



EMMAUS MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Special Envelope for January

Common Ministries -The common ministries of the Worldwide Moravian Church include (but are not limited to) the following: Moravian Open Door, Camp Hope, Ministerial Education, Board of World Mission, Moravian Music Foundation, and Provincial Archives. By paying our yearly assessments, it provides funding for all of these Moravian led ministries, and more.



2022 Watchword:

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God.

Romans 8:28

Emmaus Moravian Church's Mission Statement:

Living in Fellowship, Growing in Christ!

The Moravian Motto:

In essentials unity; in non-essentials liberty; and in all things love!

A Message from Pastor Brian

Back in '98 Lynn and I enjoyed "An Evening with Michael Crawford" in concert at the MCI Center in Washington D.C. Crawford stunningly sang many show-tune greats: Any Dream Will Do, Papa Can You Hear Me?, The Music of the Night, as well as devotional favorites like, "On Eagle's Wings." But, the show-stopping number I'll never forget was the one he opened with: Gethsemane from Jesus Christ Superstar! Rather than a nice, moderate piece easing the audience (and his voice) into things, Crawford kicked off with what felt like a massive encore. In doing so, I think Crawford gave us a taste of the wonderful music to follow and he shared his delight and dedication to making a best and most generous effort. It was pretty amazing.

I'm thinking about Christmas 2021 at Emmaus a little bit like this. Which, by the way, was also pretty wonderful! So, what if rather than seeing Christmas as our year-end finale, we look at it as the start of a new year; a whole new season of loving and faithful service to God and to our neighbors? Christmas is certainly a high-point involving months of planning, hours of practice and preparation, advanced degrees of coordination and cooperation; some of our best work and brightest hopes. But, what if Christmas is really us just getting warmed up?

Looking ahead and knowing what we can accomplish together, looking back and seeing what God has done for us (2022 is our 275th Anniversary!), and looking to Jesus, "the author and perfecter of our faith," (Hebrews 12:2) - I see our delighted and dedicated best efforts and I believe that there is more wonderful music - and mission, and ministry - to follow!
In the hope and practice of Christmas,

Happy New Year,
Pastor Brian



"The Work of Christmas" by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost, To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

Worship Opportunities

Our worship services are now being held indoors.
We ask that out of consideration for others, everyone wear a mask.

Sunday, January 9th, 2022 ~ 9:00 Sunday School; 10:30 Worship

Wednesday, January 12th ~ 7:00 Wednesday Nite Lite in chapel

Sunday, January 16th ~ 9:00 Sunday School; 10:30 Worship

Wednesday, January 19th ~ 7:00 Wednesday Nite Lite in chapel

Sunday, January 23rd ~ 9:00 Sunday School; 10:30 Worship

Wednesday, January 26th ~ 7:00 Wednesday Nite Lite in chapel

Sunday, January 30th ~ 9:00 Sunday School; 10:30 Worship

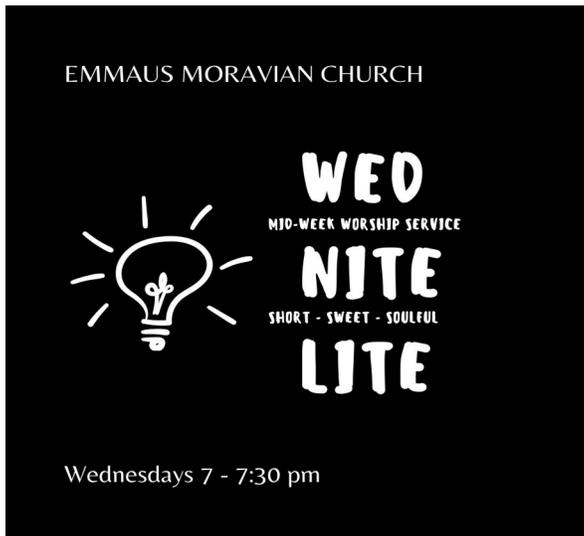
Wednesday, February 2nd ~ 7:00 Wednesday Nite Lite in chapel

Sunday, February 6th ~ Sunday School 9:00; **Worship 9:30; Church Council 11:00**

Wednesday, February 9th ~ 7:00 Wednesday Nite Lite in chapel

All services available live via zoom and available for viewing on Facebook later in the day.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4429489211>



In this new year, do you wish to participate more in your church? Are Sundays difficult to attend? Do you need a boost during the week? Maybe you need Wednesday Nite Lite. *5 Ingredient Fix* is a Food Network show where tasty meals are prepared with just five ingredients. This and our weekday morning prayer watch are the inspiration for Wednesday Nite Lite, a mid-week worship service held from 7:00-7:30. The plan is to keep them short, sweet, and soulful: one song, one prayer, one reading, one reflection, and one call to action. Gatherings held in the Chapel (we will social distance and wear masks). Service accessible via Zoom (same log in as Sundays). If this is something that you or someone you know may be interested in, we would love to see you!

Morning Prayer ~ Is prayer something you want to do more of this year? Would you like to connect with other church members and pray for the needs of the church, community and world?

Join us! Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays we meet via zoom at 8:15 a.m.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays we meet at Superior (102 State Ave) at 6:15 a.m.

What a wonderful way to start to your morning! *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Please remember those in need of our prayers ~
 Barry Brown (brother in law to Ray and Sandy Erb), Dana Johnson,
 Norma Rinker, Rev. Rick Bruckart, Frank Reith Sr., Ron Hertzog,
 Bill Leibensperger, Karl Lutz ,

our homebound members, nursing home & assisted living residents
Please uphold these church members and friends in your prayers.

Contact the office whenever a visit is needed or to inform us about any family situation. We will only post names on our prayer list if we have permission from the person in need of prayer, or their immediate family.



Flower Sponsorships

January 2nd ~ In loving memory of Janice W. Carper by the Semet family and In loving memory of Gregory Feldman's birthday on January 3rd by his parents, Ken and Janet Feldman

January 9th ~ In loving memory of Arlene Keller and family members by Michael & Meda Henry and family

January 16th ~ No sponsors

January 23rd ~ In loving memory of George Rinker's birthday on January 26th by Kathy and Barb and In loving memory of our parents, E. Jane & Ruland Feldman and Frank & MaryLee Price by Ken & Janet Feldman

January 30th ~ In loving memory of Eddie George by Carol George and In loving memory of Janet E. Schwartz-Lichtenwalner by sisters Linda, Cindy, Judy

To those who love the children of EMC,



We are facing some challenges with teachers for Sunday School. We are committed to offering Sunday School to our children. It is a vital way for them to be a part of our church family. But, we can't do it without help. Our current teachers have been teaching for over 10 years (some closer to 20). We need help, we need support, we need people like you. Maybe you feel you aren't qualified, but assistant teachers are needed and all you have to do is spend one hour a week interacting and showing Christian love to our children. As per our policy, we need to have 2 adults (or one adult and one young adult) per classroom. We are in need of a weekly assistant for the nursery class (ages 2-5). And we need teachers and assistants for grades

K-5 (with the possibility of splitting the classroom). If we are not able to ensure consistent teachers and assistants, we will need to cancel class for that day. You can sign up for one Sunday at a time or multiple Sundays. Can you share God's love with the kids of EMC? Will you help the children of our church? Please reach out to Karen Semet or Melissa Heckman (Sunday School Coordinators) with any questions or concerns.

Upcoming Events

January 13th ~ First Responders Dinner ~ We are honored to serve our local first responders. Donations needed are: individually wrapped desserts and monetary donations. Please contact Trell Miller or the office if you would like to contribute.

January 21st ~ CE is hosting a Game Night for all ages! Some games will be provided, but feel free to bring your own! The fun starts at 6:00!

January 25th ~ AARP sign up day 9:00am-12:00pm. This day is for sign ups only. AARP will be at the church every Tuesday until April 5th. The secretary can not schedule appointments, someone must come in person to the church on a Tuesday to make an appointment.

February 6th ~ Church Council ~ Worship will be held at 9:30 and church council will begin at 11:00. Plan on joining us for this informative and important meeting in the life of your church!

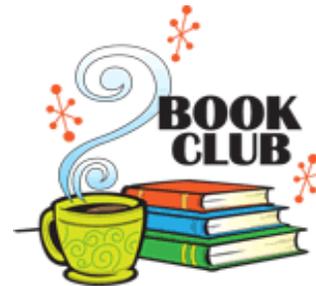
February 11th and 12th ~ We will be baking **sugar cakes and lovefeast buns** from 12pm – 12 am on the 11th and pick up is the 12th from 9:00-11:00. You can email your orders into the office. If you are interested in helping, contact Melissa in the office.

Blessing Box(es)!

We have a new Blessing Box! Both blessing boxes are located on the side porch of the church office. The 2nd box has allowed us to offer non food items. The boxes are filled weekly. Additional donations are kept in the office to replenish as needed.

The Blessing Box immediate needs are:
ready to eat foods for our homeless community (jelly, crackers, cereal bars, etc.) spaghetti, sauce for pasta, soups (no tomato soup)
Non food items needed: gloves and hats, soap, shampoo, tissues, toilet paper, laundry pods, washcloths, small blankets, etc.

Donations can be brought to church on Sundays, or be dropped off in the office. If no one is in the office, boxes or bags can be left on the porch to be sorted later. Extra donations will be shared with local food banks. Thank you!



The EMC Book Club

Book club meets on the second Monday of the month via zoom.

Everyone is welcome to join us!
Call the office or Judy Williamson for info!

Jan. 12th, *The Maiden* by Alex Kikelaides

Feb. 14th *Every Day is a Gift* by Tammy Duckworth



Happy anniversary to us!

The countdown has begun! 7 months until our anniversary!

On July 30th, 2022, the Emmaus Moravian Congregation will be 275 years old!

In December, a few members of EMC carted some candles, lovefeast buns, and paper stars to the triangle during the Tree Lighting Ceremony. The weather was a balmy 50 degrees and we were able to share the love of God and the love of our church to so many people!

Our "big" event will be held on Sunday, July 31st.

We will be (hopefully) hosting a Lovefeast during our 9:30 service.

A picnic with lots of activities are planned for after the service.

We need people to get involved! Please contact the office if interested!

Our next meeting is Thursday, January 20th at 6:00 in the Moravian Room.

God's Acre Committee

The God's Acre Cemetery of our church is settled on the original site of the Moravian Congregation at Adrain and 3rd Sts. The cemetery was used by the Moravians from 1743-1868. It is a place of importance for the Moravians as well as the town of Emmaus. We are seeking people to serve on a God's Acre Cemetery Task Force. The task force will work through current issues that the cemetery is facing, the most challenging being how to fix and preserve the tombstones in need of repair. The task force will also help with maintaining the cemetery in a way that will preserve it for future generations. If you are interested, please contact the office, Griffin Harold or Michael Maurer.



EMC Treasurer in Training Needed

EMC is seeking to train a member of our congregation as the next church treasurer. The intent is for this individual to eventually assume the responsibilities of the Church Treasurer position, currently held by Neill Dekker. (Neill will mentor the trainee). The honorarium compensation for the Church Treasurer position is currently \$1200.00/year. (Note: Compensation is negotiable).

Treasurer responsibilities include:

- 1) Annual Church Budget - Development and monitoring throughout the fiscal year
- 2) Endowments - Distribution development & monitoring performance throughout the year
- 3) Understanding the various accounts that are used to manage church income and expenses
- 4) Understanding the treasurer's roles & responsibilities that interface with the roles & responsibilities of the financial bookkeeper (currently Karen Semet)
- 5) Budget Reports - Understanding the budget reporting requirements (e.g. Monthly reports to the Board of Trustees and annual budget presentation to the joint board for approval, etc.)

This is a key responsibility for our church and can provide anyone with a unique, fun and mission essential way to serve our church. Additionally, mentoring in this capacity can help develop financial skills that can be of benefit in both home and professional settings. If you are interested in this position or have questions, please contact the office.

For Your Information

Offering envelopes for 2022 are available in the office. If you have any questions about Offering Envelopes, please contact Melissa Heckman, financial secretary

Daily Texts now available ~ The Daily Texts grew out of a spiritual renewal of the Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum) that dates back to Aug. 13, 1727. The texts were first published in 1731 in Herrnhut, Germany. Today, the Daily Texts continues its promise of “a daily message from God that is new every morning.”

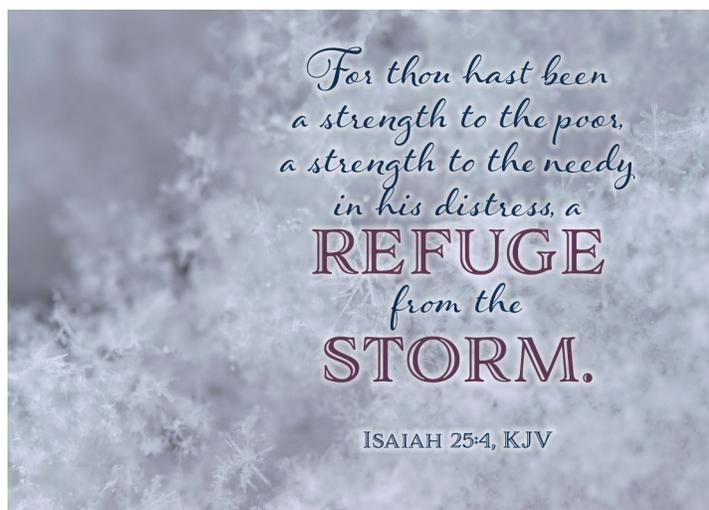
Available: Paperback \$10.00; Hard Cover \$14.00

Threatening weather ~ In the event that there is snow or ice on a Sunday morning, please refer to our website or Facebook page for cancellations. On occasion, we might cancel Sunday School but still have worship. This allows time for our parking lot and sidewalks to be cleared. Even if the roads are in good condition, there are times when the parking lot and sidewalks still are not safe. Thank you for your understanding as we enter this winter season!

Connect with EMC in various ways: Facebook, Email, Website and Newsletter. Are you on our emailing list? Please supply the office with your email so you can receive up to date information about services, funerals, etc. Always know what is happening in the life of your church!! Better yet, share this newsletter with a friend so they can know what is happening here too!

Cash Card Program Cash cards aren't just for gifts! If you frequent a store or restaurant, you can purchase gift cards from the church and use them as cash! EMC gets a percentage of each gift card sale. We carry an inventory of over \$8,000 in 50 different cards for everyday shopping or gift giving! We have access to hundreds more we can order for you and have them in a week. Sales happen every Sunday before and after worship in the chapel lobby. Cash cards never expire!

Typically in stock: Applebees, Arby's, Bath & Body Works, Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Cabelas, Carrabba's, Cracker Barrel, CVS, Dominos, Dunkin Donuts, Giant, Home Depot, iTunes, JCPenney, Kohl's, L.L. Bean, Macy's, Olive Garden, Outback, Panera, Petsmart, Papa Johns, Starbucks, Staples, Subway, Target, TGI Friday's, Walmart, Weis, Wawa, Wendy's



Thank you to Emmaus Moravian Church!

On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we would like to thank you for your food donations of almost 50 lbs! Your donations allow us to keep our shelves stocked with items that we know our clients appreciate. We also thank you for the monetary gift that was sent to us in 2021. It allows our budget for purchasing food to be stretched a little further. Your support enables us to provide food assistance to 800+ low income households in the Allentown area every month. Last year alone, the Food Bank served over 28,000 people.

There is no way to aptly express our gratitude for your support. The staff and over 150 volunteers at the Food Bank are continually in awe of our community support and generosity as demonstrated through your donations. YOU are helping us make a difference!

AAEFB staff



Greetings to Emmaus Moravian Church,

Thank you for your support of the Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church (BWM). Contributions like yours allow the BWM to plan for the future and show consistent support to our global partners. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of your Moravian brothers and sisters. We are excited to share some of the recent work that your gifts have made possible.

Moravian Disaster Response– The MDR has been very busy since the beginning of the Covid pandemic. Since then, Moravians from around North America have donated \$458,785 to the fund, and the BWM has distributed \$435,195. This amazing amount of money represents overwhelming generosity as well as incredible need. A significant amount of funding supported relief efforts in Nicaragua and Honduras after twin hurricanes struck in November of 2020. Following the 7.2 magnitude earthquake in August of 2021, we sent the Haitian Moravian Church \$24,500 to support food distribution, emergency shelter for those who lost their homes, and relief efforts for the 2 congregations most directly impacted.

Ahaus 75th anniversary – 2021 marked 75 years of the Clinica Evangelica Morava providing much needed medical care, including maternal health, preventative medicine, and emergency surgeries, to the people of the remote La Mosquitia region of Honduras. On June 16th, 2021, clinic staff, community members and visitors from the US gathered in celebration of this special anniversary.

Moravian Mission Coffee– This year, the BWM has partnered with Lutheran World Relief to offer you Moravian Mission Coffee! Every bag purchased supports Mission Grants for ministries identified by our global partners. To purchase and learn more, go to MoravainMissionCoffee.org.