



THE ADVANCE

West Side Moravian Church 402 Third Avenue –
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Pastor Tammie Rinker

2026 Congregational
Watchword

Psalm 91:9

⁹ The Lord is my refuge.

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Upcoming Events

- Lovefeast- March 1st
- Moravian Seniors and Friends March 5th @ 11:30 AM



• Mid-Week Lenten Dinners and Programs
February 25 @ 6:00 pm - Dinner in the
Christian Education Building
(40 W. Church St., Lower Level)
7:00 pm - Program in Old Chapel

We are excited to share that West Side Moravian Church is joining Central Moravian for their Mid-Week Lenten Program.

February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25.

If you cannot attend in person, please access the 7 p.m. programs using the same Zoom link each week at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84564287979>

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

March 29- Service at 10:45 AM

Wednesday

April 1 Services at 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday

April 2- Holy Communion at 7:00 PM

Good Friday

April 3- Service at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday

April 5 – Easter Sunday

5:45 a.m. Easter Dawn Service: gather in-person in the Sanctuary and at 6 a.m. move to God's Acre

10:45 AM West Side Moravian Easter Worship Service and Holy Communion

Sunday	Counters	Liturgists
03/01/2026	<i>Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons</i>	<i>Duffy Snyder</i>
03/08/2026	<i>Jim Kleintop & The Wanamakers</i>	<i>Os Matthew</i>
03/15/2026	<i>Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons</i>	<i>Emily Bolmer</i>
03/22/2026	<i>Jim Kleintop & The Wanamakers</i>	<i>Peter Collier</i>
03/29/2026	<i>Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons</i>	<i>Ralph Wanamaker Jr.</i>



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.

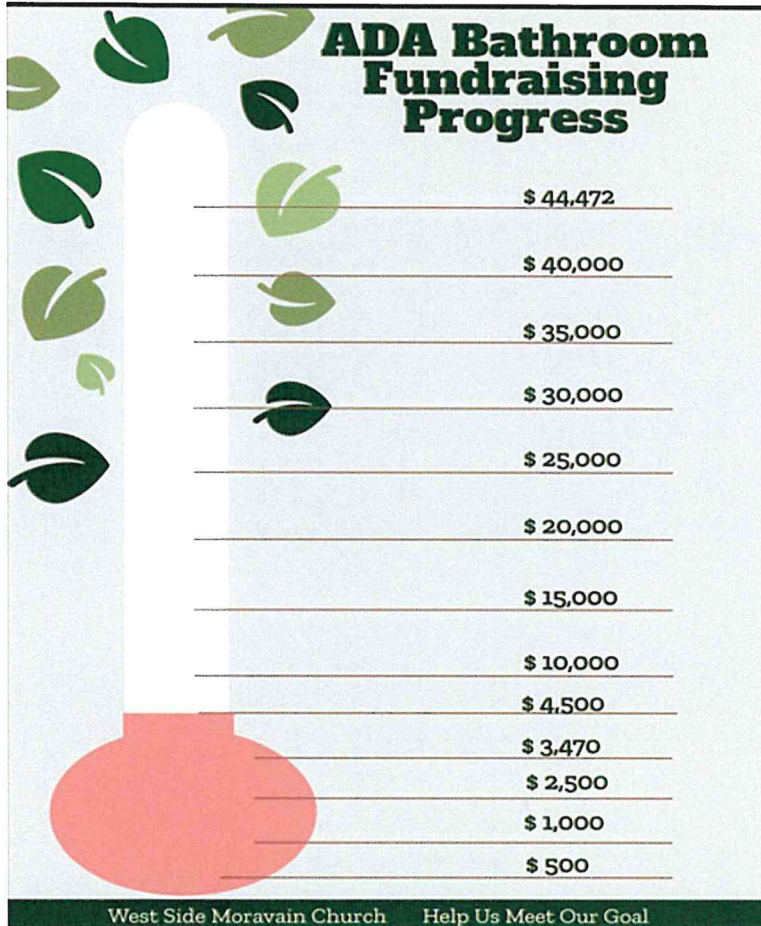


Collect Plastic to Recycle

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.)

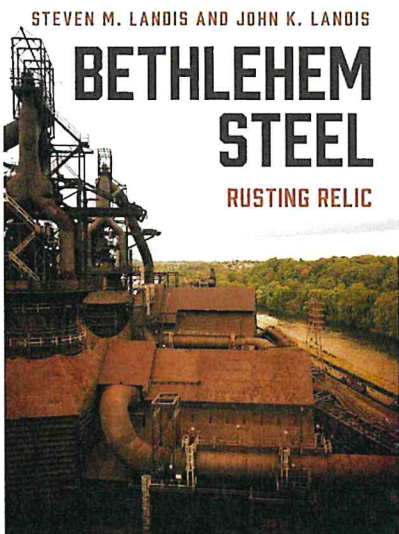
ADA Bathroom Project starts March 2

**Monday-Friday please use door on Prospect Ave to enter the church.
Sunday's sanctuary door will be in use.**



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



Seniors and Friends March 5, 2026 at 11:30 AM

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

Revisit history of Bethlehem Steel

with John Landis and his son Steve Landis, authors of Bethlehem Steel Rusting Relic, featuring rare behind the scene photos.

Please enter church on Prospect Ave.

You can purchase the book for \$25.00 and the authors will sign. They accept cash payments.

West Side Moravian Annual Easter Egg Hunt!!! Saturday April 4th at 10:00 AM

The hunt will be held at the Central Moravian greens between the Christian Education Building and the Old Chapel.

Children of all ages are welcomed! Come and bring your friends. Don't Forget an Easter basket.

We will be meeting at the Moravian Academy parking lot off of New Street.

Needed!!!

Dyed, hard boiled eggs for the hunt. Please put in West Side Moravian's kitchen refrigerator by Friday evening April 3rd

Thank you for your help!



Order Form for Easter Lilies



Please order _____ lily plant(s) for me/us for
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026.

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, March 15, 2026. 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 = _____



**BOARD OF
WORLD MISSION**
of the Moravian Church • North America



2026 Door County Century Ride *Sunday, September 13, 2026*

You are invited to join the BWM in ministry in an extra-fun way! Spend a day in beautiful Door County, Wisconsin, at the Door County Century Ride on September 13th! Train for a 30, 50, 70, or 100-mile bike ride and raise funds for the BWM along the way... Together we'll pedal toward a future of lasting, global ministry! In addition to the ride on Sunday, we will have a spaghetti dinner on Saturday evening and other opportunities for fellowship throughout the weekend.

Space is limited and registration is filling up quickly this year – the ride is already half full! If you are interested in joining us, please register ASAP and contact sylvie@moravianmission.org with any questions. We hope you'll join us!

Learn about last year's ride and register at MoravianMission.org/CenturyRide/.

finding your way
young adult retreat 2026
camp hope | march 27-29

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

For young adults aged 18-30. Visit camphope.org or scan the QR code to register.



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.



The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers Inc.
1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017 **freezerministry.org**

Invites You to Attend

The Healthy / Sustainable Pantry and Accessing Food in the Lehigh Valley Seminar

March 21, 2026 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

At - East Hills Moravian church 1830 Butztown Road Bethlehem, PA 18017

- 8:30 am Gathering – Light food and beverages
- 9:00 am Program Intro – Accessing healthier and more abundant food to those in need.
- 9:15 am Second Harvest – Sustainable / Healthy Approach
- 9:45 am Buy Fresh – Buy Local Lehigh Valley Farms – a partner and provider of local fresh products
- 10:15 am The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers Inc.- Goal 200,000 meals in 2026
 with Blessings of Hope – 32 million meals a year
 - 11 Schools and growing, no cost farmers markets
 - 435,000 pounds of vegetables and fruit delivered
 - Our Summer Harvest Food Drive – rethinking and improving
 - Blessing Boxes from Blessing of Hope
 - 35 pounds of healthy mixed groceries - \$12.50 per box
 - Meeting a need during the SNAP situation in November 2025
 - Blessing Boxes on-going in the future, looking to add partners
- 11:30 am Valor – part of Valor Clinic Foundation
 - Giving our homeless veterans a hand up and so much more
 - Has a new hot meal and resources partner
- 11:45 am Cay Galgon Life House – 90 moms under care, “Who We Are”
 - Has a new healthy food partner
- 12:00 pm Lunch - Provided – Time to visit with over a dozen community agencies’ displays.
- 1:00 pm 5 Pantry Panel – What would make their and your pantry better?
 - Easton Area Neighborhood Center
 - NorthEast Community Center
 - Other diverse pantries
- 2:15 pm Healthy Multi Volume Cooking for Pantries and Community...Just imagine what your kitchen can do.
 - The Freezer Ministry
 - Meals on Wheels Greater Lehigh Valley
 - St. Luke’s University Health Network
 - Others Pending

To Register:

Sign Up Genius -1. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FAAAB29A5FCC43-62287472-thehealthy>
 3 options



2.

3.



[Seminar RSVP](#) or Call 610-867-0537 **Bob or Kathy**

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.



SPRING CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
9:00AM - 2:00PM

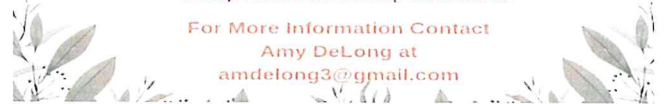
Indoor and outdoor spaces available for crafters.

Indoor 9' x 6' space - \$30
Outdoor 10' x 10' space - \$25
Event is rain or shine

College Hill Moravian Church
72 W. Laurel St
Bethlehem, PA 18018
(610) 867-8291

Ramp Access/Handicap Accessible

For More Information Contact
Amy DeLong at
amdelong3@gmail.com




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



Easter Bunny Lunch Buffet

(Tell your friends. They'll want to come too!)

Sunday, March 22nd
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!

-----Detach Here-----

Bring, mail, or call in your ticket orders by Wednesday, March 18th, 2026

East Hills Moravian Church - 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem, PA - 610-868-6481
Questions - please email 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: Lynn, Penny, Rennee, Nancy, Michelle, Cat, Katie

Bereavement: Vidauree Family, Mackes Family, 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 March

Week of March 1

John 3:16

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Week of March 8

Psalm 95:6

⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Week of March 15

Psalm 23:6

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Week of March 22

Psalm 130:5

⁵ I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

Week of March 29

Philippians 2:7-8

⁷ And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.



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.**