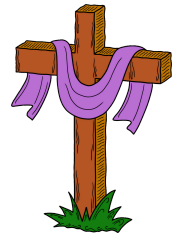




APRIL 2025

# THE LAMPLIGHTER YORK FIRST MORAVIAN



## Pastor's Message for April 2025

### The Theology of Atonement

The celebration of Easter provides an opportunity for examining what Jesus accomplished by giving His life on the cross for humanity. One of the concepts I wish to highlight is that of ATONEMENT.

Atonement can refer to the act of making amends for wrongdoing. In a religious context, the reconciliation of God and humanity through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. Atonement, at its core, involves taking action to correct previous wrongdoing, either through direct action to undo consequences or by doing good for others. This concept introduces terms like reconciliation. The goal of reconciliation is to repair a broken relationship and achieve a state of harmony or "being at one". Atonement is closely associated with forgiveness, sorrow, remorse, repentance, reparation, and guilt.

Atonement is a prominent concept in both Judaism and Christianity, particularly in the context of sins against God. In Judaism, the day of atonement is called Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the year, devoted to atoning for sins through fasting and prayers of repentance. The Christian doctrine of atonement states that Jesus Christ atoned for human sins through His sacrificial death. It states that Jesus dying on the cross resolved the problems between God and humanity. These problems began with Adam and Eve, who went against God's wishes by eating the fruit from the tree in the Garden of Eden that God had instructed them not to eat.

The relationship between God and humanity that was broken in the Garden of Eden as recorded in the book of Genesis was made right through the sacrificial giving of Himself by Jesus. That which was severed was now made one. At- one-ment the process of making one that which was severed or broken.

In our Easter celebrations and worship let us recognize the magnitude of the work that Christ did to return all of humanity to oneness with God. Not just a chosen few, or a select nation but for the whole world. In this recognition comes the knowledge that we were not able to do this for ourselves and thus the need for Christ's intervention. Our relationship with God is restored personally when we accept what Jesus did for us on the cross.

Jesus paid it all.

Rev. Dr. Kevin Marshall

# Holy Week

Sunday, April 13 - Wednesday, April 16 - Holy Week readings at 4:00 pm to be hosted by Covenant Moravian.

Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at 7:00 pm to be hosted by Covenant Moravian.

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday service at 7:00 pm to be hosted by First.

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 am to be hosted by Covenant Moravian.

Sunday, April 20 - Easter services as usual at 9:30 am at Covenant and 11:15 am at First. (Easter Egg hunt following the service.)

## Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 5 (9 am-1 pm) - Basement Sale at Covenant Moravian (Clothing, toys, books, small furniture, yard sale items and much more!)  
Soups, Snacks and Lunch Available (*Cannot accept bills over \$20*)  
Questions, please call 717-755-3269

Sunday, April 13 - First's Women's Fellowship meeting to be held after the worship service. (This will be a short meeting.)

Saturday, April 19 - Feeding homeless downtown. Meet at Covenant at 10:00 am to make sandwiches and pack bags.  
Head downtown at 12:00 noon for distribution of food bags.  
Distribution is normally finished by 1:00-1:30 pm.

Sunday, April 27 - Bring your children or grandchildren to church Sunday. Activities planned for the children.

Sunday, April 27 - Hershey Handbell Ensemble Spring Concert at 3:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church of York  
(*A small donation for admission or a free-will offering may be collected.*)  
info@hersheyhandbellensemble.org - 717-298-7071

## **ELDERS NEWS**

THE ELDERS MET ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM. REVIEWED WORSHIP SERVICES OVER THE LAST MONTH. WE WENT OVER UPCOMING EVENTS. UPDATES AND REPORTS WERE GIVEN FOR OUTREACH AND MISSIONS, MINISTRY TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH, WOMEN'S MINISTRY, MEN'S MINISTRY, WORSHIP AND SACRISTAN AND FELLOWSHIP/BIBLE STUDY. KEVIN, JOHN AND CLIFF MET WITH NENA AND THERE IS OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTRY. BRING YOUR KIDS/GRANDCHILDREN TO CHURCH SUNDAYS HAVE BEEN GOING WELL. BIBLE STUDY ONLINE HAS ALSO BEEN GOING WELL. WE ARE PARTNERING WITH COVENANT THE 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH TO FEED HOMELESS DOWNTOWN. REQUESTING AT LEAST ONE PERSON FROM OUR CHURCH EACH MONTH TO REPRESENT FIRST. KEVIN AND JOHN HELPED WITH LAST MONTH'S GIVE OUT. KEVIN AND CLIFF BERGSTRESSER WENT TO VISIT AN ADULT DAYCARE AND KEVIN REPORTED THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF REGULATIONS BECAUSE OF MEDICAL NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE ATTENDING. SOME REQUIRED MEDICATION AND NEEDED CARE AND SUPERVISION DUE TO DEMENTIA. KEVIN FEELS A SENIOR CENTRE WOULD BE MORE AGREEABLE FOR OUR CHURCH. IT WOULD BE A SOCIAL TIME FOR SENIORS. WE NEED TO TAKE SMALL STEPS IN GETTING THIS STARTED. WILL DISCUSS FURTHER WITH THE JOINT BOARD. CLIFF IS STILL RESEARCHING A POSSIBLE PRE-SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN. HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES WERE PLANNED. PLEASE PRAY FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP FOR ALL CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS. THE NEXT ELDER'S MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 8 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM.



## **TRUSTEES NEWS**

THE TRUSTEES MET ON MONDAY, MARCH 24 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM. ACTIVE PROJECTS FOR THE PARSONAGE, ANNEX AND CHURCH WERE DISCUSSED AS WELL AS ITEMS THAT CAN BE TAKEN CARE OF AT A LATER TIME. WINDOWS REPLACEMENT PROJECT IS UNDERWAY. EXPECTED COMPLETION BY SPRING. REPOINTING OF BRICKS AT THE CHURCH NEEDS TO BE DONE. ESTIMATE RANGES FROM \$20,000 (PARTIAL) - \$100,000 (COMPLETE CHURCH). CLIFF ALSO OBTAINING ANOTHER QUOTE. CLIFF WILL BE SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT BEFORE MARCH 31. WANDA WENT OVER THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH. INCOME AND EXPENSES WERE GONE OVER IN DETAIL. SHE REQUESTED APPROVAL TO WITHDRAW \$38,000 FROM PORTFOLIO TO PAY THE BALANCE OF THE NEW WINDOWS BEING INSTALLED AND TO COVER SOME OTHER EXPENSES NEEDING PAID. THE NEXT TRUSTEES MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM.

**TOTAL INCOME & OFFERINGS FROM  
SUNDAYS 3/2/2025 - 3/29/2025**

\$ 5,440.04 GENERAL FUND  
162.00 REFURBISHING FUND

*\$ 5,602.04 OFFERING INCOME*

\$ 520.83 COVENANT MORAVIAN CHECK - HOUSING  
ALLOWANCE FOR MARCH  
54.65 ADAMS ELECTRIC OWNERSHIP REWARDS  
CHECK

*\$ 575.48 OTHER INCOME*

**\$ 6,177.52 TOTAL INCOME FOR MARCH**

**\$10,025.64 TOTAL EXPENSES FOR MARCH**

\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INCOME/OFFERING FOR  
SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH, WILL BE INCLUDED IN WITH  
APRIL'S INCOME FOR MAY'S NEWSLETTER.



## April Birthdays

- 3 Joseph Kotchmar\*
- 4 Spencer Lippincott\*
- 11 Kathy McDannell\*
- 12 Georgia Rishel
- 18 Julia Folk\*  
Meagan Purswell\*
- 24 Gloria Moore
- 28 Kevin Lippincott\*  
Lori Lehigh\*

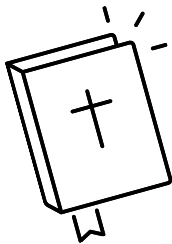


**For Pastoral needs,  
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**or any of the Elders:**

- John Knokey - 717-848-9220
- Keith Rishel - 717-472-6793
- Jeannette Sprenkle - 717-424-5636
- Kasi Steinbrenner - 717-965-2032



## April Anniversaries

- 10 Glenn & Cheri Miley\*
- 13 Stanley & Sally Senft



## **Prayer Concerns**

- MARY JONES
- KATHIE NICHOLAS
- KARRIE RISHEL
- RUTH & CLAIR SEIPLE
- DEBBIE MILLER
- JEMON GRANT
- GARY PAULES
- IRELYN SPRENKLE
- JEFF RISHEL
- TRUDY MOORE-KOTEK



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  
Dover, PA 17315

First Moravian Church  
39 North Duke Street  
York, PA 17401

717-843-2239

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## **2025 Watchword**

"For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord  
plans for welfare and not for evil  
to give you a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 29:11