



OCTOBER 2021

# THE LAMPLIGHTER YORK FIRST MORAVIAN

## **A Note From Pastor Sayward**

Dear Beloved First Moravian,

We have gotten moved in but boxes probably wouldn't be fully unpacked for a year! The water that Hurricane Ida deposited into the basement of the parsonage is Lititz is gone and things are dry. We have officially been installed at Lititz.

We want to thank all of you for the beautiful painting. The colors in that work of art are so vibrant and amazing. And also for all of your cards and emails of appreciation and well wishes!

Thank you also for the monetary gift. None of the gifts would have been necessary, your love and prayers would and always be enough. Thank you none the less!

We miss you all and will always treasure our time with First and all of you!!

Stay Salty and Shine Bright,

Pastor Sayward, Kevin, Thaddeus, Spencer and Hadessah

## **Important Dates and Information**

Prayer and Bible Study every Wednesday at 7pm. Contact John Knokey if you'd like to attend!



## Elders and Trustees News

### Unified Board Meeting

The first unified board meeting was held September 20th, via Zoom. Worship was reviewed. It was agreed upon to return hymnals to the pews. Worship planners have been selected for November. We are also looking for gatekeepers during worship service. There will be a sign up sheet outside of the sanctuary. The painting on the Annex is expected to be started in early October. We will also be obtaining quotes for painting on the parsonage. There are other repairs and cleaning to take place as well. We will continue the unified meetings until the end of the year. On October 2nd we will meet with Melissa Johnson - District President to begin the call process. The process is listed on the next page.



<b>Total Income &amp; Offerings from Sundays 9/5/2021 to 9/26/2021:</b>	
General	\$5,205.00
Refurbishing	\$157.00
Parking	\$50.00
Memorial Fund	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,452.00</b>

A very special thank you to all for the wonderful "love donation" we were able to give Sayward, Kevin & family! We were able to present them with \$2,410.00, as well as a beautiful framed artist picture of our church.  
Thank you!

## Pulpit Supply

Below you will find our current pulpit supply for October.

### Sunday, October 10:

Worship planner - John Knokey  
Preaching - Ken Ross

### Sunday, October 17:

Worship planner - Lindsey Robinson  
Preaching - Lloyd Purswell

### Sunday, October 24:

Worship planner - Jeannette Sprenkle  
Preaching - Bishop Blair Couch, retired pastor of  
Calvary Moravian Church, Allentown, PA

### Sunday, October 31:

Leading Worship - Stan Senft  
Preaching - Steve Nicholas



### HOW WILL WE GET A NEW PASTOR?

Our Joint Board of Elders and Trustees has discussed our situation with the departure of Pastor Sayward. We considered part-time pastors, students, and perhaps sharing Covenant's pastor. We much prefer calling our own pastor, even if we need to dip into our endowment funds to pay their salary. If we cannot secure a full time pastor, then we will consider the other alternatives.

Saturday, October 2, we are meeting with The Rev. Melissa Johnson, the President of the Moravian Church, Eastern District, to begin the process of calling a pastor. Many of our members already know that in the Moravian Church, a pastor is not assigned to the church, as in the Methodist and other churches. The District President will propose several pastors who may meet our needs, then the Joint Board will vote on whom to call. In agreement between the congregational Joint Board, and the District President to call a pastor. This means that no pastor can be forced upon a congregation, nor can the local congregation call a pastor whom the larger denomination feels is unsuitable. For instance, we could not call pastor Sayward to come back because the District President would veto such a call. Nor could we call a pastor from another denomination, or from an independent church, unless they were acceptable to the Moravian Church. In theory, this call process protects BOTH the congregation and the denomination from unsuitable calls. It is also necessary for the details of calling a pastor to be kept confidential, so please do not ask any Elder or Trustee whom we are considering calling to be our pastor. Should such details leak out, it could create an unfortunate mess. Suppose we are considering calling pastor Jones, the District President agrees, and sends him/her a letter of call. What would happen if someone from the congregation pastor Jones serves were to find out he/she is considering a call? No, the call must stay between the church boards, the District President, and the Lord. However, while we ask our members to be patient and wait for the person whom the Lord wishes to come to First, we do earnestly request your prayers for everyone involved in this process. - Rev. Steven Nicholas

## October Birthdays

- 3 Jane Kerchner\*
- 6 Lindsey Messersmith
- 9 Stephanie Bish  
Kody Neil\*
- 11 Mary Wurzbach
- 16 Rudolph Moore
- 24 Betsy Senft  
Terri Zeigler

For pastoral care until  
our new Pastor is received,  
please feel free to call any of the  
3 elders listed below.

Jeannette Sprenkle 717-225-4304

John Knokey 717-848-9220

Steve Nicholas 717- 755-7412

**\*Please do not call Steve  
on a Monday\***

## October Anniversaries

- 8 Timothy & Georgia Rishel
- 10 Aaron & Rachel Eckert
- 12 David & Carolyn Bailey  
Richard & Melissa Wurzbach



## Prayer Concerns

- Amy Ardison (Betsy Senft's sister)
- Pastor Jeff Coppage
- Ann Coppage
- Don Eckert
- Mary Jones
- Peg & John Knaub
- Glenn & Cheri Miley
- Kathie Nicholas
- Sam Pauley
- Stanley Remley
- Karrie Rishel
- Cliff & Elaine Rowell
- Ruth & Clair Seiple
- Wes Senft
- Jim Rabine



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## **2021 Watchword**

Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that hovers over its young, the Lord spread his wings and caught his people, he carried them on his pinions. - Deuteronomy 32:11