THE ADVANCE

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Planning for a Day of Moravian Service

Imagine Moravians from across the U.S. and Canada all focused on mission in their community…all on the same day!
That's the idea behind the Moravian Day of Service. The 2020 Day of Service, scheduled for September 20, 2020, helps raise awareness of the importance of mission work to the Moravian faith, encourage congregations to think of new ways to make a difference in their communities and demonstrate our ability to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.
During the inaugural Moravian Day of Service in 2019, Moravians came together to venture into their neighborhoods, make and pack meals and kits for those in need, support their local community agencies and first responders, collect schools supplies, visit senior centers and a whole lot more—all to carry out Jesus' call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned and love their neighbors.
We realize that because of COVID-19, whatever we do will need to be adapted to adjust to our new reality. Even in these difficult days, it does not take us long to see the need for us to be serving one another and our communities.
The idea for the Moravian Day of Service sprang from the 2018 Synods of the Northern and Southern Provinces. The synods recognized that the coordinated efforts of Moravians can help engage others in service and ministry and raise awareness of the Gospel message; that Moravians have always celebrated their faith through service and mission work locally, regionally and globally; and that Moravians derive a sense of common unity and identity from serving together and with others.
Synods resolved to set aside a day, every year, for individuals and congregations to get involved in mission work in their communities, and share their work across the Moravian Church in North America. Working in consultation with the Board of World Mission, the PECs of the Northern and Southern Provinces designated September 15, 2019, as the date for the inaugural Moravian Day of Service; the 2020 Day of Service will occur on Sunday, Sept. 20.
The Day of Service isn't a one-time thing but an annual event; it is not to replace the great local mission work already going on in our congregations. The Day of Service offers a chance to rethink how our congregation interacts with your community, and encourage you to make local missions an enduring part of the Moravian faith.
Resources for Moravian Day of Service, including ideas on where to serve, worship resources and ways to share Day of Service activities, are available at www.moravian.org/dayofservice/.
For more information and ideas, contact Chris Giesler (chris@moravianmission.org).

Ralph Wanamaker III, the son of Ralph and Audrey Wanamaker, graduated May 3rd from THE Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, Cum Laude.
Ralph started his job with Navair in Patuxent River, MD on Aug 3rd.

Eve Matthew, the youngest child of Os and Pastor Tammie, graduated from the Science and Technology Magnet Program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Maryland. Eve was active in many clubs and activities during her time at Roosevelt. Her interests include a variety of creative endeavors, particularly designing clothing and creating sewing tutorials.
Eve is attending the Fox School of Business at Temple University, she is majoring in Marketing.

Sundays 9AM Sunday Outside Worship @ West Side!

We'll meet on the lawn between the church building and parking lot.
Our service will include prayer, scriptures readings, and instrumental music.
It's imperative that we practice physical distancing, wear masks, and utilize hand sanitizers.
Church bathrooms will be available but it is much safer to use your personal bathroom before coming.
Please bring a lawn chair.
If you feel unwell please stay home. In the event of rain, we will be not having our outdoor service please come to the parking lot service.

Parking Lot Worship at College Hill Moravian Church with West Side Moravian
Sunday Mornings 10:00 a.m. (Parking Lot opens at 9:30 a.m.)

We're so glad you could join us today! As we show care and respect for one another, please remember to…

- Follow the guidance of the Parking Attendants and leave an empty space between vehicles.
- Practice physical distancing by staying in your vehicle.
- Tune your radio to 98.5 FM.
- If, after adjusting your radio, you discover you cannot pick up the signal, please alert a Parking Attendant. (You may step out of your vehicle long enough to flag down assistance, but please continue with masking and distancing yourself).
- Wear a mask if you choose to open your windows and turn off your engine.
- Keep your engine running if you prefer to have your windows closed and operate your air conditioning.
- Follow along with the service in the *Moravian Book of Worship*; store the book in your vehicle and bring it with you to all future Parking Lot Worship services. (Plan to return the book at the conclusion of the pandemic!)
- Exit safely at the end of the service.

Each week, there will be receptacles at the entrance should you wish to turn in your offering. Of course, if it is your habit to make contributions through electronic giving or direct payment, please continue to do so.
Please keep in mind that the church building, including rest rooms, is unavailable.

Provincial & District Common Ministries 2020

Annual Quota -Province	$ 10,490.00
Payments YTD	*$ 6,993.28*
Medical-Pastor Benefits	$14,400.36
Payments YTD	*$ 9,626.89*
Pension- Pastor Benefits	$ 6,874.90
Payments YTD	*$ 4,124.94*
Annual Quota-District	$ 3,731.00
District Payments YTD	*$ 2,487.36*
Total owed	$ 35,496.26
Total Paid	$ 23,232.47
TOTAL DUE	*$ 12,263.79*

Trex Plastics Challenge

YES, we hope you are still collecting clean and dry plastic bags and wraps for our participation in the TREX Plastics Challenge. We are not yet able to deliver any plastics to our community partner, Weis Market on Crawford Drive, but hope that will change in the next few weeks. The people at TREX have extended our deadline due to the pandemic. As soon as we get the 'go -ahead' from Weis, we will let you know, and will tell you when and where collection will begin again.

Thanks for being patient, and thanks for collecting plastic with us!
The BAM Plastics Challenge Committee

Bethlehem Area Moravian Freezer Ministry

The Freezer Ministry has continued to progress and communicate its mission and vision. From its origin of the delivery of a friendly quart of soup to a person in need to a support system and church outreach that currently enriches the lives of many with both food and the love of a church community. Currently weekly, bi-weekly and monthly deliveries are made to Central Moravian Food Pantry, Moravian Towers, Lutheran Manor, NorthEast Community Center Pantry, Esperanza Moravian Church, the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter homeless meal program, YMCA Housing, Salvation Army, our Moravian members and neighbors, two South Side distribution centers and individuals in neighborhoods from Easton to Allentown to Coopersburg.

GOOD NEWS - our efforts through Freezer Ministry have surpassed over the 12,000 meals mark so far this year. By the end of the year we will have exceeded our goal of 20,000 meals, by 3-5,000 extra meals.

SERIOUS NEWS – we have run out of funding as of the beginning of August. We have some of the supplies for one additional cooking session. Once again we asked BAM to dig deep to cover half of the $10,000 budget required through the end of the year. We need our churches and members to step up and help us out at this time. Please pray about this ministry and look for a separate fundraiser letter coming out in the near future.

I pray we learn lessons from this time of need that we never forget - that we are motivated by Christ and His mercy and wisdom at this time and always.

If you want to donate – make checks out to East Hills Moravian Church, add a Memo – BAM Freezer Ministry. Mail to 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Question: How do I get in touch with this food supply if I'm in need or know someone who is? Please contact the church office or Pastor Tammie.

Central Moravian Church Presents The 2020 Central Chautauqua Series

Resiliency: Faithful Endurance During Pandemics and Other Difficult Times

Zoom Presentations on Sundays, September 13, 20, and 27 and October 4, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

September 13, 2020 Yellow Fever and the Spanish Flu: How Did Moravians Deal with Epidemics in the Past?
Dr. Paul Peucker, Moravian Church Northern Province Archivist

September 20, 2020 How to Find Meaning in Suffering: Lessons through the Lens of Time
Dr. Micah Sadigh, Professor of Psychology, Cedar Crest College

September 27, 2020 Faith Resiliency: Centered in God The Rev. Maggie Wellert
Spiritual Director and Parish Pastor, Central Moravian Church

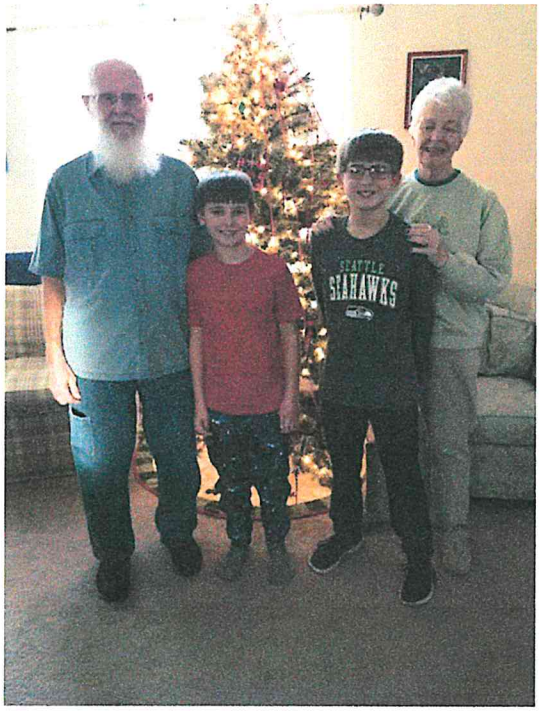
October 4, 2020 Presenters' Roundtable and Discussion

Presentations Will be Available after the Sessions on the Central Moravian Church YouTube Channel

Please Click Here to Register and Receive your Zoom Invitation: https://forms.gle/zcddihVNGi5hXiES8
Register no later than the Friday before each presentation. Question? Call 610-866-5661

Getting to know one another better....
Even though we're not able to meet in person right now, we are still the church.

Sandy Kuder



When did you join the Moravian Church?
I was baptized into the church. My paternal grandparents and my parents were members.

What do you look forward to the most when you come to church?
When I come to church I look forward to seeing all the members, the music and the message for the week! It's like getting my spiritual and emotional batteries recharged

What is your favorite hymn?
There are so many hymns, new and old that I like, it's too hard to pick just one!

What is your favorite memory at West Side Moravian Church?
My favorite memory of West Side goes way back to when I was a child. This is before the last addition was built!! I remember the big bazaars (maybe it just seemed big because I was little) when the kitchen was in the basement and the women made and sold meat pies as well as the busy suppers!! I told you it was a long time ago and most of them are just snippets of different occasions!!

Quinn Matthew

When did you join the Moravian Church?
I was baptized into the Moravian Church shortly after I was born in 1999.

What do you look forward to the most when you come to church?
I look forward to the music the most when I come to church.

What is your favorite hymn?
My favorite hymn is Now Thank We All Our God.

What is your favorite memory at West Side Moravian Church?
My favorite memory of West Side was my mother's installation Sunday.

2 - James Kleintop
3- Margaret Hopper
4- Meegan Branscom
5 - Julie Wanamaker
8 – Ann Pinkerton
9 - Cody Snyder
16 - Marie Finelli
16 - Linda Kopinga
17 - Alice Speck
17 - Tracey Young
20- Jasmine Velez
21- Shawn Kirka
23 - William Holland
24 - Carl Young, Jr.
26- Laura Harstine
28- Quinn Matthew
29 - Emily Bolmer
30 - Suzanne Moschini
30- Lorraine Mae Harrison

7 - Douglas & Shirley Yochum
20 - Suzanne & David Moschini
25 - Richard & June Steward

Drive by Food Donation

The first Sunday of the month is coming soon! Care for your neighbor by bringing non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry at Central Moravian Church. Pull in front of the church office building at 73 West Church Street between 1 and 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 6th (rain dateSeptember 13th). Drop your grocery bags off in the wagons by the curb, give us a wave, and be on your way.

White Fragility Book Study

You are invited to a book study on the book *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin Di Angelo. It is a powerful and engaging book that will look at systemic racism and give direct insight as to how we unconsciously and consciously contribute to it.

There are three separate studies of White Fragility to accommodate those that are interested in joining. Please note there is a limit of 14 people for each study so each person can contribute to the discussion. The studies start this coming September at the times listed below. There will be four Zoom meetings for each study. You are encouraged to get a book now to read in advance or as we make our way through the study.

- **Study Group 1:** Tuesdays, September 8 through September 29, 8 – 9:30 AM
- **Study Group 2:** Thursdays, September 10 through October 1, 6:30 – 8:00 PM
- **Study Group 3:** Saturdays, September 12 through October 3, 8:30 – 10:00 AM

To register for the White Fragility Book Study please email Dave Smith at bdavidsmith2@gmail.com with your name, phone number, and choice of Study Group. Feel free to call Dave at 717-371-1516 if you have questions. We request that you stay with the same group for the entire study. The content will be the same for each.

All studies will be open to Lititz Moravians and anyone else that would like to participate. Each study will begin and end on time. We encourage you to come into this study and be challenged with personal insight and growth. We look forward to having you join us.

Our prayers and sympathies to the Yochum family & friends on the passing of Daniel Yochum, August 26, 2020. Daniel just had a birthday August 19 and turned 70 years old. There are no arrangements to share as of this time but we will keep you updated.

Highlights from our Leadership:

Filled out the Larger Life Discretionary Grant application to help with the cost of flooring. Montessori is preparing to reopen in early September with masks/distancing/etc protocols in place. All practices are in keeping with state mandates..

-Al-Anon (a 12 step group for families of alcoholics) has resumed meetings in our building. This is a small group of fewer than ten people, they are practicing distancing/masking/sanitizing.

-AA wants to return to church. Need to notify them that Fellowship Hall can hold 24 to accommodate social distancing, and AA would need to take care of wiping down chairs and contact areas.

-Outside services at 9 AM Sundays will continue, weather permitting. Communion will be placed on the table, to be picked up when you enter. Sound system will be used to improve music volume. Need a wastebasket outside.

-College Hill Parking Lot Services continue, enter on Laurel Street, arrive no earlier than 9:30, tune to 98.5.

-Moravian Day of Service - Sept 20. Last year, we collected baby items for the food pantry. Need viable suggestions for this year.

- We continue to collect plastic grocery bags (utilizing the stage as temporary storage), they can be dropped off almost anytime. This is an especially meaningful project because plastic waste is a tremendous burden on our waterways.

- Pastor Tammie - Fridays are her Sabbath day, she will be attending Clinical Appraisal class on Monday evenings starting Aug 24th.

Our Joint Board continues to meet twice monthly for prayer and planning during this uncertain time.

The most recent meeting was August 25th.