

“Seeking health and life for all in unprecedented times”

Peace.

Take 3 deep breaths.

Thank God for the moment, your breathe, your eyes, your heart – your life.

“Today you will be with me in paradise.”

Jesus – to the condemned on the cross beside Him (from Luke 23)

As I write this we remain in uncharted territory. We walk together, in spirit, while keeping our social distance, in a global pandemic, moving in faith.

Christ is Alive. Our Redeemer lives. “Jesus, life of all the world, source and sum of all creation...Life you give is life indeed!” Margaret Clarkson © 1983, found in our MBW (Moravian Book of worship, hymn 363) This is the most unique Resurrection Day newsletter article I have ever written. We are living and acting and seeking health and life for all in unprecedented times.

Every day, sometimes, each hour, we hear new directives, new information and news that upsets our equilibrium. I am aware that it takes somewhere between 21 and 256 days to instill a new habit into one’s behavior.

I and many of us have been learning new skills in the last 2 weeks. It might not take too long for these new tech skills, healthy practices, unique generousities and fresh ways to connect to take an everyday task and incorporate it to the point that it can become solid in our routine.

Rev. Kerry Krauss, Moravian pastor at the sister Bay Moravian congregation in Wisconsin recently said: “The isolating, sheltering, minimalizing of the coronavirus era is a good thing for the church. The quarantine has forced us to learn new skills, new practices, new forms of being in a world from which we were increasingly disconnected.”

This challenges us – mightily. It may only take between two weeks and six months for this newness to become more comfortable and fruitful!

Let us – in the New life we live with Jesus Christ – continue to learn, grow and be transformed as we draw closer to our Redeemer. The church has a message of hope and resilient faith to show to the world. As we care, connect, give generously and serve all we experience new life joy and it spills over in the world.

We are currently, as directed, and in the hopes of health and stifling the COVID-19 virus, not gathering face to face for any of our ministry gatherings through April 30.

Yes, this seems like a very long time – we know. Our Joint board and our staff are doing all we can in acting in wisdom, caution, compassion and concern. Please know that we are really in need of your prayer support and your financial support in these days! We all are praying for all of you. We are so grateful for our members who are seeking the best, remaining patient, practicing good health conscious directives, connecting with other neighbors and church members and giving generously to our shared ministries.

Call the office at 610.253.2510 or my cell at 484.894.9078 to get any new information on our currently canceled gathered ministries. We are connecting by email, on Facebook and other remote platforms. Call someone today and stay in tough. This adds life to you and the person with whom you call and connect! Reach out in love.

Jesus came, died and rose. We receive new life.

As Michael Card says in his book, *A Violent Grace*, “Christ was stretched out between thieves, So we could know the reach of love.” Keep reaching, in love.

Grateful for Christ’s reach and our faith community’s witness of new life -

darrell, servant at Palmer



We are continuing to look for new ways to "Be the light of Christ" during this difficult time. We are asking for your help. As you know our local hospitals are not allowing patient visitations at this time and their staff is working hard and putting themselves at risk to care for these patients. We are teaming up with Lehigh Valley Health Network and making cards for both patients and staff at this time. If you have any cards at home, or would like to pick up some pre-stamped cards to color at home or have children make cards, we would be most appreciative. You can pick up these stamped or blank cards in the tote outside of the church doors in marked envelopes in our "Sunday school to go" tote. (This is a new ministry for our SS children so they can continue to hear stories of our amazing God from their homes). The cards can be returned back to this tote when finished (we ask that you make sure you use clean hands to work on these cards). Please do not seal the envelopes and mark on the envelope if the card is for a patient (Get well or thinking of you card) or for a staff member (thank you card).. They will then be transported to our contact person from the hospital.

We thank you as we continue to ponder how we can best minister to those in need outside of our church walls.

Please contact Kathy Sofie kathypalmermoravian@gmail.com

A NOTE FROM OUR EAGLE SCOUT:

Hello everyone! My name is Joseph Lipari. I am a Life Scout as a part of Troop 74 from Bushkill Township, Pennsylvania. I am currently working towards the highest rank in scouting, Eagle Scout. As part of attaining that, I am working on completing my Eagle Scout Project. This project is a big service project that involves creating something that will benefit or help out a non-profit organization. For my project, I will be creating a gathering area outside Palmer Moravian Church. Right now, there is an area near the church parking lot that is all overgrown with weeds, plants, sticks and other types of shrubs. The area has become untreatable and hard to manage. What I will be doing is going in and cleaning it out. On top of cleaning it out, I will be creating a concrete platform with a bench on top of it for people to sit on.

Around the platform will be an array of flowers and plants. This area will be used for wedding photos, reflection, or just gathering. Also, on top of that, there are several trees nearby that will be getting mulch around the base, just to improve the look.

Thank you so much for your support, it is greatly appreciated!

MASKS FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Got a sewing machine? Here's how you can help those on the frontlines of the coronavirus: <https://www.newsbreakapp.com/n/0OWdggEM?pd=04TEhtlv&s=i4>

This is an important opportunity for anyone who sews to help with the current serious need for medical masks for local healthcare workers. Our local hospitals simply can't get masks and this need is urgent as we are predicted to be dealing with surging numbers in the next few weeks.

Thank you for any assistance you can give with this project! If you have questions or need more information contact Sharon Bisci at 610-751-1586 or email her at mombisci@gmail.com





We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Verna Neimiller, who entered the nearer presence of the Lord on March 2nd, 2020. A service celebrating Verna's life was held at Strunk Funeral Home on Saturday, March 7th.

MEMORIALS

Memorial Gifts in memory of of Verna Neimiller were given by Tootie Brodhead and Family and Pastor Darrell Johnson, Gregory Brodhead.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE ONE STEP AT A TIME

The Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community is an annual fundraising walk that benefits local health and human service agencies.

The primary goal of the walk is to help participating organizations raise money for their individual missions. In 2019, the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community raised 1.4 million for the 209 participating organizations. One hundred percent of the funds raised through this event go directly back to the participating organizations.

Lehigh Valley Event Details

Where: DeSales University

When: **Saturday, May 30, 2020**

Important Times:

7:45 a.m. check-in and registration

9 a.m. 5K Walk

9:15 a.m.- 1 Mile Walk

Raise or donate \$30 and you'll receive a T-shirt while supplies last. You'll receive one raffle ticket for every \$50 that you raise or donate.

Refreshments and entertainment!

All routes are accessible to wheelchairs, electric scooters, strollers, etc. or more information visit

www.walkforahealthycommunity.org

MISSION OF THE MONTH

In February we collected \$779.39 to replenish our Good Samaritan Fund. Thank you for these contributions that will allow us to respond to the urgent financial needs of our members and friends. This is a tangible way to care for one another when we need it most. Donations toward the Good Samaritan Fund are welcomed throughout the year!

In April, our Mission of the Month will be the Campership Fund which provides financial assistance so all children can experience Camp!



Summer 2020 at Camp Hope

New Camps this year! August 2-8

Junior Lifeguarding (ages 11-14)

Outdoor Explorer (ages 11-16)

Cooking and Baking Camp (ages 11-16)

Conferences

Pre-primary (grade 1-2) June 21-24

Primary (grade 3-4) June 28-July 3

Middler (grade 5-6) July 5-11

Jr. High (grade 7-8) July 12-18

Sr. High (grade 9-age 21) July 26—August 1

Specialty Camps

Fishing Camp (grade 6-10) June 28-July 2

Swimming Camp (grade 3-6) July 19-25

Musical Theater Camp (grades 5-9) July 19-25

For more information contact Hope Conference

Center at 908-459-4435

NEW! Register and Pay Online!

Camphope.org/youth-conference

MATTIE'S STRUDEL HAUS LLC
Palmer Moravian Church

16 inch STRUDEL FUNDRAISER

We are selling homemade, authentic Hungarian Strudel to benefit the church. These delicious strudels are dough stretched thin and filled with fresh ingredients. No preservatives! The strudels are 16 inches long. They arrive frozen for freshness so they taste like they were just made! We are offering 6 different varieties:



- Caramel Toffee Apple (\$16) QTY: _____
- Pot Roast (\$17) QTY: _____
- Cheesesteak (\$17) QTY: _____
- Bacon Chicken Ranch (\$17) QTY: _____
- Taco (\$17) QTY: _____
- Veggie (\$17.) QTY: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Payment is due at the time of order PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PALMER MORAVIAN CHURCH. Deadline to place an order is 4/19/20, pickup your strudels on 5/2/20 in the Parking lot at 2:00 p.m. Please contact Sharon Bisci for more information - 610-751-1586

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS:

Our Spring Rummage sale has been postponed until a later date when we can safely gather your donations and hold the sale. Thank you to all who volunteered to help and to all who are saving donations for when we are able to hold the sale!

Rayla Stecker and Trudy Slawik

TWO EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH!



When you shop at Amazon remember to log into Amazon Smile and choose Palmer Moravian

Church. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Palmer Moravian Church when you start your shopping at smile.amazon.com. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

GIANT Gift Cards!



Do you Shop at Giant? If the answer is yes, please consider buying a Giant Card or two for whatever amount you choose to help support Palmer Moravian Church. Through Giant's Cash for Causes program we are able to purchase cards at a 5% discount and keep the profits when we sell them for face value. This is an easy but significant way for our church to fundraise. The deadline for ordering will be the third Sunday of the month, with your cards being available by the first of the next month.

See Kathy Carpenter or Barbara Wolf for more information.



“Sunday school to go” Bags

Each Monday, we will be making up 12 SS bags to go. Each bag will contain a SS lesson, craft and activity or coloring pages in it. They will also now contain a blank card and envelope in them with instructions so they can create a card for either a patient or a staff member of the LVHN. I will then collect these cards back in the same tote when they are finished and get them to a contact person from the hospital. We ask that you make sure you are using clean hands when you work on these cards. These “SS to go” bags will be right outside the church doors in a marked tote. I invite all SS parents, if you are in the area to stop by and pick up a bag for your child/children so we can continue our family and children’s ministry here at Palmer Moravian Church.

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| 1
Bruce Nicholas
Trudi Wilson | 15
Hunter Murray |
| 2
Robert Stem, Sr.
David S. Browne
Karen Murray
Kevin Cooley | 16
Donna Smith |
| 3
Matthew Brady | 17
Lois Wildrick
Joseph Gonzalez
Lee Kimble |
| 4
April Esterly
Eve Burdette | 18
Gail Fragassi
John Wexler |
| 5
James D. George
Jeanette Hammerstone
Andrew David
Kelly Ann Kosa
Beverly Kark
Janel Pauser | 19
Kendal Bartlett
Brooklynn Schoener
Lynne Fee
Sharon Rowe |
| 6
Karen Noel
Daniel Rex
Roberta Spain
Shannon Wilson
Noah Vangeli | 20
Kaitlyn Schneider
Janet L. Baker |
| 8
Kyle Wines | 21
Nancy Jamann
Donald R. Conover, Jr.
Evelyn Meyers |
| 9
Lincoln Palos | 22
Carolyn Strock
Ben Bargoil |
| 10
Michael Viscomi
Ashley Hooks
Charles Borger
Campbell Watt | 23
Landon Gary |
| 11
Ann McCollum
Charles Stackhouse, Jr.
Tammy Freer
Justin Patterson | 24
Rebecca Winter
Joyce Kocher |
| 12
John Haffner
David Oatis
Ann Marie Vittorio
Karin Vangeli | 25
Andrew Blickensderfer |
| 13
Amy Kimble | 26
Carl J. Brown
James Picot
Joe Pauser
Jonathan Borger |
| 14
Kaden Oliva
Richard Humes | 27
Robert H. Nausbaum
Erica Kish-Palos |
| | 28
Rachel Hartenstine |
| | 29
Tanner Kast |
| | 30
William Blickensderfer
Davis Houser
Patricia Wikert
William Biscik
Kelly Border
Ava Tate |

Save the Dates...

Looking ahead to our summer ministries

Mission Day Camp

Open to kids finishing 5-12th grade



June 22nd – 26th
9 AM to Noon

Vacation Bible school



Monday, July 20-24th
(note new week!)
6- 8:15 PM
Open to all Kids age 3 to grade 6

Fun For Kids



PUZZLE

Picturing the Lord's Supper

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.



Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.





And he took _____, gave _____ and _____ it, and gave

it to them, saying, "This is my _____ given for you; do this in

 _____ of me." In the same way, after the supper he

took the cup, saying, "This _____ is the new _____ in my

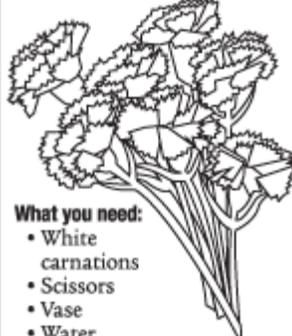
 _____ blood, which is _____ out for you."

LUKE 22:19-20, NIV

Answer: bread, thanks, broke, body, remembrance, cup, covenant, poured

Scripture AND NATURE

Conduct a simple experiment to illustrate Easter's meaning.



What you need:

- White carnations
- Scissors
- Vase
- Water
- Red food coloring
- Bible

What you do:

1. Cut the carnation stems (at an angle) to about 8 inches long.
2. Fill the vase halfway with water. Add 10 drops of food coloring. (More may be needed to darken the water.)
3. Add the cut flowers and observe what happens to the petals over time.
4. Discuss how this is like Jesus' work on the cross. Read 1 Peter 2:22-24 (NIV) and reflect on what his death means for us.
5. To learn more about this experiment, research capillary action.