



AUGUST 2026

THE LAMPLIGHTER YORK FIRST MORAVIAN

13th

Pastor's Message for August 2026

The month of August holds spiritual significance to the Moravian Church worldwide. I share this information that I got from the Google search engine. Interestingly, AI collated the information and presented it.

"August 13, 1727, is celebrated as the spiritual renewal of the Moravian Church, often called the "Moravian Pentecost". During a communion service at the Berthelsdorf parish church in Germany, the community overcame deep internal divisions, experienced a profound outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and united with a renewed sense of global mission.

Key Aspects of August 13

Spiritual Rebirth: It marked the transformation of a fractured group of religious refugees into the dynamic, unified Renewed Brethren's Church.

The "Moravian Pentecost": Believers described an overwhelming sense of grace, reconciliation, and a "baptism of love" that dissolved local arguments.

Origin of the Lovefeast: Spontaneous groups staying behind to share meals and discuss the spiritual breakthrough led to the creation of the traditional Moravian Lovefeast service.

Catalyst for Global Mission: The renewed focus and unity directly sparked the worldwide Moravian missionary movement, which later established deep roots in Pennsylvania and North Carolina."

As we celebrate the 299th anniversary of this Moravian Pentecost, the responsibility is ours to strengthen our unity and continue with the Mission of the gospel.

Shalom,
Rev. Dr. Kevin Marshall



Kids Fest Sunday, July 26, 2026

Upcoming Events

~Youth Hike with Covenant youth at Chickies Rock Cnty Park on Friday, August 7. Meet at the park at 6:30 pm.

~First is hosting Feeding the Hungry downtown on Saturday, August 15. Meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am to make sandwiches. We will serving at noon downtown. Volunteers are needed. (A sign-up sheet is on the round table in Fellowship Hall.)

~Holy Communion on Sunday, August 16 for the August Thirteenth Festival.

~Women's Fellowship monthly meeting on Sunday, August 16 following the worship service. (Brief meeting.)

~Senior Social Gathering on Thursday, August 27 at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Bingo will be played with prizes! Please bring a potluck if you're able. (A sign-up sheet is on the round table in Fellowship Hall.)

~Men's Fellowship BBQ on Saturday, August 29 at noon at the parsonage. All men are invited. Please bring a side dish to share.



Upcoming Meetings

~Elder's meeting on Tuesday, August 18 in-person at 10:00 am in the annex conference room.

~Trustees meeting on Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

~Powerhouse Prayer and Bible study held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Pictures from Joint Church Picnic

Combined church picnic with Covenant in celebration of their 60th Anniversary was held on June 6 at Musser's Grove in Manchester. Delicious food and great fellowship! Bingo was played, a cake walk and fishing. And Idara caught the biggest fish in the pond!



Pictures from Feeding the Hungry, Senior Social Gathering, and Women's Fellowship Circle Meeting

Feeding the Hungry downtown hosted by First was held on Saturday, June 20. Senior Social Gathering was held on Thursday, July 23. The Women's Fellowship Circle meeting was held on Saturday, July 25.



ELDERS MEETING

The Elder's met in-person on Tuesday, July 14 in the annex conference room. Worship services were reviewed. Keith reported on First Feeding the Hungry downtown on Saturday, June 20th. Barb Wagner provided all the food and supplies from Covenant. We will need to purchase gloves for next time. Covenant will be hosting this month, Saturday, July 18 and First is hosting on Saturday, August 15. John also reported for outreach that he handed out one of the bags for the homeless that Kasi provided to keep in the office to hand out as needed. Kasi reported on Ministry to children and youth. She said that VBS went very well which was held at Covenant. There were twelve kids in attendance. Jeannette added that Kasi went all out with special snack preparations that coincided with the bible lesson for each day. Pastor Kevin thanked us for our involvement. Kasi said that Kids Fest is also going well. We are studying Moravian history. Kevin suggested visiting the sites in our area. There is also a Youth gathering in planning along with Covenant. Possibly going to Chickies Cnty Park overlook. Jeannette reported on the Women's Fellowship. The luncheon at Gather 256 Cafe on Saturday, June 27 went very well. The food was delicious and good fellowship. There were ten women in attendance. There is a Women's Circle meeting coming up on Saturday, July 25 hosted by Kasi in the church annex conference room. The Men's Fellowship has no meeting planned yet. John reported on Worship and Sacristans. There will be communion on Sunday, August 16 for the August Thirteenth Festival. It will be 299 years since the spiritual renewal of the Moravian Church has taken place. (Jeannette is the communion assistant.) He also reported that the Bible Study has been going very well. There have been 4-5 people attending. Pastor Kevin reported on Pastoral Care. He visited Steve Nicholas in the hospital. It was good to see Cliff Rowell in the service Sunday. John Rohrer was in the hospital. Kevin will meet with Jeff Rishel soon. He left John know that we will be there for him. He is to let us know where we can help. Synod/Report: Kevin said that the next Synod will be in two years. He will give a formal Synod report at Church Council. The Strategic Planning Team to meet soon, planning to meet by the end of July. We want to reach all members and friends of the church concerning the future of the church. For other business, Kasi noted that our church's 275th anniversary in March next year is close to Easter. Easter will be celebrated on Sunday, March 28. Kevin thinks that it is OK to hold the anniversary service on Palm Sunday but to let the Anniversary Committee decide. John said that the actual day was on Palm Sunday.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18 at 10:00 am in the annex conf. room



TRUSTEES MEETING

There was no Trustees meeting held in July.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

TOTAL INCOME & OFFERINGS FROM SUNDAYS 7/5/2026 - 7/26/2026

\$ 3,567.00 GENERAL FUND
130.00 REFURBISHING FUND

\$ 3,697.00 OFFERING INCOME

\$ 520.83 HOUSING ALLOWANCE FOR JULY
(FROM COVENANT MORAVIAN)
27.81 TRUIST BANK VISA REWARDS
15,000.00 MORGAN STANLEY WITHDRAWAL
(FOR MISC. INVOICES/EXPENSES)

\$15,548.64 OTHER INCOME

\$19,245.64 TOTAL "INCOME" FOR JULY

\$22,862.73 TOTAL "EXPENSES" FOR JULY



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

KATHIE NICHOLAS

JEMON GRANT

IRELYN SPRENKLE

JEFF RISHEL

PAUL MINNICH

ERIC GREEN

AXEL LEH

SCOTT MURPHY

JOHN KNOKEY

STEVE NICHOLAS

JOHN ROHRER



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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

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2026 Watchword

"because of the tender mercy of our God,
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven
to shine on those living in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the path of peace."

Luke 1:78-79