



THE ADVANCE

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2026 Congregational Watchword

Psalm 91:9

⁹ The Lord is my refuge.

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Upcoming Events

July 5- Holy Communion

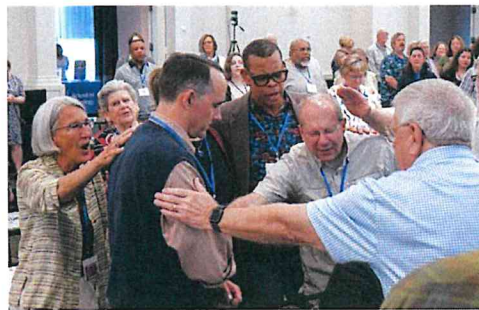
2026 Synod

Northern Province Synod elects new leadership



The newly-elected Northern Province Provincial Elders' Conference (PEC) includes **Ralph J. Wanamaker, Jr.**, David Jones, the Rev. David Bennett, the Rev. Jason Andersen, Tammy Lavoy, the Rev. Dr. Melissa Johnson, Blondel Jones-Grant and Keith Gohdes. The Rev. David Bennett was re-elected as president of the Provincial Elders' Conference. Dave has served as PEC president since 2023 and will continue this role through 2028. We delight in sharing news of our own Ralph Wanamaker Jr. election and endeavor to pray Christ's blessings on him and his ministry.

Brian Dixon, Nasel Ephraim elected bishops by 2026 Northern Province Synod



The 2026 Synod of the Moravian Church in America, Northern Province, held June 24-26 in Minneapolis, Minn., elected the Rev. Brian Dixon and the Rev. Nasel Ephraim as bishops of the Moravian Unity.

Moravian bishops serve as "pastors to pastors" (and their families), prayer intercessors and spiritual guides to the denomination and when commissioned, officiate at ordinations and consecrations. Moravian bishops hold no administrative role (unlike bishops of many other denominations) but it is not unusual for the Provincial Elders' Conference to consult with bishops on matters of doctrine, faith and church order. While Moravian bishops are elected at provincial synods, they serve the worldwide Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum).

Brian currently serves as pastor of Emmaus Moravian Church in Emmaus, Pa. He was ordained a deacon in the Moravian Church in 2005 and consecrated a presbyter of the church in 2009. Prior to serving at Emmaus, Brian served in North Dakota and Minnesota.

Nasel currently serves as pastor of Redeemer Moravian Church in Philadelphia, Pa. She was ordained in 2002, consecrated a presbyter in 2009 and has served in Barbados and St. Kitts.

Brian and Nasel join the Rt. Revs. Chris Giesler, Blair Couch, Paul Graf, Doug Kleintop, and the Rt. Rev. Drs. Kay Ward, Amy Gohdes-Luhman and Michael Johnson as bishops in the Moravian Church in America, Northern Province.

Sunday	Counters	Liturgists
07/05/2026	<i>Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons</i>	<i>Tammie</i>
07/12/2026	<i>Jim Kleintop & The Wanamakers</i>	<i>Sandy Kuder</i>
07/19/2026	<i>Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons</i>	<i>Duffy Snyder</i>
07/26/2026	<i>Jim Kleintop & The Wanamakers</i>	<i>Os Matthew</i>



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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.)



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.

ADA Bathroom Project



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



Celebration of America 250: Opportunities with the Bethlehem Area Moravians, World Heritage Council and s Galore!

Starting at 12 p.m, America 250 celebrations happen through Main and Broad streets with many outdoor vendors, food options, children's activities, etc.

The Bethlehem Area Moravian churches are joining together to provide music, and a welcoming presence on Main Street with the schedule below:

12 - 5 p.m. Main St. (by church sign). Bethlehem Area Moravians and UNESCO World Heritage Moravian Church Settlements offer free cotton candy and water, as well as a welcoming presence and info tables. Learn more about our World Heritage Designation as we celebrate 2 years as a Site as well as all our 7 Bethlehem Moravian Churches!

12 - 5 p.m. Music on the lower green as part of America 250 Seating will be provided or bring your own chair.

12 p.m. The Edge Band (Edgeboro Moravian)

1 p.m. East Hills Praise Band

2 p.m. The Gate Band

3 p.m. The Stank Factory led by Patrick Kerksen- *"The Stank Factory is a five piece band inspired by the jazz, funk, soul, and blues sounds of New Orleans. Since their formation in October 2024, the band has performed throughout the mid-Atlantic region at jazz clubs, church vespers, music festivals, libraries, outdoor bars, and more."*

12 - 4 p.m. Old Chapel and Sanctuary will be open for tours and the Moravian Museum (Gemeinhouse) will be free to all guests with thanks to HBMS.



West Side Moravian will be having a cotton candy table. Come visit us!!!



SEEKERS

Sundays at 6:30 PM,

Advent Moravian Church,
Christmas Hall, 3730 Jacksonville
Rd., Bethlehem PA 18017. A new,
non-traditional faith formation
opportunity for the "God curious" or
anyone seeking peace and love
amidst life's challenges. Led by
Rev. James Joniec in an informal,
welcoming environment.



**Indoor, Air-Conditioned
Community Yard Sale,
Café, and Bake Sale**
Saturday, August 29, 2026
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

East Hills Moravian Church Family Center
1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017



TO RENT SPACE: Call Sue at 610-737-0012 to reserve an 8ft x 6ft space for \$25.00. Tables available while they last. Yard sale setup Friday, August 28th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturday, August 29th from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. Sellers are responsible for setup, removal, and off-site disposal of items. Proceeds benefit the church's general fund.



Café menu to include
breakfast items,
croissants, hot dogs,
barbecue, coffee, tea,
lemonade, soda water,
and more.



Bake Sale items to
include: cake, pastries,
kiffles, pies...

Contact Louise at 610-865-4118 to donate baked goods or for more info. Proceeds benefit children and youth ministries.

YARD SALE – We have decided to go ahead with our own yard sale. The Advent Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, August 22nd from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. We do suggest a set up time of 7 a.m. If you would like to have a space, we would kindly suggest a \$10 donation; you must provide your own table. We plan to have live music, food and a basket raffle. If you are interested in having a space, please contact by email Rita Lintner ritafoogle1209@yahoo.com or by text or phone Carol Miller at 484-547-3809. If you need any information on the basket raffle, please contact Sue Rice 412-499-2309.

ADVENT COMMUNITY YARD/CRAFT SALE

3730 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem
Saturday, August 22, 2026
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

\$10 suggested donation/table space
Food and Live Music!
Basket Raffle!

Interested in reserving a space?

Contact: ritafoogle1209@yahoo.com or call 610-844-5530



BOARD OF WORLD MISSION

of the Moravian Church • North America
Moravian Disaster Response Update:

Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica



The Board of World Mission (BWM) continues to stand alongside the Moravian Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands Province (MCJCI) as they enter into the longer recovery effort following Hurricane Melissa, which devastated the island of Jamaica last October. The Jamaican Provincial Elders' Conference is working with engineering consultants to develop repair and rebuilding plans for congregations affected by the disaster. While significant work and communication remain ahead, this planning marks an important step in shaping how recovery will unfold in the months and years to come.

We anticipate hearing more specific details—and receiving more funding requests for individual building projects—as these plans take shape. The needs will be substantial, and our capacity to respond faithfully in the months ahead depends upon the generosity of donors today.

Through the faithful partnership of Moravians across North America, the BWM has sent more than \$100,000 in Hurricane Melissa relief support to the Jamaican province. Additional support will be needed as repair and rebuilding plans are finalized and implemented.

We are aware that many across our congregations are eager to offer hands-on assistance. While volunteer work by North American mission teams is being considered as part of the recovery, the leadership of the Jamaican province has communicated that they are not yet ready to host traveling mission teams. We will share opportunities as they are available.

Support Moravian Disaster Response

100% of donations received for our MDR Fund go directly to providing relief for these disasters. You can assist us with our disaster response efforts by giving online at MoravianMission.org/Give. Please designate your gift to "MDR."

Please make checks payable to:

Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018

Please Pray For:**Health:** Jessy, Hunter, Jason, Sandy, Doug, Sal, Pat, Penny,**Bereavement:** Blasé Family, Conrad Family, Glagola 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 July**Week of July 5****Psalm 145:8**

⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Week of July 12**Romans 8:1**

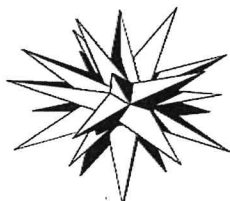
⁸ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Week of July 19**Isaiah 44:6**

⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

Week of July 26**Psalm 119:132**

¹³² God, turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom toward those who love your name.



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.

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