



AUGUST 2025

THE LAMPLIGHTER YORK FIRST MORAVIAN

Pastor's Message for August 2025

"If a man dies, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14a) This question was not just relevant to Job in the midst of his trying to understand his calamity, it is a question still very relevant to us today as we endeavor to better understand the reality of death and what happens when one dies. This question becomes more relevant as we have to deal with the reality of the death of a family member, a close friend or a work colleague. It is even more highlighted when faced with a personal life ending medical diagnosis. For most of us as Christians we turn to our Faith to better understanding and explanation to this question. However, a solo pilgrimage for the answers can be very time consuming and even confusing for many persons. It has been proven that a journeying of the faith community together can be a most effective way for members of the community to discover together the answer to this question.

As such I invite all members of the congregation to join me in a Bible Study series for the month of September to investigate this question, "What Happens When We Die"? The study will take place on Wednesdays at 10 am and 7 pm. The 10 am study will be both online and face to face. Face to face meetings will be at Covenant Moravian Church in the Conference room. The 7 pm meeting will be strictly online. The dates for the study are September 3, 10, 17 and 24. Please note that the 7pm study will be a repeat of the 10 am study. This is a joint venture of First Moravian and Covenant Moravian. Come prepared to ask the questions that are relevant to you as we endeavor to discover the truth to this question.

Looking forward to having you share in this experience. Please see the following page for Zoom links.

Rev. Dr. Kevin Marshall



ZOOM LINK FOR 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY: (Also in person at Covenant.)

Topic: "What Happens When We Die" Bible Study

Time: Sep 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025 at 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82549950302>

Meeting ID: 825 4995 0302

Passcode: 131979

Dial Any Number:

888 788 0099 US Toll-free

833 548 0276 US Toll-free

833 548 0282 US Toll-free

877 853 5247 US Toll-free



ZOOM LINK FOR 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY:

Topic: "What Happens When We Die" Bible Study

Time: Sep 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025 at 7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81983658536>

Meeting ID: 819 8365 8536

Passcode: 209646

Dial Any Number:

888 788 0099 US Toll-free

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 16 - 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, August 17 - Women's Fellowship monthly meeting following the worship service.

Sunday, August 24 - Bring your children or grandchildren to church Sunday.

Activities planned for the children.

JOINT BOARD NEWS

The Elders did not meet in July. A Joint Board meeting was held in place of the regular Elders meeting on Tuesday, July 8 at 7:00 pm via zoom. Pastor Kevin said that we have a lot of space in our church and how can we use these spaces for ministry? We discussed a Senior Citizen ministry versus a Pre-school ministry at the church. Cliff Bergstresser has been researching both. For pre-schools there would be licenses needed through the Dept of Human Resources. There are also many regulations from the state and York city. An Adult Day care has the same regulations. A nurse would need to be hired to give medications and provide nursing care. A Director would also need to be hired. There are Senior Centers, where a meal is provided, coffee, etc. York Cnty. does fund some but there are many in our area. A Senior social time/gathering would not be regulated. Cliff said maybe have a potluck and offer coffee, etc. We could have this once a month to start, then possibly twice a month. Cliff and Pastor Kevin visited both Senior Day cares and Senior Social centers to see how they operate. Wanda expressed concern that our insurance could go up. Cost for heat and air conditioning would go up. Kevin proposes a Senior Social gathering with activities and food once a month. All volunteers, we would not have to hire anyone. Rotate volunteers and have one person in charge. Gathering would be two hours. Kevin said there would be no financial burden to start this and to give it a try. Maybe have a sign-up sheet for our members to see if they are interested in this. A vote was taken, and the majority was in favor to try a Senior Social gathering. This will now be discussed at the Church Council meeting.

The board discussed parking spaces during daytime hours at the church. Kevin let everyone know that we have received permission from our neighbors, Community Connections for Children to use 5-6 parking spaces located on Howard Lane going toward Philadelphia Street for the week of VBS. The Trustees were asked to inquire for future events or activities about the possibility of leasing these spaces from CCC. We will not be renting any parking spaces at this time due to the possibility of needing spaces for a Senior Social gathering which would be held during the day.

Vacation Bible School to be held week of July 14 (Mon-Thurs) from 1 - 3 pm. This is a joint venture with Covenant. The theme is "Zoom in on Jesus". Jeannette and Kasi will be teaching. Larry will be assisting wherever needed. Holly and Nicki from Covenant have been helping with the planning of VBS. Holly will be assisting where needed during VBS. They will be bringing kids from Covenant.

Delegate for Synod 2026 needs to be selected. A special Congregation Council meeting has been set up for Sunday, August 24 following worship. Cliff said that Synod has been shortened for next year, just two days (June 6 and 7). It will be held in Minnesota. He said that he will go if no one else does.

Kevin said that we are sharing VBS with Covenant and is looking for other opportunities to work together. Covenant was also invited to our church picnic. Wanda said that more communication is needed. Covenant held a Women's Fellowship Tea that we were not aware of.

Cliff suggested that we have a Snak & Yak more often. It's good to have fellowship with one another.

The next Elder's meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12 at 7:00 pm via zoom.

TRUSTEES NEWS

The Trustees did not meet in July. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00 pm via zoom.

**TOTAL INCOME & OFFERINGS FROM
SUNDAYS 7/6/2025 - 7/27/2025**

\$4,376.00 GENERAL FUND
147.00 REFURBISHING FUND
92.00 SMITH BOOK FUND

\$ 4,615.00 OFFERING INCOME

520.83 HOUSING ALLOWANCE FROM COVENANT MORAVIAN
10,000.00 MORGAN STANLEY WITHDRAWAL

\$10,520.83 OTHER INCOME

\$15,135.83 TOTAL INCOME

\$12,861.97 TOTAL EXPENSES

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE \$10,000 MORGAN STANLEY WITHDRAWAL WAS JUST MADE ON 07/29/25 TO COVER THE COST OF AUSERMAN'S PAINTING OF THE EXTERIOR WINDOWS OF THE CHURCH AND FOR FLOORING REPAIRS TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AND GUIDE ONE INSURANCE PREMIUM DUE WITHIN A WEEK.



August Birthdays

8 Sherry Campanella
11 Rev. Terry Folk*
14 Judy Martin
William Austin
16 Elisabeth Taylor
18 Sam Pauley
19 Binky Gehly*
21 Rev. Steve Nicholas
24 Jason Martin



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August Anniversaries

9 Larry & Jeannette Sprenkle
13 Justin & Lindsey Messersmith
14 Stanley & Judith Martin
22 Rev. Stephen & Kathie Nicholas
25 William & Carol Austin



Prayer Concerns

MARY JONES

KATHIE NICHOLAS

KARRIE RISHEL

RUTH & CLAIR SEIPLE

DEBBIE MILLER

JEMON GRANT

GARY PAULES

IRELYN SPRENKLE

JEFF RISHEL

TRUDY MOORE-KOTEK

JIM RABINE



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).***

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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