

The Riverside Moravian

2022



FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCH

*"A Christ-Centered Protestant Church serving Riverside,
Delanco, Delran, and Neighboring Communities"*

Denomination Founded March 1, 1457

Congregation Organized December 31, 1865

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Who knew that when I met my first member of the First Moravian Church of Riverside New Jersey, that 25 years later, I would be serving as the pastor of that congregation. I certainly didn't anticipate that at 9 years old I would be a pastor or that I would one day serve the home congregation of people I knew as children as well. My journey at Camp Hope started at a young age when I first stepped onto the property. The next year, I went to swimming camp and the following year, I started Troubadour.

Who knew what impact that would have on my life. Every year, I returned to Hope. It was a given. Family vacations were structured around when I would go. Who knew that being a part of Troubadour, or Performing Arts Camp, would impact papers I wrote in seminary making connections to the arts and spiritual growth. Who knew that sitting on the shore of Little Silver at The Pointe, I would feel God calling me to a life of ministry service. Who knew that sitting in the Lower Lodge I would preach my first sermons and plan my first worship services. Who knew that sitting in those same worship services, I would hear the voice of God clear as a bell telling me "ordained ministry" was what I was being called to. Who knew...

The answer is God knew. God knew the who, the where, the when, and thankfully I let it unfold in my life. Camp Hope taught me to trust in what God was doing in my life even when I couldn't see what was going to happen next. My colleague, the Rev. Kerry Krauss, taught me that at Sr/Post High when he organized a blindfolded faith walk along the shore of Little Silver. Guided by a rope, climbing over picnic tables, and through trees, you had to trust that you were going to be safe.

Suddenly, the rope disappeared. I remember freezing and then hearing Kerry's voice calling me forward. He took my hand and told me exactly where to put my feet. You could hear the water. I was told to take the blindfold off and when I opened my eyes, I gasped. I was standing on the water. I was led onto a plank that jutted into the water and I was standing on the water. Like the disciple Peter, I had to trust and believe I wouldn't fall. I wanted to stand there all day. Ben, Jenny, Steve, maybe you remember that moment too... you may have been there that year as well.

Camp Hope is my grounding place. It's my place of serenity and center. It's the place where I received more understanding and forgiveness than I could have ever hoped for in my life. Now that I'm a wife, a mom and a pastor, I continue to return to camp every year because the experience of transformation and renewal happens constantly for us. I hope you will take some time to read about what is going on at Camp Hope and encourage the people in your life to give their time, their energy, and yes, even their money, to this important place.

This year, Camp Hope will celebrate 75 years of ministry and mission. Let's make sure it continues beyond the next 75 years transforming and shaping the lives of all people who walk the grounds. Come for the Memorial Day Camp or the picnic on Memorial Day itself. Go to the 75th Anniversary Celebration on June 25. Young Adults, go to the mission week for the whole week or for a day. Sign up as a counselor or a camper. There are so many ways you can be involved. I hope you take the opportunity to do so.

Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." So the answer to my first question, God knew. I'm along for the journey. On that journey, I will continue to choose HOPE.

Camp Hope



Memorial Day Weekend – Family Camp

Friday, May 27 – Monday, May 30, 2022

<https://www.camphope.org/memorial-day-weekend-family-camp>

There is also a Memorial Day Church Picnic on Monday, May 30, 2022, from 10am to 6p. NO CHARGE! Bring your own lunch.



Camp Hope is hiring!

<https://www.camphope.org/now-hiring>

There are several positions open, so please explore the possibilities and join the fun for the summer.

There are 12 different camping events, depending on your age and interest.

<https://www.camphope.org/events>



75th Anniversary of Camping Ministry! Everyone is invited to join the celebration on Saturday, June 25th.

For more information about how you can be a part of Camp Hope either through participation or donation, please contact them.

Call (908) 459-4435 or Email hopecenter@camphope.org

Church Hours

Sunday School 10:00AM

Worship Service 11:00AM

Worship Services on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85294379849?pwd=dmQ2NVY4amZhZ3lpbGdxWmNKL1hrZz09>

Meeting ID 852 9437 9849

Password 285008



Sunday Scriptures

5/1	Acts 9:1-9a
5/8	Acts 16:16-34
5/15	Acts 17:16-31
5/22	Philippians 1:1-18a
5/29	Philippians 2:1-13



Church Office hours – Mon and Wed 9:30am – 12:30 pm

Thurs 12:30pm – 3:30pm

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Wednesdays are Pastor Rebecca's day off for sabbath rest, and family time. If you are in need of care, please contact a member of the Board of Elders or Diane Schroeder, Visitation Committee Coordinator (609) 321-3823. If this is an emergency, please call or text Pastor Rebecca. She will reply to emails when she is back in the office on Thursday. Peace to you.

Moments from Last Month

Lent

Throughout Lent, the First and Palmyra Moravian congregations gathered together to share our *Lebenslauf*. This is a German word that means "Life Story" or "Life Journey."

Using a program designed by The Rev. Dan Miller for the Edgeboro Moravian Church in Bethlehem, PA, Pastors Darrell and Rebecca decided what better way to engage with the journey of Lent than by reflecting on our own life journeys. Each night, two participants, one from each congregation, shared their stories with the gathered community. We heard stories of strength, heartache, resilience, and deep faithful connection to God. The stories were as varied as you would expect but we all found ways to connect to one another.

A word of thanks to those who shared from Palmyra and First Moravian, for truly being vulnerable and trusting us with your stories. We heard from Pastor Darrell Johnson, Pastor Rebecca Sisley, Lori Zataveski, Lauren Grady, Jason Pippin, Terri Cole, Diane Schroeder, Rex Knowlton, Frank Hrabak, and Maddie Brader.

Though the program has concluded, you can see the questions that each presenter answered. Ask Pastor Rebecca for a copy and she will gladly share it with you. Maybe you will be inspired to write your own *Lebenslauf* to see where you have journeyed with God in your life.



WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Community Easter Egg Hunt



Upcoming Dates to take Note

May 2 – Church office closed for the day. Will be open the next day, May 3.

May 8 – Mother's Day – There will be a Lovefeast during worship service.

June 7-14 inclusive – The church office is closed during this week and in need of volunteer(s) to: Check the mail and distribute, Check for voice messages and make call backs, Check email and either forward or respond.

There is no need to stay in the office after these 3 things are done. If you would like to help, please contact Judie Marie Roszek through the church office.

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Thank you!



June 26 – Celebrating all those who graduated, whether going on to the next stage of school or completed. Please let the church office know who your graduate is by June 15.

You're Invited!

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Crossroads Graduation & Annual
Reunion of Participants and Instructors

Sunday, May 15 at 2 pm

College Hill Moravian Church,
72 W. Laurel St.,
Bethlehem PA

(This is the church across the parking lots M,
N, O from the front of Moravian Seminary.
Use these lots)



Class of 2021
Earlaine C. Klingler
John A. Mosovsky
William C. Lester

Class of 2022
Susan Attzs-Mendoza
Andrea J. Peart
Bruce D. Shoger

Each of our graduates will be participating in the Graduation service. Following the ceremony, there will be a reception in the Bahnson Center (Seminary) located across the parking lots.

If you can join us to celebrate their hard work and accomplishments, please let me know approximate numbers of who will be attending so we can plan. We moved to the church venue so that we can socially distance. At this time, no masks are required. Please observe care during the reception.

Thank you so much.

Dr. Jill Peters

www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads



HAHLE HALL

**Do you need extra space for
a birthday party,
Bridal/Baby shower,
family reunion?**

**Think about using our facility
for those special events.**

Handicap Accessible

Contact the church office (856-461-0132)or
Elsa J. Lucas (elsajolucas@yahoo.com)for more information.



May 1

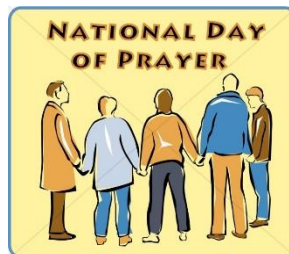
May Day

Sunday School 10am – Worship 11am

May 2 Church office closed
National Teacher day

May 3 AOG 8-9pm

May 5 National Day of Prayer
Cinco de Mayo
AOG 8-9pm



May 6 Join Hands day
AOG 8-930pm

May 8



Mother's Day

Sunday School 10am – Worship 11am - Lovefeast

May 10 National Clean Your Room day

AOG 8-9pm

May 11 Girl Scouts 530-730pm

May 12 AOG 8-9pm

May 13 AOG 8-930pm

May 14 Fishes and Loaves 9am – noon

May 15 Sunday School 10am – Worship 11am

Andrea Peart DeFlaviis' Crossroads graduation – 2pm

May 16 National Do Something Good for Your Neighbor day

May 17 AOG 8-9pm

May 19 AOG 8-9pm

May 20 National Rescue Dog day

AOG 8-930pm

May 21 Moravian Quilters 9am – 3pm

Armed Forces Day

May 22 Sunday School 10am – Worship 11am

May 23 Joint Board 7pm

May 24 AOG 8-9pm

May 25 Girl Scouts 530-730pm

May 26 AOG 8-9pm

Loads of Love 630p

May 27 AOG 8-930pm

May 28 AOG service

May 29 Sunday School 10am – Worship 11am

May 30 Memorial Day



Provincial News

The Growing Young Workshop is a direct response to congregational concerns shared at the Eastern District Executive Board regional listening sessions. The EDEB urges each of our congregations to consider participating in the opportunity for honest evaluation, dreaming, and action. See March District Developments for more information.

The Growing Young Workshop is perfect for congregational members of all ages, lay leaders, and clergy. There is a \$20.00 per person registration fee to attend. The registration fee covers program materials and lunch. Encourage congregational members to participate in the Growing Young Workshop. Ask the church board to cover half of the registration fee. Or suggest congregational members re-connect with a youth or young adult by asking them to attend the workshop and if possible, covering the youth or young adults' registration fee.

At the Growing Young Workshop participants will explore practical ideas for your congregation to:

- ♦ *Engage and retain the young people you have*
- ♦ *Attract their unchurched peers, and*
- ♦ *Harnessing the next generation's vitality and passion for Christ.*

Registration will remain open through May 2nd.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you May 7th.

Ukrainian Crisis – Moravian Disaster Response

<https://www.moravian.org/mission/2022/04/26/moravian-disaster-response-information-regarding-the-ukrainian-crisis/>

To date, we have received close to \$100,000, and we thank you for this critical support. We have sent initial funding to the Moravian congregation in Nová Paka, Czech Republic, who is renovating space in a hotel they own to house up to 15 families. They are also hosting a Ukrainian primary school, allowing them set up classes for the children. In addition to this, we have sent a donation to the Czech Moravian Province for them to distribute to other Czech Moravian congregations that are hosting families.

Moravian congregations in Germany are also sheltering refugees, and we have sent monetary support to the Moravian European Continental Province to assist congregations in places like Herrnhut, Königsfeld, Ebersdorf, and Cottbus. The money that we collect will help these congregations provide food, shelter, hygiene products, household essentials, school supplies, and transportation for these families. Through these tangible means, the love of Christ is being shared as these families are also being offered places to worship and Christian community.

Please Remember in Prayer...

Pamela McLaughlin	Rev. Rick Bruckart	Doug Lubbers
Andy Lyons	Robin Watkins	Laura Murphy
Steven Bard	Tyler Kohn	Joint Board
Debbie Weaver	The Sisley Family	Prayers for Peace
Ukraine and throughout Eastern Europe	Nepal	Ravaged by natural disasters
COVID patients and their families	First responders	Assembly of God

Our Home-Bound Friends

Joan Wright - Masonic Home

The Boards and Committees of The First Moravian Church

The Eastern District Executive Board

Riverside and the boards of the wider Moravian Church

The Western District Executive Board

The Northern Province Provincial Elders Conference

The Canadian District Executive Board



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| 2 - William Probeck | 9 - Charles Dae | 21 - Matt Gillard |
| 4 - Vince Sisley | 10 - Kitty Franklin | 22 - Jacki Probeck |
| 6 - Anna Lucas | 11 - Janie Dalton | 25 - Tammy Majewski |
| 6 - Bob Wallace | Rhiannon & Kiran
Hutchinson | 26 - Gordon Lucas |
| 7 - Kristy Beohmer | 13 - Patti Farley | 27 - Nick Zataveski |
| 7 - Linda Bolanos | 14 - Ruth Duffy | 28 - Carrie Kershaw |
| 7 - Paul McHenry | 15 - Danielle Moore | 29 - Andrea DeFlaviis |
| 8 - Carl Czarzasty | 15 - Mike Sanderson | 30 - Sharon Storm |
| 8 - Colton Wallace | 16 - Joe Langer | |



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| 2 - Randy & Tammy Selwood | 25 - Bill & Reba Kohn |
| 12 - Tina Lorenz & Rich Winans | 29 - Rick & Jill Bruckart |
| 13 - Carol & Larry Denne | 30 - Kurt & Gloria Clauss |

Please note: If you have additions or corrections to either list for future newsletters please contact Judie Marie Roszek

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MAY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Sschool 10am Worship 11am AOG 6-830p	2	3 AOG 8-9pm	4	5 AOG 8-930pm	6 AOG 8-930pm	7
8 Sschool 10am Worship 11am Mother's Day AOG 6-830p	9	10 AOG 8-9pm	11 Girl Scouts 530p-730p	12 AOG 8-930pm	13 AOG 8-930pm	14 Fishes & Loaves 9-noon
15 Sschool 10am Worship 11am Andrea's graduation AOG 6-830p	16	17 AOG 8-9pm	18	19 AOG 8-930pm	20 AOG 8-930pm	21 Moravian Quilters 9-3
22 Sschool 10am Worship 11am AOG 6-830p	23 Joint Board 7pm	24 AOG 8-9pm	25 Girl Scouts 530p-730p	26 Loads of Love 630p AOG 8-930pm	27 AOG 8-930pm	28 AOG service
29 Sschool 10am Worship 11am AOG 6-830p	30 Memorial Day	31 AOG 8-9pm				

Holidays and Observances: 5: Cinco de Mayo, 8: Mother's Day, 30: Memorial Day

Wiki Calendar

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Congregational Watchword for 2022

Let no evil talk come out of your mouth, but only what is useful in building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. Ephesians 4:29