

JUNE 2025

# THE LAMPLIGHTER YORK FIRST MORAVIAN

## Pastor's Message for June 2025

### Well Done, Thou Good and Faithful Servant

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. (Matthew 25:21)

In the parable of the faithful servant, found in Matthew 25: 14-30 we many times focus on the servant that did not do so well and as a result was rebuked by the master. We use this text to teach about the dangers of wasting talent, time, and opportunity. However, today I want to focus on the other side of this text as use it as an opportunity for us to the importance of applauding, and rewarding those who have used their gifts, talents, and time to deliberately and intentionally grow the ministry of the Church (especially in our local congregation). The response to the servant who received the five talents and traded it to earn five more captures this sentiment. The master that entrusted these talents to the servant was pleased with his efforts and his words of commendations reflected that ***“Well done”***.

Matthew 25:21 is a parable that teaches the need for fidelity to duty. The original word "Eu" used in the verse means "well done" and expresses the highest applause when any part has been excellently performed.

The end of May into June marks the event of some of our children coming to the end of their tenure at different stages of their educational journey. At graduation the schools take an opportunity to say to them “Well done”. As church we join that affirmation to say to our children “Well done”. This affirmation is extended to all those who have served the church well in different areas, over different times, and have moved, on or is about to move on, I lead the chorus in saying “Well done”.

As our children, church members, and church workers (paid employees) move on the higher learning or another stage of their life “well done” is a recognition and affirmation of your hard work and contribution to the growth of the church and your personal growth. It also highlights God’s willingness to entrust to you a higher level of ministering and learning.

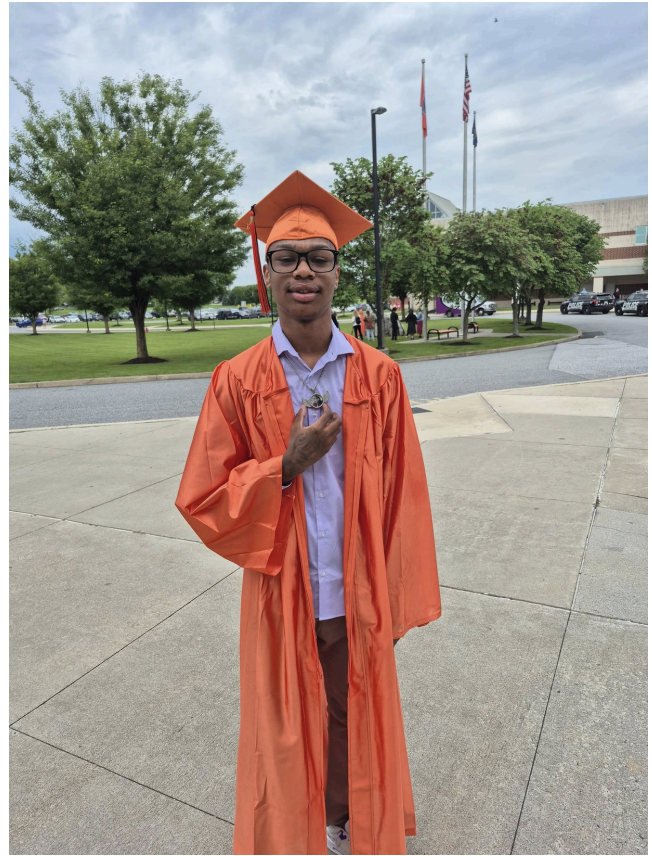
Shalom

Rev. Dr. Kevin Marshall

# **CONGRATULATIONS 2025 GRADUATES!!!**



Rokeya Marshall - Dover H/S



Kai Kotek - Central H/S



Jullia Saylor - West York H/S

## 2025 Summer Camp Dates Camp Hope

Eastern District – Hope Conference & Renewal Center in Blairstown, New Jersey

- Pre-Primary (completed 1st-2nd grade) — August 3rd-6th, 2025
- Primary (completed 3rd-4th grade) — July 6th-12th, 2025
- Middler (completed 5th-6th grade) — July 13th-19th, 2025
- Jr. High (completed 7th-8th grade) — July 20th-26th, 2025
- Sr. High (completed 9th-12th grade) — July 27th – August 2nd, 2025
- Musical Theater Camp (completed 5th-9th grade) — June 29th – July 5th, 2025
- Swim Camp (completed 3rd-6th grade) — August 3rd-9th, 2025

**If you are interested in attending any of these camp weeks, financial assistance is available. Please contact John Knokey or Jeannette Sprengle.**

### Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 7 - Church picnic at Musser's Grove at 2:00 pm.

Musser's Grove is located at 4390 Board Rd, Manchester, Pa 17345.

Hot Dogs served after 2:00 pm. Please bring a pie, cake or cupcakes for the cake walk! Fried chicken served at 5:00 pm. Please bring a side dish to share.

Games to be played and fishing in the pond!



Sunday, June 15 - Father's Day!

Sunday, June 15 - First's Moravian Women's Fellowship meeting to be held after the worship service. (Short meeting)

Saturday, June 21 - 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, June 22 - Bring your children or grandchildren to church Sunday. Activities planned for the children.

Sunday, June 29 - First's Women's Fellowship Relaunch service with guest speaker and Snak & Yak following the service.



## ELDERS NEWS

THE ELDERS MET ON TUESDAY, MAY 13 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM. REVIEWED WORSHIP SERVICES OVER THE LAST MONTH. PLANNED UPCOMING EVENTS. OUR SHUT-INS ARE VISITED MONTHLY. PASTOR KEVIN WILL BE MAKING PASTORAL CARE VISITS TO ALL MEMBERS. 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. BRING YOUR KIDS/GRANDCHILDREN TO CHURCH SUNDAYS HAVE BEEN GOING WELL. BIBLE STUDY HELD WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM ONLINE HAVE ALSO BEEN GOING WELL. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP HELD A MEETING ON THURSDAY, MAY 8 VIA ZOOM TO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON THE RELAUNCH SERVICE TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 29. A GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE COMING AND A SNAK & YAK WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE. SOCIAL GATHERING WAS ALSO DISCUSSED. WE WILL BE PRAYING FOR AND DONATING ITEMS TO ACCESS YORK. MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 12 AT THE CHURCH HERE AT FIRST. 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 CLIFF ARE STILL RESEARCHING A SENIOR CENTER. VISITING CHURCHES THAT ARE OFFERING SENIOR GATHERINGS AND WHEN MORE INFORMATION IS RECEIVED, KEVIN WILL DISCUSS FURTHER WITH THE JOINT BOARD. CLIFF IS STILL RESEARCHING A POSSIBLE PRE-SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN. PLEASE PRAY FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP FOR ALL CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS. THE NEXT ELDER'S MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 10 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM.



## TRUSTEES NEWS

THE TRUSTEES MET ON TUESDAY, MAY 27 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. LARRY HAS BEEN POWER WASHING THE SIDEWALKS AT THE CHURCH. NEW BLINDS FOR THE WINDOWS WERE DISCUSSED. GETTING PRICES FOR BLINDS. REPOINTING OF BRICKS AT THE CHURCH. IT WAS VOTED TO HAVE ONLY THE NORTH ALLEY AND SOUTH ALLEY REPAIRS DONE AT THIS TIME, WHICH IS \$29,750.00. CLIFF SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT TO HELP WITH COST. WANDA WENT OVER THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH. INCOME AND EXPENSES WERE GONE OVER IN DETAIL. MORGAN/STANLEY AND CHECKBOOK BALANCES WERE GIVEN. THE NEXT TRUSTEES MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 24 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM.



**TOTAL INCOME & OFFERINGS FROM  
SUNDAYS 5/4/2025 - 5/25/2025**

\$ 4,639.00 GENERAL FUND  
127.00 REFURBISHING FUND

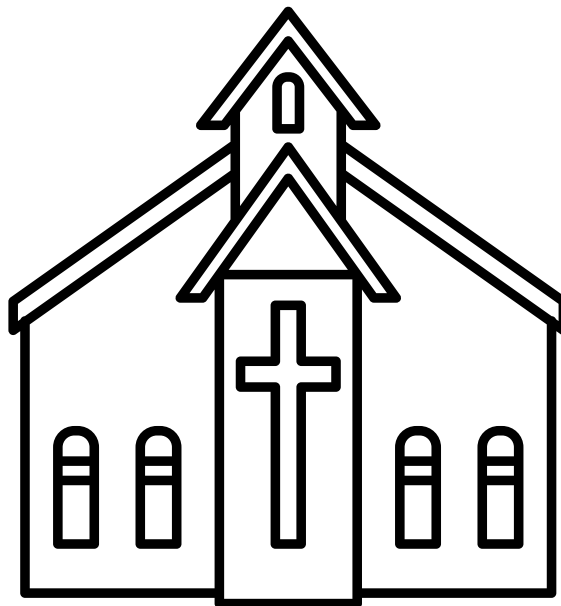
***\$ 4,766.00 OFFERING INCOME***

\$15,000.00 MORGAN STANLEY WITHDRAWAL CHECK  
(TOWARDS MAY & OTHER UPCOMING INVOICES)  
520.83 COVENANT MORAVIAN CHECK - HOUSING  
ALLOWANCE FOR MAY

***\$15,520.83 OTHER INCOME***

**\$20,286.83 TOTAL INCOME FOR MAY**

**\$ 9,447.29 TOTAL EXPENSES FOR MAY**



## June Birthdays

7 Carol Zeigler  
15 Kellie (Swartz) Ford  
17 Kathie Nicholas  
18 Carolyn Bailey  
Denise Eckert  
19 Kasi (Tyson) Steinbrenner  
21 Ronald Eckert  
29 Heidi Robinson  
30 Lloyd Purswell\*



**For Pastoral needs,  
please contact:**

**Rev. Kevin Marshall - 717-585-5846**

**or any of the Elders:**

John Knokey, Vice-Chair - 717-848-9220

Keith Rishel - 717-472-6793

Jeannette Sprenkle - 717-424-5636

Kasi Steinbrenner - 717-965-2032



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

***\*Notice from the Moravian Ministries Foundation starting the month in May 2025, the "online" giving payouts to churches will occur only once a month. If people want to make sure their donations are paid and received by our church sooner, they might want to send their donation/check directly to Wanda Hendricks at her home address shown below. (Especially at years end).***

Wanda Hendricks  
3715 Fox Chase Drive  
Dover, PA 17315

## June Anniversaries

12 Terry & Carol Zeigler  
14 David & Karrie Rishel  
26 Rev. Terry & Julia Folk\*



## Prayer Concerns

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



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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