



# THE ADVANCE

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## 2025 Watch Word

<sup>19</sup> You will again have compassion on us; you will hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.  
Micah 7:19

## Upcoming Events

**February 2** - Church Council will be held following Worship.

A quorum is needed, please make every effort to attend!

**February 6**- Moravian Seniors and Friends at 11:30 AM

**Feb 18**- BAM annual meeting will be held at Advent Moravian at 7:00 PM



## TO GO FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by  
Essentials Cafe

**Date: Thurs. Feb 13th Pick up: 4-6pm**  
**@ Essentials Cafe 418 Third Ave**  
**Bethlehem PA 18018**



**Choice of one pan of:**  
**Traditional ziti with meat**  
**or Squash lasagna**



**Comes with:**  
**mixed green salad, garlic bread**  
**and brownies for dessert**  
**Serving for 2- \$30.00**  
**Serving for 4- \$60.00**

**Preorders only: Deadline Feb 7th**  
**Order and pay with QR code, or at**  
**<https://www.essentialscfe.org/ToGoDinner>,**  
**or at the cafe during normal hours**



Sunday	Flowers Given by	Counters	Liturgists
02/02/2025	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons	Ralph Wanamaker
02/09/2025	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Wanamakers	Audrey Wanamaker
02/16/2025	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons	Sandy Kuder
02/23/2025	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Wanamakers	Duffy Snyder



Please remember to update the church office of any changes of address with us if you are moving or have moved recently. Home address, email address and/or phone number changes are needed. Please call 610-865-0256 or email to [westsidemoravian@gmail.com](mailto:westsidemoravian@gmail.com) with updates.

**Inclement Weather**

If we have any Inclement Weather, please tune into Channel 69 news to get updated information on Church Service postponement or cancelations. If you have any questions, please call the church office.



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.

## Seniors and Friends Upcoming Programs

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

**February 6- 11:30 AM**



**Presentation by Martha Capwell-Fox from the  
National Canal Museum**

**The Lehigh Navigation:  
How a waterway changed the Lehigh Valley and the Nation**

The Lehigh Navigation began as a way to deliver anthracite coal from Carbon County to Philadelphia. The waterway ingeniously incorporated the Lehigh River and canal sections dug into its banks. This new commerce and transportation route in the Lehigh Valley not only pushed the closed Moravian society of Bethlehem to open up, it ignited the American Industrial Revolution which had its birth in the Lehigh Valley and ultimately led to the development of Bethlehem Steel.

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**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.

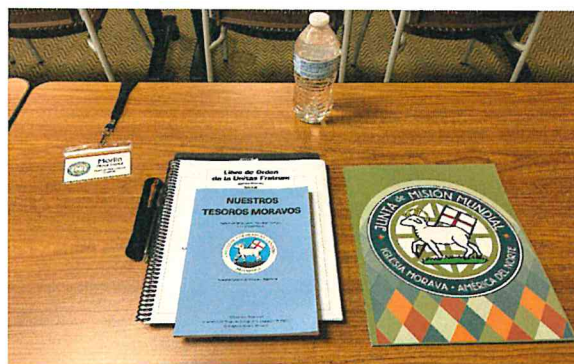
In this workshop, Melissa will guide you through painting your own terracotta pot, allowing your creativity to flourish. Once your masterpiece is complete, she'll help you plant a beautiful succulent and share expert tips on how to care for it, ensuring it thrives in your home. Join Melissa for a fun,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

**Unity Prayer Day Offering 2025**  
***Common Moravian Theological Curriculum in Spanish***

Since our earliest days, the Unitas Fratrum has placed an emphasis on education, both vocational and theological. Today, there are Moravian seminaries and theological training centers across the world. These institutions are central to our ministry as a Church because they train the leaders of our Unity and give them the knowledge needed to serve our Chief Elder in their respective cultural and political contexts.

Through this Unity Prayer Day Offering, the American Board of World Mission (ABWM) will work with the Unity Committee on Theology (UCOT) and Moravian leaders and educators worldwide to produce a common theological training curriculum that can be adapted and used throughout the Unity and starting specifically with our Spanish speaking partners. This curriculum will include training in the Bible and Biblical Languages, Theology and Church History, and Pastoral Theology. Specific courses will be identified with the support of UCOT and other partners, but some example courses are listed below.

1. The Bible and Biblical Languages
  - a. Greek
  - b. Hebrew
  - c. Old Testament
  - d. New Testament
  - e. Biblical Exegesis
  - f. Biblical Hermeneutics
2. Theology and Church History
  - a. Protestant Reform
  - b. Moravian Theology
  - c. Moravian History
  - d. Theology and Gender
  - e. Moravian Worship and Polity
  - f. Moravian Mission
3. Pastoral Theology
  - a. Vocation and Ministry
  - b. Worship and Liturgy
  - c. Evangelization
  - d. Pastoral Fundamentals
  - e. Pastoral Care
  - f. Administration Fundamentals



After drawing upon existing resources as well as creating what is needed - then each province will be provided this curriculum for use in their educational programming. Translations of existing Moravian resources like the Church Order of the Unitas Fratrum, The Ground of the Unity, Our Moravian Treasures, Covenant for Christian Living, the Bishops' Handbook, and more will also be provided. The goals of this effort are to better equip our clergy, to support our Moravian educational institutions, and to promote collaboration between different areas of the Unity.

1. **Equipping our clergy:** By providing a common curriculum, we will expand the tools our clergy have to educate themselves and their congregants. We will also remove one barrier to education for those who are far from an existing seminary and are interested in beginning new theological education efforts.

1. **Supporting our Moravian educational institutions:** By creating new curriculum and translating existing resources, we are removing some of the burden from our institutions, which are already working hard to educate our Moravian leadership. They will simply be able to receive the provided curriculum, adapt it as they see fit to meet the needs in their own areas, and use it in their courses.
2. **Promoting collaboration throughout the Unity:** With Moravians in all Spanish-speaking areas having the option to work from the same curriculum, we will be able to have cross-partner conversations beginning from a common framework. As different Provinces address issues in their own areas, this framework will allow us to identify commonalities that may allow for collaborative solutions. (In 2022, the ABWM brought leaders from all Spanish-speaking Moravian areas together for a Moravian Resources Conference. Through hearing the same presentations and receiving common Moravian resources in Spanish, leaders were able to identify topics where they had a shared experience or could learn from each other.)



**Costs associated with this effort are listed below.**

1. Staff time: ABWM and other members of the Unity will dedicate many hours to this effort on the organization and compilation of the curriculum.
2. Translation: It is important that materials are translated well for best use by students around the Unity.
3. Printing and distribution: Materials will be accessible online via PDF but many resources will also need to be printed and shipped.

Thank you for your support of this Unity Prayer Day Offering, which will certainly support and equip the global ministry of our Moravian Unity.



**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/97555114627?pwd=dHBXLzRRZ2MyTS9xM0szNFd5Ymd6QT09>

Meeting ID: 975 5511 4627 Passcode: 226626

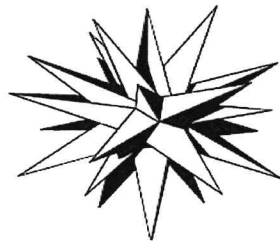
Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aexCiQbkDS>

worship  
with us



**Please Pray For:****Prayer list:****Health:** Leah, 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 February****Week of February 2***1 Corinthians 13:12**<sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face.***Week of February 9***Psalms 138:8**<sup>8</sup> The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;  
 your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.***Week of February 16***Jeremiah 17:7**<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
 whose trust is the Lord.***Week of February 23***Luke 6:36**<sup>36</sup> Jesus said "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."*

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