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St. Patrick
bishop and patron saint of Ireland

St. Patrick, (flourished 5th century, Britain and Ireland; feast day March 17), patron saint and national apostle of Ireland, credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland and probably responsible in part for the Christianization of the Picts and Anglo-Saxons. He is known only from two short works, the *Confessio*, a spiritual autobiography, and his *Letter to Coroticus*, a denunciation of British mistreatment of Irish Christians.

Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At age 16 he was torn by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, Calpornius, a deacon and minor local official, and carried into slavery in Ireland. He spent six bleak years there as a herdsman, during which he turned with fervor to his faith. Upon dreaming that the ship in which he was to escape was ready, he fled his master and found passage to Britain. There he came near to starvation and suffered a second brief captivity before he was reunited with his family. Thereafter, he may have paid a short visit to the Continent.

The best-known passage in the *Confessio* tells of a dream, after his return to Britain, in which one Victoricus delivered him a letter headed “The Voice of the Irish.” As he read it, he seemed to hear a certain company of Irish beseeching him to walk once more among them. “Deeply moved,” he says, “I could read no more.” Nevertheless, because of the shortcomings of his education, he was reluctant for a long time to respond to the call. Even on the eve of reembarkation for Ireland he was beset by doubts of his fitness for the task. Once in the field, however, his hesitations vanished. Utterly confident in the Lord, he journeyed far and wide, baptizing and confirming with untiring zeal. In diplomatic fashion he brought gifts to a kinglet here and a lawgiver there but accepted none from any. On at least one occasion, he was cast into chains. On another, he addressed with lyrical pathos a last farewell to his converts who had been slain or kidnapped by the soldiers of Coroticus.

Careful to deal fairly with the non-Christian Irish, he nevertheless lived in constant danger of martyrdom. The evocation of such incidents of what he called his “laborious episcopate” was his reply to a charge, to his great grief endorsed by his ecclesiastical superiors in Britain, that he had originally sought office for the sake of office. In point of fact, he was a most humble-minded man, pouring forth a continuous paean of thanks to his Maker for having chosen him as the instrument whereby multitudes who had worshipped “idols and unclean things” had become “the people of God.”

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Elders News

The Elders met on February 13, 2023. Worship services were reviewed, and pulpit supply was planned for the upcoming month. Plans were made for Holy Week and Easter service. Calls and visitations were made to our shut-ins. Please pray for our church as we continue to work with Melissa Johnson, President of the Eastern District Executive Board in search of a new Pastor. The next Elder's meeting will be held on Monday, March 13th at 7pm via zoom.

Trustees News

The Trustees met on February 15th, 2023. Maintenance/repairs for the annex, church and parsonage were reviewed. There is a work date set for Saturday, March 4th at the church from 9am - 12pm if anyone would like to help. Please see Cliff Bergstresser or Lance Sprenkle for details. The Treasurer's report given by Wanda Hendricks was reviewed and approved. The next Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15th at 7pm via zoom.

Did you know...

We have an online giving portal! If you prefer to catch the service via Zoom you can send your offering online! Just go to

- mmfa.info
- click Giving Portal at the top
- Click 'F' and select First Moravian Church - York, PA

If you prefer to mail your offering you can send it direct to:

Wanda Hendricks
3715 Fox Chase Drive
Dover, PA 17315

Total Income & Offerings from Sundays 2/5/2023 - 2/26/2023

General	\$ 5,434.00
Refurbishing Fund	\$225.00
AT&T Dividends	\$96.58
Parking	\$50.00
Morgan Stanley Withdrawal	\$4,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 9,805.58
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,050.87

Upcoming Guest Pastors

March 5 - Rev. Robin Turner
March 12 - Rev. Ken Ross
March 19 - Mr. Lloyd Purswell
March 26 - Rev. Terry Folk
(Anniversary - Lovefeast)

March Birthdays

- 1 Wanda Hendricks
- 3 Sadie Wurzbach
- 5 River Robinson
- 7 Pastor Sayward Lippincott*
- 10 Bob Taylor
- 11 Alianna Saylor
- 19 Hayley Teal
- 24 Chloe Senft
- 25 Sharon Saylor
- 26 Pyper Robinson
- 29 Jemon Grant*
- 30 John Rohrer

March Anniversaries

- 16 Samuel & Jaylynn Pauley
- 24 Clair & Ruth Seiple



Prayer Concerns

- Amy Ardison (Betsy Senft's sister)
- Pastor Jeff Coppage
- Ann Coppage
- Don Eckert
- Mary Jones
- Kathie Nicholas
- Karrie Rishel
- Cliff & Elaine Rowell
- Ruth & Clair Seiple
- Jemon Grant
- Gary Paules

For pastoral care until our new Pastor is received, please feel free to call any of the three Elders listed below:
Jeannette Sprenkle 717-424-5636
John Knokey 717-848-9220
Steve Nicholas 717- 755-7412
Please do not call Steve on a Monday

See last page for Camp Hope information.

Updates from Camp Hope:

There are many opportunities available at Camp Hope, with something available for everyone - children, youth, adults, families, and church groups!

Adult Mission Camp:

Each Spring, a group of volunteers spend time at camp getting the buildings and grounds ready for the upcoming season. Even though camp hosts rental groups throughout the year, the "off season" can be tough on the property. Our Property Manager can use lots of help getting things spruced up! There are projects for all levels of skill and ability, and you will be working alongside others who love Camp Hope.

P.S. Please note, if you have recently aged out of summer camp, this is a great way to spend time at camp and give back to the place that holds a special place in your heart!

Working with Kids

Camp Hope relies on volunteers to implement programming and supervise the campers. We already have our Program Deans in place for each week, but we still need both male and female volunteers to help supervise the campers.

As a Cabin Counselor, you will sleep in the cabins with the campers and supervise them as they move through their activities throughout the day. All cabins have attached bathrooms with sinks, toilets, and showers -- no stumbling to the bathhouse in the middle of the night! There are always two adults assigned to each group of up to 10 campers. The minimum age to be a counselor is 18.

Employment Opportunities

While we rely on volunteers for the direct supervision of the campers, we also hire paid staff to work at camp for 6 weeks, from mid-June until the beginning of August. This includes 1 week of paid training and 5 weeks of camper sessions. Ideally, we aim to hire a total of 10 to 12 paid summer staff.

Again, camp can not happen without these employees in place, so please search your heart and prayerfully consider working at Camp Hope this summer. In addition to getting paid to be at camp, you will earn valuable skills (both "hard" and "soft" skills) to put on your resume and carry throughout your life.

Spring Fling

Join us on May 13th from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. for our Spring Fling. This is chance to participate in camp activities, enjoy a cookout, and sing around the campfire. Have a potential camper who is hesitant to come to overnight camp? Bring them to Spring Fling. They can tour camp and meet some of the people who will be their deans and counselors this summer.

Memorial Day Weekend Family Cabin Rental

A decades-old tradition, Memorial Day Weekend at Camp Hope is a time to kick off summer at your favorite place. Bring your own food to cook and enjoy the pool, boating, and time around the campfire.

Visit <https://www.CampHope.org/> to learn more!

Camp Hope Announces 2023 Summer Camps

To find more information or to register for camp, go to www.CampHope.org/summer-camps-2023

Completed Grades 1 & 2

- June 28 - July 1, 2023
- You're young, curious, and ready to go, but how can you make a difference in this big world? Come to Camp Hope and sample everything it has to offer in this special short program for early elementary campers.

Completed Grades 3, 4 & 5

- July 16 - 22, 2023
- This week you will have the opportunity to make new friends and to come to a deeper understanding of your faith. First time and seasoned campers alike will share in a spirit-filled week of camp.

Completed Grades 6, 7 & 8

- July 9 - 15, 2023
- Our everyday lives are full of countless joys and challenges, opportunities, and distractions. At Junior High Conference, we will spend the week exploring who God is, what it means to be a Christian, when you can talk to God (that's easy, it's all the time), where God is, and how we can be the hands and feet of Christ for others.

Completed Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

- July 30 - August 5, 2023
- A spiritual and deeply moving experience, this conference provides the opportunity to explore your relationship with Christ. There will be lots of opportunities to connect with new and old friends, strengthen your faith, develop a caring community, and share a lot of fun together.

Musical Theater Camp (Completed Grades 6, 7, 8 & 9)

- July 23 - 29, 2023
- This specialty camp for performers will give campers a taste of all aspects of musical theater, from singing and choreography to backstage crew. The camp will culminate in two public performances of *Acts*.

Swim Camp (Completed Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6)

- July 23 - 29, 2023
- This fun-filled specialty camp provides an opportunity for campers to learn and practice new swimming skills. Classes are designed and supervised by our Water Safety Instructor assisted by the lifeguards and counselors.

Junior Lifeguarding Camp (Completed Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

- June 25 - July 1, 2023
- Junior Lifeguarding has a strong focus on developing swimming skills to help participants meet the Lifeguarding course prerequisite. The course also introduces participants to lifesaving skills, such as in-water rescues, use of a rescue tube, and first aid, CPR, and AED. Participants also have the opportunity to shadow lifeguards in rotation to get a real sense of being on the job.

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2023 Watchword

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:7