



# THE ADVANCE

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

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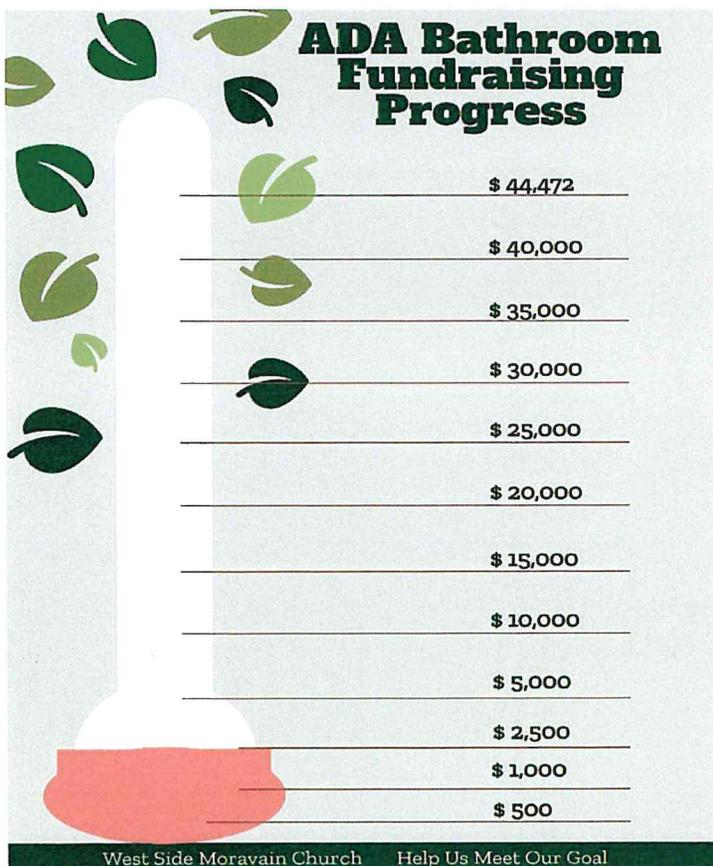
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## Upcoming Events

- **Moravian Seniors and Friends** February 5 & 19 @ 11:30 AM
  - **Winter Dinner** February 15 following worship
- **West Side annual church council** will be held after the service on February 8. Connection by Zoom will be available and encouraged for friends at a distance.
- **BAM Annual Meeting February 17 @ 6:30** will be held at Central's Christian Education Building Lowel Level (40 W Church Street)
  - **Holy Communion** February 22

JOIN US FOR A  
Congregational  
*Winter Dinner*  
February 15 following worship  
Drinks, ham, & turkey will be provided.  
Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

All are welcome!



**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

Sunday	Flowers Given by	Counters	Liturgists
02/01/2026	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons	Ralph Wanamaker Jr..
02/08/2026	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Wanamakers	Audrey Wanamaker
02/15/2026	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons	Sandy Kuder
02/22/2026	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Wanamakers	Pastor Tammie



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](mailto:maggiewellert@gmail.com) or 610-417-2803.



**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.)

**February we will be holding 2 Seniors and Friends. Feb. 5 & 19.**

**Seniors and Friends  
February 5, 2026 at 11:30 AM**

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

**\*\*\*\*The front door located on 3rd Ave. will be open  
for easier access to our meetings. \*\*\*\***



***Exploring Bethlehem***

Mark Iampietro is a local historian passionate about Bethlehem's history and author (writing books on Bethlehem's past and donating proceeds to charity). Mark will take us back in time with stories and videos.

**Seniors and Friends  
February 19, 2026 at 11:30 AM**



***Alison Long (Wanamaker) will be here to share her adventures with the peace corps  
and her time in Peru.***



### **2026 Board of World Mission Service Camps for adults of all ages and abilities!**

The Board of World Mission, together with our Moravian camping ministries in Wisconsin and New Jersey, invites volunteers to join together in preparation for 2026 summer programming at our BWM service camps. There is no cost to attend either camp; meals and lodging (and lots of fun!) will be provided for the volunteers.

Project details are not yet available, but in the past, groups have done everything from staining cabins, replacing roofing on pavilions, clearing brush, weeding, and more. Free time is casual and can be spent as you choose – you are sure to find others who will join you on a hike or sitting around the campfire.

**Mt. Morris Service Camp Wautoma, Wisconsin | May 13-17, 2026 Register by May 1st**  
**Camp Hope Service Camp Blairstown, New Jersey | June 16-20, 2026 Register by June 1st**



Register at [MoravianMission.org/ServiceCamp/](https://MoravianMission.org/ServiceCamp/) and direct any questions to Director of Mission Service Dan Miller ([dan@moravianmission.org](mailto:dan@moravianmission.org)).

**Want to experience another Moravian camp facility for the first time?** We ask that in-area volunteers cover their own transportation to and from service camp, but if you are traveling from a long distance, exchange camping funds are available for travel assistance. Inquire with Dan!

### **The S'more You Know Newsletter of Hope Conference & Renewal Center**

#### YOUNG ADULT RETREAT DATES: MARCH 27-29, 2026

For young adults aged 18-30. Join us for a weekend retreat at Camp Hope as we worship, connect, explore, and wonder together. Led by Moravian Pastor Jennika Eckhaus, Director of Moravian Church Relations at the Moravian School of Theology, this retreat will be full of love, joy, and fellowship as we gather together in the beautiful New Jersey forests around Little Silver Lake.

Program cost is \$145 for the weekend, but we do not want cost to be a barrier for participation. Scholarships are available, please contact Jennika for financial assistance via email at [eckhausj@moravian.edu](mailto:eckhausj@moravian.edu)

#### JOIN OUR SUMMER STAFF

Looking for a job that actually means something? This summer, trade the ordinary for unforgettable days, real connections, and work that matters. As a camp staff member, you'll lead, laugh, mentor, and make a lasting impact on kids who will remember you long after summer ends. If you want a job that builds leadership skills, lifelong friendships, and memories you'll talk about for years — camp is calling!

#### DONATIONS GO A LONG WAY

We're reaching out to our community for support as we work to make a difference! Your help—whether through financial contributions or physical donations—goes directly toward improving our camp facilities and providing supplies for our youth programs. Every dollar and every donated item, big or small, helps us continue serving our community and creating a positive impact. If you're able to give, please consider donating today or spreading the word to others who might want to help. Together, we can make a meaningful difference!

#### SUMMER CAMPS

This summer, give your child more than just a schedule — give them experiences that build confidence, creativity, and friendships. Camp provides a safe, fun environment where kids can be themselves, discover new interests, and create lasting memories. It's a summer experience they'll carry with them long after camp is over.

#### RENTALS

There are still a few weekends available to rent out Camp Hope facilities! Whether you're planning a family reunion, retreat, or group getaway, our facilities offer the perfect mix of comfort and outdoor adventure. Don't miss your chance to enjoy the peaceful surroundings and scenic views—reserve your weekend now!

AM I ALONE?
NO!!

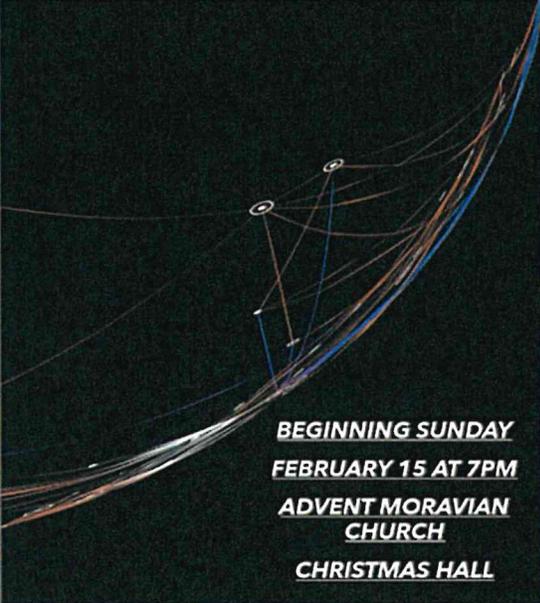
# SEEKERS

What does it all mean? ...

Is there a God?

Why is there so much evil in the world if there's a God?

What's my place in this world?



**BEGINNING SUNDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 15 AT 7PM**  
**ADVENT MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
**CHRISTMAS HALL**

LET'S GET TOGETHER... COUPLE OF MOMENTS OF SILENCE... A FEW SONGS... GOOD CONVERSATION... GOOD DRINKS AND SNACKS... A CHANCE FOR HEALING AND COMMUNITY... SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD START!



## COMMUNITY YOGA

with Angela

Beginner friendly - all are welcome!  
\$5 suggested donation

SATURDAYS 9AM	West Side Moravian Church 402 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue Bethlehem, PA 18018
ALT. WEDNESDAYS 7PM	

For more information visit:  
[www.sweetrootlife.com](http://www.sweetrootlife.com)



### 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 others:

\*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.



Feb. 20 &amp; 21, 2026

**Soup Sale**

**The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers**

At East Hills Moravian Church

1830 Butztown Road – Bethlehem, PA 18017

**Pick Up Days & Times**
**Fri. February 20 3:00 – 7:00 pm**
**Sat. February 21 3:00 – 5:00 pm**

Help us expand our ministry of meals in a time of need.  
Each quart of soup you purchase allows us to produce 3 meals.  
We can't do it without you.

**SOUP SELECTIONS:** Qt. of Soup - \$ 10 Order as many as you want

*Note due to refrigeration space – most soups will be frozen for pickup*
*\*\* Only Cream of Broccoli and Potato Dumpling will not be frozen \*\**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cream of Broccoli ** | <input type="checkbox"/> Sausage, Potato & Cabbage                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Potato Dumpling **   | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Corn Chowder                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding              | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Pork, Vegetable with Ramen Noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Noodle       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ham & Bean           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chilli               |   |

 Soup will be fully cooked, *frozen* or chilled, and ready to *thaw*/heat and eat.

 To place an order and select pick-up day **by Feb. 13 deadline** contact:

Bob or Kathy Wingrove 610 867-0537

Advance payments are appreciated and will speed up pick-up.

If you cannot join us, but would like to donate -  
make checks out to The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers  
Mail to 1830 Butztown Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18017 or Venmo

**Invitation to Participate in a Listening Circle**

All members of the Bethlehem Area Moravian Churches are invited to participate in Listening Circles with your siblings in Christ.

The hoped for outcomes of the Listening Circles to be held among and within congregations include:

- o To hear how participants define Biblical justice and what it looks like to them
- o To hear how they have experienced injustice (racial/social) in their lives and communities
- o To hear how the church might respond to injustices in their context
- o To hear what is hoped for going forward for justice and racial justice work in their congregations

Listening Circles have their origin in indigenous cultures; they are not places for debate but are places for expression and community building. The PEC and the Racial Justice Team believe that listening is integral to the work for justice and healing; and that creating intentional spaces for listening is greatly needed in our time.

Wednesday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Edgeboro Moravian Church - 645 Hamilton Ave. Bethlehem, PA 18017  
(610) 866-8793

Please contact the Listening Circle Facilitators  
Rev. Linda Wisser linda.wisser@easthillsmc.org  
Rev. Jodie Harney pastorjodie@edgeboromoravian.org

**SATORI CONCERT**

**Music for Flute, Violin, Cello, and Guitar Sunday, March 8, 2:00 PM**

Once again, The Sanctuary at College Hill Moravian Church will resound with the delightful sounds of the Satori consort! This year's concert will be presented by the ensemble's premier quartet playing repertoire from the Baroque era to the 20th century.

Come to enjoy what promises to be both an educational and entertaining afternoon. General admission: \$10; students: Free. Tickets will be available at the door. For more information call SATORI at 610-435-6036.



**EAST HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH**

**CHILI CHALLENGE**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026**  
12 PM  
1830 BUTZTOWN ROAD, BETHLEHEM, PA

**TICKET PRICES**  
\$10 ADULTS  
\$5 CHILDREN UNDER 10  
MAXIMUM \$30 PER FAMILY

**TO ENTER A CHILI OR RESERVE A SEAT  
CONTACT: ANNEMARIE AT 610-758-8876**

**MENU: CHILI, HOT DOG BAR, CORNBREAD, NACHOS AND  
CHEESE, DESSERT, DRINKS**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT CAMP HOPE CAMPERSHIPS



**Lunch with the  
Easter Bunny**

**Easter Bunny Lunch Buffet**  
*(Tell your friends. They'll want to come too!)*

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
12:00 to 2:00PM

**East Hills Moravian Church**  
1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome as well.  
Enjoy: Mac & Cheese, Chicken fingers, raw veggies, salad, desserts, and a juice and coffee bar (all-you-can-eat) in the Family Center  
Visit the Easter Bunny! Bring your own camera to take a photo  
*\*We ask for a donation of your choice when taking a photo with the Bunny!*

Bring, mail, or call in your ticket orders by **Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

East Hills Moravian Church - 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem, PA - 610-868-6481  
Questions - please email [EHMchurch1830@yahoo.com](mailto:EHMchurch1830@yahoo.com)

Please pay by cash or check payable to "East Hills Moravian Church"

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets, 5 years & over, \$7.00 @ \$7.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Children under 5 years, Free @ Free = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Family package for 4 or more children @ \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please let us know how many adults and how many children)

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* We will email a confirmation when we receive your order. No physical tickets will be sent. \*\*\*

**Please Pray For:****Prayer list:****Health:** Penny, Trudy, Rennee, Nancy, Michelle, Cat, Katie**Bereavement:** Hall Family, Rice Family, Hannah 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 February****Week of February 1****1 Corinthians 1:18**

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**Week of February 8****1 Corinthians 2:2**

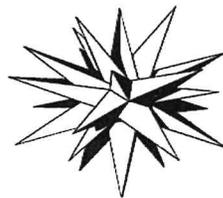
<sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

**Week of February 15****Matthew 17:5**

<sup>5</sup> God said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

**Week of February 22****Psalms 32:11**

<sup>11</sup> Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
 and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.



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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.

Tammie Rinker - 484-626-1363

Nancy Wanamaker 610-868-7865

**Please remove this page from THE ADVANCE, and pray daily.**