



THE ADVANCE

West Side Moravian Church 402 Third Avenue –
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Pastor Tammie Rinker

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

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Upcoming Events

Moravian Community Advent Worship

Nov. 30 @ 7:00 PM- Advent Candlelight Lovefeast

Moravian Seniors and Friends

Dec 4 @ 11:30 AM

Unity Prayer Watch

December 9

Luminaria Night at Church

Dec 13

Breakfast with Santa

Dec 20 @ 9:00 AM- 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec 24 @ 7:00 PM

Unity Prayer Watch December 9, 2024

West Side has 30-minute time slots available. If you are interested, please call the office.

Use the prayer watch to:

1. Emphasize the importance of prayer in the life of every Christian and every congregation;
2. Remember before God one's personal needs, the needs of your congregation, and the needs of the world;
3. Bring before God the concerns of the worldwide Moravian Church. Our church is located in areas of the world experiencing both challenge, conflict, and significant opportunities for the gospel of Jesus Christ. Reflect prayerfully on these as you follow the enclosed prayer suggestions.



December 13, 2025 | NewBethany.org

Be the light IN YOUR NEIGHBOR'S DARKEST HOUR

Join us on
December 7 after
worship to prep
the bags



We are need of some Santa's helpers.
Please call the church office if you can help

Sunday	Flowers Given by	Counters	Liturgists
12/7/2025	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons	Ralph Wanamaker Jr
12/14/2025	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Wanamakers	Audrey Wanamaker
12/21/2025	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons	Sandy Kuder
12/28/2025	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Wanamakers	Duffy Snyder



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/>



May is 104. Let's shower her with love.
May Glagola 3213 Robin Hood Court Ellicott City, Maryland 21042



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.



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.)

Seniors & Friends

Christmas Party

Thursday

4 DEC 11:30 AM

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

Guitar music and
sing along with
Bishop Chris Giesler

Please bring a gift to
exchange, approximate
value of \$10.00

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COMMUNITY YOGA
with Angela

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

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

For more information visit:
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.



Board of World Mission Moravian Disaster Response Hurricane Melissa (Jamaica and the Caribbean)

The Board of World Mission (BWM) has received a detailed report from the Provincial Board of the Jamaica and Cayman Islands Province of the Moravian Church following Hurricane Melissa's devastating impact on the island. The report included photos and brief initial assessments of several church-owned properties, the vast majority of which are located in the western parishes of Westmoreland and St. Elizabeth, which experienced some of the most severe damage. While the report is extensive, it notes that some churches and church properties have not yet been assessed for potential damage.

According to the report, five church buildings have been destroyed: Carmel, Salem, Beaufort, Springfield, and Faith Moravian Church. In addition, 20 church-owned facilities – churches, as well as manses and schools – have sustained severe damage, with roofs torn away and major structural losses. Damage to homes and community buildings is also extensive. The report noted: "It is feared that most, if not all, of the 36 congregations at the Central and Western District Conferences have sustained some level of damage."

The Provincial Board has outlined a multi-step plan for the coming months, which includes addressing people's immediate needs, offering pastoral and psychological care, continuing to coordinate assessments across affected areas, mobilizing local volunteer groups for cleanup and repair, and establishing the Moravian Church Jamaica and Cayman Islands Disaster Response Fund. The BWM has contributed an initial \$10,000 to this fund. Additional support is greatly needed to meet the scale of destruction and to help our partners rebuild and build anew their places of worship, ministry, and community life.

We are aware of several fundraisers across the Worldwide Moravian Unity and ask that Moravians in North America respond to this disaster through BWM channels to help us facilitate a coordinated response. This also enables us to prepare for North American mission teams to assist with recovery efforts when the Moravian Church in Jamaica is ready to receive us.

We are also maintaining contact with partners and leaders in Cuba and Haiti, who were also impacted by this storm.

Board of World Mission Moravian Disaster Response Typhoon Halong (Alaska)

The Board of World Mission continues to closely monitor the situation in western Alaska following Typhoon Halong, which reached Alaska on October 12. The storm brought hurricane-force winds, widespread flooding, and severe damage to coastal villages across the Yukon–Kuskokwim Delta region.

Several communities with Moravian congregations have been directly impacted and hundreds of people, including some Moravians, from villages in the region have been displaced. Displaced individuals are currently being housed in several Moravian facilities in Bethel including two parsonages, the Moravian Seminary, and possibly soon, the old seminary building. To help offset the cost of utilities for these buildings serving as temporary housing, the BWM's Moravian Disaster Response Fund has provided the Alaska Province with \$10,000 in additional support. This funding is in addition to the \$10,000 previously contributed to the Western Alaska Disaster Relief 2025 Fund, which is a collaboration of local community organizations and regional partners and was recommended by Moravian contacts.

We continue to hold all affected individuals, families, and communities in prayer, and we stand ready to offer additional support as we communicate with the Alaskan Moravian Province. Your gifts make it possible for us to respond quickly as needs change, to faithfully partner with our Alaskan siblings in the weeks and months ahead.

100% of donations to our MDR Fund go toward providing relief for these disasters. You can assist us with our disaster response efforts at MoravianMission.org/Give.

Please designate your gift to "MDR" to ensure funds are directed to the disaster relief efforts with the greatest need. Make checks payable to "Board of World Mission" and send to:
[U.S. Donors: Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018](http://MoravianMission.org/Give)



Dear Friends,

As you may know, each year the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce sponsors several Christmas Huts on Main Street. Again, this year, the Chamber has graciously offered one of the Huts to Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering and The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers to help us spread the word about the important work that both groups do to address homelessness and hunger in our area.

We will be open six weekends this year and will be offering free during November - cider and treats and December - hot chocolate and fresh-made cookies to our visitors on Main Street, as well as providing them with information about our organizations

In addition, musicians will be providing live seasonal music. This is such a plus to draw people to our Hut and help our causes. It is a joy to everyone who helps at the hut. To see dates and times when a musician is performing you can check the links at the end.

Those that helped last year served over 6,000 individuals. This year we expect the number to top that. The Huts have a new location this year in the Sun Inn Courtyard and ours will be the gateway to all others.

The Hut will be open:

– Nov. 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 ,30 and Dec. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20,21.

We will be staffing the Hut - **Friday** 2:00-7:30, **Saturday** 1:30-7:30 and **Sunday** 1:00-5:00.

We are asking for help at the Hut for coordinators, prep, serving and information sharing. You may sign up for several slots if you prefer to stay longer. We are hoping for 2 reps from each organization per shift, with an additional slot open in December to handle larger groups. If you can only do a particular day and your organization's slot is full, you are welcome to take the other if open.

A **Sign-Up Genius** is being used again this year to make it easier for you to see the opportunities and to register for a time slot. You can use the link below or the QR code. If this does not work

for you, e-mail or call me. **2025 Huts- to Volunteer**



Your time at the Hut will help keep our community aware of the ever-present needs of our homeless and our hungry neighbors.

If you would like more details, please contact – Bob Wingrove robert.wingrove@rcn.com or 610 730-3929.

Sincerely,

Bob

Bob Wingrove

The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers Executive Director
Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering Board Member

2025 Huts Music



Calling Cookie Makers & Bakers

The Holiday Season is fast approaching. The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers along with Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering are again hosting a Hut on Main (in downtown Bethlehem) starting Nov. 14 and running Friday, Saturday and Sunday until Dec. 21, 2025.

Handing out cookies and bars at the Hut has been a great success. They are shared with guests and musical performers alike. This is a great way of attracting people to our cause to fight homelessness and hunger.

It is expected that a total of 6,000 – 7,000 cookies or bars will be needed this year to pair with our beverages –

November - Cider **December** – Hot Chocolate

Bakers are needed to make the bars and
Cookie Makers are needed for medium sized holiday cookies

*To avoid allergy issues, **please no nuts or peanut butter**.*

*If you are interested in baking or making cookies, please contact -
Blake Messman, Huts on Main Cookie Coordinator at **484-894-3295**.*

Thank You

Bob Wingrove

*The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers Inc. Executive Director
BES Board Member*

610-730-3929





The MCNP Racial Justice Team and the MCSP Moravian Team for Reconciliation (Racial, Cultural and Ethnic) are pleased to announce that they are jointly sponsoring this year's ***New Way of Being Advent Series***, "**Come, Let Us Walk in the Way of Faith, Hope, and Love.**" How do we know "*God still goes that road with us?*" How do we walk with those seeking safety, refuge, and a new life? The series will provide suggestions for ways congregations and individuals may walk with our immigrant neighbors. All sessions will be offered on Zoom on Wednesdays, December 3, 10, and 17, at 7:30 PM ET. Zoom access is below.

Each session will include scripture readings, prayer, and a presentation by a guest presenter or presenters, followed by small group discussions. Each session will be one hour, concluding at 8:30 PM ET. We are delighted to announce our guest presenters.

The Rev. Angelica Regalado-Cieza, Pastor at Fries Memorial Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, NC will be our guest presenter on December 3. Rev. Regalado-Cieza will lead us in *a vital conversation on immigration in our church and communities, especially as we prepare our hearts during Advent — a season that reminds us of God's welcome and the holy movement of people seeking home.*

On December 10, **The Rev. Mikayla Sauerbrey**, pastor of Calvary Moravian Church in Allentown, PA and **Marcus Dip Silas** of *Mending Together* will be our guest presenters for the session on December 10. Calvary Moravian began a new ministry assisting a refugee family in March of 2025; and Mending Together, a Minnesota-based non-profit supporting those who have experienced trauma and working for recovery and renewal by removing fear. They teach refugees and those who walk alongside them how to *build a world where everyday people and refugees mend together.*

The Rev. Ben Lippert, pastor of the Schoenbrunn Moravian Congregation in New Philadelphia, Ohio, will be the guest presenter for the session on December 17. Rev. Lippert will share from his experience *building community organizations and networks to assist and support our immigrant friends and neighbors.*

We hope you will join us for the *New Way of Being* series this Advent. Questions? Contact The Rev. Sue Koenig, Director of Racial Justice and Healing for the Moravian Church Northern Province at suekoenig@mcnp.org

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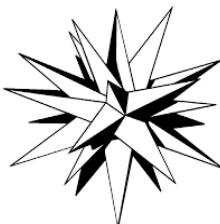
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<https://www.moravian.org/northern/2025/11/12/new-way-of-being-advent-series-2025/>

Please Pray For:**Prayer list:****Health:** May, Patricia, Sally, Lori, Nancy, Pat**Bereavement:** Brensinger Family, Gardner Family, Speck Family, DiMenichi 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 December**Week of December 7***Matthew 3:2**² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”***Week of December 14***Isaiah 35:4**⁴ “Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.***Week of December 21***Psalm 80:19**¹⁹ Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.***Week of December 28***Isaiah 63:7**⁷ I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us.*

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.