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Special Envelope for October

Common Ministries - The common ministries of the Worldwide Moravian Church include (but are not limited to) the following ministries: Moravian Open Door, Camp Hope, Ministerial Education, Board of World Mission, Moravian Music Foundation, and Provincial Archives. By paying our yearly assessments, we provide funding for these Moravian led ministries, and more. Many of these ministries are highlighted in the Moravian Magazine. As a member of the Moravian Church, you can receive this magazine for free. If you do not receive this monthly publication, please contact the church office.



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

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”
Proverbs 1:7 KJV

“Lifelong learning,” or valuing education as part of life, has been around for a while. Even though it’s been articulated by educators like Basil Yeaxlee and Viola Spolin; codified by bodies such as UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), and championed at home by librarians, second language and adult literacy instructors, Sunday school teachers, health and wellness counselors and coaches, etc. Continuing education is easily overlooked and sometimes taken for granted.

“Bless all those responsible for education in our community and country: teachers and administrators, custodians and clerks, [cafeteria workers, crossing guards, and bus drivers,] students and families. For their gifts and their service.” We give you thanks.*

Learning is on my mind, as we start Confirmation based on the updated Moravian Catechism and enjoy a renewed sense of enthusiasm and fellowship alongside our confirmands and their families. The Christian Education Committee is pleased to see returning Sunday School students, teachers, and helpers. Adult Classes have been divided into multi-week studies to give learners choices and greater flexibility. Our Student Pastor, Mikayla Sauerbrey, is in her second year of Supervised Ministry with us as she completes a master’s degree and ordination requirements at Moravian Seminary. More than a dozen members are studying MissionInsite (an Eastern District resource) to better understand the needs of our neighbors.

“For all the diversity of human study and knowledge – for science and art, for literature and drama, for labor and play – for all the teaching experiences of life,” We give you thanks.*

As Moravians, we have many “heroes” of the faith: Jan Hus – spark of Reformation and spiritual ancestor of the Moravian Church; David Zeisberger – Revolutionary era evangelist, student of languages and witness to the hopes and hardships of Native Americans; Mary Prince – freed slave, Caribbean missionary, and abolitionist; and John Amos Comenius – 16th Century educator, philosopher, humanitarian, and bishop of the Moravian Church.

In his fascinating 1613 book, “The Labyrinth of the World and the Paradise of the Heart,” Comenius allegorizes (think Pilgrim’s Progress meets Ecclesiastes meets The Matrix) a journey through the sorrows and temptations of a dizzying and disheartening modern world. Comenius sent a copy to Baron Charles the Elder of Moravia to encourage him, “In these exceedingly turbulent and disturbing times...” One of the bright spots in the Labyrinth, a guiding star is – not surprisingly – something that Comenius dedicated his life to: learning.

“Let the highest point of your learning,” Comenius imagines Jesus saying, “be to search for me in my deeds, to see how wonderfully I guide you and all things.”

“Your grammar will be the contemplation of my words; your dialectics, faith in them; your rhetoric, prayers and sighs; your science, examination of my works; your metaphysics, delight in me and in eternal things; your mathematics, calculating, weighing and measuring my blessings... Your ethics will be my love, which will provide you with the rule for all your conduct toward me and toward your neighbors. You will pursue all this learning not in order to be seen but rather that you might draw nearer to me.” As we pray in our *Liturgy for Education, thanks be to God and may the Spirit’s blessing initiate, inspire, and inform all our learning, always. Amen.

~ Pastor Brian

Worship Opportunities

Our time to worship outside will end soon! Throughout these next few weeks, we will determine each week if worship will be held indoors or outside in the pavilion. To allow staff, sacristans and members time to adjust, the decision will typically be made by Friday and emailed to the congregation (let me know if you don't receive these emails but would like to). When outside, benches are available, but you are welcome to bring chairs.

Sunday, October 2nd ~ 9:00 Sunday School; 10:30 Worship ~ Worldwide Holy Communion

Wednesday, October 5th ~ Wednesday Nite Lite 7:00

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

Wednesday, October 12th ~ Wednesday Nite Lite 7:00

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

Wednesday, October 19th ~ Wednesday Nite Lite 7:00

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

Wednesday, October 26th ~ Wednesday Nite Lite 7:00

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

Dedication of Memorials

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

[Go to www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us), Click on "Join a meeting"

Please remember those in need of our prayers ~

Barbara Giesler (mother of Pastor Chris), Ticia Herald, Rev. Diane Joseph, Rev. Rick Bruckart, our homebound members, & nursing home 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

October 2nd ~ In loving memory of Alan J. Thomas by his mother, Nancy

October 9th ~ In memory of LeAnna Lehman's birthday on October 14th by her family

October 16th ~ In loving memory of Gladys M. Lovell by her family and
In loving memory of Paul & Grace Smith by Chuck & Margaret Shackelford

October 23rd ~ In loving memory of William M. Baringer by his family and In loving
memory of Helen Rinker's birthday on October 27th by Kathy and Barb

October 30th ~ In loving memory of our daughter, Miranda Schaup-Werner
by her parents Dennis & Shirley

Dear Emmaus Moravian Congregation,

Navigating through this thing they call cancer has been and continues to be quite the journey. One that shouldn't be traveled alone!

We are so very thankful for your support along the way: for phone calls and flowers, for cards and visits, for encouragement and comfort, for hope and love, and most of all for your prayers! We sincerely appreciate everything! Thank you!

Love, Ticia and Larry Herald

On September 3rd, Cheryl Crawford entered the more immediate presence of her Savior. Please keep her husband, Allen and her family in your prayers.



This semester I am in a class on prayer at the seminary. Each week we take time to practice a different way of praying. I invite you all to join me this month in a breath prayer. In this style of prayer, you can choose a line or two to meditate on, pray through the whole list, or find something in between. May this prayer offer you some grounding, centering, and peace. ~ Student Pastor Mikayla

A Breath Prayer from the Psalms

(From Psalm 23:1-3)

Inhale: Good Shepherd,

Exhale: I find peace in your green pastures.

(From Psalm 46:1)

Inhale: My Strength and my Refuge,

Exhale: With you I know I am safe.

(From Psalm 51)

Inhale: Cleanser, Healer, and Forgiver,

Exhale: Return to me the joy of my salvation.

(From Psalm 56:3)

Inhale: Trustworthy One,

Exhale: When I am afraid, I return to you.

(From Psalm 62:1-2)

Inhale: My Rest and my Salvation,

Exhale: Only in you do I find stability.

(From Psalm 69:13-18)

Inhale: Hearer of my Prayers,

Exhale: Grant me wisdom and comfort so I know you are listening.

(From Psalm 73)

Inhale: Present, Patient, and Steadfast God,

Exhale: Thank you for giving me space to be human and for remaining with me.

(From Psalm 74:1)

Inhale: Holder of my Big, Unanswerable Questions,

Exhale: I ask them because I know you can handle them.

(From Psalm 86:11)

Inhale: Teacher and Way Maker,

Exhale: I will learn from and follow you.

(From Psalm 89:1)

Inhale: Ever Faithful, Loyal, and Loving One,

Exhale: I will sing of your love forever.

Amen.

275th Anniversary Celebration

Pictorial Directory ~ The directory is now being created and should be ready for pick up in late October. This is your last chance to order! The cost is \$12.00. Contact the office asap to order.

EMC Souvenirs ~ Still available:

hand painted Christmas ornaments \$20.00; a puzzle of the church \$25.00; History Booklet \$5.00

Into the woods

The wooded acres just off the church parking lot are shaping up! The Eagle Scout benches are cleaned and reset. A walking path is getting cleared. The possibility of Camp Hope-style vespers site is being envisioned. And, we've got wood chips to spread to control weeds and other invasive plants. Boy, have we got wood chips! If you have a wheelbarrow and a shovel, maybe a few friends with wheelbarrows and shovels; if you have any heavier equipment that you could bring to the church to help spread these piles of wood chips out, please let us know! This is a great time and opportunity to put a new base of organic material down before winter. These woods are a beautiful natural area that we are happy to care for. We are deeply appreciative for all the help and effort to make this area useable! Many thanks and every blessing! ~Pastor Brian

A note from the Semet Family: In 2018, our son, Matt, built benches and tables in the wooded area as his Eagle Scout project. The benches and picnic tables have recently been repainted and restrained. We thank everyone who graciously donated and dedicated this project to their loved ones. The dedication plates were worn and needed to be replaced (thanks to some very hungry squirrels)! New plates are ordered, but we will hold off installation until spring so they won't be weathered so quickly. Thank you!



A Celebration for the Ages!

You Are Invited to Help Tina Giesler Celebrate her 60th Birthday in song and fellowship! The members and friends of the Emmaus Moravian congregation are invited to sing and share supper to celebrate this milestone birthday. It would bring Tina great joy to gather with friends and family on Saturday, October 15th at Edgeboro Moravian Church to sing and play some of her favorite worship and praise music. All you need to bring is your voice! Music begins at 4:30 PM in the Edgeboro sanctuary with supper at 6:00 PM. To help us plan for supper, please RSVP by October 9 to rtrevchris@gmail.com.

Blessing Box(es)!

Thank you for all your recent donations! We are beginning to have back up supplies, but could still use some items!

The Blessing Box immediate needs are: Ready to eat foods for our homeless community (saltine crackers, cereal bars, snacks, individual fruit cups or applesauce), peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti, pasta and canned tomato sauce, soup (no tomato), canned tuna, canned veggies

Non food items needed: soap, shampoo, tissues, laundry pods or detergent, can openers, washcloths and towels.



May God continue to **ble**ss us; let all the **ends of the earth** revere him.

Psalm 67:7, NRSV

Christian Education News

Sunday School is off to a great start! Thank you to the people stepped up to teach our children about God's love. We could always use more willing hands and loving hearts. Contact Melissa or Karen Semet (call or email the office) if you are interested. A sign up genius has been created so you can sign up for dates that work for you! A link can be emailed to you!

Nursery during worship

If we are to open the nursery during worship, we need volunteers! If you feel led to give parents a break during worship, please reach out to the office. Until we have volunteers, the nursery will remain closed. If you are a parent and would like access to the nursery during worship, please see a sacristan.

Adult Sunday School Class ~ You're invited to join our first session from Sept. 18th-Oct. 30th, 9-10am in the Moravian Room:

"Our Great Exchange: Your Life. His Gift. Our Purpose" As residents living and working each day in God's household, this study explores why God entrusts us to be managers of—and collaborators in—such a restoration project. This inspiring and helpful journey reveals the characteristics God is cultivating in and through us as we become the people God created us to be. Class will be led by Pastor Brian.



Trunk OR Treat

Join us on Saturday, October 22nd from 2:00-4:00 for our annual Trunk or Treat! It is always lots of fun to see the kids in their costumes and to see the smile on their faces when you give them a treat! You will have a smile too! You can decorate your car as much or as little as you want. We can even provide candy for you to hand out if you ask us in advance! Can you spare a few hours to make some kids happy? We need trunks and we need kids!

If you are setting up your trunk, we ask that you arrive by 1:30. We also have games set up in between the trunks for the kids to play. If you can donate/set up/run a game station, that would be great too!

Contact the office!





Operation Christmas Child ~ The season of filling shoeboxes for children around the world is fast approaching! Emmaus Moravian Church will once again be participating this fall. We are in need of your donations! **We need items such as: crayons, markers, small notebooks, girl toys, medium sized stuffed animals, socks, underwear, and toothbrushes.** Donations are not limited to the items listed. Any item that you feel a child 2-14 would benefit from, would be appreciated. Items do not have to be new, but please make sure they are only gently used and in good shape. Clothing should be new. If you have any questions

about suitability, please email Diane Lint at lintd@ptd.net. Donations can be brought to the church narthex or office by October 23rd. Packing the shoeboxes will happen October 30th.

Serving those who serve us... We will be serving the next First Responders dinner on Thursday, October 13th, and it will be an Italian theme. The following is a list of items needed for dinner. Please drop off these items on Sunday, October 9 after church or by Thursday October 13 at 3 PM (please mark what the item is for). As always thank you so much for your support in this ministry! Call or text with the item that you are able to provide.

Trell Miller 610-570-3552

Pasta -- 5 lbs **rotini**

Meatballs -- 25 serving = (100 meatballs total)

Red sauce - 100 oz total (however many jars it takes)

Alfredo sauce -- 25oz

Romaine hearts -- 2 bags/ 3 per bag or 6 total

Croutons -- 1 large bag (not sams club big)

Dressings - choose 3 kinds

Parmesan -- 1 regular sized container

Frozen green beans -- 4 regular sized packs

DESSERTS



The EMC Book Club

Our Book Club continues to meet via zoom on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm. We would love to have new readers join us! Call the office or Judy Williamson for zoom info. All readers welcome to join our informal discussions.

October 10th ~ *The Secrets of Midwives* by Sally Hepworth

November 14th ~ *The Kitchen Front* by Jennifer Ryan

December 12th ~ *Comfort and Joy* by Kristin Hannah



New Member Class

New Members Classes will begin on Thursday, October 20th from 6:00-7:30pm and ending on November 17th. New member reception will take place during the 10:30 worship on November 20th. For the first session on October 20th, we will be serving a meal. We ask that if you are interested, please RSVP to the office. Child care can also be provided upon request.



Fall Rummage Sale

It is time to clean out your closets, garages, basements, and attics. We will have our fall rummage sale on Saturday, October 22nd in Fellowship Hall from 8 am to 12 noon.



Delivery dates/times---

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 12 to 6pm

Thursday, Oct 20, 12 to 6pm

Friday, Oct. 21, 12 to 5 pm

No Saturday deliveries!

The following items will NOT be accepted: televisions, computer screens, computers, electronic devices, stuffed furniture, mattresses, clothing and shoes.

Please join us in preparing for our rummage sale! Tuesday, October 18 from 9-1pm, will be our first workday for volunteers. We have some items that are stored in the church garage and need to be moved into Fellowship Hall and sorted before the new items arrive. We always have a great time working together! If you can help, please call Meda Henry, 610-730-4716.
Thank You!

Crafters, Vendors, Volunteers and Shoppers Needed!

Emmaus Moravian Church is gearing up for our Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 5th from 9:00-2:00. We are looking for crafters and vendors of all kinds to show off their unique products. We are also looking for volunteers for set up/clean up, advertising, kitchen, parking, and many other areas of the show through out the day. This is a great opportunity for students to get in volunteer hours, or for you to meet other members of the congregation! Please contact us if you would like to be part of this fantastic event.



Contact us for registration and volunteer information. E-mail: EMCcraftshow@gmail.com or call/text Amanda Stoeckel (484-553-6735) or Paula Stoeckel (610-360-7228) or the office.