



Do the NEW. Let Christ lead you.

Some New Year's word fun.... "Jumbo Shrimp, tight slacks, freezer burn."

As 2019 dawns – God's mercies are "FRESH and new each morning" as the Lord's steadfast love never ceases! (See Lamentations 3:22) "New and improved," is another oxymoron. If it is 'new' how can it be also 'improved?' New mercy. Each morning?! Sign me – up, right?

As 2018 fades into the history books, we might chat with a friend or neighbor who says something to the effect of, "I'm changing things and you're looking at the 'New and improved me!'" Well, dear Christ-followers, I want to encourage you with the words,

In mercy and great grace the Lord is
Making all things NEW!

Even you. And me. "See – everything has become new. All this is from God." (See 2 Corinthians 5:17,18)

Worship, prayer, service, offering forgiveness, spiritual growth and fellowship are fresh opportunities where God is making us new. Take advantage of them. Practice your resurrection faith. Express your Jesus-given Joy. Show kindness and compassion to each person you meet each new day of 2019. Come on - I'll do it too!

God has faithfully guided us in the journey of life through another year in mercy and grace. We are looking at year 70 (yes, Seventy) here as a faith community at Palmer Township Moravian Community congregation. What's new? Tell me (I'm still 'new' as the lead servant & pastor here), please.

Deeper faith. A growing trust. Vibrant joy – these are gifts from God offered new to you THIS day! Open your hands and receive. Worship, church council, committee and board meetings are not just same old same old on the datebook items. Each encounter, every conversation, decisions and choices are given so we can in new life, move forward.

J Don't just settle to be an old "freezer burnt, Jumbo Shrimp eater, wearing worn-out tight slacks!" Do the NEW.
Let Christ lead you.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

On Sunday, December 9th we were pleased to receive Sandra Jean Roskilly to our Palmer Moravian Church Membership by Reaffirmation of Faith. Welcome Sandy!



Congratulations to Kathryn and Alex Frey on the birth of their daughter, Carter Rose Frey. Carter was born on November 15th and weighed 6 lbs. She joins big sister Elizabeth. Proud Grandmother is Rita Civitella.

FLOWER AND BULLETIN CHARTS

Flower and bulletin charts for 2019 are now posted in the Gathering Area. Please sign up for your special dates soon! The cost to sponsor bulletins is \$15.00. Flowers are ordered by you through the Flower Cart (610-253-1744) or Mycalyn Florals (formerly Lynn's in Nazareth - phone number 610-759-9060). When signing up, be sure to fill out one of the forms posted next to the charts and leave it in the envelope provided. Thank you!



WORSHIP SERVICE OR MEETING CANCELLATIONS!

Winter weather and poor driving conditions may result in the cancellation of scheduled meetings or worship services. Please check Facebook or call the Church Office, 610-253-2510 for a recorded message.

Remember your safety and the safety of your family should always come first.

Please check the listings on television station, WFMZ (Channel 69) to include any changes in our Sunday worship schedule or the cancellation of church services and events. You can also check www.wfmz.com for worship closing and schedule changes.

Organizations are asked to provide a method for communicating any changes in your meeting schedule to your group members. Thank you for your cooperation!

YAH'S TRIP TO DESALES- SIGN UP NOW FOR APRIL!

A YAH's trip is being planned to see Pippin at Act 1 DeSales University on April 29, 2019 at 9:45 a.m. A limited number of tickets are available for \$20.00 each. To reserve a ticket, payment should be made to Susan Conly. Any questions please call 610-253-5739. We will have lunch following the show at the Copperhead Grille.

OUR YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER

CONTINUES ON LINE!

If you missed the opportunity to order your candles here at church, don't worry! You can order until January 9, 2019 by entering the Palmer Moravian Church code **999974017** at www.yankeecandlefundraising.com in the "Start Shopping" Box.

Your purchases ship directly to your home and Palmer Moravian receives profit on each and every sale. Yankee Candle offers a wide range of candles, fragrances and décor item at a very wide range of prices. See Sue Van Nostrand if you have any questions.



ANNUAL PMC CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. Activities for Kids in the Fellowship Hall
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch for everyone!

Angels appeared....just in time for our
Sunday School Christmas Pageant on December 16th!



A NOTE FROM OUR MINISTER OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE

I am grateful to those folks who have worked with me during this past year in visiting our homebound members and those in care facilities. On **January 23 at 1:00 – 2:00 pm in the Fireside Room**, Pastor Darrell and I will be having a short training meeting to spend time with those who have already visited members and anyone interested in learning more about visiting and other forms of care. This would include helpful tips, time for encouragement and sharing experiences with each other. This training is in a continued effort to reach our goals of providing excellent care for an increased number of congregational members by our lay volunteers. Please contact the office or Ruth Gonzalez if you would like to attend.

Ruth Gonzalez



MISSION OF THE MONTH

In November we raised \$762.06 for VALOR to support Veterans in need. Thank you also for your generous gifts of food for Paul’s house as well as Holiday Meal Baskets for Veterans.

END OF YEAR GIVING

Please remember that in order for your contribution to be counted toward your giving for the 2018 calendar year, it must be received or postmarked by midnight on **December 31st, 2018.**

thank you!

Many thanks for the **cookies** baked for our homebound members. The Monday Morning Women’s Study Group packaged them in individual bags, and the cards included with the bags were made by the Craft Group. Thanks also for the hats , gloves and mittens hung on our **mitten trees**. They were distributed to various local social service agencies that serve children and families in need.

Thanks to all who generously purchased gifts for local children in need for our **“Tree of Giving”** sponsored by the Northampton County Children, Youth and Families Division and donations of used toys collected for local shelters.

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Adam Keiper | 16
Don Thatcher |
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Patti Brekne
Terry Materna | 17
Tristan Tate |
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Sue Fee
Kimberlee Grube
Keira Schneider-Schuyler | 18
Charles W. Smith, II |
| 7
Wanda Klump
Melissa Rajani
Jonathan Bisci
Alan Coco | 19
Herbert Stecker, Jr.
Pamela Nyce |
| 8
Douglas M. Kleintop, Jr. | 21
Emma Hanlon
Charles Fredericks |
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Judith Kraft
Avery Browne | 26
Sandra Blickensderfer |
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Jeffrey Brodhead
Doreen Connelly
Heather Gaumer | 27
Amanda Frey
Dameria Ciasulli
Patrick Schneider |
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Johannah Vorholy | 28
Lexie Andreoli
Beth Gormley
Leon Deiter, Jr.
Donna Deiter |
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Linda Primrose
Susan Conly | 30
Michael Finelli |
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Kenneth Wildrick | 31
Janice Trent
Angela Zicker |
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Patti Keiper |

Moving?

Please be sure to share your change of address with us!
The church is charged a fee for mail that is returned.
We want to stay in touch!



Address changes, as well as email address changes may be emailed to:
sue@palmermoravian.org.



To all members of the musical organizations—the Children’s Choir and Chime Choir, Sanctuary Singers, Hilltop Ringers, The brass quartet, and the “Morning Star” soloists – Hunter Hopstetter, Adyson Post and the Children’s Choir – thank you for your long hours of preparation for the Christmas Eve services. You were—and are—terrific! Jan.



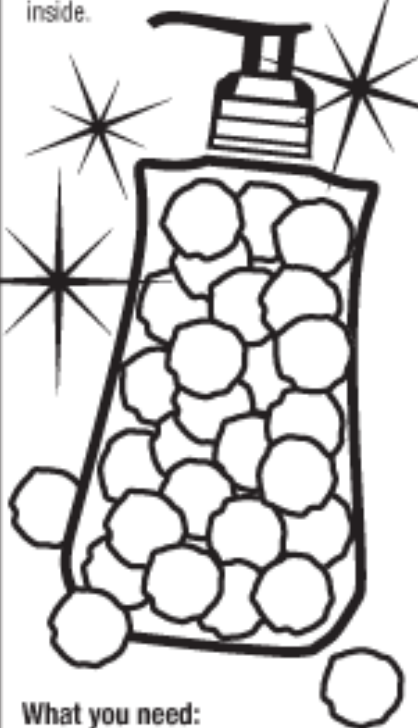
January is often the time for unpredictable weather. Rehearsals for all groups meeting during the week (Children’s Choir, and Sanctuary Singers) will be cancelled when the Easton Area School District is closed or dismisses early because of inclement weather. Delayed start has no effect on rehearsals. Hilltop Ringers members will be notified in the event of rehearsal cancellations.

January Music Opportunities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 7:00 Sanctuary Singers	4	5
6 10:30 Sanctuary Singers 11:45 Hilltop Ringers 2:00 Sanctuary Singers to Moravian Hall Square	7	8	9 7:00 Music Committee	10	11	12
13 8:45 Sanctuary Singers 11:45 Hilltop Ringers	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 11:45 Hilltop Ringers	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Washed Clean

Decorate a soap bottle as a reminder of how baptism cleans us on the inside.



What you need:

- Bottle of clear liquid hand soap
- Small craft pompoms (different colors)
- Wooden skewer

What you do:

1. Remove the bottle label and unscrew the lid.
2. Using the skewer, push pompoms down into the soap one at a time.
3. Replace the lid and put the dispenser in a bathroom or kitchen.

FUN FOR KIDS



A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.



We were there**fore** buried with him
 through bapt**ism** into death in order that,
 just as Christ was rais**ed** from the dead
 through the gl**ory** of the Father**,**
we too may live a _____.

Romans 6:4, NIV

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Answer: fi e l e w n; new life