

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!

Spring is springing and the Lord has Risen Indeed! My friends, it's been a long winter but the green shoots of springtime have faithfully returned. I love visiting your congregations and learning about all the unique ministries you offer - check out this month's Ministry Highlight: spiritual grounding small group @ The Gate... a perfect activity for nurturing those green shoots of faith.

Please contact me for curriculum resources: 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!

New in Children's Bibles



This beautiful children's picture Bible features 53 stories told through dynamic collage art. The art highlights the diversity of God's people and the language is intended for adults who wish to share in rich biblical read-along storytelling. Be sure to check out the companion Sunday School curriculum called "KidLit" available from the Center for Excellence in Christian Education!

Adult Small Group Discussion

Everything Good about God Is True
by Bruce Reyes-Chow

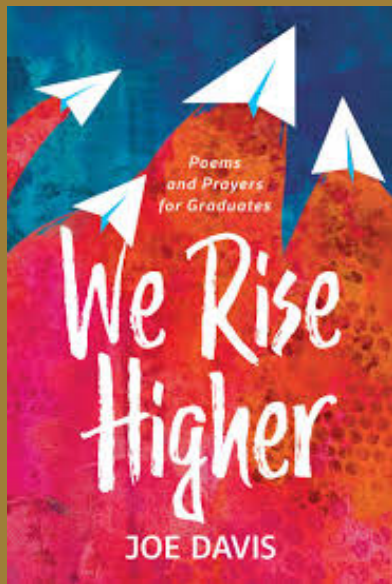
What does it mean to choose faith? How can we put into words the gospel of love, kindness, humility, and justice? What does it mean to faithfully hold contradictions alongside historical truth? And what if everything good about God is actually true?

These questions, and many more are worthy of discussion and exploration in small group study. Add this title to your small group list!





Milestone Gift for High School Graduates



Poet, artist, and educator Joe Davis combines poetry and prayer to support and encourage new high school graduates. This collection includes:

- Poems of joy and celebration
- Poems of praise and affirmation
 - Poems for heavy emotions
- Poems for growth and new beginnings

The book features interactive content to allow for creative responses and reflection by the graduate.

Welcoming ALL God's Children

The church is a place for all God's children, but not everyone finds church to be a place of welcome. Families navigating sensory processing and regulation sensitivities can find worship spaces to be overwhelming and uninviting. Consider using some of the free resources from Big Faith. This Lily grant funded initiative is working to help faith communities live into their sense of hospitality and belonging by equipping them with tools, education, and ideas for how to create safe spaces for neurodivergence. From simple bulletin icons, sensory room plannings, and tested worship bag suggestions, Big Faith offers your education committee a wonderful hub of materials worth consideration.



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Ministry Highlight

"Grounding with God"



A small group spiritual formation session at The Gate

A small group gathered in the welcoming space of The Gate parsonage on Saturday, March 28 for a time of spiritual reflection and renewal. Two Gate members, Kathy Emeigh, Spiritual Companion, and Victoria Alercia-Casella, Student at Oasis Ministries, led the group through a time of pause, journaling, quiet discussion and prayer. Moravians have a long history of centering their lives on Christ through small group worship and prayer delivered through the choir system established in the 18th century. A modern renewal of small group gathering could be just the thing to refresh souls, nurture faith and provide purpose and direction in hard times. Try it in your congregation - it's the Moravian way!



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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."



Social Media Ready to Launch



Faith Formation is going digital!
Please like and follow our new social media accounts on
Facebook and Instagram **(coming soon!)**

"Moravian Faith Formation - Lehigh Valley"

This will be a great way to share info and events across the Valley quickly and easily!

Send me your announcements for Faith Formation activities and events:

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



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
6:30 PM

ADVENT MORAVIAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS HALL

Your paragraph text

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 the 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.