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THE LAMPLIGHTER YORK FIRST MORAVIAN

FROM THE PASTORS' DESK:

DEPENDENT ON THE LORD

ONE OF OUR DAUGHTER'S FAVORITE NEW PHRASES IS "GOD WILLING." SHE IS IN THE PHASE OF REPEATING MOMMY AND DADDY RIGHT NOW. IT'S BEEN HAPPENING SO OFTEN THAT WE SOMETIMES REFER TO HER AS OUR LITTLE PARROT.

A PHRASE PASTOR SANETTE AND I OFTEN SAY IS "GOD WILLING." WE HAVE A LOT OF HOPES AND DREAMS, PLACES WE'D LIKE TO TRAVEL, THINGS WE'D LIKE TO DO, EVEN SIMPLE PLANS FOR OUR SABBATH DAY ON MONDAYS. WE LIKE TO GET UP AND GO AND MAKE IT HAPPEN AND ASSUME IT WILL HAPPEN AS WE AWAIT THE DAY TO COME. BEFORE WE GET TOO EXCITED AND TOO AHEAD OF OURSELVES, THOUGH, WE HAVE TO STOP AND REMIND OURSELVES, "GOD WILLING." "WE'LL GO TO THE MALL TOMORROW, GOD WILLING." OR WE'LL SAY TO ESTHER, "GOD WILLING, WE'LL TAKE YOU TO THE PARK TOMORROW" (SHE DOESN'T ALWAYS LIKE THIS RESPONSE BECAUSE SHE'D MUCH RATHER DO IT TODAY!). WE WOULD LIKE TO ASSUME THAT EVERYTHING IS GOING TO WORK OUT, BUT WE TRY TO REMIND OURSELVES THAT WE ARE STILL AT THE MERCY OF GOD AND THAT WE IN OUR OWN MIGHT CANNOT DO ANYTHING. IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, IF A PLAN SUCCEEDS, IT IS ONLY BECAUSE THE LORD ALLOWED FOR IT TO OCCUR.

AS HUMAN BEINGS, WE ARE OFTEN QUICK TO CLAIM OWNERSHIP AND CREDIT FOR THE THINGS WE HAVE AND THE EXPERIENCES WE ENJOY. WE SAY THAT WE HAVE A JOB BECAUSE WE EARNED IT; WE SAY WE EARNED A VACATION BECAUSE WE WORKED HARD ALL YEAR LONG; WE SAY THAT WE POSSESS A CHURCH BUILDING BECAUSE OF OUR TITHES AND GIVING. BUT WE FORGET VERY QUICKLY THAT ALL OF THAT COULD CHANGE. WE FORGET THAT WE COULD LOSE ALL OF IT, THAT WE COULD FIND OURSELVES IN WANT.

WHAT WE OUGHT TO REMEMBER IS OUR DEPENDANCE ON THE LORD FOR ALL THINGS. AS PSALM 104:14-15 DECLARES, "HE MAKES THE GRASS GROW FOR THE LIVESTOCK AND PROVIDES CROPS FOR MAN TO CULTIVATE, BRINGING FORTH FOOD FROM THE EARTH: WINE THAT GLADDENS THE HEART OF MAN, OIL THAT MAKES HIS FACE TO SHINE, AND BREAD THAT SUSTAINS HIS HEART." GOD IS THE GIVER OF ALL OF THIS, AND WE ARE DEPENDENT ON HIM FOR ALL THESE THINGS AND EVERYTHING.

RATHER THAN WALK AROUND BOASTFUL AND PRIDEFUL, GOD DESIRES US TO BE HUMBLE IN HEART BEFORE HIM, TO SEEK HIS WILL DAILY AND TO SEEK HIS STRENGTH TO DO IT, "HIS DELIGHT IS NOT IN THE STRENGTH OF THE HORSE OR IN THE LEGS OF MAN, BUT THE LORD TAKES PLEASURE IN THOSE WHO FEAR HIM, IN THOSE WHO HOPE IN HIS STEADFAST LOVE." (PSALM 147:10-11)

THE APOSTLE PAUL, WHILE HE WAS IN PRISON, HAD HOPES AND THINGS THAT HE DESIRED TO ACCOMPLISH. HE DESIRED TO STRENGTHEN THE FAITH OF HIS FELLOW BELIEVERS IN THE CHURCH OF PHILIPPI BY SENDING THE YOUNG MINISTER TIMOTHY TO ATTEND TO THEIR NEEDS. PAUL'S AIM WAS BENT ON JESUS AND DOING HIS WILL; HOWEVER, PAUL KNEW THAT WITHOUT THE LORD'S HELP AND BLESSING, IT WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE. PAUL KNEW HE NEEDED GOD. AND SO, IN WRITING TO THE PHILIPPIANS HE SAID THIS: "I HOPE IN THE LORD JESUS TO SEND TIMOTHY TO YOU SOON" (PHILIPPIANS 2:19). IT'S A VERY SIMPLE STATEMENT TO THE OUTWARD EYE, SOMETHING MANY OF US PROBABLY READ RIGHT BY. BUT NOTICE THE WORDS PAUL USES: "I HOPE IN THE LORD JESUS..." PAUL KNEW FROM WHOM HIS HELP CAME, AND AS MUCH AS PAUL WAS A BRAVE AND BOLD PREACHER AND LEADER, HE KNEW HIS DEPENDANCE ON JESUS AND THE STRENGTH HE PROVIDED. "I HOPE IN THE LORD JESUS..." PAUL KNEW TO WHOM TO LOOK AND ASK FOR HELP.

IT'S GOOD TO HAVE PLANS; IT'S GOOD TO HAVE HOPES AND DREAMS. BUT IT'S ALSO GOOD TO REMEMBER THAT ULTIMATELY, WE ARE AT THE MERCY OF GOD. IT'S GOOD TO REMEMBER THAT FOR ANYTHING TO TRULY SUCCEED, WE NEED GOD'S HELP AND BLESSING. "GOD WILLING." WE'LL MAKE IT TO OUR DESTINATION, "GOD WILLING." WE'LL CELEBRATE OUR DEAR ONE'S BIRTHDAY, "GOD WILLING." WE'LL SEE TOMORROW, "GOD WILLING."

LET US LOOK TO THE LORD FOR HIS HELP AND HIS DIRECTION. WE NEED HIM, OUR LIVES DEPEND ON HIM, AND APART FROM HIM WE CAN DO NOTHING (JOHN 15:5).

AMEN.

REVS. GARRITT AND SANETTE

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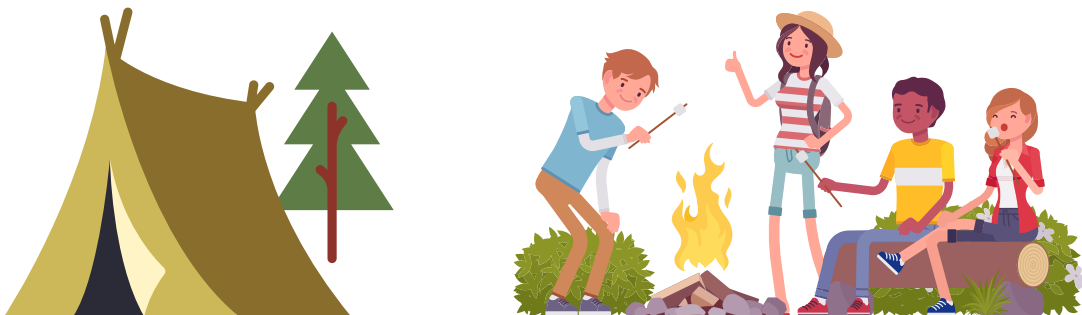
CAMP HOPE 2023

PULL OUT THE T-SHIRTS AND BUG SPRAY, IT'S CAMP TIME! SUMMERTIME AFFORDS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND MORE TIME OUTDOORS IN GOD'S CREATION, AND WHAT A BETTER PLACE TO DO THAT THAN AT CHURCH CAMP. AS PASTORS IN OUR CALLS TO THE COVENANT AND FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCHES, WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO SERVE ONE WEEK AT CHURCH CAMP DURING THE SUMMER. THIS YEAR WE WILL BE SERVING CAMP HOPE'S PRIMARY CAMP, JULY 15-23. REV. SANETTE WILL BE WRITING AND LEADING THE CAMP PROGRAM, AND REV. GARRITT WILL BE LEADING WORSHIP MUSIC AND CAMPFIRE.

AS VOLUNTEER STAFF AT CAMP, OUR WEEK AT CAMP BEGINS ON SATURDAY, JULY 15 FOR A DAY OF SET-UP AND AND STAFF ORIENTATION. CAMPERS BEGIN TO ARRIVE IN THE AFTERNOON ON JULY 16, AND VERY FAST, CAMP GETS BUSY! AFTER SOME ICE BREAKERS AND AN INTRODUCTION TO THE CAMP PROGRAM, WE END THE EVENING WITH A CAMPFIRE AND DEVOTIONS. ON MONDAY, AND EACH DAY OF THE WEEK THAT FOLLOWS, WE KICK OFF THE MORNING WITH PRAISE AND WORSHIP AND DEVOTIONS FOLLOWED BY OUR CAMP PROGRAM. THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S CAMP PROGRAM IS "ANCHORED IN JESUS," AND EACH DAY WILL INVOLVE A TIME OF INSTRUCTION, STUDY, AND APPLICATION OF A BIBLE LESSON. THE CHILDREN WILL ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION, ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS, AND GAMES THAT HELP REINFORCE A KEY TEACHING FROM JESUS. PROGRAM TIME EACH DAY WRAPS UP AT LUNCH TIME, AND IN THE AFTERNOON THE CAMPERS ENJOY A COUPLE HOURS OF FREE TIME IN WHICH THEY CAN SWIM AT THE POOL, GO BOATING IN THE LAKE, AND VISIT THE SNACK SHACK. EVENINGS EACH NIGHT INCLUDE A GROUP ACTIVITY LIKE WATER GAMES, OR A SCAVENGER HUNT FOLLOWED BY CAMP FIRE AND CABIN DEVOTIONS.

THE SCHEDULE IS QUITE PACKED. NOT ONLY DO THE CAMPERS GET TIRED BY THE END OF THE WEEK, BUT ALSO THE VOLUNTEER STAFF! ALTOGETHER, HOWEVER, THE WEEK AT CAMP IS WELL WORTH IT. IT ALLOWS FOR A DEEPENING OF EVERYONE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS, A BUILDING OF MEANINGFUL FRIENDSHIPS, AND A CHANCE TO HAVE SOME OLD-FASHIONED FUN IN THE ABSENCE OF SCREENS AND CELL PHONES. IT'S A WEEK NO ONE WOULD WANT TO MISS.

PREPARING FOR CAMP ALSO TAKES A LOT OF WORK. MUCH LIKE WRITING A SERMON OR A LESSON PLAN, WRITING A CAMP PROGRAM INVOLVES MUCH RESEARCH AND PREPARATION, WHICH REV. SANETTE WILL BE DOING OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE THE START OF CAMP. REV. GARRITT WILL ALSO BE HARD AT WORK SELECTING AND PREPARING MUSIC. OUR WONDERFUL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS, MS. CATHY FROM COVENANT AND MS. JEANNETTE FROM FIRST MORAVIAN, WILL BE HELPING US TO PRINT AND ORGANIZE MANY PAGES OF PRINTED MATERIALS FOR THE PROGRAM LEADERS AND CHILDREN AT CAMP.



GETTING READY FOR CAMP IS NOT A ONE-PERSON JOB, AND WE WELCOME THE HELPING HANDS OF ANY IN THE CONGREGATION. ASSISTANCE WILL BE NEEDED TO ORGANIZE PRINTED MATERIALS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AS WELL AS TO TRANSPORT SUPPLIES TO CAMP ON JULY 15 AND BACK HOME ON JULY 22. TO COMPLIMENT THE PROGRAM THEME, "ANCHORED IN JESUS", WE MAY BE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF CERTAIN SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS THE CHILDREN WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THEIR ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP IN THESE OR ANY OTHER WAY, PLEASE CONTACT REVS. GARRITT AND SANETTE (717-585-5846 — CHURCH MOBILE PHONE OR 717-755-3269 — CHURCH OFFICE PHONE).

IN CHRIST'S SERVICE,
REVS. GARRITT AND SANETTE



ELDERS NEWS

THE ELDERS DID NOT MEET IN JUNE. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE A JOINT BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 11 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM WITH THE PASTORS FLEMING.

TRUSTEES NEWS

THE TRUSTEES MET ON TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023. MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS FOR THE ANNEX, CHURCH AND PARSONAGE WERE REVIEWED. MANY ITEMS ON THE REPAIR LIST HAVE NOW BEEN COMPLETED. THE QUOTES FOR A NEW ROOF AT THE PARSONAGE WERE DISCUSSED AND A DECISION WILL BE MADE AT THE NEXT MEETING. A HANDICAP ACCESS RAMP FOR THE CHURCH SIDE ENTRANCE WAS DISCUSSED AND WILL BE ORDERED. THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS GIVEN BY WANDA HENDRICKS. INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH WERE REVIEWED. THE NEXT JOINT BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 11 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM WITH THE PASTORS FLEMING.

**TOTAL INCOME & OFFERINGS FROM
SUNDAYS 6/4/2023 - 6/25/2023**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 5,762.00
REFURBISHING FUND	232.00
MEMORIAL FUND	150.00
(IN MEMORY OF JANE KERCHNER)	
BAL. PAID ON LAPTOP PURCHASED	145.00
FROM THE CHURCH	
PARSONAGE HOUSING ALLOWANCE	651.04
FROM COVENANT MORAVIAN	

TOTAL INCOME FOR JUNE	\$ 6,940.04
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR JUNE	\$ 6,651.13

Congratulations Graduates!



ALIANNA SAYLOR GRADUATED FROM YORK COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY ON JUNE 6TH, 2023 FROM THE CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM.



ABBY WURZBACH GRADUATED FROM YORK COLLEGE ON MAY 13, 2023. DEGREE: BACHELOR'S OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WITH A MINOR IN NOT-FOR-PROFIT MANAGEMENT
SHE HAS BEEN HIRED AS A BUSINESS SOLUTIONS SPECIALIST AT MANTEC - A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT DOES BUSINESS CONSULTING FOR MANUFACTURING ORGANIZATIONS IN SOUTH-CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. HER NEW ROLE STARTED ON JUNE 5TH. ADDITIONALLY, ABBY WILL BE LIVING AND WORKING ON A FARM WHERE SHE WILL BE TAKING CARE OF A HORSE AND A DONKEY!





YOU'RE INVITED

CHRISTMAS IN JULY BAZAAR

PLEASE COME JOIN US AT **LANCASTER MORAVIAN CHURCH**, 227 NORTH QUEEN STREET, 2ND FLOOR, AS WE HOST OUR SECOND CHRISTMAS IN JULY BAZAAR ON SATURDAY, **JULY 22ND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM**. MORAVIAN SUGAR CAKES, COOKIES, OTHER BAKED GOODIES, MORAVIAN STARS AND PASTOR MANDY'S DEVOTIONAL BOOK (IF YOU DON'T ALREADY HAVE ONE!), CRAFTS FOR GIFTING, VENDORS, GRAB 'N GO LUNCHES, A LARGE VARIETY OF SILENT AUCTION ITEMS, AND A SUMMER VISIT FROM SANTA FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART!!

ALSO FEATURED AS PART OF THE BAZAAR IS THE CHARITY RAFFLE DRAWING AT NOON.

THIS YEAR ALL DONATIONS COLLECTED FROM THE SALE OF THE RAFFLE TICKETS WILL GO TO THE POTTER'S HOUSE, A LOCAL CHRISTIAN RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM TO HELP PEOPLE RECOVER FROM ADDICTION, GET EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING AND START RENEWED LIVES. TICKETS FOR THE RAFFLE ARE \$5.00 EACH OR 3 FOR \$10.00. EACH TICKET ENTITLES THE DONATOR TO A CHANCE TO WIN A \$200 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE OR TO SIGHT & SOUND. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE FROM CHURCH MEMBERS OR AT THE BAZAAR UNTIL THE TIME OF THE DRAWING.

ALL ARE WELCOME! QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 717-397-9722 OR EMAIL OFFICE@LANCASTERMORAVIAN.ORG.

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July Birthdays

- 1 Keith Rishel
- 5 Makenna Eckert
- 12 Annette Tyson
Jeannette Sprenkle
- 14 Karrie (Earnst) Rishel*
- 15 Timothy Rishel
- 17 Nancy Danneberger*
- 18 Cheri Miley*
- 22 Stanley Martin*
- 23 Laura Shealy
- 25 David Bailey
Christopher Rishel



July Anniversaries

- 1 Douglas & Kathy McDannell*
- 13 Rev. Norman & Maria Prochnau



Prayer Concerns

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

Did you know...

We have an online giving portal! If you prefer to worship 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
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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