

# FAITH FORMATION

## Moravian Church - Lehigh Valley

\*Resources for Kids & Adults\*      \*Bright Ideas\*  
\*Events, Ministries and Spiritual Formation Opportunities

### Hello from Lanie Yaswinski, Your New DFF!

In starting my work as your new Director of Faith Formation for the Lehigh Valley it has been a pleasure to meet with so many of you over the past few months! It's been inspiring to learn about so many of your unique ministries, which I hope to highlight and share in the months ahead. In the spirit of sharing resources and problem solving, I hope we can all meet this spring for an initial networking breakfast (details below). Please contact me in the meantime for more info about resources and events: [lanie@mcnp.org](mailto:lanie@mcnp.org); Ph: 610-559-4833



### Save The Date!

#### Christian Educators' Networking Breakfast

**Saturday, May 16 @ 9:00AM**

**Schoeneck Moravian Church  
316 N. Broad St. Ext., Nazareth**

Inviting all local Christian Educators to meet for a light breakfast to share and problem-solve!

Topics for discussion will include:

\*Ministry Wins & Challenges    \*Confirmation

\*Favorite Curriculums    \*Youth Activities...& more

RSVP to Lanie by May 10...Be Prepared to Share!

### Preparing for Youth Mission Trips

Summer is just around the corner, which is a prime time for youth groups to participate in service-learning/mission trips. To move your group into the mindset of leading with relationships and move away from the idea of temporary "fixing," consider using Sparkhouse's youth study called t.b.d (think.believe.do.). Leader guide, DVD, and student journals available. \*Click the book for purchasing link

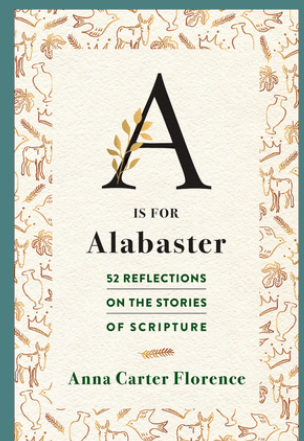


### Adult Resource Round-Up

**A Is For Alabaster: 52 Reflections on the stories of scripture**

by Anna Carter Florence

This book offers readers an opportunity to revisit scripture with fresh eyes and consider some of the overlooked or less-emphasized details. Exploring both testaments through short A-Z reflections, individuals and small groups can consider how ancient wisdom can spark new imagination. A free book club guide is also available for download from the publisher!





# Collaborative Confirmation Retreat



When: May 1-3

Where: Camp Hope

Who: Confirmation Classes, Mentors, & Youth

What: This weekend will be an amazing opportunity to learn about the missional identity of our Moravian ancestors, the journeys they made, and the ongoing work of the Board of World Mission taking place today.

<https://bit.ly/moravianconfirmationretreat>

## Worship Connections

Worship bags have long been seen as “keep quiet” offerings for young worshippers. Some elements of these bags busy hands, allowing children to focus and remain part of worship, but other pieces have fallen short on connecting the worship experience. These new “Sanctuary Scribes” are small booklets (40 in a pack), each unique and engaging topics and reflections relevant to the experience of worship. Focusing on elements of music, prayer, and scripture, children are invited to respond to worship as they flip through each page. A great alternative to word searches! These booklets move beyond busy work and aim to create intensive worship connections. Booklets are available for purchase through Sparkhouse.



Click Image for Purchasing Link





# Intergenerational Ministry Ideas

## Faith Formation for All Ages



Many of you have expressed curiosity about intergenerational faith formation activities. These are good opportunities to rally around a special theme, have fun introducing something new, or consolidating resources during Sunday School.

Here are three concepts that are being facilitated in our local churches:

### @Nazareth:

Offering a weekly intergenerational Sunday School class using the LIFT curriculum from GenOn Ministries. Check it out here: <https://www.genonministries.org/lift-intergenerational-faith-formation-curriculum-index>

### @Schoeneck

Meeting once a month for "Sunday Fun Day" during the Sunday School hour to have fun, practice new songs and celebrate special events in a Rally Day atmosphere.

### @Central

Creating an intergenerational event around a theme, where everyone gathers for a special program and activity. Recent events have included Earth Day, in which participants learned to care for creation and planted trees, and Lenten preparation, where everyone participated in a neurographic art activity in order to relieve anxiety and center oneself in preparation for Lent. Other themes have included social justice and mission events planned with community partners.



# SUMMER

## Summer is NOW

Once the new year rolls around families start planning for summer vacations, camps and childcare throughout the summer. Announce your VBS dates as soon as possible and promote heavily in your church bulletin, newsletter, social media and community platforms. The same goes for programs at Camp Hope. Start talking to kids and families now about all the great things camp has to offer. Make special announcements and create as much hype as possible. There is no such thing as "too early" or "too much."



## Let's Spread the Word!



Send me your announcements for Faith Formation activities and events:

- VBS
- Workshops
- Lecture series
- Special ministries
- Book discussion
- Retreats
- Listening circles
- Spiritual practice

This is a great opportunity to learn the history of the Moravian Church from Hus to modern times in a presentation that is easy to understand and follow along. Highly recommend for adolescents and adults!  
Register for event on their Facebook page:  
"The Gate - A Faith Community"

# The Story of Us



Moravians  
Yesterday,  
Today,  
Tomorrow

**THREE-DAY WORKSHOP**  
Friday, April 24, 6:30-8:30PM  
Saturday, April 25, 10:00-3:30PM  
Monday, April 27, 7:00-9:30PM

The Gate  
1238 E. 4th St Bethlehem

Register on Facebook @  
"The Gate - A Faith Community"

Have you wondered what is unique about the Moravian Church among other churches? Have you struggled responding when asked, "what is a Moravian?"

Throughout this study participants will see the common thread that began with Jan Hus and runs through the Moravian Church today -- helping to discern where God is calling our church in the future.

A non-traditional faith formation opportunity including meditation and discussion...

**THE SEEKERS ARE...**

Caring people who help others confront **pain**, while seeking **peace** and **love** amidst life's challenges.

**EVERY SUNDAY  
7PM**

**ADVENT MORAVIAN CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS HALL**

**\* Youth Survey \***

Double click on the form below to complete survey conducted by East Hills Moravian to gauge interest in valley-wide youth activities

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Youth Program Survey - 2024

\*Please complete and submit to [ambrosia@psd.com](mailto:ambrosia@psd.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email and or Cellphone (please provide at least one)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What do you look for in a program for people your age?

2. What do you not like or find makes you disinterested in an event or program?

3. What do you find makes you feel important in a community or within the church?

