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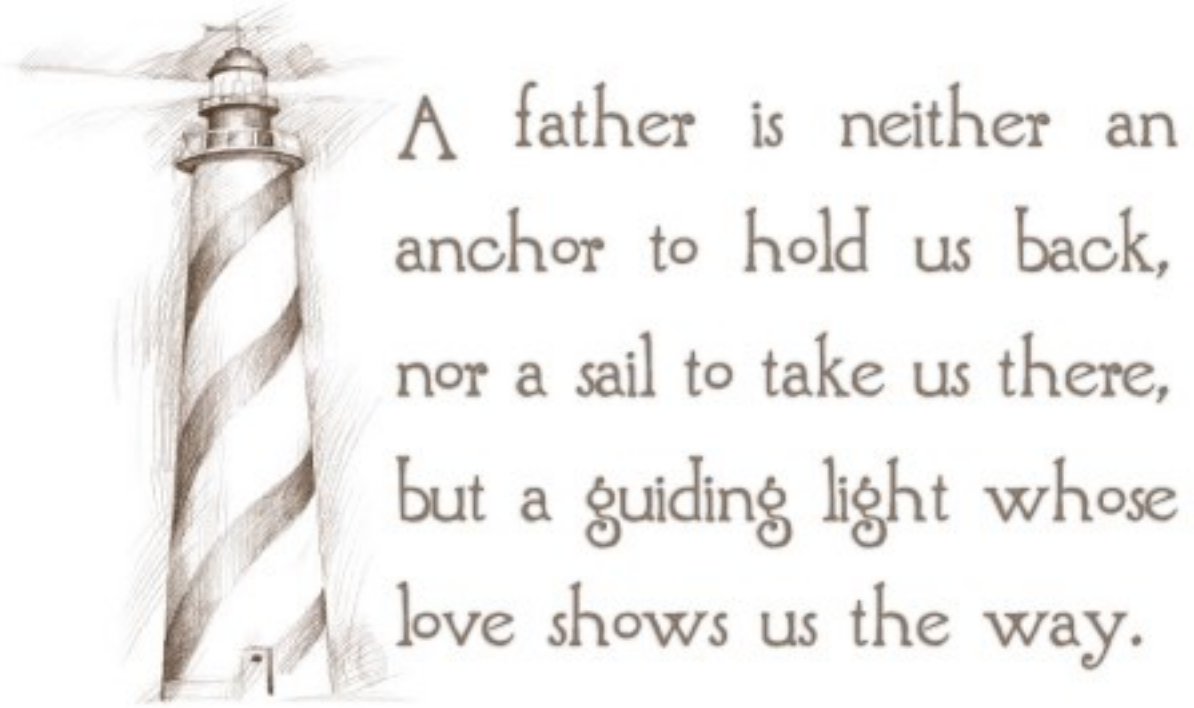

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Pastor's Page

From the Pastor's Desk

The end of May signifies that we are drawing near to the end of spring and moving closer to the hot and hazy days of summer. Some of you are already enjoying your favorite hobby of fishing while others are busy hunting. The grass and the weeds are growing at a fast pace and the lawn mowers are running everywhere. Most children may be out of school by now for the summer and some are looking forward to summer camp. It is also family vacation season and I know that some of you have plans to travel. My hope and prayer is that whatever you do and wherever you go you will have an enjoyable time and will be safe.

June 21-25 will be the Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church-Northern Province. I must remind you that at synod decisions are made that can affect the church for years to come. So please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct us as we undertake the business of the church at synod.

Earlier I promised to keep you updated on the progress of the Indian Valley School District's application to utilize space in our church building for its Pre-School class. The school district has now secured a certificate of occupancy from the State of Ohio after a series of inspection on our church building. This means that all is now set for the pre-school to begin at Sharon at the start of the school year in August. Please keep this vital outreach of our church to serve our community in your prayers and pray that God will provide other opportunities for us to serve the community.

Several of our members are dealing with serious health challenges and you are made aware of some while some are undisclosed by requests. Some of those affected have already undergone surgery and others are facing surgery. Please keep all our sick and home bound members in your prayers.

As we draw near to the end of the first half of 2018, let us thank God for bringing us this far by faith. And as we prepare to start the second half, let us continue to hold on to God's unchanging hand, bearing in mind that "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us." (Philippians 4:13)

May the peace of Christ be with all of you as you continue to serve in His vineyard.

Pastor Lloyd

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Lectionary Texts

June 3: Deuteronomy 5:12–15; Psalm 81:1–10; 2 Corinthians 4:5–12; Mark 2:23–3:6

June 10: Genesis 3:8–15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1; Mark 3:20–35

June 17: Ezekial 17:22–24; Psalm 92:1–4,12–15; 2 Corinthians 5:6–10,14–17; Mark 4:26–34

June 24: Job 38:1–11; Psalm 107:1–3,23–32; 2 Corinthians 6:1–13; Mark 4:35–41

On July 18th Sharon Youth will join with St. James Lutheran Youth for the 4 hour frenzy!We will begin at 8AM and conclude at 12 noon.

The theme is Champions for Christ: Keep the Torch Burning

Open to all children and youth 5 years old through grade 6

The event is free - no pre-registration is needed - lunch is included

Bring a friend and get ready for some summer fun!

CEC Meeting Summaries

Members: Melissa Shamel, Chair; Cindy Newton, Vice Chair/Sun. School Coordinator; Bill Westbrook, Trustee Rep; Wanda Ledger, Elder Rep; Sandy Schupp; Sandy Fait

Watchword 2018: *"When I thought, "My footis slipping," your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up. ~ Psalm 94:18*

Chirstian Education Committee met In May and discussed camp scholarships for youth attending camps. We will offer $75.00 for those attending. See any CEC member for more information. The church will send the money to the camp. Kid's Night Out was discussed, and the May event will be held May 11. Scott Minor will attend to discuss camp with the youth and have activities and a video. Cupcakes will be made by Cindy Newton and Georgia Johns for Mother's Day. Sharon will combine once again with St. James Lutheran Church for a 4-hour frenzy, to be held at the Lutheran Church, July 18, 2018. It begins at 8:00 AM and ends at 12 Noon; lunch included. The theme is "Champions for Christ: Keep the Torch Burning". Members voted to send $100.00 to the Tuscarawas County Child Advocacy Center from the Pinwheel donations.

Monday quilters and CEC have joined efforts to collect items for Operation Christmas Child. There is a box set up in the fellowship hall for donations. In May and June we will focus on collection of small toys. Any item is welcome at any time, we just have started a monthly item list for those who would like to have ideas for donation.

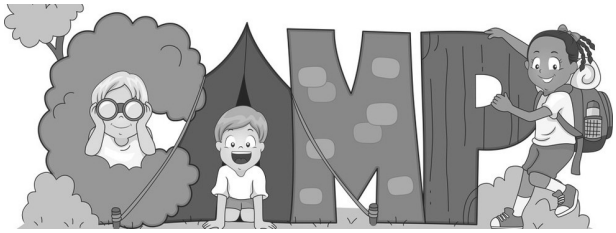
Members discussed a Back to School Bash – possibly having a picnic style luncheon in August. Calendar will be checked for availability.

Last Sunday school will be May 20; and the combined groups will have out door activities, weather permitting.

Members agreed to have discussion with Schoenbrunn youth leaders about providing joint youth activities. Melissa will be in touch with their leader.

Members discussed possibly an event in the summer taking the youth on a field trip. Will be looked into later.

Next meeting will be held June 12, 2018.



Christian Education Committee will be offering camp scholarships again this year!

We encourage all youth to attend camps!

Please see any member of CEC for more information and to get your scholarship now!

NEWS FROM THE BOARDS

Elders Meeting Summaries

Summary of the May Elder's Meeting

Application for membership was discussed

Preacher for June 24th was confirmed

Mother's Day Lovefeast was discussed

Plans for the elders to host birthday Sunday in June were discussed

Sponsorship for Family/Home Coming Sunday Luncheon on September 9th was discussed

Progress of Pre School inspection was discussed

Wedding application was discussed and approved

Application for Infant Baptism was approved

Plans for Confirmation Class to begin in September was discussed

College and high school graduates will be honored on May 27, 2018

Pulpit exchange scheduled for August 19th was discussed

Application from Phyllis Ronald for June Recital at Sharon was approved

Application from Mary Allen –Kollman for July 17th Concert at Sharon was approved

Elder on duty schedule was updated

Several dates were approved for Sharon Moravian Women fundraising lunches to benefit local charities.

Trustees Meeting Summaries

No information available

June BIRTHDAYS

June 1	Macey Roth
June 1	Mallory Roth
June 1	Mason Rummell
June 2	Mary Elen Kollman
June 5	Shaylee Shepherd
June 8	Dalton Bolon
June 9	Nan May
June 11	Avery Dixon
June 12	Lisa McCarthy
June 13	Donna Decker
June 14	Melissa Kollman
June 14	Barbara LaWarre
June 15	Trista Smith
June 15	Holly Baburek
June 15	Tracy Saho
June 15	Bonnie Ann Schumacher
June 15	Heidy Struchen
June 16	Riley Positano
June 17	Debbie Swaldo
June 18	Jennifer Feickert
June 19	Chris Shamel
June 21	Sue Love
June 25	Don E. Decker
June 25	Doris Schumacher
June 25	Cindy Newton
June 26	Elliot Kimble

June ANNIVERSARIES

June 1	Jamie and Michelle Lehigh
June 1	Jeffery and Carly Positano
June 3	Ed and Chris De La Cruz
June 5	Don and Donna Decker
June 11	Kenny and Linda Abbuhl
June 16	Brian and Ann Rentsch
June 17	Craig and Diane Sherer
June 17	Bryan and Jennifer Lehigh
June 18	Bill and Jill Westbrook
June 20	Jerry and Judy Gwinn
June 20	Haley and Kellen McMillen
June 25	Paul and Jennifer Feickert
June 28	Robin and Kathy Kollman
June 28	James and Barbara LaWarre
June 29	Phil and Martha Roudebush
June 29	Paul and Sue Rummell
June 29	Larry and Kay Trunk

If your special day was missed, please notify the church office

June Elder on Duty Schedule

June 3 - Gloria Rentsch

June 10 - Andy Ronald

June 17 - Youth

June 24 - Wanda Ledger

June 3rd

Front Door - Dave & Shirley Gruber

Back Door - Curt & Melanie Quillen

June 10th

Front Door - Carol Stanley

Back Door - Roman & Freda Raber

June 17th

Front Door - Dave & Donna Miller

Back Door - Bob & Kayla Fait

June 24th

Front Door - Donna Stahl

Back Door - Doug & Chris Krocker

GET INVOLVED!

Twin City Service Center

Our non-food donations to the Twin City Christian Service Center for June is laundry soap. Please refrain from donating your plastic grocery bags. The Twin City Service Center is in desperate need of the donation item of the month for the families in our community in need. Please place your donations in the box located beside the stairs near the parking lot entrance.

The Sunday School card ministry coordinator for June is Delores Williams & Linda Abbuhl

Moravian Women's News

Monday Quilters

The Monday Quilters will meet Monday, June 18, 2018 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Martha Housman Circle

The Martha Housman Circle will break for the Summer. Thank you for your dedicated attendance!

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will also break for the summer. Thank you for your dedicated attendance!

News of the Church Alive

The Sharon Congregation will join in a Brother's Lovfeast in celebration of Father's Day on Sunday, June 17, 2018!

As school comes to a close, please keep the office updated on your college students' summer addresses.

The information will help keep the mailing list up to date and save the church money on returned mail fees.

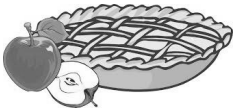
Thank you for your cooperation:)

Birthday Sunday

June Birthday Sunday will be hosted by the Elders on Sunday, June 3, 2018!

Texas Mission Trip Fundraiser

Brunch and Pie Auction Sunday, June 10th
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
First Moravian Church of Dover.



A service of commission for the missionaries participating in the Mission Trip will take place from 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Brown Bags/Big Ideas (BBBI)
returns for another summer run beginning on Monday, June 11th at Tuscora Park from noon until about 1:15 p.m.

For ease of accessibility, we will gather in a picnic pavilion at the TOP OF THE HILL near the parking lot on 2nd Street NW. An activity of the Ohio Moravian Ministries Commission, BBBI provides an opportunity for T-County Moravians and friends to meet casually to share practical ideas about what is working in our churches, and to have informal conversations about living out our faith lives. If you'd like, pack a lunch or purchase food at the park's concession stand. All are welcome! For further information, please contact Pastor Chris Johnson at moravianpastorchris@gmail.com or 484-894-9077.

News of the Church Alive

Presenting . . . ***The Salem Moravian Brass Band*** *all the way from Port Elizabeth, South Africa will present a concert at Sharon Moravian Church on July 17th at 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.*

The Salem Moravian Brass Band is comprised of 24 members! Volunteers are needed to open their homes for rest and refreshment as well as to offer transportation. If you wish to open your home or offer transportation, please contact the church office. Specific information can be offered to those interested.

Unity Brass Festival

The 3rd Moravian Unity Brass Festival in Winston-Salem will take place July 19-22, 2018. The Planning Committee is asking local churches to "sponsor a band person" in July of 2018 *to help with their travel and local accommodations, meals and tuition. Support is welcome at all levels. Many individual host families will also be critical to the success of the event, July 19 – 22, 2018 (http://moravianmusic.org/unity-brass-festival/). Please contact Erik Salzwedel at erik@moravianmusic.org or 336-725-0651.*

A small group of brass players from Nain, Labrador, two large groups from South Africa, and a group from several congregations in the European Province are planning trips to the Unity Brass Festival in Winston-Salem.

Musicians from all over the United States will participate, and Southern Province brass players are encouraged to join this time of Unity and Christian fellowship through music! Register online at http://moravianmusicfestival.org/unitybrass

Please sign up to Sponsor, Host, or Volunteer *with a simple online form at http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4161122/Unity-Brass-Helper-Host-Sponsor-Sign-Up*

Trumpet in the Land Concession Stand for Summer 2018

This year the Moravian Churches in the Valley are asked to host the concession stand at Trumpet in the Land on Friday nights. Friday nights means bigger crowds and more work. The Sharon congregation has been assigned June 22 and July 27. We will need between 4 and 6 persons age 18 and above each week. If you are willing and able to help please tell Pastor Lloyd or call the church office.

News of the Church Alive

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Monday Quilters and the Christian Education Committee are planning collections for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox project. We have a table set up in the Fellowship Hall that has information on items we can collect as well as a box for the items. Just remember, we pack boxes according to age ranges and gender: 2-4 years; 5 -9 years and 10-14 years. Additionally, the shipping cost is $9.00 per box. There will be joyful noise offerings upcoming in July & August for this cause.

Through April and May, we will collect small stuffed animals. The kid's meal toys are also a popular item. Craft and sewing items are popular. Needles, thread and craft project kits. All these items can be found at Dollar Tree!

Please DO NOT include the following items:

Candy
Toothpaste
Gum
Used or Damaged Items
War-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures
Chocolate or Food
Seeds
Fruit Rolls or other Fruit Snacks
Drink Mixes (powder or liquid)
Liquids or Lotions
Medications or Vitamins
Breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers
Aerosol Cans

For the month of **August**, we will collect school supplies.
Some examples include:
Pencils
Small manual pencil sharpener
Colored Pencils
Pencil Case
Pens
Crayons
Markers
Notebooks
Blank Index Cards
Solar-powered Calculator
Safety (blunt tip) Scissors
Ruler
Protractor
Glue Stick (DO NOT include liquid glue)
Small Adhesive Tape

September:
Comb
Hair Brush
Toothbrush
Washcloth
Bar Soap (packaged and/or in a conatiner)
Adhesive Bandages
(Colorful ones can be more willing to wear a bandage. DO NOT include liquid antibiotic ointment)
Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils
(Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize space)
Blanket
Non-liquid Lip Balm
Flashlight
(Solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to inlcude extra batteries of the type needed)
Compact Mirror
Nail Clipper and File
Stick Deodorant

PRAYERS OF Thanks

Dear Moravian Family,

Each time I am at Sharon I feel like I have come home! I joined church there April 11, 1954 and it has always been a special place for me and our family. We want to thank you all for the beautiful gift you sent Joe. He is confined to bed and says he feels the prayers and love sown into it. The bright colors just emit joy and love. God has been so good to us in so many ways and once again we are reminded of his love through all of you. You all, are so important to us and we keep you in our prayers as well. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

Love and Prayers,
Joe and Rosalie Pepe

I want to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and presents they sent me to help me celebrate my 100th birthday! I appreciate your kindness in making it a joyful occasion.

Love, Dorothy Johnson

To Sharon Moravian Church Women's Fellowship,

I wish to thank you for the prayer shawl when my son Jerry passed away. Blue was a color Jerry loved. Thanks again.

Barbara LaWarre

Ladies Aid Group,

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt. It was so nice of you ladies to do that for me. Also, thanks for your prayers while I was getting better. Thanks again.

Wilma Briggs

CEC would like to extend a thank you for the generous support for our programs and activities. Joyful Noise for March and April went to Camp Scholarships. May and June Joyful Noise will be donated to CEC for Kid's Night Out and Sunday School Materials. July and August Joyful Noise will be collected to offset the cost of shipping boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

CEC would like to thank those who sponsored a pinwheel during April! We were able to donate $100.00 to the Tuscarawas County Child Advocacy Center. The Child Advocacy Center serves as the focal point in the coordination of the investigation and intervention services; bringing together a Multi-disciplinary Team (MDT)of professionals to create a child-focused approach to child abuse cases. The TCCAC provides coordinated support, services and follow-up to the children who have experienced this sad reality.

Please remove Katie Shamel's college address…she is receiving mail at her home address…P.O. Box 2, Tuscarawas, OH 44682

Prayers of Intercession For the following members and friends in need of continued prayers – Paul Feickert, Joe Link, Keith Noonan, Kim Warren, Lynn E. Reichman, Kate Swaldo, Thelma Metzger, Valeria Meek, Kathryn Heldt, Peggy Swaldo, Janice Rogers, Mike Schwendimen, Reba Kollman, Francis Picchetti, Karen Gazdik, Marilyn Croskey, David Gruber, Bonnie Ray, Philip and Martha Roudebush, Lela Garver, Bobbie Shriver, Beckie Demattio, Carol Greenham, Jill Hodge, Jerry Gwinn, Nikki Hreha & Family, Jim Watson, Joyce Sainato, Bobbie Shriver, Art Viola

Please call the church office to update names on the prayer list.