

## “Love is in the Air... And in Our Hearts, Hands, Words...”

“Love is in the air, everywhere I look around  
 Love is in the air, every sight and every sound  
 And I don't know if I'm being foolish  
 Don't know if I'm being wise  
 But it's something that I must believe in!”  
 © John Paul Young 1978



Yes, even pastors, who were guys in high school seeking the wise expression of love, can recall songs that ring in their ears. I do believe in love. There, I said it! I love our dear Lord. I love my wonderful family, dear friends, the gracious folks here at Palmer Moravian, colleagues and yes, even sisters/brothers in faith around the globe.

Scripture calls us in the Great Commandment to “Love the Lord our God (with all we have) and our neighbors as ourselves.” [See Mark 12:30-31] Saint Valentine, a widely recognized 3rd-century Roman, is commemorated on February 14. From High Middle Ages his Saints' Day is associated with a tradition of courtly love (an affection that emphasized nobility and chivalry). Valentine was a clergy – either a priest or a bishop – in the Roman Empire who ministered to persecuted Christians and he was martyred for his faith.

Our call is to love. Our shared work is to love. We are tasked with the Good labor of love. Here at Palmer there are numerous opportunities to do that loving in planned ways: mission camp, mission trips, Sunday school service, Be the Church events, joining the Sacristan corps, volunteer efforts, care for those in the congregation (CCC = Congregational Care Corps) and others. Thank you to each of you that takes this work, as I am fond of saying, joyfully seriously. There are also daily (dare we say hourly and moment by moment) ways to love our neighbors. A patient and listening ear, a caring card, a short visit, a phone call to connect, helping someone, a small but important act of generosity.

I urge us to look for those with heavy burdens, tearful pain, discouraging questions, and broken hearts. Give them your love. I am grateful for the kind love expressed to me by so many of you here. I see you loving others as well. Keep up the good work. Let mutual love be our aim.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if each day, we could find that 'Love is in the air?' I'm willing to be a fool for Christ and keep seeking to be wise in the ways of loving others. How superb to simply get up in the morning and get busy loving those around us.

Love is something – we do believe in.

“LOVE comes from God, all who love come from God and know God” – 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:7

Believing in Love, with you - darrell, servant leader & pastor



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Russ DeFreitas	16
3	Betty Woolever
Cortney Fisher	Ava Cascario
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David Happel	Cal Davis
Bryce Parkhurst	Cody Davis
5	James Austin Smith, Jr.
Jordan Fragassi	Cooper Troxell
Fiona Michaels	18
Mark Hannig	Tanner Milburn
6	Andrew Miller
Babette Hart	19
Connie Churchman	Nancy Assise
Linda Conine	Robert Milburn
Donald Primrose	Karen O'Reilly
Elsie Reinert	Mark Fischer
Robert Stem, Jr.	Meghan Keiper
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Cynthia Wunderly	Grant Houser
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Philip Amato IV	Watson Hart, Jr.
Allison Bengel	Nicholas Noel, IV
Elizabeth Frey	23
10	Kai Oliva
Larry Odegard	Valerie Gary
11	Jonathon Smith
Thomas Duffin	24
Mya Cascario	Shane Klein
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Darlene George	Richard Fischer
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Pat DeFreitas	Laura Sodl
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MacKenzie Murray	Katie Moore
William Fifield	Grace DeMarco
Matthew Weaver	28
Finn Schneider	Harrison Vangeli
15	Sawyer Shepherd
Kaitlyn Bowman	Wesley Pellegrino
Samuel J. Coco	

**SOUP SALE!**

The Moravian Women’s Ruth Circle will be selling **Hamburger Vegetable Soup** on February 16<sup>th</sup> (snow date February 23<sup>rd</sup> ) Stay tuned for more information!



**AND SPEAKING OF SOUP.....**

**Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> is “Souperbowl” Sunday** at Palmer Moravian Church! We will be collecting money in our soup pots to support our stew ministry for Safe Harbor. Your donation will help buy ingredients for the stew that is delivered monthly to those less fortunate in our community.

**MISSIONS IN ACTION**

During December, we collected \$539.62 toward our Moravian Common Ministries. Our January Mission of the Month was Paul’s House, a ministry of VALOR, serving Veterans in a variety of ways.

In February we will focus on replenishing our own Good Samaritan Fund. Throughout the year, members of our congregation find themselves in need of financial assistance with all kinds of emergency situations. Members of our surrounding community also come in need of help for themselves or their children. This fund has been a tangible way for your pastor to reach out in love to these folks on your behalf. Your gifts mean more than you will ever know!

**JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MOVIE TIME!**

**Sunday March 8th**

**Doors open at 1:30pm**

**Movie (to be announced) starts at 2:00 p.m.**





Beckett Ryan Sentell, daughter of Courtney (Humes) and Brook Sentell was born on December 19<sup>th</sup> weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. and measuring 20.5 inches. Proud grandparents are Rick and Nancy Humes.

Miles Michael Fleming, son of Jameson and Carly Fleming, was born on December 29, 2019. Miles weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and measured 20 inches long. He joins big brother Elliot. His proud grandparents are Scott and Kerri Fleming and proud great grandfather is Carl Fleming.

### Our 2020 Congregational Watchword:

#### Jeremiah 31:33

"This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel, after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people."

#### SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy and resurrection hope to the family and friends of Russell Weiss, who entered the nearer presence of the Lord on Sunday, January 19, 2020. Services are pending.

# Thank you!

Thanks to Audrey Blickensderfer who coordinates, schedules and supervises our Connect and Reflect Continental breakfasts that are held each Sunday at 9:40 a.m.! Audrey—YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

Dear Palmer Moravian Friends;  
I would like to thank you very much for the delicious cookies I got from you. Thank you for your visits too. The cookies were very good.

Thank you,  
Catherine Werner  
Gracedale



We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the congregation for your generous outpouring of appreciation at Christmastime. We are blessed by these gifts and the gift of your support all year round. We look forward to a new year of serving alongside you in ministry. We are delighted to serve together here and enjoy the fellowship of our Palmer community.

Thank you!  
Darrell Sue Jan Kathy

### Thank you

The Holiday Committee of the Northampton County Department of Human Services would like to thank you for your involvement in our project this past holiday season. Due to your thoughtful generosity we were able to provide gifts for over 2,000 individuals. These individuals, particularly those without family of their own, are sincerely appreciative of your kindness.

I would especially like to thank your parishioners for adopting our children again this year. They really enjoyed their presents. The parents of the children were also very grateful and appreciative of all the presents they received. Without your help, these children would not have had a "Merry Christmas". You made the holiday season a lot brighter for these children. As always, you guys did a tremendous job.

Through the continued involvement from community members like you, we have been able to continue this yearly project and provide for many of our community's less fortunate individuals. We had a lot of people who could not help this year because of the economy, so we are extremely grateful that you were able to help out again this year.

Sincerely,  
Maryann Heck/ Melissa Hoch  
Christmas Committee

# RUMMAGE SALE

## !!! Save the Dates for our Spring Rummage Sale !!!

Thursday April 30—5:00—8:00 pm

Friday May 1st 5:00—8:00 p.m.

Saturday May 2 Bag Sale 9:00 a.m.—12 noon

We are starting to look for volunteers to set up, clean up and work the sale. This is a very worthwhile church fundraiser so look for sign up charts soon.

### QUILT SHOW



Mark your calendar for **September 19, 2020**

We will be having a quilt show ; displaying beautiful quilts, old and new, in our sanctuary.

Stay tuned for more information!



**Giant and ShopRite gift card orders are due by Sunday, February 16th for March cards.**

### JERSEY MIKES FUND RAISER

**Get Your Jersey Mike's Subs and Free chip and drink cards with a \$3.00 donation**

Cards must be used in the Easton location - no expiration date! Palmer Moravian receives the full \$3.00 donation for each card purchased. Order forms are available at church or contact Pat DeFreitas for more information [tigers2213@gmail.com](mailto:tigers2213@gmail.com) 908-510-1080

### From the Church Office...

**Change in phone number? Moving? New Baby?**

**Please contact the church office with any changes we need to make so we can keep in touch with you! [sue@palmermoravian.org](mailto:sue@palmermoravian.org) 610-253-2510**

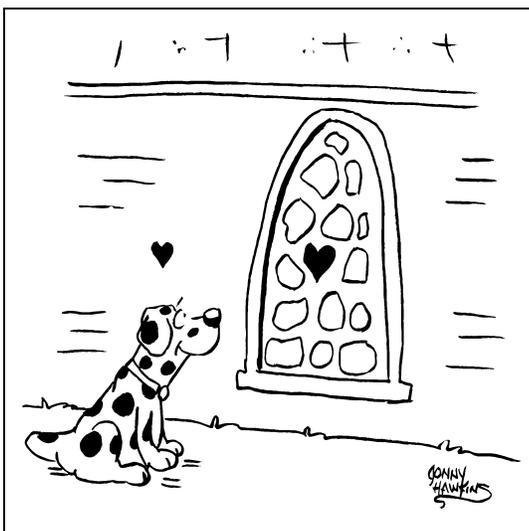
**Flower and Bulletin Charts for 2020 are now posted in the Gathering area. Why not sign up today to sponsor bulletins (\$15.00) or Flowers? Call the Flower Cart at 610-253-1744 or Mycalyns Floral 610-759-9060 and order whatever you wish!**

**Be sure to fill out a form and place it in the envelope by the charts so we know how you would like us to print your sponsorship in the bulletin. Thank you!**

### We Need Raisins!



We continue to support Backpack Pals of Easton by providing 6-packs of raisins for the children's backpacks. We have several raisin delivery to be made in the near future - and we are in need of raisins. Your raisin dollars will go far at Aldi where they are currently 95 cents for a 6-pack. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.



“Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always 'me first,' doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end. Love never dies” (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, MSG).

## JOIN THE YAH'S IN MARCH

### *Young At Heart's Senior Fellowship Group*

Everyone is invited to join us as we travel to an event at Moravian Hall Square in Nazareth on Tuesday, March 17 called "**Recycling is For the Birds**". Local craftsman Jack Jones will share how he creates beautiful, one of a kind birdhouses out of repurposed materials like barn wood dating back to mid-1800's. Following the program, we will enjoy lunch in the MHS cafe and have opportunity to browse the vendors at one of their winter community Market Days. We will meet at church at 9:30 am to car pool there since parking can be difficult. To sign up and for questions please contact Bonda Pfenning at 610-905-4985 or Ruth Gonzalez at 610-258-8460.

## HAPPENINGS IN OUR MORAVIAN COMMUNITY:

### MORAVIAN HOLY LAND TRIP

We have the opportunity to participate in a 10 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land, June 30—July 9 2020 visiting major Biblical sites in Nazareth, Capernaum, Caesarea, Jericho, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. There is an optional 5 day extension to "Cairo and the Route of Exodus" July 10-14. The all inclusive cost from NY Kennedy Airport starts at \$3,698 per person based on double occupancy. For more information, you may request a brochure by emailing [hopeton@centralmoravianchurch.org](mailto:hopeton@centralmoravianchurch.org) or visit the website [www.moraviantour.com](http://www.moraviantour.com)

**Camp Hope Kick Off Dinner**  
**East Hills Moravian Church**  
**18030 Butztown Rd.**  
**Bethlehem, PA 18017**

**Saturday, February 22, 2020**

Shake off those mid-winter blahs and start thinking about the 2020 camping season at CAMP HOPE! Featuring dinner, silent auction, camp songs, and more! For more information call 908-459-4435. More information is posted in the Palmer Moravian Gathering area or see Pastor Darrell.



*Do you love filling out a bracket for March Madness?*

*Do you want to learn a bit more about legendary and influential church leaders?*

*Then try something new this Lent!*

#### **Here's how LENT MADNESS works:**

- ◆ Take a booklet and a bracket.
- ◆ Skim through the short bios of each person in the booklet.
- ◆ Fill out the bracket choosing who you like best.
- ◆ Submit your completed bracket by **FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

*Each day during lent a public vote will be held on [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) to determine the "winner" of each matchup. You can vote too and help your own choices win!*

*Materials are available in the Gathering Area or through the church office.*

**Central Moravian Church's** Care for Creation committee is sponsoring a movie night at SteelStacks (Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas); The Pollinators, a documentary that follows migratory beekeepers who travel across the country with truckloads of honey bees to pollinate the flowers that become the fruits, nuts and vegetables we eat. Weds., Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. - tickets must be purchased (on line only) by Sunday, Feb. 9th!! <https://tickets.demand.film/event/9655> Please contact Joan Carson at 610-346-8012 or [jec1@lehigh.edu](mailto:jec1@lehigh.edu) if you have any questions.

### Part-Time Church Office

**Administrative Assistant Needed! (24 Hrs/Week)**  
**East Hills Moravian Church, Bethlehem PA**

Seeking an individual to provide secretarial, administrative and bookkeeping support to the Pastor, Lay Leaders, Music Director and other volunteers of the congregation as needed. This role serves as a primary channel of information for various church committees and outside organizations and the successful candidate will be responsible for numerous administrative functions. The ideal candidate will provide strong interpersonal skills and exhibit a pleasant demeanor. To apply, or for more information, please submit resume and cover letter to [office@easthillsmc.org](mailto:office@easthillsmc.org) to the attention of Pastor Derek French.



**Lent begins....**

This year, Lent begins on Wednesday, February 26, Ash Wednesday is a day of starting off with humility, hope and trust in the God who gives all of Godself in the use of passion, a Cross and an Empty Tomb! Join the faith community for worship at both 11:15 am and 7 pm

Both services will be held in the sanctuary. The imposition of ashes will be offered to all who desire that.

In March we will offer many special opportunities to partner with the Lord in forming our spirits, empowering our souls and teaching us truth. Let God grow your heart in Lent.

**Scout Sunday Observed**

We rejoice with the long running partnership we share as we charter Pack 11 here. On February 9th, at the 10:30 Traditional service, we will recognize the scouting program and have participants from the Pack share in worship. All day (at both 8:45 am New Horizon and the 10:30 service) we invite all girl and boy scouts, cubs, brownies of all ages to wear their uniforms to worship. We will offer gratitude and special prayers this day.



**February Music Opportunities**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 11:45 Hilltop Ringers	3	4	5 7:00 Music Committee	6 4:00 Kids' Choir	7	8
9 9:50 Sanctuary Singers 11:45 Hilltop Ringers	10	11	12	13 4:00 Kids' Choir 7:00 Sanctuary Singers	14	15
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23 8:45 Sanctuary Singers 9:50 Sanctuary Singers 11:45 Hilltop Ringers	24	25	26 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	27	28	29