THE ADVANCE

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2026 Congregational Watchword
Psalm 91:9
9 The Lord is my refuge.

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Starting September 13 @ 10:45



Community Block Party Helpers are needed:

We are looking for donations of baked goods, such as cookies and brownies (either homemade or yummy bakery store-bought).

If you prefer to make a financial contribution instead, please send your donation to the church by September 2nd.

We are also in need of volunteers to help setup, breakdown, handing out cookies, making cotton candy, and supervising the bounce house.

Please let us know if you can help…
Contact Church Office
@ westsidemoravian@gmail.com or 610-865-0256

The Moravian Day of Service!





We will celebrate Sept. 12th . The day encourages congregations to ponder ways to make a difference in their community and demonstrate the desire to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. This can also be a day to celebrate the service that you do throughout the year and encourage others to get involved.



West Side Moravian Church Day of Service Activity= Community Yard Sale

COME SELL OR SHOP! Saturday September 12th 8:00 AM- 12:00 NOON
WEST SIDE MORAVIAN CHURCH 402 THIRD AVE and PROSPECT
(This is an outdoor event; it will be held in church parking lot)

Tables are free with a $10.00 deposit per table*
Deposit will be returned when the table is returned inside the church.
HOW TO REGISTER: Applications can be downloaded from www.westsidemoravian.org
Email westsidemoravian@gmail.com or call 610-865-0256

Sunday	Counters	Liturgists
09/06/2026	*Jim Kleintop & The Wanamakers*	*Sandy Kuder*
09/13/2026	*Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons*	*Duffy Snyder*
09/20/2026	*Jim Kleintop & The Wanamakers*	*Os Matthew*
09/27/2026	*Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons*	*Emily Bolmer*



Collect Plastic to Recycle

Through the *Trex* Plastic Recycling Program, West Side is still collecting plastic to be recycled and made into outdoor benches. Please call the church office to arrange a drop-off time. Here's a reminder of accepted plastics: Accepted plastics include: pallet wrap and stretch film, grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziplock bags, produce bags, bubble wrap and air pillows, salt bags, and cereal bags. *(NOTE: All plastic must be clean, dry, and free of food residue.)*

Online Giving

West Side Moravian Church now has online giving enabled through the Moravian Ministries Foundation. Online giving can be a way for people to support your church from afar, make memorial gifts in lieu of flowers, honor a loved one, schedule tithing, and more.
https://mmfa.info/west-side-moravian-church-pa-donation-form/

Essentials CAFE

Pay-it-Forward with a Wooden Nickel



Wooden Nickels offer an opportunity to provide a meal for someone else.

Stop by the cafe and pick up wooden nickels for a suggested price of $12.00 each. Each **wooden nickel** can be redeemed for a nourishing meal.

Two ways to provide meals to thers:

*Place **wooden nickel** in our counter jar. This jar is kept at the counter, paying it forward for our guest that may not be able to make a donation for their meal. OR *You can take the **wooden nickel** with you and give it to a friend in need, or a neighbor who may be working hard and simply too tired to cook, or give as a gift for someone that gave you a helping hand, sharing with them your experience at Essentials Cafe.

Seniors and Friends
September 3, 2026 at 11:30 AM

BRING a Friend & a Sandwich
Beverage and Dessert will be Provided!

Glass Garden Art by Martha will be helping us make our own Glass Garden Flower.

We are asking for a donation of $5.00 to be used toward the cost of the supplies.



It all started with a glass "flower" that I saw in my chiropractor's garden. That was summer 2021 and since then I have made nearly one thousand glass garden creations!
Glass Garden Art is made from up-cycled materials purchased mainly at thrift stores and church yard sales. It gives me great joy to shop for items and to create these unique pieces! It also provides an outlet for my compassionate spirit and desire to make an impact in my community.
Proceeds benefit local and global charities which have included the Essentials Café, Parkland Community Library, Aid to Ukraine (through Lutheran Disaster Relief), the Allentown School District Foundation, Community Music School, Ripple Church, CROP Walk, and the Monocacy Farm Project.





One of the ministries offered within West Side Moravian Church is that of Spiritual Companionship, more commonly known as Spiritual Direction. Pastor Maggie Wellert meets with individuals in a ministry of deep, confidential, holy listening. In a safe, sacred space, you explore the invitation God offers to be in a deep relationship with you. We notice God's Presence, The Spirit's movement in your life, and explore the open doors Spirit offers for you to stretch and grow. God longs for us as much as we long for God, the true Director of this holy conversation.

If you'd like to explore, reach out to Maggie at maggiewellert@gmail.com or 610-417-2803.

MORAVIAN GROUP SPIRITUAL COMPANIONING
TASTE & SEE Experience

WHAT: A one time Moravian Group Spiritual Companioning 1 hour experience. Join this offering as an opportunity to DEEPEN your awareness of what Moravian Group Spiritual Companioning involves. This gathering offers participants a 'lived experience' of a Group Spiritual Companioning group, while deepening their understanding of the commitments and graces of Group Spiritual Companioning groups.

DATE/TIME: Friday September 11, 2026 from 12:00 – 1:00pm ET on zoom COST: Free, paid for by the Northern Province of the Moravian Church.

TRAINING ON ZOOM:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83550983612?pwd=TmhhOVB1Mzdtb3JCWjR3dGhmM3kxQT09 Meeting ID: 835 5098 3612. Passcode: Moravian

TRAINER: Marcella Kraybill-Greggo, Spiritual Director, appointed by the Moravian Northern Province to support Group Spiritual Companioning. RSVP: to marcellak2@aol.com

Upcoming Events

SEEKERS

Sundays at 6:30 PM,

Advent Moravian Church, Christmas Hall, 3730 Jacksonville Rd., Bethlehem PA 18017. A new, non-traditional faith formation opportunity for the "God curious" or anyone seeking peace and love amidst life's challenges. Led by Rev. James Joniec in an informal, welcoming environment.



1st Moravian Church



10th & Bushkill Streets, Easton

Saturday September 12

8am-1pm

Clothing $5/$10.00 per grocery bag!

Don't miss the Bake Sale Table!



BAM Unpicnic: September 13, 3-5 p.m.

East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem.

What's Unpicnic?

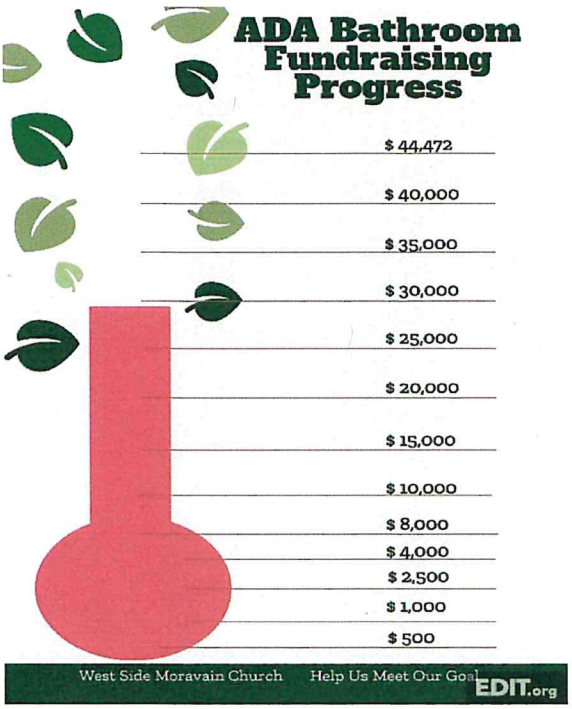
Does it have food? YES (and good food too!).

Will it have a chance to get to know other Moravians from our Bethlehem Moravian churches? YES (and games too!)

But there is more .... A chance to help out other people in a BIG way; making hygiene kits to be distributed across the world with Church World Service.

So it is food, new friends AND service - all in one afternoon!

Join us as we start with this exciting service project - and ambitious goal; making 720 hygiene kits as we put together supplies like toothbrushes, soap, washcloths, into a bag that can easily be given to survivors of a natural disasters. We will have all the supplies ready for you to pack and share with Church World Service who connects them to places in need. After our service project is finished, we'll enjoy a pizza dinner together! We are grateful for BAM Ministries for sponsoring all supplies necessary for this project, and grateful to our hosts at East Hills Moravian Church.



ADA Bathroom Project

Fundraising for an upper-level ADA restroom is underway.
Please support this effort as generously as you are able.

Checks can be made out to:
West Side Moravian Church
402 3rd Ave
Bethlehem, PA 18018



BOARD OF WORLD MISSION
of the Moravian Church • North America

Everyone Wants a Better World New Bible Study for Congregational Programming

The Board of World Mission has developed a new Bible study curriculum, called "Everyone Wants a Better World," with contributions from many Moravian congregations, agencies, ministries, and individuals. The study explores the UN Sustainable Development Goals through three units: Care for Creation, Care for Each Other, and Care for Right Relationships, with introductory sessions on the Moravian Guidelines for Biblical Interpretation and the Sermon on the Mount. Each session includes Biblical reflection, a note on our Moravian identity, several ministry examples from congregations here in North America and around the world, and questions for discussion.

This curriculum is designed to be "a la carte" – use all 22 sessions as written, select just a few to focus on, or break sessions up into multiple gatherings (there is plenty of content to dive into!). There are also sermon resources and liturgies for each unit of the study, and a complementary children's book will be available soon in the IBOC store.

Find the Bible study, as well as supplementary resources, at MoravianMission.org/BetterWorld (scan QR code). Each congregation also received a children's book and multiple copies of the Bible study leader guide at synods this summer.

This program is made possible through a Vital Worship, Vital Preaching Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan, with funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Please Pray For:

Health: Joyce, Dawn, Hunter, Jason, Sandy, Doug, Sal, Pat, Penny
Bereavement: Blasé Family, Glagola Family

Lifting up our friends & neighbors that are homebound or living in retirement communities:
God of us all, share your love with us all. We ask a special blessing for those who are not able to get to church.

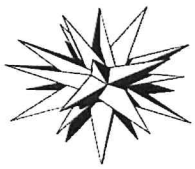
Weekly Watchwords for September

Week of September 6
Psalm 119:34
34 Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.

Week of September 13
Psalm 103:2
2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits

Week of September 20
Philippians 1:21
21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

Week of September 27
Philippians 2:5
5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.



The Prayer Chain can be activated by any member of West Side Moravian Church. Simply call any member of the Prayer Chain with your joy or concern and that information will be passed on so that your joy or concern will be held in prayer. The Unified Board will also be informed of your prayer request.

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