

First Moravian Church of Easton

COMMUNITY HARVEST PICNIC AND CAKE WALK

First Moravian's long-standing annual Fall Fest Block Party is moving indoors this year to the Fellowship Hall where we will host a **Community Harvest Picnic** complete with the very popular Cake Walk and pumpkin painting and crafts for kids. This event will be part of our "Evening Out for Everyone" program and be held Friday, **October 16 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Donations of cakes, cupcakes or other prizes for the Cake Walk Table are requested.** Be creative -- everyone loves to win a prize. Help is needed with set-up and clean-up and serving food. Rain or shine, come and enjoy God's bountiful harvest!

MEET ANDREW MILLER, GUITARIST & SONG LEADER

Andrew Miller is a member of the Edgeboro Moravian Church in Bethlehem, PA, and very active in ministries in the Eastern District. He has served as a counselor and song leader at Camp Hope, plays guitar and sings with a band at Edgeboro and other congregations for special services. He was a 2026 Provincial Synod delegate and participates in mission activities with the Board of World Mission. He provides accounting support for the Central and Graceham congregations. Andrew will be playing guitar and leading music for our services on first Sundays. We are excited for this new sound in our praises to God! Welcome, Andrew!

MEET THE VIENTO DE DIOS (Wind of God) CONGREGATION

The **Viento de Dios Congregation** will be meeting in our sanctuary on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons beginning October 1, 2026. We have entered into a lease agreement with Viento de Dios and look forward to welcoming them! Pastor Misael Garcia Noriega and his wife, Pastora Keydy Liliana Garcia are from Honduras. They have two daughters and live in Wind Gap. Please join the Unified Board in welcoming them to their new worship home!

MINISTRY WITH OTHERS

Our congregation is invited to join other area ELCA and Moravian congregations for a **Community and Service Brunch**. Following brunch and visiting, we will be preparing bags with food and other items for **Angels of Easton**, an organization that is actively working to address the growing needs in the community related to homelessness, food insecurity, and other crises. <https://www.angelsfeaston.org/> We have been asked to collect **individual toothbrushes** for the bags. Please RSVP to Pastor Sue by **October 25** for both opportunities.

Community and Service Brunch



Please join us for coffee, a light continental breakfast, and to engage in a service project with local ELCA and Moravian congregations together! There are two opportunities to participate:

Thursday October 29 **Saturday, November 7**

at **10 AM - 12** at

**St. Marks
Lutheran Church**
3771 Easton Ave.
Bethlehem, PA 18020

**Palmer
Moravian Church**
2901 John Street
Easton, PA 18045

To RSVP, speak to your pastor, or contact the Rev. Byrnesse Craig by email at pastor@mannabethlehem.com

These events are an ecumenical project of congregations through the 6261 Ministry Community initiative, for more information, visit www.godsllove.org/6261mc

October Highlights

Worldwide Communion Sunday

Music with Andrew Miller

First Sunday
Sunday School
10:45

Sunday, Oct 4

Community Harvest Picnic

Friday, Oct. 16,
6:30-8:30pm

Holiday Craft and Vendor Bazaar

Saturday, Oct. 24,
9 am-2 pm

JOIN ROLLING HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH IN LONGWOOD, FL for their Annual Week of Believers

Empowerment services Sunday, October 11 through Friday, October 16, 2026, at 7:00 PM nightly.

This year's theme is: **"Purposefully Positioned"** and is grounded in 2 Timothy 1:9.

Meeting ID: 746 168 029

Passcode: 682512

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/746168029?pwd=OXVrbzVHSEdNeE1qRXZTZlI09>

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/02 Dawn Hughes
 10/03 Eric Wexler
 10/09 Linda Hughes
 10/10 Jessica Gaines
 10/11 Renee Amator
 10/14 Melissa Larson
 10/16 Sandra Dentith
 Del Folweiler
 10/18 Sandra Morrisette
 10/19 Seth Yahraes
 10/20 Coleen Sawyer
 10/21 Owen Van Horn
 10/23 Pat Johnson
 10/29 Carrie Cigus

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/06 Brian & Samantha Smith
 10/08 Mike & Deb LoQuasto
 10/19 Frank & Sherri Mondillo

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



LOOKING AHEAD...

Here are some highlights for **November**:

11/01	All Saint's Day 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost Moravian Women's Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends
11/08	24 th Sunday after Pentecost Prayer and Anointing for Healing
11/11	Veterans Day
11/13	Chief Elder Festival
11/15	25 th Sunday after Pentecost Chief Elder Holy Communion
11/22	Reign of Christ Sunday 26 th Sunday after Pentecost Prayer Day for Moravian University and Seminary
11/26	Thanksgiving Day <i>Give thanks with a grateful heart</i> <i>Give thanks to the Holy One...</i>
11/28	Decorating for Advent
11/29	First Sunday in Advent
11/30	Advent Retreat

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to the family of our dear brother in Christ, John Morganstern. John passed peacefully on September 15, 2026, in Florida. We pray for John's wife, Pat, sister and brother-in-law Wendy and Jim Mamana, and brother and sister in law Robert and Patty Morganstern.

We extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to the Gaines Family on the passing of Dorinda's beloved mother, Velma Ward, on September 22, 2026 in New Jersey. Velma was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be greatly missed.

Prayer List 

Members of First Moravian Church

Those in care facilities

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

Those at home and/or in need of healing

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

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 Morrow	Helen Lerch
Dorey & Jeff Smith	Debbie S.
Barbara Clements	Cookie Knauss
Patti Montague	George
Nory Ramos	Ahmed (11 years old)
Creed Hight	Lenore
Lauren	Jason Andersen
Grace Calantoni	Robert Hensley
Trudy	Becky, David & Louise
Sam Portney & family	Aunt Ann (Destiny C.)
Frankie Santos	Anne Malone
Audrey Young	
Family of Velma Ward	Family of John Morganstern

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 OCTOBER 10:45 AM

October 4th, 19th Sunday after Pentecost

We will celebrate a service of Holy Communion and join the First Sunday Sunday School class in a study of the prophet Micah. We welcome Andrew Miller, guitarist and song leader.

October 11th, 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Renee Amator will lead the worship service and preach this Sunday which is the Prayer Day for World Mission. The gospel reading is Matthew 22:1-14: The Wedding Banquet.

October 18th, 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer Day for Peace with Justice and Freedom. The gospel reading is Matthew 22:15-22: a question put to Jesus about paying taxes.

October 25th, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

We will be recognizing Children's Sabbath and the Prayer Day for Human Rights for Women. The gospel text is Matthew 22:34-46 a question about the greatest commandment.

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.]

BISHOP CONSECRATIONS

Everyone is invited to the consecrations of our new bishops of the worldwide Unity elected at the 2026 Synod of the MCNP.

The Rt. Rev. Nasel Ephraim, Redeemer Moravian Church, 2950 S. 70th St., Phila, PA Oct. 18, 4pm.

The Rt. Rev. Brian Dixon, Emmaus Moravian Church, 146 Main St., Emmaus, PA, Oct. 31, 2pm.

"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, #.

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. *Urgent prayers are needed for the West Bank.*

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 **Oct. 11, 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/](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 & HOLIDAY
CRAFT & VENDOR BAZAAR**
Saturday, October 24
9AM – 2 PM

Our Fall & Holiday Craft & Vendor Bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 24, from 9 am to 2 pm. We will welcome new vendors, and First Moravian will have our own tables filled with all the beautiful crafts members of the congregation have created. There will also be a bake table with delicious goodies! Bakers, baked goods will be needed!

As in previous years, the kitchen will be open for lunch. We need help in setting up the tables in Fellowship Hall on Friday morning beginning at 10 am for the event. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Check in with Dawn Hughes for Frank Chisesi if you are available to help or plan to have items to display and sell.

FALL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

The fall rummage sale held on Saturday, September 12 was a great success in two significant ways: we had many happy customers who purchased much needed, quality clothing! Thank you to everyone who helped with the sale in any way! Special thanks to Frank and Dawn for providing leadership for this fundraiser.

“MORAVIAN MONEY” FUNDRAISER

In the month of September, we reached a seven-digit figure with **\$1,000,000** in gift cards sold since the initiation of this **Moravian Money** fundraiser in 2008, 18 years ago! This program has raised nearly \$50,000 in income, which has been used to purchase supplies and equipment needed for the church over the years. Frank Chisesi has managed this program since its inception, and his time has been an additional contribution to the church and a tremendous gift. Thank you, Frank! We are grateful! As Frank often says, this is a “win-win” – “a win for the church and a win for you,” an equal exchange with corporations returning a percentage of the sale to First Moravian. Please continue your support of the Moravian Money fundraiser by making your purchases for groceries, gas, household goods and other items using gift cards. 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 of the church or request a form from the church office.



FIRST MORAVIAN UNIFIED BOARD NEWS

The Unified Board met on September 13 at 12:30 am. Highlights from the meeting include:

- ✓ Review of Bishops' Letter and Northern Province PEC and Racial Justice Team letter regarding Listening Circles, and discussion of Listening Circles for First Moravian.
- ✓ Review and acceptance of a pastoral appointment proposal extending Pastor Sue's service from January 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028, in a time sharing arrangement with the Northern Province with the support of the Eastern District
- ✓ A report on the departure of the Oasis congregation and the request for a lease from the Viento de Dios congregation and approval of exploration of a lease with Viento de Dios with the terms of the lease similar to those of the Oasis lease
- ✓ Invitation to Andrew Miller to play for first Sunday worship services; Ian Riccelli will play when he is available (one-two times a month)
- ✓ Rummage sale results – more that \$600 raised!
- ✓ Treasurer's updates on finances (current General Fund balance, \$11k); paperwork for reciprocal audit with Palmer Moravian; gift cards sales
- ✓ Approval of Moravian Day of Service activities – Bread Offering of Letters and cards
- ✓ Planning for Nominating Committee
- ✓ Discussion of need for additional people to participate in church life
- ✓ Planning for Community Harvest Picnic and Cake Walk, and Holiday Craft & Vendor Bazaar
- ✓ Noted purchase of candles for Christmas Eve at a cost of about \$80.
- ✓ Approval request from the Gaines family for use of Fellowship Hall for a baby shower on September 19
- ✓ Noted return and purchase of a new printer for the church office
- ✓ Arranged for responding to a letter from the City of Easton regarding residential properties.

The next monthly Unified Board meeting is scheduled for October 25 at 12:30 pm.



FIRST SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

First Sunday Sunday School will meet on **October 4** 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 program in the sanctuary. Andrew Miller will be our song leader and guitarist on First Sundays! 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! This month, Micah!

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 September deliveries totaled 111 items. **One person needed for the following:**



Food Related Ministries Listening Session

Faith communities are uniquely positioned to witness emerging needs, hear the stories of neighbors, and identify barriers that prevent people from accessing nourishing food with dignity. This listening session will gather leaders from diverse Christian congregations, faith communities and providers engaged in food-related ministries to share what they are experiencing in their local communities.

Particular attention will be given to the impact of recent changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the ways current immigration policies are affecting participation in food related ministries, and other emerging challenges facing neighbors experiencing food insecurity.

Together we will:

- Share stories and insights from our local ministries
- Explore the connection between works of mercy and works of justice
- Discern opportunities for mutual support and faithful advocacy
- Strengthen relationships across the region.

St. John's Lutheran Church, 835 Third Street, Whitehall, PA
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
Two Options: 2:00PM-4:00PM or 6:00PM-8:00PM

Register Here Today!



Thank you to those who participated in the Offering of Letters for the Moravian Day of Service!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION THIS FALL

Everyone Wants a Better World

New Bible Study for Congregational Programming



The Board of World Mission has developed a new Bible study curriculum, called "Everyone Wants a Better World," with contributions from many Moravian congregations, agencies, ministries, and individuals. The study explores the UN Sustainable Development Goals through three units: Care for Creation, Care for Each Other, and Care for Right Relationships, with introductory sessions on the Moravian Guidelines for Biblical Interpretation and the Sermon on the Mount. Each session includes Biblical reflection, a note on our Moravian identity, several ministry examples from congregations here in North America and around the world, and questions for discussion.

This program is made possible through a Vital Worship, Vital Preaching Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan, with funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.

We will meet on Mondays all 11 am to study five sessions from *Everyone Wants a Better World*. The dates are October 12, 19, 26, and November 2 and 9. If there is interest, the study will also be offered Monday evenings from 7-8 pm. Please contact Pastor Sue. Open to all.

The sessions for this fall are:

- ✓ Guidelines for Biblical Interpretations
- ✓ The Sermon on the Mount
- ✓ Care for Others
 - Introduction
 - Zero Hunger
 - Good Health and Well-being



VOICE & HANDBELL CHOIRS RETURN

Choir rehearsals will begin for the fall, Advent and Christmas seasons on **Thursday, October 22 at 2 pm**. The choirs are open to all.

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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

October 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

