One service at 9:30 am; Brunch in the Family Center following the worship service

Sacristans-Steve & Lucy Thompson

Elder-Linda Marsh Liturgist-Jay Larson

Ushers-Greg & Nancy Costa

Counters-Steve Cooke/Lois Oudheusden

Flowers-Bieber

Flower Visitor-Marcia Mielnik

November 8

Two services at 8:00 am and 11:00 am; Sunday School at 9:45 am

Sacristans- John & Connie Fuchs

Elder (8:30) Jon Burcaw (11:00) Lucy Thompson

Liturgist (8:30) Kat Lehman (11:00) Brian Davison

Ushers (8:30) Phil & Donna Kromer (11:00) TBA

Counters- Dwight Taylor/Lisa Mixon

Flowers-Kuhns

Flower Visitor- Bruce Montgomery

November 15

Holy Communion/Christ the Chief Elder

Two services at 8:00 am and 11:00 am; Sunday School at 9:45 am

Sacristans- Bob & Lynn Greenawald

Elder (8:30) Meg Norman (11:00) Linda Marsh

Liturgist (8:30) Jon Burcaw (11:00) Charmayne Stauffer

Ushers (8:30) Bill & Debbie Spinney (11:00) Bobby Shimer/Joyce Signarovitz

Counters- Dwight Taylor/Lisa Mixon

Flowers-Regina/Snitker

Flower Visitor- Jan Schanck

November 22

Two services at 8:00 am and 11:00 am; Sunday School at 9:45 am

Sacristans- Scott & Amy Gross

Elder (8:30) Amy Gross (11:00) Jay Larson

Liturgist (8:30) Randy Emmons (11:00) Alec & Josh Lutz

Ushers (8:30) Joe & Frieda Soska (11:00) Jack & Jean Skillman

Counters- Dwight Taylor/Joe Soska, Jr.

Flowers-Reimer

Flower Visitor- Lucy Thompson

November 29

The First Sunday of Advent - Lovefeast

Two services at 8:00 am and 11:00 am; Sunday School at 9:45 am

Sacristans- All Sacristans

Elder (8:30) Meg Norman (11:00) Laura Kemmerer

Liturgist (8:30) Bob Hauck (11:00) Nancy Costa

Ushers (8:30) Jon Burcaw/Bruce Montgomery (11:00) Bob Hauck/Yvonne Gerlach

Counters- Andy Donatelli/Joe Soska, Jr.

Flowers-Mera

Flower Visitor- Joanne Van Billiard



The Star & Candle Shoppe

The Shoppe opens on **November 27** in the Christian Education Building of Central Moravian Church, 40 W. Church St., Bethlehem....right across the hall from the putz. We have beautiful stars in many sizes and colors, handmade beeswax candles, nutcrackers, ornaments, jewelry, delicious homemade baked goods.....something for everyone on your Christmas list. Open Friday, November 27 through Sunday, December 20. **Hours: Thurs/Fri: 1-7 pm; Sat: 10 am-8 pm; Sun: 1-5 pm; closed Mon, Tues, and Wed.**

Christmas In Nazareth

The Moravian Historical Society would like to invite area Moravian congregations to participate in this year's Christmas in Nazareth celebration on **December 12** from 11am – 6 pm. They have space upstairs in the museum area to accommodate one 6-foot table per congregation for selling arts & crafts, baked goods, or general outreach. There is **no cost** to reserve a table; please contact Derrick Clark at 610-759-5070 or operations@moravianhistoricalsociety.org on or before **November 1** if interested.

Community Advent Breakfast

This year is the 50th anniversary of the advent breakfast to be held on **Saturday**, **December 5**, **8:30 am** at Moravian Village, 526 Wood St., Bethlehem in their main dining room. Mayor Bob Donchez will open the full service breakfast; the Moravian Trombone Choir, the Broughal Southside Singers, and a combined chorus from Liberty and Freedom High Schools will perform; and there will be a traditional beeswax candle lighting. Guest speaker will be our own Shane Burcaw! Tickets are \$10 and \$7 for youth under 16 years. **Tickets must be purchased prior to December 1 and are available at**:

- Bethlehem Public Library 11 W Church St.
- Southside Branch, Bethlehem Public Library 400 Webster St.
- Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce 1 E. Broad St., Suite 560
- Cathedral Church of the Nativity 321 Wyandotte St.
- Moravian Book S hop 428 Main St.
- Moravian Village (front desk) 526 Wood St.

Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

On **Saturday**, **November 14**, 4-7 pm, College Hill Moravian, 72 W. Laurel St., presents its annual pork & sauerkraut dinner. Cost: adults-\$12, children (5-11)-\$5, and under 5-free. Takeout is available. For tickets or info, call 610-867-8291.

Salute To The Troops Concert

A concert, in recognition of our armed forces worldwide, will be presented by the Allentown Band at Northeast Middle School on **Sunday, November 8**, at 3 pm. Cost: adults-\$10 and students-\$5 with proceeds to benefit the Victory House Homeless Veterans Program. Contact Amy Lukow at 610-691-3373 or email <u>alukow@victoryhouselv.org</u>. In addition, honor an armed forces member or veteran by sponsoring an ad in the 2015 Salute The Troops Brochure. For more information on this, visit www.victoryhouselv.org or email pdiluzio@victoryhouselv.org.

Board Of World Mission: You can make donations online for The Moravian Disaster Response (MDR) Team—which is always ready to help out with natural disasters. We encourage that donations be designated for general disaster relief so that the BWM has the flexibility to respond immediately to financial needs that arise in the face of disaster. Visit http://moravianmission.org/give/.

Senior Friends' Luncheons

Gather for lunch and fellowship at West Side Moravian Church, 402 Third Ave., Bethlehem, at 11:30 am on the first Thursday of every month now through May. Bring a sandwich and a friend; beverages and desserts will be provided. Following lunch, a program is provided each week. Program schedule is listed on the church news bulletin board or call the West Side Church office at 610-865-0256 for more information.

Girls' Retreat At Camp Hope

"You Are God's Masterpiece" to be held **Friday**, **January 29 beginning at 6:30 pm through Sunday**, **January 31, 2016**, **at 1:00 pm.** for girls in third through eighth grades. The cost for the weekend is \$70. The focus will be on "who we are in God's eyes, how we live out our faith when times are hard, how we can help build each other up, and how to be a good friend". Space is limited to 36 girls so register soon using the form below or contact Linda Wisser at growth@emmausmoravian.org, 610-965-6067, or The Rev. Jodie Harney at 610-838-9344, jlharney212@gmail.com.

You are God's Masterpiece

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Psolm 139:14

Girls' Retreat at Camp Hope Friday, January 29th 7 pm - Sunday, January 31st 1pm

Name				
Age	Grade			
Your Church				
Have you been to Camp Hope before?				
If so for what camp?				
Parents' Names				
Phone Number				
Parent's Email				
Emergency Contact				
Phone Number				
Please return with \$70 payment (made payable to EDEB) by Dec. 30 th to:				

Mountainview Moravian Church, 331 Constitution Ave., Hellertown, PA 18055