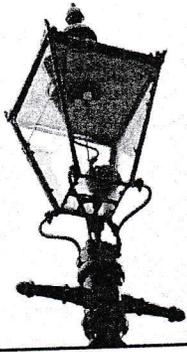
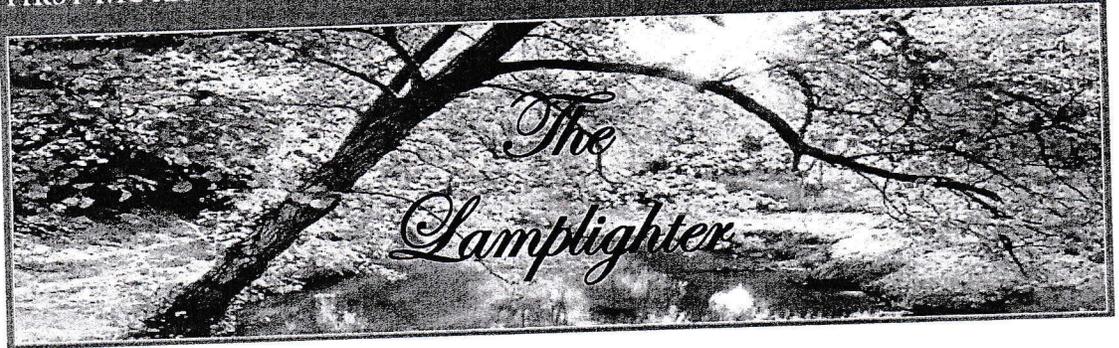


OCTOBER 2017



FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCH · 39 NORTH DUKE STREET · YORK, PA 17401



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 1:
10:30 am Worship with guest Pastor Carol Dague & Communion

Saturday, Oct. 7:
5:00 pm Candle Trimming & Covered Dish Social

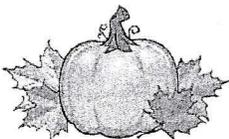
Sunday, Oct. 8:
10:30 am Worship with Rev. Stephen Nicholas

Saturday, Oct. 14:
Family Fun Event at the Maize Quest—
New Park, PA
Meet at Church at 9:00 am to carpool;
Admission: \$9 for group rate
Lunch on your own
www.mazefunpark.com

Friday, Oct. 20:
6:00 pm Dinner & Reed Organ Concert event

Monday, Oct. 23:
6:00 pm Diner's Club at Tokyo Diner

Sunday, Oct. 29:
A Celebration of Service for Don & Audris Eckert



The Power of YET

Thaddeus can get so frustrated! Especially when it comes to some of his school work. Once that frustration starts, we hear, "I can't do it" and "I will never get this." There are even times when the tears start to flow.

I am sure we all may have memories of those times when we felt like we couldn't do something or that it would never get easier. Some of those memories may end with us never getting it. But I think most of the time those situations ended with us succeeding! Things just might have taken a little bit longer.

That's the power of YET.

I can't do this . . . YET.
This doesn't work . . . YET.
I don't know . . . YET.
It doesn't make sense . . . YET.
I don't get it . . . YET.
I'm not good at this . . . YET.

So when things start to look like they are not going to get better or you will never make it through, remember the power of YET. But, more importantly, remember the power of God . . .

"We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it then. See it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing Him directly, just as He knows us!" (1 Corinthians 13:12, The Message Bible)



—Pastor Sayward

CROP WALK Sunday, Oct. 8th, 2:30 pm John Rudy County Park

This year marks the 48th year of the Annual York County CROP Walk. Help by making a donation payable to:

Church World Services-York Metro CROP Walk
c/o St. John Episcopal Church, Attn: Cathy Sowers
140 N. Beaver St., York, PA 17401

Moravian Disaster Relief Update

The BWM has made an initial distribution of funds to the Unity of the Brethren as rebuilding work begins in the greater Houston/Gulf Coast regions. On Sept. 25th, volunteers from the Western District in the Northern Province drove an MDR trailer to Texas pre-loaded with tools and other construction items. It also carried donations of construction materials from Southern WI congregations.

The BWM was able to get an update directly from congregations in Florida as a part of their recent district meeting. They have reported some damage to various church properties and member homes, but have not at this time identified a concentrated area of damage to require immediate assistance.

The BWM has been in contact with leadership of the EWI Province and they have reported the current difficulty of sustaining reliable and ongoing communications between many of the islands, particularly St. John and St. Croix. This tragic situation is still unfolding as Hurricane Maria has hit areas already impacted by Hurricane Irma. The situation in St. John is especially bad, and air travel to Tortola and St. Thomas has not been restored. An initial transfer of funds has been made to the EWI Province with more to follow as specific uses are identified.

Of particular note, we at First Moravian have collected a total of \$462.23 towards the Moravian Disaster Relief!!!

Sensory Room News

Last month we had to postpone the painting of the sensory room, but that ended up being a good thing! OT Liz Jones and another OT came in to look at the rooms to discuss color choices and lighting. Both OTs liked the existing wall color, which is awesome! All we need to do is buy a gallon of matching paint for touch-ups! We were able to buy two carpet remnants at Ollie's for the rooms. Both Lowes and Target have projection lights that could be used indoors or outdoors. A projection light in the Chill Room would be perfect. We are researching pricing and finding lights that have the option to vary the speed of the light movements and to provide multiple color settings. We are working hard at being good stewards of the funds that were given to us!

A Celebration of Service

Join us after worship on Sunday, October 29th as we recognize the many years of dedicated service of Don and Audris Eckert as our Treasurer and Financial Secretary. A simple "Thank You" isn't enough to convey our gratitude to these two extraordinary people for the years (and long hours) they have so faithfully served, and continue to serve, our congregation! A special program is being planned — there may even be some surprise guests! Linda Rishel is preparing a feast for all — meat-loaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad and rolls.

Guest Pastor Carol Dague, October 1st

Carol Dague is a retired pastor of the Moravian Church who served as Senior Pastor of College Hill Moravian Church and as Chaplain of Moravian Village in Bethlehem, among other positions. She and her husband, Keith, live in Lancaster and are members of the Lititz Moravian congregation where Carol teaches the Jr./Sr. High Sunday school class, sings in the choir, and chairs the Lititz Child Protection Committee.

October Lectors

- Oct. 1 Sharon Saylor
- Oct. 8 Cliff Rowell
- Oct.15 Heidi Robinson
- Oct. 22 John Rohrer
- Oct. 29 Chris Dobron

October Children's Chat

- Oct. 1 Carol Dague
- Oct. 8 Steve Nicholas
- Oct.15 John Knokey
- Oct. 22 Pastor Sayward
- Oct. 29 none needed

October Ushers

Volunteers Needed

October Nursery Staff

- Oct. 1 Diane Sprenkle
- Oct. 8 The Wurzbachs
- Oct.15 need volunteer
- Oct. 22 need volunteer
- Oct. 29 none needed

October Gatekeepers

- Oct. 1 Lance Sprenkle
- Oct. 8 Gary Paules
- Oct.15 need volunteer
- Oct. 22 Larry Sprenkle
- Oct. 29 need volunteer

2018 Girls' Retreat at Camp Hope

Girls in 3rd through 8th grades are invited to come to Camp Hope for a weekend of fun-filled learning, sharing, singing and crafting. We will focus on who we are in God's eyes, what helps us to grow deeper in our faith, what we can do to help others and why it's important to be a good friend. Cost for the weekend is \$75 which includes housing, food, many craft projects and fun! The dates are Friday, January 26—Sunday, January 28th. More information, registration and health forms are available by contacting: Rev. Jodie Harney at Mountainview Moravian Church, jlharney212@gmail.com, or by phone 610-838-9344. Space is limited to 40 girls so register soon!

Family Corner

School has been in full swing for a little over a month. When school starts, it becomes a scheduling nightmare for some families, with sports practice, games, after-school clubs and activities. Some days, families become like ships passing in the night. The kitchen table becomes a drop spot for permission slips to be signed and dinner comes in a grease-stained paper bag. Well, this month take back the kitchen table! Get everyone in the kitchen to make dinner TOGETHER! Carve out family time! Try this recipe (which has become a staple in the Lippincott house!)

PIZZA BAGELS (makes 4 depending on the appetite)

4 plain bagels, split	1/2 C shredded Mozzarella cheese
24 slices of pepperoni	1/2 C pizza sauce

Place bagels, cut sides up on a baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray. Top with pizza sauce, pepperoni and shredded cheese. Bake 10 minutes or until cheese is melted and desired crispiness is achieved. You can really put anything on these pizza bagels! Creativity is encouraged!

Our Church Family

Welcome to a new feature of the newsletter! Each month we will "introduce" you to one of our members with an informal question & answer interview. Look in your mail because each of you will be receiving one of these Q & A forms to complete! Each month, Chris will "draw from her hat" and randomly select one of YOU to be featured in that month's newsletter!



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1. What brought you to First? *My Mom actually brought me as a newborn baby. I never left!*
2. Who inspires you? *Other Christian women and mothers.*
3. What are you most passionate about? *Raising my children well.*
4. What are your hobbies? *Traveling, learning Spanish and running.*
5. What are the gifts God has blessed you with? *Singing*
6. What is your favorite movie? *Forrest Gump*
7. What is your favorite food? *Chicken wings*
8. If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would it be? *Anywhere I could practice my Spanish skills.*
9. If you could meet anyone living, who would it be and why? *President Barak Obama*
10. Is there anything you would like the church to keep in prayer for you? *Just for the Lord to be present in all of my needs and circumstances.*