



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Sun., Aug. 26**  
1:30 pm Swim Picnic at  
Connie & Victor's
- Mon., Aug. 27**  
6:00 pm Diner's Club at  
Red Lobster
- Fri., Aug. 31—Sun.,  
Sept. 2**  
Philadelphia St. lot closed  
for maintenance
- Mon., Sept. 3**  
**LABOR DAY—**  
**Church Office**  
**Closed**
- Sun., Sept. 9**  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
in the Sanctuary;  
Kidsfest restarts
- Sun., Sept 23**  
**First Day of Fall**  
8:00 am Prayer Pal  
Breakfast in  
Fellowship Hall
- Sun., Sept. 30**  
Covered Dish  
Snack & Yak  
following  
worship

**Courage Over Fear**

As I write this newsletter article we are gearing up for the first day of school. The boys start on Thursday, August 23rd. I am excited, but I would be lying if I said I wasn't a little worried about this school year. According to CCN on May 25, 2018, "We're 21 weeks into 2018, and there have already been 23 school shootings where someone was hurt or killed. That averages out to more than one shooting a week." That statistic is just for January 2018 through May 2018!

I hate that I have had the thought "2018 isn't over yet!" My worry is what will happen this coming school year. I don't think I am the only parent who is or has felt this way. The stats can be overwhelming and they can cripple us with fear if we let it. I want to share with you part of an article I read from the Dr. James Dobson Family Talk website:

*Know this: You may feel fearful at times, but you do not have to live in fear. You have a choice. I have a choice: Will I live by fear or by faith? You can stand strong in the face of adversity or uncertainty when the power of God is at work inside of you. It starts with choosing to put your faith in God, not your circumstances, and by choosing prayer over panic.*

*Jill Briscoe once said, "Courage is fear that has said its prayers." You can talk to God in prayer and release your fears — not hold onto them. Give to God your fears and doubts. Trust that He will take care of things — in His way and His timing — because He is stronger and wiser and more loving than you could every imagine.*

*Nothing is too hard for God. In dark times, the Lord is your Light. He will help you to see and not be afraid. In the storms of life, He is your steady anchor. So take heart and find renewed hope in this ancient wisdom from God's Word that is relevant today and every day.*

- Here are some helpful Bible verses to overcome fear:
- ◆ *I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day (2 Timothy 1:12)*
  - ◆ *The Lord is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)*
  - ◆ *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)*
  - ◆ *When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy. (Psalm 94:19)*
  - ◆ *Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe. (Proverbs 29:25)*
  - ◆ *"If you'll hold on to me for dear life", says God, "I'll get you out of any trouble. I'll give you the best of care if you'll only get to know and trust me. Call me and I'll answer, be at your side in bad times." (Psalm 91:14-15)*

*Prayer: Lord, I ask that you would give me renewed strength and faith instead of fear and doubt. Protect me and those I love. When I cannot see the way, be my light. Help me to look to You — and Your unwavering love for me — and not my circumstances. Help me to remember that You are willing and more than able to take care of whatever comes my way. I choose to trust You. Thank you for your peace. In Jesus' Name. Amen. (<https://www.drjamesdobson.org/blogs/living-single-blog/living-single/2016/08/05/06-encouraging-verses-to-overcome-fear?sc=VOF>)*



*—Pastor Sayward*

**Average Attendance in Worship**

August 2018 — 4 Sundays: 41.25  
August 2017 — 4 Sundays: 46.25

**Offerings—August 5-August 22**

General: \$5,323.00  
Refurbishing Fund: \$142.00  
Flower Fund: \$35.00  
Food Pantry: \$200.00  
Smith Book: \$60.09  
Parking: \$300.00  
Dividends: \$174.00

**Elders Report**

The Elders reviewed recent worship services. Pastor Sayward’s office hours will be hanging to Tuesdays and Thursdays. The requested Sensory Room office space is in preparations.

Upcoming activities: Graduate Recognition for Elisabeth Taylor on Sept. 9th; Prayer Pal Breakfast will on Sept. 23rd at 8:00 am in Fellowship Hall; A Snak & Yak Covered Dish on Sunday, Sept. 30th following All Ages Worship; Candle Trimming and Covered Dish Social on Saturday, Oct. 5th; and a Family Picnic/Hike on October 6th at Rudy Park.

Operation Christmas Child will kick off on Sunday, Oct. 28th with the last date for shoeboxes to be collected on Sunday, November 18th. We will once again have a turkey Friendsgiving Dinner on Harvest Home Sunday, Nov. 18th.

Linda Rishel will be leading an Adult Sunday School class focused on a study of Genesis. John Knokey will have new material for the High School/Young Adult class.

The large sign in front of the church will be updated.

**Trustees Report**

No meeting in August. Trustees will meet again on September 17th.

**Food Pantry**

**Please remember our Food Pantry needs:** pre-packaged food items, such as granola/energy/cereal bars, peanut butter crackers, snack-sized fruit cups, peanut butter, ramen soups, tuna/chicken salad snacks-to-go. Also personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, and soap. And clean grocery bags.

**Moravian News Briefs**

**Br. Chris Geisler**, pastor of Emmaus Moravian Church in Emmaus, PA, has accepted a call to serve on the staff of the Board of World Mission as Director of Mission Engagement. He will conclude his ministry at Emmaus on Aug. 26th and begin serving on the BWM on Sept. 8th.

Of note, please keep Br. Chris and his family in your prayers in the loss of his father, **Rev. John Geisler**, who passed into the more immediate presence of his Savior on June 7th.

**Sr. Jane Gehler**, pastor of Unionville Moravian Church in Unionville, MI, has accepted a call to Specialized Ministry to serve as Director of Spiritual Care at Marquardt Village in Watertown, MI beginning Sept. 10th.

**Br. Darrell Johnson**, pastor of the John Heckewelder Memorial Moravian Church in Gnadenuhnten, OH, has accepted the call to serve as pastor of the Palmer Moravian Church in Easton, PA. He will begin at Palmer on September 20th. His wife, **Sr. Christine Johnson**, pastor of the Fry’s Valley Moravian Church in New Philadelphia, OH, has been given a leave of absence so she may accompany Darrell when he moves to the Lehigh Valley.

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The **Board of World Mission** is asking for donations to help their outreach ministry, the **Moravian Disaster Response**, continue their recovery efforts in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Port Arthur, TX, those areas which were hardest hit by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma last year. There is still a great need for both funds and volunteers as the MDR continues to work with those devastated communities and the victims in helping to rebuild schools, churches and private homes, especially as hurricane season approaches again.

Donations can be made online by going to [moravianmission.org/give](http://moravianmission.org/give). Please use the online giving form, and in comments, designate the donation for “Moravian Disaster Response.” Donations can also be sent directly to Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. In the memo line of any checks, please write “Moravian Disaster Response.”

Anyone interested in traveling to one of these sites as part of a work team should email [jill@moravianmission.org](mailto:jill@moravianmission.org) to indicate interest and to make sure that they are included in any future email requests for volunteers.

## Worship Survey Results & Fall Schedule

The ballots have been counted and the results reveal that our congregation is in favor of remaining in the sanctuary for the year and only moving to the air-conditioned Fellowship Hall for worship during the hot summer months.

**Our summer worship schedule concludes September 2nd in Fellowship Hall. We will return to the sanctuary on September 9th. Sunday School will resume at 9 am beginning September 9th.** All Ages Worship will continue the last Sunday of each month with Praise Songs and a modified service. **Kidsfest will also resume September 9th.**

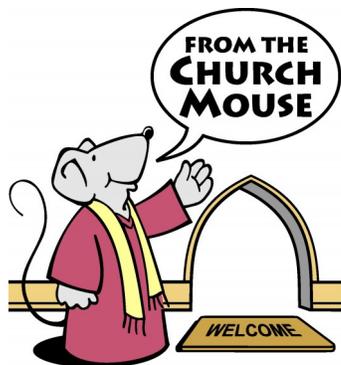
### Parking Lot Resurfacing

We have received notice that the Philadelphia Street lot will be closed for resurfacing and line painting from Friday, August 31st through Sunday, September 2nd. Street parking and parking in the Child Care Services lot on the south side of the church will be available for Sunday's service. The dates are subject to weather conditions.

## 2019 Moravian Young Adult Youth Convo

Attention all youth aged 18-26 years ... Explore your Moravian Mission Roots and walk in the steps of the first Moravian missionaries!! Experience this opportunity with other young adults from across the Northern and Southern Provinces from June 25-July 3, 2019. Participants will spend time in Hands-On Mission Work in the U.S. Virgin Islands of St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas, islands which were badly damaged from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma last year.

Save the date! And watch this newsletter for more details as we get them!



### Worship Wednesday!

Check out First's Facebook page on Wednesdays!

Every Wednesday there will be a "mini" personal worship devotion to get you through the rest of the week!



### Diners' Club

Please consider joining our delightful little group — and **bring a friend or two** for some **quality mingling with fellow Christians!**

August 27: Red Lobster  
 September 25: Round the Clock Diner East  
 October 23: First Post  
 November 27: Texas Roadhouse

### September Lectors

Sept. 2 Bryan Bailey  
 Sept. 9 Sharon Saylor  
 Sept. 16 Christine Dobron  
 Sept. 23 Cliff Rowell  
 Sept. 30 Heidi Robinson

### September Children's Chat

Sept. 2 Pastor Sayward  
 Sept. 9 John Knokey  
 Sept. 16 need volunteer  
 Sept. 23 need volunteer  
 Sept. 30 none needed

### September Ushers

Volunteers Needed!

### September Nursery Staff

Volunteers on an As-Needed basis

### September Gatekeepers

Sept. 2 Larry Sprenkle  
 Sept. 9 Lance Sprenkle  
 Sept. 16 Gary Paules  
 Sept. 23 need volunteer  
 Sept. 30 need volunteer

## Sensory Room News

At First we believe we are all fearfully and wonderfully made by God. But we live in a world that says some people are better than others, some will go farther than others, and some are more deserving than others. As Christians, we know better! We try every day to live lives that reflect our love for God and our love for others. It is out of that love for God and for others and out of our willingness to remove any hindrance, that we created the Sensory Rooms.



Our **Deep Space Room** (left) is a quiet Calming Space designed and equipped to help children diffuse excess energy and aggression. After just a few minutes, kids will “chill out” and reset their mood to get ready to sit, focus, and learn for hours! It helps to reduce disruptive behaviors, anxiety and frustration.

The **Sky High Room** (below) is the big muscle and movement room, a place for play and action. This room is also designed to help reduce disruptive behavior, to support self-esteem and academic progress, and to aid with the challenge of ADHD, learning delays, sensory issues, and autism.



First also has a Sensory Resource Room (the former Men’s Sunday School classroom). Books and toys are stocked and provided that can be checked out, used at home, then returned to the Sensory Resource Room. We also provide directions for making simple toys that can be used at home to help families expand the work of the therapy sessions and the Play Group.

The **Sensory Play Group**, the brainchild of Liz Jones, occupational therapist, and Rande Fregm, a behavior specialist, is a collaborative effort between the York-Adams County Early Intervention program, the Connections Early Intervention and Supports program, and First Moravian Church.

The Play Group serves children and families in the surrounding area. In the Play Group setting, children can interact while receiving specialized interventions they may need. It also provides an opportunity for parents to interact with each other and find a place of support and education. A second Play Group will be added in September as the need for this kind of specialized therapy continues to grow.

Our website now provides a link for professionals to reserve times with their clients to use one of both of the sensory rooms. (<https://www.yorkfirstmoravian.org/sensory-rooms/>)

## Newsbriefs Within Our Community

Last month, NENA was awarded a community fund grant through the York County Community Foundation. The funds will help with the demolition of old garages behind Chrystal’s Place. The work will allow for additional green space and parking for patrons at the NENA Food Pantry. Thank you YCCF, for supporting this initiative to keep the Northeast Neighborhood lean, green, and safe.

**Coffee and More** York C.A.R.E.S. for the Homeless recently opened the Coffee Spot, a safe and comfortable place where people dealing with homelessness can gather to rest and relax. Located at 114 S. Duke St., the Coffee Spot is open Monday through Friday from 1:00—2:30 pm. Mail and other services are also available there.



### Birthdays

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|----------|------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Sept. 1  | Kristi Zeigler         | Sept. 17 | Lance Sprengle  |
| Sept. 2  | Dalton Neil            | Sept. 17 | Larry Sprengle  |
| Sept. 7  | Michael Rishel         | Sept. 20 | Ruth Seiple     |
| Sept. 10 | Rev. David Danneberger | Sept. 25 | Doug McDannell  |
| Sept. 10 | Rich Wurzbach          | Sept. 25 | Owen Senft      |
| Sept. 12 | Christine Downs        | Sept. 29 | Marie Enterline |
| Sept. 14 | Tyler Sprengle         | Sept. 30 | Maria Prochnau  |



### Anniversaries

- Sept. 11 Tim & Betsy Senft  
 Sept. 19 Richard & Lori Lehigh  
 Sept. 29 Kevin & Pastor Sayward Lippincott



### Prayer Concerns

#### Members and Friends

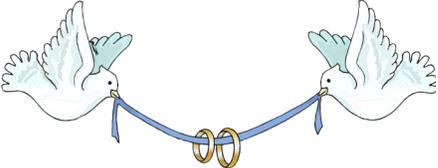
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| Amy Ardison (Betsy Senft's sister) | Stanley Remley        |
| Jeanne Barshinger                  | John Rishel           |
| Miriam Boll                        | Karrie Rishel         |
| Don & Audris Eckert                | Cliff & Elaine Rowell |
| Marie Enterline                    | Ruth & Clair Seiple   |
| Peg & John Knaub                   | Wes Senft             |
| Glenn & Cheri Miley                | Lewis Swartz          |
| Kathie Nicholas                    | Mary Jones            |
| Sue Paules                         |                       |
| Samuel Pauley                      |                       |

**Directory Update  
New Phone Number**

Shawn Shaffer  
717-292-5436

#### Shut-Ins

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Jeanne Barshinger | John Rishel  |
| Miriam Boll       | Lewis Swartz |
| Marie Enterline   |              |



*Congratulations to  
Lindsey Shortt & Justin Messersmith  
who were married on  
Saturday, August 11, 2018*

**In Memoriam**

Christian sympathies to the family of  
Cindy Leiphart  
who entered into the more  
immediate presence  
of her Savior on  
Saturday, August 18, 2018



## Family Corner

The kids are back at school and the daily schedule is about to get crazy! It's hard to get everyone around the table for dinner before everyone needs to be off and running! So, how about a quick recipe that will give you more time to check in with everyone around the table! Easy French Dip Sliders! Serve them with a simple salad, raw veggies, chips or fries. This is one recipe everyone can help to make!

### Easy French Dip Sliders

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 12 sliders

from Chelsea's Messy Apron, <http://www.chelseasmessyapron.com/easy-french-dip-sliders/>

<b>Ingredients:</b> 2T unsalted butter, softened 12 Hawaiian sweet rolls (12 rolls total) 1 pound deli roast beef* 12 slices Provolone cheese, separated 1 ½ C French fried onions (optional) * You can also use deli-sliced turkey or ham	<b>Seasoning:</b> 8 t unsalted butter 1 packet Au Jus seasoning mix, separated 1 t Worcestershire sauce 1T toasted sesame seeds ¾ t dried minced garlic ½ t onion powder ½ t seasoned salt (optional)
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1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Butter the bottom of a 9 x 13 baking dish with the softened unsalted butter.
3. Without separating the rolls, slice the rolls in half. Place the bottom half of the rolls in the baking dish. Top with 6 slices of the cheese, roast beef, French fried onions, the remaining 6 slices of cheese, and the other half of the rolls.
4. In a small bowl, melt the butter in the microwave, Mix in 1 T of the Au Jus seasoning mix, Worcestershire sauce, sesame seeds, dried minced garlic, onion powder, and seasoned salt. Whisk until well combined.
5. Top the rolls evenly with ¾ of the mixture. (Reserve the rest of the mixture for later in the recipe)
6. Bake the sliders uncovered until the cheese is gooey and the tops of the rolls are golden brown (about 15-20 min.)
7. Remove and cut the sliders apart with a sharp knife.
8. While the sliders are baking, take the remainder of the mixture and place in a small saucepan. Add 2 C cold water and whisk over medium heat. Bring to a boil then reduce the heat to a simmer to allow it to slightly thicken. Serve with the sandwiches.



### A Story of Tragedy & Triumph

**Paula and Joseph McCoy\*** set off this summer for the Defenders Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club convention in Louisville, KY. They made a pit stop at Hillbilly Hot Dogs in West Virginia, which, believe it or not, boasted a wedding chapel, so the couple decided to celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary by renewing their vows. The next day, their trip took a turn for the worst. Near Nashville, IN, something ran out in front of their motorcycle, and, in trying to avoid a collision, the bike flipped over. The McCoys made it to Louisville, in separate helicopters flown to a local hospital. Paula required four surgeries in as many days to repair fractures in her wrist, femur, clavicle, lumbar spine and ribs, in addition to a shattered shoulder blade and an additional surgery to redo her hip replacement damaged in the crash. Joseph suffered both fractured ribs and vertebrae. Both had head injuries as well, even though they had been wearing their helmets. After days in the ICU, the couple graduated to a rehabilitation unit. But they wanted to go home to recuperate at Wellspan Rehab. During the transfer trip to York, a tire blew out on the ambulance, also damaging the ambulance. After 90 minutes, they were rescued by a road crew who took them to a gas station to wait for a second ambulance. By then, Paula's condition had deteriorated and she was rushed by the second ambulance to a nearby hospital where she stabilized. Hours later, a third ambulance transported them back to York. Now at home with family, their minds aren't on travel, but of rehabilitation and recovery. Both need to wear white torso braces to support their spine and ribs. What will they do when they no longer need to wear them? "I think we'll use them as Halloween costumes," Paula said. "We'll be storm troopers."

**\*Paula is the sister of Diane Sprenkle and is a case management assistant at York Hospital. Her husband, Joseph, is a Marine Corps veteran and a local corrections officer.**

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SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

## 2018 Watchword

Let us fear the Lord our God, who gives the rain in its season, the  
autumn rain and the spring rain, and keeps for us the weeks  
appointed for the harvest.

Jeremiah 5:24