

First Moravian Church of Easton

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS!



On Sunday, August 16th, we welcomed three new members into our congregation! Giada Loquasto, Domenico Smith, and Noah Triolo were received as confirmed members through The Rite of Confirmation. They confirmed their faith in Jesus Christ, claiming for themselves the faith into which they were baptized. Every baptism, confirmation, and reception of new members invites us to reaffirm our faith and commit ourselves anew to Christ and his church. What a wonderful day! We praise God for bringing Noah, Nico, and Giada into this new relationship with Christ.

My name is **Giada Loquasto**. I am a 10th grade student at Freedom High School. I love to play soccer at the highest level. One of my favorite subjects is Spanish. My hobbies are playing pickleball and basketball. Outside of sports, I do work at Weis market and as a soccer referee. Hanging out with my friends and weekend breakfast with my grandfather are favorites; and going out to State College to see my Uncle Mike and Aunt Debbie. Family dinner gatherings too are nice.

My name is **Nico Smith**. I am an 8th grader at Easton Area Middle School. I enjoy biking, video games, and sports, including basketball, football and lacrosse.

My name is **Noah Triolo** and I am a 7th grade student at Pleasant Valley Middle School. The sports I play are football, basketball, and baseball. The things I like to do in my free time are play videos games, cook and play wiffleball.

We also celebrated with **Andy Dormarunno** and his family on August 16th, offering prayers of blessing and gratitude as he begins classes at Elizabethtown College. We are most grateful for Andy's music ministry the past four years, and we pray that this new part of his life's journey and all that is ahead will bring him much joy and reward! The congregation gave Andy a Moravian star and stand, gift cards, and an organist's copy of the *Moravian Book of Worship* with encouragement to continue to play. Likewise, Andy gave us beautiful words of gratitude and grace and encouraged us to keep singing!

September Highlights

Meet Our New Members!

First Sunday
Sunday School begins
10:45 am worship
returns
Sunday, Sept 6

Rummage & Bake Sale
Saturday, Sept 12,
8 am-1 pm

Cup of Covenant & Moravian Day of Service
Sunday, Sept 13



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/01 David Morrisette
 09/06 Pat Morgenstern
 09/11 Kameron Hessler
 Kaidyn Smith
 09/13 Donald Tirrell
 09/16 Anne Hajdu
 Logan Timmann
 09/20 Shirley Buck
 09/21 Anna Erb
 09/23 Stephen Sawyer
 09/25 Frank Mondillo
 Nancy Silker
 09/27 Michael LoQuasto, Sr.
 09/28 James Shook
 09/29 Joshua Greffe, Jr.
 09/30 Dorothy Price—99 years young!

*With your
 presence,
 Lord our Head
 and Savior,
 bless them now
 we humbly
 pray...*



LOOKING AHEAD...

Here are some highlights for **October**:

10/04	19 th Sunday after Pentecost; World-wide Communion Sunday Children's Sabbath
10/11	20 th Sunday after Pentecost <i>We welcome Reneé Amator to lead us in worship and preach Prayer Day for World Mission</i>
10/16	Community Harvest Picnic
10/18	21 st Sunday after Pentecost Prayer Day for Peace with Justice and Freedom
10/24	Holiday Craft & Vendor Bazaar, 9 am – 2 pm
10/25	22 nd Sunday after Pentecost Prayer Day for Human Rights for Women
10/31	Reformation Day

Prayer List

Members of First Moravian Church

Those in care facilities

Gloria Bolmer	Leah & Andrew Brown
Dorothy Price	Tom Wolfe
Anne Hajdu	John Morgenstern
James Shook	

Those at home and/or in need of healing

Mary Buccos	Barbara Leshner
Laurie Bullock	Stella Harling
Walter & Carrie Cigus	Esther Cigus
Zakk Davis	Bill Bullock
Marcie Sos	Susanne Kessler
Pat Johnson	Chad Hendershot
Frances	Bettemae Weiss

Friends of our First Moravian Church Family

Gilbert Hendershot	Deena Kohler
Tyler & Alicia Cox	Lauren Hensley
Ellie and family	Jeannette Leshner
Dick & Ann Smith	Sharon Long
John & Jan Morrow	Dorey & Jeff Smith
Helen Lerch	Debbie S.
Barbara Clements	Cookie Knauss
Patti Montaque	Nory Ramos
George	Ahmed (12 years old)
Creed Hight	Lenore
Jason Andersen	Grace Calantoni
Lauren	Becky, David & Louise
Robert Hensley	Sam Portney & family
Family of Blanche	

For the World...

We pray for lasting peace with justice and freedom for all people in the Middle East, Sudan, Ukraine, and other war-torn areas of the world; for children whose lives have been shattered that they will have all they need to heal and thrive. We pray for an end to hate and violence in all its forms; for justice, healing and peace for all victims of violence, and for perpetrators of violence that they come to repentance through the mercy and compassion of Jesus. We pray for those suffering from the ongoing effects of trauma; for those displaced and grieving losses from natural disasters; for all who struggle with mental illness or addiction and their families. We pray for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. We pray for a spirit of humility that we may work together for the peace and well-being of all.





WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER 10:45 AM
(Regular schedule resumes September 6)

September 6th, 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13th, 16th Sunday after Pentecost
 Prayer Day for Christian Education

September 20th, 17th Sunday after Pentecost
 Moravian Day of Service
 Covenanting Day
 Prayer Day for Church Development

September 27th, 18th Sunday after Pentecost
 Prayer Day for Church's Ministry to Older Adults

WORSHIP ON ZOOM

We invite you to join us for worship in person or online. Sunday services are available on Zoom. If you need assistance, please call the church office at 610.258.6317. We would be pleased to help you connect to First Moravian! **Access information to join Sunday morning worship on Zoom:** Meeting ID: 997 5374 8227, Passcode: 544713. By phone: Dial 301.715.8592 [enter meeting ID and passcode at prompt.]

EASTERN REGION MORAVIAN WOMEN'S WORKSHOP

The Eastern Region Moravian Women's Workshop will be held on Saturday, September 26 at Egg Harbor Moravian Church, in Egg Harbor, NJ.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

- 9:00 - 9:55 a.m.: Breakfast and registration
- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Morning Session
- 12:00 - 12:55 p.m.: Lunch Break
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.: Afternoon Session

The event will feature four 45-minute presentations, including time for Q&A:

1. Mission: Moravian Women's Unity Desk
2. Spiritual Development
3. Racial Justice (Rev. Sue Koenig)
4. Health and Wellness

Please let Pastor Sue know if you would like to attend.

"SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER"

Everyone is invited to gather for prayer on Wednesday afternoons at 4 pm. Those who would like may bring a short devotion, poem, or story to share. The *Sweet Hour of Prayer* is held virtually using Zoom and may be accessed by everyone, including via a regular phone. To join via phone, call Zoom at 301 715 8592, enter the Meeting ID 934 9796 5599 followed by #. Enter # when asked for your participant ID; enter the passcode 892624, #. Please note, we will NOT meet September 16th.

PRAYER AND VISITATION MINISTRIES

Please contact Pastor Sue if you would like a visit at home, care facility, or hospital; if you would like to receive Holy Communion; or if you are in need of prayer. Our Prayer Chain is always ready to pray for you or to join you in prayer for others. We would also like to assist you with getting on ZOOM for worship or by providing frozen meals. Meals are for everyone. Call the Church Office at 610-258-6317 to request prayer or meals.

PRAY WITH CHURCHES FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE



Pray with us every Wednesday at 12:30 pm. We believe prayer is one of the core practices in advocating for those we love. Learn more and register: <https://cmep.org/cmep-events/wednesday-prayers-for-peace/> Visit also cmep.org.

PARISH NURSES' BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Our parish nurses, Dawn Hughes and Janet Morrow, are offering monthly blood pressure checks on the **second Sunday of every month at 10 am** in the Church Office. This is most helpful and "healthful" ministry. It is a gift to have caring and knowledgeable nurses in our First Moravian Church family. **Please take advantage of this opportunity to care for your health.** The next date for blood pressure checks is **Sept. 13, 2026.**

PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT NEWS

For updates from the Northern Province and Districts, please see the *Moravian Monthly* (access information <https://www.moravian.org/northern/the-moravian-monthly/>)

For news from the Board of World Mission, including updates on disaster relief efforts and volunteer opportunities, visit <https://www.moravian.org/mission/>

FALL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Sept. 12, 8 am-1pm

Our rummage sale, consisting of all items that one can wear—clothing, shoes, handbags, belts, coats, hats, jewelry, etc.—will be held on Saturday, September 12 from 8 am to 1 pm. As you clean your closets, please consider donating good, clean, wearable items to the church for the rummage sale. Help will be needed for setting up on Friday, September 11, beginning at 9 am, and during and after the sale on Saturday, September 12. Please contact Dawn Hughes or Frank Chisesi if you are able to assist with this fundraiser and ministry. Items for the sale are being received now! Please bring them during church hours or call the church office to arrange to drop off items. Baked goods are also needed! Thank you!



SECOND QUARTER YTD FINANCIAL UPDATE 6/30/26

Revenues	\$66,427.35
Expenses	\$72,444.58
Net Income (Net Loss)	(\$6,017.23)

"MORAVIAN MONEY" GIFT CARDS FUNDRAISER

Please begin or continue your support of the Moravian Money fundraiser by making your purchases using gift cards from the church. Frank Chisesi has gift cards available every Sunday; and arrangements may be made to order gift cards at other times. Please see the list of gift cards available on the order form in the entrance area or request a form from the church office.

GRATITUDE IS ESSENTIAL!

The Unified Board expresses its gratitude to the congregation for the multitude of ways you share your time, gifts and talents, and financial resources in support of the ministries of FMCE!



FIRST MORAVIAN UNITED BOARD NEWS

The Unified Board met on August 9 at 11:30 am. Highlights from the meeting include:

- ✓ Review of letter and procedure regarding filling a vacancy on the Eastern District Executive Board due to the election of our representative, Tammy Lavoy, to the PEC.
- ✓ Treasurer's report: At June 30, expenses exceeded revenues by \$6,017; checking account balance \$4,725. A withdrawal from our MMFA Investment account of \$7,000, leaves a balance at MMFA of \$40,477.
- ✓ The reciprocal audit with Palmer Moravian Church on July 15 found nothing out of the ordinary; segregation of duties and ways of coverage were discussed including the Board's review of the check register; audit questions are a helpful review of procedures, such as computer backups. The Board expressed appreciation to Frank Chisesi and Jim Mamana for preparing for and participating in the audit.
- ✓ Affirmation of our new members, Giada Loquasto, Noah Triolo, and Nico Smith, to be received by the Rite of Confirmation; and planning for Andy Dormarunno's departure; a reception for new members and Andy is being planned for August 16.
- ✓ Discussion of proposal for 2027-2028 pastoral appointment
- ✓ Review of VBS program and Community Picnic and Carnival (moved indoors due to storms); planning for rummage sale; determined not to do the Block Party this year due to low attendance the past several years, but we will plan a Community Harvest Picnic in October; status of Arts Fest – no registrations to date
- ✓ Formation of an Events Committee to be chaired by Sue Ficzk
- ✓ Approval of use of the Fellowship Hall by the Gaines family on Saturday, September 19
- ✓ Office printer to be replaced; Mike Koenig will order one

The next monthly Unified Board meeting is scheduled for September 13 at 12:30 pm.



FIRST SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

First Sunday Sunday School will begin again on **September 6** at 10:45 am. All children and youth age 3+ are invited! Sunday School meets the first Sunday of the month at 10:45 am in the Fellowship Hall following an opening message in the sanctuary. Registration forms and other materials are available at the church or by calling the church office at 610-258-6317. Come and invite a friend to join you!

Meet the Prophets this Fall!

The *Growing in God's Love Story Bible* introduces us to God's prophets – those called to speak God's word to God's people. Meet some of the prophets in this new Sunday School season!

September 6 – Amos
October 4 – Micah
November 1 – Jeremiah
December 6 – Isaiah

FMCE FOOD MINISTRY

We collect pasta of all kinds with the exception of spaghetti, pancake mix and pancake syrup, canned beans and other canned goods, and baby wipes.

Three-in-one body wash is also needed. All items should be non-perishable with unexpired dates. Our July delivery totaled 131 pounds and 109 items:

- * 3 boxes of cereal
- * 9 boxes of pancake mix
- * 6 packs of baby wipes
- * 8 boxes of pasta
- * 83 cans/packages of food



We are grateful for all your food donations for those in need; and to Walt and Carrie Cigus for delivering the food collected to Project.

Food insecurity in Pennsylvania increased 44% in the past two years, with more than 1.7 million people facing hunger. Please consider asking your elected officials to support food programs. Feeding America Map the Meal Gap: <https://map.feedingamerica.org/>



Moravian Covenanting Day

September 16 is a day when pastors come together for prayer and reflection and to share a Cup of Covenant, recommitting themselves to Christ, to one another, and to their ministry and the church. The Cup of Covenant is not a sacrament and is not to be confused with Holy Communion; yet, it does remind those who partake of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

Cup of Covenant observances began in the 1700's during a period of significant renewal in the Moravian Church and have been practiced since that time by church leaders throughout the Unity. Today's gatherings are ecumenical as pastors from other denominations are invited to join with Moravians for the Cup of Covenant.

The General Synod of 1775 adopted Cup of Covenant as a formal institution. September 16 commemorates the day in 1741, when during a synodal conference in London, leaders of the Moravian Church recognized Jesus Christ as Chief Elder of the Moravian Church.

Early covenanting observances included "workers of the church:" ministers, helpers, and teachers in Moravian schools. Today the church is renewing this practice to recognize a Covenant Day for Laity in Service to Christ. We will share this Cup of Covenant on Sunday, September 20 during worship.

FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Worship Schedule
Sundays at 10:45 am
Summer worship at 10 am

Join us for worship!
All are welcome at First Moravian!

Church Office Hours
Tuesday – Thursday
10am – 2 pm



THE FM STEREO NEWSLETTER

September 2026

In Essentials, Unity
In Non-essentials, Liberty
In All Things, Love

Congregational Watchword for 2026

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
look, new things have come into being!
~2 Corinthians 5:17

