



THE ADVANCE

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Upcoming Events

Moravian Seniors and Friends January 2 @ 11:30 AM
Holy Communion January 5
Winter Dinner January 19 following worship

2025 Watch Word

¹⁹You will again have compassion on us; you will hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.
Micah 7:19

JOIN US FOR A
Congregational
Winter Dinner
Sunday January 19th following worship
Drinks, ham, & turkey will be provided.
Bring a side dish or dessert to share.
All are welcome!



Breakfast with Santa



We had a great turn out for our breakfast with Santa. We had over 50 people attend; the food was delicious and we had lots of smiling children. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this a success! If you did not get to attend, there is always next year!

Sunday	Flowers Given by	Counters	Liturgists
01/05/2024	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons	Pastor Tammie
01/12/2025	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Wanamakers	Os Matthew
01/19/2025	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons	Emily Bolmer
01/26/2025	Open	Jim Kleintop & The Wanamakers	Peter Collier



Please remember to update the church office of any changes of address with us if you are moving or have moved recently. Home address, email address and/or phone number changes are needed. Please call 610-865-0256 or email to westsidemoravian@gmail.com with updates.

Inclement Weather

If we have any Inclement Weather, please tune into Channel 69 news to get updated information on Church Service postponement or cancelations. If you have any questions, please call the church office.



West Side Moravian Church now has online giving enabled through the Moravian Ministries Foundation. Online giving can be a way for people to support your church from afar, make memorial gifts in lieu of flowers, honor a loved one, schedule tithing, and more. <https://mmfa.info/west-side-moravian-church-pa-donation-form/>



One of the ministries offered within West Side Moravian Church is that of Spiritual Companionship, more commonly known as Spiritual Direction. Pastor Maggie Wellert meets with individuals in a ministry of deep, confidential, holy listening. In a safe, sacred space, you explore the invitation God offers to be in a deep relationship with you. We notice God's Presence, The Spirit's movement in your life, and explore the open doors Spirit offers for you to stretch and grow. God longs for us as much as we long for God, the true Director of this holy conversation. If you'd like to explore, reach out to Maggie at maggiewellert@gmail.com or 610-417-2803.

Seniors and Friends Upcoming Programs

BRING a Friend & a Sandwich.....Beverage and Dessert will be Provided!

January 2- 11:30 AM

Program by Grumpy Old men



Ted Rewak and Rick Santee, both from Bethlehem, have been friends for many years; Ted's wife is Rick's law partner. Ted is a court reporter and pianist who has played professionally for many years at local clubs and functions. Rick is an accordion player, for whom music is a hobby and therapy for his "day job."

Over the years the two have found themselves unexpectedly playing together at family gatherings and parties, so getting together to play as a duo just seemed natural.

The Grumpy Old Men (the name just seemed to fit!) began playing together a few years ago, primarily at nursing homes, retirement communities and senior citizen's gatherings. Theirs is a labor of love-they typically ask that a donation be made to a designated cause or charity in lieu of payment.

February 6- 11:30 AM



Presentation by Martha Capwell-Fox from the National Canal Museum

**The Lehigh Navigation:
How a waterway changed the Lehigh Valley and the Nation**

The Lehigh Navigation began as a way to deliver anthracite coal from Carbon County to Philadelphia. The waterway ingeniously incorporated the Lehigh River and canal sections dug into its banks. This new commerce and transportation route in the Lehigh Valley not only pushed the closed Moravian society of Bethlehem to open up, it ignited the American Industrial Revolution which had its birth in the Lehigh Valley and ultimately led to the development of Bethlehem Steel.



Christmas Poinsettias

In Memory of

Presented By

David G. Hall & Luther Keck Betty Lou Hall
 Terry Kleintop Jim Kleintop
 Our Parents..... Os & Tammie
 Pastor Keith Harke.....West Side Moravian Congregation
 Lisa L Bryd..... Linda L. Kopinga
 Judith Yochum..... Paul Yochum
 Mr. Ralph J. Wanamaker Sr (Fathe..... Darcy & Nan Ryder
 Mamboo, Pop Kleintop.....Linda McBride with much love
 Loved Ones.....Alice, Sandy, Chris-Speck
 Robert P. & Helen P. Snyder..... Sally & Emily Bolmer
 Walter & Gloria Bolmer..... Sally & Emily Bolmer
 Jason Albanese..... Sally & Emily Bolmer
 Loved Ones.....Cindy Durbin
 Timothy Stephen Branscom.....Megan Branscom
 John Joseph Breslin.....Jonalan Breslin

In Honor Of

Presented By

Our Children.....Os & Tammie
 The Joy & Beauty of Christmas.....Carol & Reed Acheson
 Nancy L. Wanamaker (Mother)...Darcy & Nan Ryder
 Sandra L. Albright (Godmother)Darcy & Nan Ryder





Mission Minute: BWM 2025 Watchword

In early December, the Board of World Mission staff gathered for a working retreat in Black Oak Lodge at Mt. Morris Camp in Wisconsin. The snowflakes were falling, the fire was crackling in the fireplace and the staff were gathered in comfy chairs under quilts on day two of our meetings. Our opening task for the day was to choose the BWM watchword for the coming year. To our surprise, the day that was randomly chosen was August 13th, a

Moravian High Holy Day. The text for that day is **John 3:21** and it comes to us from Jesus' midnight conversation with the inquisitive and troubled Pharisee, Nicodemus, who was desperately trying to understand the truth about Jesus' identity.

Truth, *aletheia* (in the Greek), is debated and explored in the Gospel of John. Most famously Jesus claims to be the truth, as well as the way and the life (John 14:6). In his face to face meeting with Pilate, the Roman Governor of Judea, Jesus states that his reason for being born is to testify to the truth. Pilate sputters out his frustrated response: What is truth??? (John 18:37-38)

We join in line with Pilate and Nicodemus, wanting to know the truth. In John 3:21 we get a hint: **“Those who do what is true (*aletheia*) come to the light so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”**

In the BWM Advent Calendar this past December, we were asked daily: When have we seen you a stranger, or sick, or hungry or thirsty? And fed you, cared for you, and welcomed you? Enacting compassion and love for humanity is the truth that Jesus lived and taught. When the BWM, the church and y'all come to the light this Epiphany season, doing deeds of care and compassion in God, then we have found the TRUTH (and the way and the life).



Collect Plastic to Recycle

Through the *Trex* Plastic Recycling Program, West Side is still collecting plastic to be recycled and made into outdoor benches. Please call the church office to arrange a drop-off time. Here's a reminder of accepted plastics: Accepted plastics include: pallet wrap and stretch film, grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziplock bags, produce bags, bubble wrap and air pillows, salt bags, and cereal bags. (NOTE: All plastic must be clean, dry, and free of food residue.)

Watch Sunday Morning Worship on Zoom

Tammie Rinker is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: West Side Sunday Service

Time: Sundays at 10:45 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

A few important notes:

- * We are still meeting in person, this is an addition to Sunday morning worship
- * This is not a livestream, just a simple Zoom
- * The camera only captures the chancel area, pews/people are not on camera
- * Those on Zoom are not visible to the congregation

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97555114627?pwd=dHBXLzRRZ2MyTS9xM0szNFd5Ymd6QT09>

Meeting ID: 975 5511 4627 Passcode: 226626

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aexCiQbkDS>

worship
with us



Please Pray For:

Prayer list:

Renewed each Christmas and Easter.
Please call or email the office with requests.

Lifting up our shut-ins and others that are homebound or living in retirement communities:
God of us all, share your love with us all. We ask a special blessing for those who are not able to get to church.

Weekly Watchwords for January

Week of January 5

Ephesians 1:9

⁹ God has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,

Week of January 12

Isaiah 43:1

***43** God said "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine."*

Week of January 19

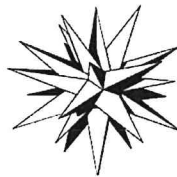
1 Corinthians 12:4-5

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord,

Week of January 26

Psalms 19:14

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.



The Prayer Chain can be activated by any member of West Side Moravian Church. Simply call any member of the Prayer Chain with your joy or concern and that information will be passed on so that your joy or concern will be held in prayer. As the Board of Elders is especially charged with the spiritual welfare of the congregation, they too will be informed of your prayer request.

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Please remove this page from THE ADVANCE, **and pray daily.**