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This summer I had the opportunity to represent the Moravian Church at the Episcopal General Convention in Austin, Texas. What an honor to see how another denomination gathers representatives to vision, worship and plan for their future! The Moravian Church was invited to be a part because we are in a full communion relationship with the Episcopalian Church in America, meaning that we have come to an agreement about our theology and work together to share pastors, local programming and mission work, etc. Each morning at the General Convention, I received a newsletter. One section was dedicated to examining how Episcopalians in non-ordained roles (the laity) were called to live their faith in their daily lives. When I read the reflections by MA state legislator Bryon Rushing, I knew I had to save it to share. Jesus isn't only in the church on a Sunday morning. You are placed where you are working, volunteering, gathering, etc. because Jesus is there too!

Here's what Representative Rushing writes:

Over the past several years, I have attempted to carry out my share of the ministry of all the baptized - an extraordinary calling for ordinary people - as a Massachusetts state legislator. As an elected legislator, my tasks to sponsor, support, and revise legislation, to respond to the immediate concerns of my constituents and to speak out on public policy issues and questions in ways that educate, support and challenge my constituency. . . .

I am always amazed when other Christians offer how difficult it must be for me to be a practicing Christian (I like that term 'practicing Christian' I hope we are all practicing) while working within the system that is perceived to be self-serving, corrupt and ruthless. My first reaction is to reply as a legislator. No, I don't think my colleagues are any corrupt, or any more virtuous than the workers in most other institutions; banks, hospitals, computer firms, churches. What is different is that our virtuous and corrupt actions are more regularly made public.

However, what I really should say, as a practicing Christian, in answer to that question is, 'It is like any other part of the world: It is fallen and unreconciled. And that is why it is an opportunity for me. It ultimately belongs to Christ, and I am called to share in renewing it. I am in the legislature because Jesus is in the legislature, and I am in the legislature because I was called to follow Jesus.' You are in your business because Jesus is in that business, and you are called to follow Jesus.

Like Representative Rushing, you have been placed in a particular place because Jesus is there too. Together we ask how we are practicing Christians; practicing to follow him wherever we are. So, this fall, let's share this good news - and invite others to church to learn about Jesus and his renewal and love for this world. And then spread that love wherever we are.

Blessings,

Pastor Janel

P.S. Need a special occasion to invite someone to church? Consider **September 9th's Lovefeast** celebration at 10:45 a.m. - a great day to invite someone to a beloved Moravian church tradition of building community and sharing hospitality!

## **SEPTEMBER WORSHIP CALENDAR**

- September 2: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Last 9:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary
- September 9 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost –WELCOME BACK/ RALLY DAY LOVEFEAST**  
9:00 a.m. – Cherubs practice  
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages  
10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship - Rally Day Lovefeast
- September 16 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:00 a.m. – Cherubs practice  
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. – Morning Worship  
Special Remembrance of September 11<sup>th</sup> (9/11) by Chuck Kuttruff  
Blood Pressure Screenings after worship  
12:00 p.m. – Viewing of Safechurch training for all who volunteer with children (everyone invited)
- September 23 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:00 a.m. – Cherubs practice  
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship - **CHERUBS SING!**
- September 30 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:00 a.m. – Cherubs practice  
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship – “Serving our Church, Serving our World”  
12:00 p.m. – “Where can you Serve?: Volunteer Fair and Coffee Hour”

### **MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS**

The **Cherubs** will begin their choir rehearsals on **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** at **9:00 a.m.**  
The **Chancel Choir** will begin rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 p.m.**



### **SAFECHURCH VIEWING**

Each year we review our background checks for those who work with children and also show our "Safechurch" DVD, outlining precautions our church can take to keep everyone safe. We will show it this year immediately after the worship service on **Sunday, September 16**. All are invited (those who work with children need to attend or make arrangements to view it another time).

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENT PASTOR!**

**Elizabeth Hayworth** will be starting with us at Calvary for a one-year internship this September. She is currently working to complete her Master of Divinity at Moravian Theological Seminary and also studying at Marywood University in the Master of Social Work program. Elizabeth hopes to work as a prison chaplain when she graduates. She currently serves on the Northampton County Alcohol Advisory Board and Northampton County Reentry Coalition. At Moravian Seminary, she serves as the student representative on the Board of Trustees. Elizabeth is a member of the school's student government body, called the Student Elder's Council. Elizabeth also pet sits and works with one social work client who is a member of Central Moravian Church. Please join us in welcoming Elizabeth on **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>!**

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8 Sam Spagnola  
10 Fran Diehl  
11 Kista Kershner  
11 Donna Cabrey  
12 Kathleen Jenkins  
14 Jacob Pieringer  
14 Joann Lester  
15 Lucas Zuber  
20 Finnegan Jenkins-Ford  
21 Deanna Doster  
24 Jacqueline Zalik  
24 Deana Zosky  
25 Dorothy Minnich  
28 Wyatt Graeffe  
29 Terri Syvret



### SERVING IN CHRISTIAN



### LOVE

#### **Ushers**

2 Richard Pirone and Robert Wesner  
9 Samuel Spagnola and Robert Swavely  
16 Karen Kahle and Wayne Shoop  
23 Susan Dickinson and William Glose  
30 Jeffery Diehl and Frances Diehl

#### **Counters**

2 Deanna Doster and Geraldine Traupman  
9 Edward Lester and Richard Pirone  
16 Mary Venditta and David Venditta  
23 James Calpas and Larry Weik  
30 Charles Jenkins and J. Thomas Weaver

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

13 Deana Zosky and John Gallagher  
18 Robert and Marianne Swavely  
19 Mark and Debbie Ann Bradbury



### ALTAR FLOWERS

#### **Presented by**

2 The Syvret Family  
9 Dr. and Mrs. Earl Jefferis  
16 Samuel and Sharon Spagnola  
23 Linda Amey  
30 Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Normington

#### **In loving memory/honor of**

Grandfathers, Richard Ascani and James Syvret  
Joseph and Arabell Shotko  
Loved ones  
Joseph and Lillian DeRoach  
In honor of Scott and Jessica Normington

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Milton Fett, Rachel Gericke, Rev. Marvin Henkelmann, Wilma Henkelmann, Delores Miller, Emma Jane Mosser,

Thelma Normington, Louise Rankin, Frederic Romig, Naomi Schleicher, Betty Sterner, and Ed Stoudt.

*Our continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated.*

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### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy and offer prayers for Stephens family, upon the passing of their mother and our Calvary Moravian member, **Mary Jeanne Stephens** who passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 97 years of age. A memorial service is planned for **Saturday, December 1 at Calvary Moravian Church.**



June 2018	YTD
Actual Income \$ 12,103.33	YTD Income \$ 82,408.31
Actual Expenses\$ 14,397.69	YTD Expenses \$ 87,7
	(\$ 3,019.42)

July 2018	YTD
Actual Income \$ 14,897.13	YTD Income \$ 97,305.4
Actual Expenses\$ 13,272.49	YTD Expenses \$100,994.58
	(\$ 3,68

**CHURCH DINNERS RETURN WITH SPAGHETTI!**

Our third Saturday dinner will feature spaghetti and meatballs, with salad and dessert, on **Saturday, September 15** from **4:30 - 7 p.m.** Please look to the back of the church for a sign-up sheet to help with serving, desserts or clean-up. We continue to appreciate the efforts of **Warren Gericke** and his fine kitchen crew as well as all who help with serving, baking, etc. to welcome our neighborhood to our church!

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

As we continue to ask how we can be good neighbors, we invite anyone interested to a special program on **Saturday, September 22, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.**, to learn more about our neighborhood around 948 N. 21st Street. Jill Peters, a Moravian Seminary professor and leader in missional outreach programs, will lead a special one-day session on understanding the demographics of our neighborhood and help us to ask questions about how we can tell our story, serve the needs of our neighbors, etc. Jill has led a number of such opportunities in churches across the East Coast, and we are grateful for the support of the Eastern District of the Moravian Church in bringing Jill to our congregation to lead this session on **September 22**. Please let Pastor Janel if you are interested in attending or would like more information - all welcome!

**DINING WITH FRIENDS**

Each month, **September - June**, Calvary Moravian invites you out to eat in our casual **4th Tuesday evening dinner**. A good time to get to know others in our congregation and meet new friends. Each month is a new BYOB restaurant exploring different types of cuisine. Dining with Friends will be held on **Tuesday, September 25th at 6:30 p.m.** at the Aladdin restaurant at 651 Union Blvd, Allentown. Because the Tilghman Street bridge is closed, take American Parkway to Airport Road and turn right on Union Boulevard until you reach the Aladdin. Please RSVP to Sharon or Sam Spagnola at **610-597-5626/610-597-6626** or email **sharon1946@ptd.net** if you plan to attend.

**CALVARY'S VOLUNTEER FAIR**

The Apostle Paul reminded his followers in Rome, "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us (Romans 12:6)" Your gifts are needed and appreciated in serving as the hands and feet of Christ at Calvary Moravian in many different ways. Rather than just a list of ways to serve, learn and enjoy fellowship at Calvary, we'll be putting together a "Serving/Volunteer Fair" on **Sunday, September 30th** after the worship service. During the service we'll recognize the many different ministries and programs of our church. Then after the service you can enjoy some snacks and coffee while visiting a representative from different ministries such as the choir, Bible study, dieners, ushers, office support, sacristans, Reading Room, Sixth St. Shelter, etc. Perhaps it might be a chance for you to learn more about this role and make someone who has been active in it. We also will have paper copies of our "Living God's Love" survey if you would like to learn more about the ministries and services of Calvary to sign up.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS FALL AT CALVARY?**

You won't want to miss **Rally Day, September 9th**, at Calvary for many reasons! It's a time of returning to our regular worship schedule (10:45 a.m.) and rejoicing in our church family with a Moravian Lovefeast of sugarcake, coffee and chocolate milk. And it is also a time to reconnect with church family in Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Our Sunday School for children continues with a One-Room School house model, ages 4 (or 3 with a parent) - 6th grade are invited to dive into Bible stories, crafts, snacks and engaging learning with our seasoned and gifted teachers, **Jean Kuttruff, Jean Calpas and Terri Syvret**. We'll divide our class by ages if needed for specific projects. We always welcome visitors (grandchildren or other friends) to drop in anytime. **Again**, there will not be Sunday School on the First Sunday of the month (contemporary worship at 9:30 a.m.).

**Sunday School returns for all ages** - Adult class to learn more about the whole Bible over one year, and an engaging children's class for ages 4-11.

**Our confirmation class** welcomes any young people (usually 7th and 8th graders or others wishing to join the church by confirming their faith). Currently, we welcome **Dominic Gallagher** into our confirmation class, but we are also open if others would like to join us. Pastor Janel leads the confirmation class.

**Adult Sunday School** - Do you want to know more about the Bible but aren't sure where to start? Long before the Bible was written down, it was found in stories shared by different communities in different times. Hearing the Bible stories by ear is an ancient and important way to learn about our faith heritage and where God has been and is working in our world. During our **Adult Sunday School** (meeting at **9:30 a.m. each Sunday** except the first Sunday of the month), we will listen to summaries of the Bible stories orally and then engage in discussion about what we hear. Our curriculum called Echo the Story will take us through the 36 main stories of the Bible over the course of the year, Old and New Testament explored. Each Sunday's lesson stands alone, so whenever you are able to join us able downstairs at 9:30 a.m. Coffee is always included!

#### ***Color with us: A way for community and relaxing!***

Our coloring group continues this fall, on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** Adult coloring has been shown to help with anxiety, lower blood pressure, and serve as a form of meditation. Sharing together in a coloring group can have the added benefit of an opportunity for us to get to each other and our community members better! We'll have both greeting cards, special signs for Thanksgiving as well as some larger Advent posters to color together. Please talk with Pastor Janel for more information - **All Welcome!**

#### ***Women's Fellowship: "Guiding Light" study guide to guide our Bible study***

Our Women's Fellowship group, called **Nitschmann Circle**, invites all women to join us for fellowship, prayer, and study the **first Monday of each Month**. This year we are exploring a study guide written by Moravian bishop Rev. Kay Ward called "Guiding Light." She focuses on the different explorations of light and the metaphor of its guide for our lives throughout Scripture with personal stories, ideas to reflect on, etc. Please join us for an engaging discussion, Bible study and time to get to know other women of our congregation each month. Our first meeting will be on **Monday, September 10 at 12:00 p.m.** in the conference room. Please bring along a lunch. Hot beverages will be provided, and you are welcome to bring a treat to share!

#### ***Weekly Bible Study explores our Lectionary readings for Sunday***

Each Sunday, we typically follow the Revised Common Lectionary, a series of readings from the Old and New Testaments that take us through most of the Bible in three years. This September, our Bible study returns on **Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** and centered around the Bible readings we examine each Sunday. We'll start on **Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 10:00 a.m.** for a time of prayer and study of Scripture - join us any Tuesday you are free (no need to commit to every week)!

#### ***Joyful Noise - Crop Walk***

Our collection for **September** will benefit the **Crop Walk**, raising funds for Church World Service. The Crop Walk ([www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org)) has become a tradition in the fall to raise funds for worldwide and local hunger needs, 75% benefiting international and national hunger relief programs Church World Service, and 25% going to Allentown hunger reliefs organizations (Ecumenical Soup Kitchen and Allentown Food Bank).

The **Crop Walk is on Sunday, October 14th** and begins at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church on Ott Street at **1:30 p.m.** (registration at 12:45 p.m.). You are welcome to walk with us - please contact the office or look in the

back of the church for more information. If you wish to sponsor a walker, you may donate to Joyful Noise or write a check to Calvary Moravian Church (memo: CROP walk), or donate online at [crophungerwalk.org/Allentown/Moravian](http://crophungerwalk.org/Allentown/Moravian).

### ***Sugarcakes for Sale:***

Sign up now (in church or by contacting the office) to order your sugarcake(s) this September. We bake on **Friday, September 7** and they will be available either in the afternoon on the **7th** or at church on the **9th** (\$6 each). Bakers always welcome - contact **Gerry Traupman** for more information!

### **COMING LATER THIS FALL:**

Blessing of the Animals: **Sunday, October 7, 3:00 p.m.** The first Sunday of October is recognized as St. Francis day, a day to remember Francis of Assisi and his historic care for the earth and all its creatures, and it has been a tradition to celebrate a "Blessing of the Animals" service close to that day. We will again hold a Blessing of the Animals service on the church lawn at **3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. Bring your pet (or a picture of your pet if it doesn't travel well). We will also hold a special time of remembrance for pets who have died.

### ***Invitation to all Women: Moravian Women Fall Workshop***

Talk with Pastor Janel if you are interested in attending the fall workshop on Saturday, Sept. 22 in New York City of our Eastern District, Moravian Women (churches from NY to Pennsylvania, Maryland and Ohio). The theme is "Open the Eyes of my Heart" A group might carpool from the Lehigh Valley.

### ***A Moravian History Tour - Save the Date***

On **Sunday, November 18** after worship, explore our Moravian heritage with a special tour of the Moravian Archives and Moravian museum as well as many of the 18th century structures and churches in Bethlehem which were some of the first sites of missionary work in America.



### ***Inquirers'/New Members Classes: A Time to Learn more about Calvary Moravian***

Why join a church? Churches are called to be the body of Christ on this earth; the physical framework for bringing together a diverse people to allow the Spirit to work through them in carrying out God's love in this world. Membership in a church allows us to make a commitment to be a part of something bigger than ourselves - a cause of learning about and sharing Jesus's love in our church, in our community and in our world.

Of course, we welcome anyone to worship with us, but we especially ask that you would consider making the commitment to being a part of this body of Christ in membership. Pastor Janel will be offering inquirer's classes which offer a time to learn more about our Moravian heritage and beliefs, a wider view of the Christian church, and the particular ways that Calvary Moravian worships, learns, serves, and grows together. Please talk with Pastor Janel if you are interested or if you know of someone who might be. She is considering these classes after church in October.

## **WHAT HAPPENED THIS SUMMER**

### ***Summer Fun . . . and paint . . . and carpet at Calvary!***

Despite the rainy August, we didn't pursue plans to build an ark. Instead many volunteers at Calvary (and wonderful workers from Remita carpet) gave our nursery and Sunday School classroom a fresh new look! Our capital fund purchased new carpeting for this space, and Jim Calpas lent his painting talents, as Jean Calpas, Jean Kuttruff and Allesyn Wesner helped to pack and unpack its belongings. Special thanks to Charles Jenkins for coordinating this project and Robert Swavely and other for their help. Please take a moment to check out our wonderful new nursery and Sunday School classroom for children! And thanks for Jim Calpas as well for helping us with outdoor painting projects to our entranceways and other areas throughout the summer!

### **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:**

#### ***Calvary Moravian Reading Room***

We are in the process of setting up a "Reading Room" in one of the Sunday School rooms downstairs in our basement (also used for confirmation). We hope that it will be a place for children of our community to come to receive free books for their own home, with the hopes of cultivating and increasing a love to read and childhood literacy. Our reading room will feature books for toddler, early elementary and middle school. We hope to open at least monthly for children and families to take one or several books home to keep, with a possible reading program. This is modeled after the Reading Room of the Fowler Center in Bethlehem ([www.copsnkidslv.org/reading\\_room.html](http://www.copsnkidslv.org/reading_room.html))

We are looking for children's books (toddlers - early middle school) in new or gently used condition (especially the "learn to read/I can read" books). Please talk with Pastor Janel ([janelrice3616@gmail.com](mailto:janelrice3616@gmail.com), 610-435-6881) about donating to our new project or if you are interested in helping to volunteer.

#### ***Fall Mitten Tree***

This fall, we will be again collecting mittens, gloves and hats for elementary age children to benefit our neighbors at Muhlenberg Elementary School. Through September and October, as the cold weather approaches look in the back of the church for a mitten tree (and box) to drop off your donations. Last year's donations were greatly appreciated to benefit children who didn't have the proper cold weather gear and Muhlenberg Elementary was grateful to help its students in need out in this way.

We thank you for your generous donations for survivors of sex trafficking (VAST - Valley Against Sex Trafficking) made throughout the summer. Our Pastor Janel Rice delivered 10 bags and boxes of clothing and toiletries!

#### ***Moravian Lawn Flags***

You may have noticed our Moravian lawn flags at the 21st St. entrance with the Moravian Seal and Moravian Star in maroon. Samples are in the conference room as well. This is a fundraiser for us shared by the Bethlehem Moravian churches. If you are interested in purchased a flag, they are \$15 each or 2/\$25.

***Adopt an Apartment with the Sixth Street Shelter - Stay tuned for another cleaning date in late October!***

Earlier in the summer, ***Vacation Bible School*** was held in this room and welcomed about 13 children, some part of our neighbors and others members, to a week of learning about the "Love of Jesus" Jesus's love for us and our love for our neighbors was our theme, expressed through stories, learning special songs and sign language motions, a visit from a professional storyteller and musician, and lots of amazing love themed crafts. Each evening also included a chance for games out on the lawn and a great variety of delicious snacks. Specials thanks to our faithful helpers; Marjorie Buchman, Jean Calpas, Jean Kuttruff, Michele Pieringer, Terri Syvret, Allesyn Wesner, and Pastor Janel.

Then in July, we held our ***Summer Festival*** with several great bands, food and games for kids. The weather held out for us to enjoy fellowship with each other and our neighbors on our church lawn.

### ***News from Esperanza Moravian Church in Bethlehem***

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Pastora Rhonda, and I, and all the members of Esperanza, would like to take this time to say thank you so much for all the prayers and support you have been giving us. We would covet more of your prayers and support at this critical time in our ministry. As of September 2018, we would no longer be at St. John Windish Evangelical Lutheran Church. However, we would appreciate it if you can help us locate a new place for worship, and to do the children ministry. Our hopes and prayers are that we would be able to continue in the area very soon. Thank you again for all your prayers and support during these soon to be 8 years. We go forward in Jesu' name.

**For more information, please give me a call to 610-504-9127 or at Pastora Rhonda at 484-895-5582**

Together we serve,

Rev. Tracy S. Robinson, Pastor, Esperanza Moravian Church

### **AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

#### ***You're Invited – All Senior Friends***

To **West Side Moravian Church**, 402 Third Avenue, Bethlehem on the **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month September thru May at 11:00 a.m.** Bring a sandwich! Beverage and dessert are provided.

**September 6<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Maggie Wellert** will be talking about her trip to the Holy Land.

**October 4<sup>th</sup>:** Lots of stories and songs by Denise McCormack

#### ***First Friday Luncheon Discussion***

Muhlenberg College and the Institute for Jewish Christian Understanding holds First Friday luncheon talks at 12:00 p.m. each month around the theme, "**Seeking Truth. Building Trust: Making Sense of the World**". On **Friday, September 7**, Rev. Bruce McLaughlin, a retired Lutheran pastor will speak on "A Personal Journey of Transformation" at 12:00 p.m., Muhlenberg College, Seegers Union, Rooms 111 & 112. The First Friday program is free and open to the public. Bring your lunch or purchase lunch at Seegers Union. Allow extra time for on-street parking.

### **FROM THE NORTHERN PROVINCIAL SYNOD**

#### **June 2018 - Northern Provincial Synod report Reflections from David Venditta, lay delegate from Calvary MY SYNOD SUMMARY**

Imagine standing amid more than 200 people who share the Moravian faith and an abiding commitment to the church's mission, growth and well-being. Many are strangers to one another, and yet the vibes in the Moravian College gymnasium are all-embracing. God's love is at work here.

I experienced this for five days in June as Calvary's lay delegate to the Northern Province Synod, the quadrennial meeting that elects leaders, lays down the rules for how the Church is run, and crafts a vision for congregations from New York City to southern California and Maryland to Canada. At business sessions of the entire group, I sat beside delegates from Ohio and Wisconsin and was impressed by the fervent attention paid to matters large and small.

Consensus didn't always come easily, as differences arose on how the Church should conduct itself. I saw this firsthand with the committee I served on, Church & Society. Nineteen of us struggled to find common ground on gun ownership, immigration and other issues that have sorely divided our society. But ultimately, we did. And even though our discussions were tense at times, we treated our fellow committee members with respect.

The synod – my first – helped me grow in faith, understanding and sense of purpose. I made new friends and enjoyed wonderful moments of fellowship. I saw upfront that our congregation contributes to and benefits from the provincial administration. And I learned how this larger Church operates and the path it envisions for furthering our mission as Moravians. David Venditta