



THE ADVANCE

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2025 Watch Word

¹⁹ You will again have compassion on us; you will hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:19

Upcoming Events

Pastor Tammie will be recovering at home for the next several weeks. Rev. Reed Acheson will provide pastoral care in her absence. Please call the church office as needs arise.

March 2- Worship with Rev. Pat Honszer

March 6- Seniors and Friends

March 9 – Daylight Savings Time

Worship with Rev. Jodie Harney and Holy Communion

March 16- Worship with Rev. Kevin Henning



church directory

**UPDATE YOUR
CONTACT INFO**

New address, phone, or email?

Please update the church office of any changes of address, if you are moving or have moved recently, if you removed your home phone line. Any changes please let us know.

Please call 610-865-0256 or email to westsidemoravian@gmail.com with updates.

We would like all updated information by the end of March

Sunday	Flowers Given by	Counters	Liturgists
03/02/2025	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons	Os Matthew
03/09/2025	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Wanamakers	Rev. Jodie Harney
03/16/2025	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons	Emily Bolmer
03/23/2025	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Wanamakers	Duffy Snyder
03/30/2025	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons	Peter Collier



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/>



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.

Seniors and Friends Upcoming Programs

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

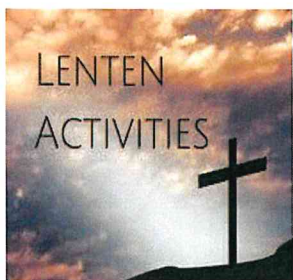
March 6- 11:30 AM



Meet Melissa Sterner, botanical artist and owner of Sterner's Stems will join us

Sterner's Stems is a unique plant shop and Build-Your-Own Terrarium Bar experience located in the heart of Allentown, PA. Melissa's passion for plants and creativity shines through in every event she hosts, bringing the joy of greenery and artistic expression to her community.

In this workshop, Melissa will guide you through painting your own terracotta pot, allowing your creativity to flourish. Once your masterpiece is complete, she'll help you plant a beautiful succulent and share expert tips on how to care for it, ensuring it thrives in your home. Join Melissa for a fun, hands-on experience where art and nature come together!



Ash Wednesday and Lenten Programs

Pastor Tammie will be recovering from her surgery during this time. West Side Moravian will not be holding Ash Wednesday or Wednesday Lenten Programs and encourage you to join other congregations for these services.



Ash Wednesday & Mid-Week Lenten Dinner & Programs: (March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9)
6 p.m. Dinner, 7 p.m. Worship and Program. Christian Education building, 40 W. Church Street, lower level

Our cup is full! How does our history and contemporary examples of building community remind us of God's expansive love and grace for this world.

- March 5:** Ash Wednesday Worship (Old Chapel - 7 p.m.) Meal (6 p.m., Christian Ed. building): Sacristans
- March 12:** Building Community in New Ways: The story of Essentials Café and YouBelong Ministries
Meal: Essentials Café (sponsored by the Busy Workers)
- March 19:** Strength from Community: 18th century Single Sisters' House. Dr. Scott Gordon. Meal: Social Action Committee and its teams
- March 26:** Singing Together: Hymns of Community & Sacred Connection Meal: Choirs of Central
- April 2:** Board of World Mission - New Leadership: Where is BWM leading in our communities and the world?
Rt. Rev. Dr. Amy Godhes-Luhman Meal: Women's Bible study and Moravian Women
- April 9:** Korean Moravian Community at Central: History and Future?

Meal: Congregational Potluck



Edgeboro Moravian Church

Est. 1914

Ash Wednesday service begins at 7:00pm

Our first midweek Lenten gathering will take place March 12th, Dinner at 6:00pm with the **Lenten Program Series: Song for the Seasons of Life** from 7:00pm—8:00pm. Life, at times, offers us joys beyond compare. At the same time, life can be difficult with losses and suffering. God has given us the gift of music to celebrate and give thanks for the times of joy and to comfort our souls during the seasons of suffering. On each Wednesday evening during Lent, in addition to sharing a simple meal, we will listen to, meditate on, and pray hymns and songs which can bring meaning to the many seasons of our lives. We hope you can join us each Wednesday in Lent at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for these programs led by Pastor Chris Geisler.



Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Ash Wednesday, March 5 Labyrinth Prayer Walk

Noon – 1:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

Come as you will and stay as long as you'd like in the middle of the day. With a bit of guidance from Linda Toggart, resident Certified Spiritual Director, the canvas prayer labyrinth will be set up for your contemplative use. If you're unsure of what a prayer labyrinth is, this is a lovely opportunity to learn. If you'd care to receive the Imposition of Ashes, that option will be available as well.

Worship 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Pausing for penitent reflection is a spiritual practice that gives depth to the journey through Lent. Come, be thoughtful, and unburden yourself of that which keeps you distant from God. Ashes will be offered.

Lenten Study Series

The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World

Wednesdays 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM in the Sanctuary

Looking for a "fresh encounter with the words of Jesus?" Join us as we explore the video-based teaching series by Adam Hamilton.

No advanced preparation is required, and all are welcome. Come for one session or come for all. Here are the topics we'll cover:

March 12	The Kingdom of God Has Come Near
March 19	He Spoke to Them in Parables
March 26	Who Do YOU Say That I AM?
April 2	Final Words
April 9	The Resurrection and The Life

Adam Hamilton is senior pastor of Resurrection United Methodist Church in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing and most influential mainline churches in America.



EAST HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH

Ash Wednesday Worship Service - March 5th at 7 pm

Please plan to join us for an evening of worship with prayer and reflection as we begin the Holy Season of Lent.

Lent Lunch and Learn Series - Thursdays, Noon until 1 pm

Bring a bag lunch and join with us on Thursdays 3/6-4/10 for a time of fellowship, study and sharing. More details to follow.

Mid-week Lent Series - Wednesday Evenings 3/12-4/9

Join us for light supper at 6:15 pm and 7 pm study each Wednesday in Lent. Supper will be provided by the Girl Scouts. Our series will have us look at the life of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Using the resource, "Luke, Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws" by Adam Hamilton, we will explore these chapters:

- week 1: Lifting Up the Lowly
- week 2: Simon, Do you See this Woman?
- week 3: Parables from the Underside
- week 4: On the Journey to Jerusalem
- week 5: The Final Week
- week 6: Crucified with the Outlaws

You can purchase Hamilton's book online and read, but the mid-week format will be engaging whether you've read the book or not. We hope you will join us! If you plan to join us for supper, please call the office so we can have a head count.



Join us at the Seed Farm to lend a helping hand in our greenhouse as we prepare for the upcoming Spring Plant Sale and for our food security garden partners! We need enthusiastic volunteers to assist in essential greenhouse tasks such as seeding, potting plants, labeling, and preparing plants for the sale. This is a great opportunity to get your hands in the soil, learn about plant care, and support local agriculture.

Details: Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Starting March 25th and continuing until May 8th

For every four-hour volunteer shift, volunteers receive two complimentary plants during the week of May 5th (right before our Spring Plant Sale)

Suggested: Bring your own: *water bottles (water dispenser on site) *gloves (if desired) *sunglasses (can get bright in the greenhouse on sunny days) *wear layers (temps can fluctuate on partly cloudy days)

Register and select dates here:

[Second Harvest Food Bank-Greenhouse Green Thumbs Volunteer Opportunity](#)

If you would like any assistance with registering to volunteer, or to register a group, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Amour Inman at 484-852-1658 or ainman@cacvl.org.

Order Form for Easter Lilies



Please order _____ lily plant(s) for me/us for
Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.

The sheet containing the list of contributors should read:

IN MEMORY OF:

PRESENTED BY:

IN HONOR OF:

PRESENTED BY:

The cost of each plant is \$9.50. Your orders must be placed no later than Sunday, April 6, 2025. You may drop off your orders at the Church Office or call the office at (610) 865-0256 to place your order. Lilies may be picked up following the Easter Morning Worship Celebration.

_____ lilies @ \$9.50 = _____

The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers Inc. (Formerly BAM Freezer Ministry)
(an Ecumenical / Community Program)

2024 was a great year where we continued to expand our mission. Our Garden Gatherer's Vegetable and Fruit Markets are now at 11 Bethlehem Schools, distributing approximately 60 tons. The Frozen meals program continued its distributions. Combined, both programs provided 116,000 meal or meal equivalents in 2024. The goal for 2025 is 200,000 meals to our communities in need.

This is only possible due to so many good people. **Thanks to:**

Donors who make all of this great work possible

- Individuals
- Bethlehem Area Moravian Corporate and Ministries
- Churches and Organizations

Individuals -

- Those who prepare our meals to be shared - Cooks, choppers, dicers, ladlers, dishwashers and the labeling team.
- Those who distributed approximately 20,000 prepared meals in 2024, from 1 to 100 at a time. Thanks for bringing more than food, but caring and friendship each time you deliver.
- Everyone who participated, either by helping, gathering orders, purchasing or attending, the Soup Sale in February and our Harvest Dinner in November. These are both very important events.
- Those who weathered this year's very cold November and December to host Huts on Main. Who along with our Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering friends shared our mission of fighting homelessness and hunger, and handed out Hot Cider in November or Hot Chocolate in December, along with Cookies, Bars or Chex Mix Snacks to so many local and out of town visitors to Bethlehem during the Christmas season. As well as treats to our furry guests.
- Speaking of cookies, bars and Chex mix – a big thank you to our bakers for supplying the Huts with over 6,000 goodies this year. Nothing makes people feel more welcome than a homemade treat.
- The Musicians that donated their time and talent to perform at Huts on Main.
- Pastors, Leaders and Administrators that help spread the word.
- Those that stand up and share the story, promote our mission and vision of a connected community.
- Our newly formed Board of Directors for what they have done and are about to do for our mission.
- The Transition Team who helped us establish our independent corporation and future 501 (c)(3) organization.
- The professionals who have provided assistance is our growth efforts. You have been invaluable.

Partnerships:

- East Hills Moravian Church for sharing kitchen space for freezers and refrigerators and a place to prepare meals and transition tons of vegetable and fruit prior to delivery, along with a church family that supports the mission. For their help and guidance during our transition that will allow the mission to go forward into the future.
- Second Harvest Food Bank for the ability to receive food items at low or no cost and thus reducing the amount required to be purchased.
- Bethlehem Downtown Business Association and Chamber of Commerce for providing a Hut on Main for our use.

To Garden Gatherer Program participants and donors:

- The Bethlehem Area School Coordinators, along with administrators, volunteers and the United Way Representative.
- The vegetable and fruit pick-up and delivery team. It couldn't work without this.
- Individuals who donated vegetables.
- Wegmans for many donated cases of broccoli and being a great source of bananas
- The Restaurant Depot for working with us when we purchased vegetables and fruit.

For anyone that might have been missed in the list, Thanks for participating.

Bob Wingrove
The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers Inc. Executive Director



**Mission Minute:
BWM Mission Grants Provide New Classrooms**

In 2023, the Board of World Mission provided two mission grants to the Comenius Polytechnic Institute (CPI) in Tabora, Tanzania, to construct new classrooms. The Institute trains Moravian leaders and ministers while fostering Moravian faith in Western Tanzania.

In January 2025, the BWM Outreach Committee met with Brother Ezekiel Kassanga to hear a detailed update on this grant-funded project. Br. Kassanga expressed gratitude for the support and highlighted the growth that the college has seen in recent years. They graduated 11 pastors in 2023 and five in 2024, including three women – Br. Kassanga emphasized the college’s dedication to gender inclusion.

Classroom construction, initiated in 2022, has progressed through local funds, in addition to the two \$5,000 mission grants from the BWM. These grants funded walls and roofing, while internal CPI funds supported further work such as plastering, wiring, and windows. One classroom is now functioning (as you can see in the picture below), even as they continue work like tiling and painting.

Thank you for your support of the BWM’s Mission Grants program, which allow us to provide direct support for needs and ministries as they are identified by our global partners.



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.)

Watch Sunday Morning Worship on Zoom

Tammie Rinker is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: West Side Sunday Service

Time: Sundays at 10:45 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

A few important notes:

- * We are still meeting in person, this is an addition to Sunday morning worship
- * This is not a livestream, just a simple Zoom
- * The camera only captures the chancel area, pews/people are not on camera
- * Those on Zoom are not visible to the congregation

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/9755114627?pwd=dHBXLzRRZ2MyTS9xM0szNFd5Ymd6QT09>

Meeting ID: 975 5511 4627 Passcode: 226626

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aexCiQbkDS>

worship
with us



Please Pray For:

Prayer list:

Health: Skylar, Alex, and Alice.

Bereavement: Hagerman & Snyder Families, and Garbacz & Yonkin Families.

Lifting up our shut-ins and others 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 March

Week of March 2

Matthew 17:8

⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

Week of March 9

Romans 10:11

¹¹ No one who believes in him will be put to shame.

Week of March 16

Psalm 27:1

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Week of March 23

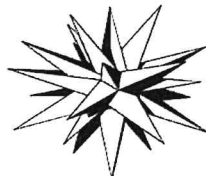
Isaiah 55:6

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.

Week of March 30

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!



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. As the Board of Elders is especially charged with the spiritual welfare of the congregation, they too will be informed of your prayer request.

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Nancy Wanamaker 610-868-7865

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