

# FAITH FORMATION

## Moravian Church - Lehigh Valley

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



Spring Greetings from your new DFF! As many church ministries prepare to switch to “summer mode” you may be looking back at the past year and wondering where to head in the fall. I encourage you to LEAN IN to your unique strengths and ministries. You all have them! Step out the box, be creative and try something new! Go where the Spirit leads! Contact me anytime for curriculum recommendations and assistance: Lanie Yaswinski, Director of Faith Formation, [lanie@mcnp.org](mailto:lanie@mcnp.org), 610-559-4833

### Survey First

We all want to offer programs and ministries that deepen the faith of our members. Before you create something new, be sure to ask members what they want, what times work for them and what they hope to get out of it.

Speak to your target audience directly for best results. Relational, heart-to-heart conversations are a hallmark of Moravian ministry. Planning together with members will set up your creative programming for the best chance of success and participation!



### Baptism Book



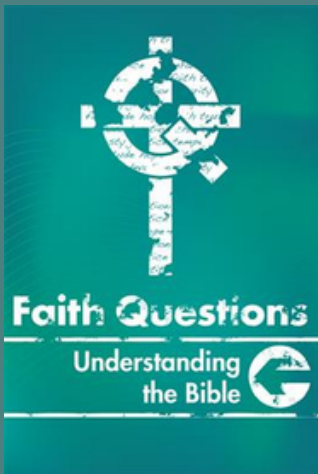
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This beautiful children’s book is a lovely gift to offer a family on behalf of the church or Christian Education Committee. The book lovingly describes the ways your faith community holds collective memory of infant baptism while weaving in Biblical stories of water. We remember and retell so that each child is reminded of the love of God that holds them always.

### Youth Group and High School

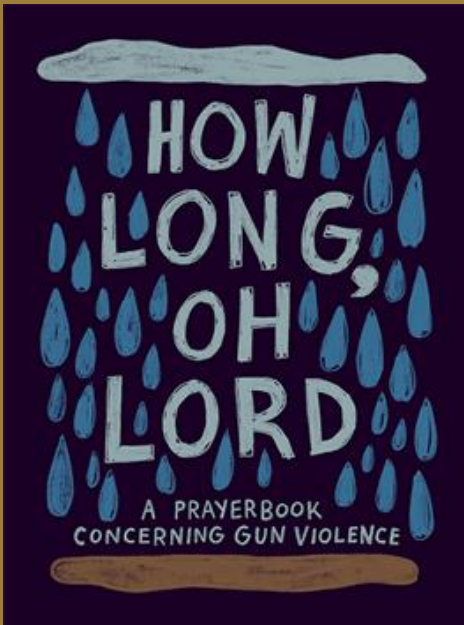
#### Faith Questions

This mini-series collection of discussion guides is a wonderful resource for youth group leaders or High School Sunday School classrooms. Offering a range of topics such as forgiveness, relationships, money, politics, and much more, each booklet contains 4-6 sessions of guided conversations intended to reflect on scripture, faith traditions, and current events. If you want to foster faithful and faith-filled conversations, this series is worth exploring!



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## Prayerbook for Pastors and Faith Leaders on Gun Violence

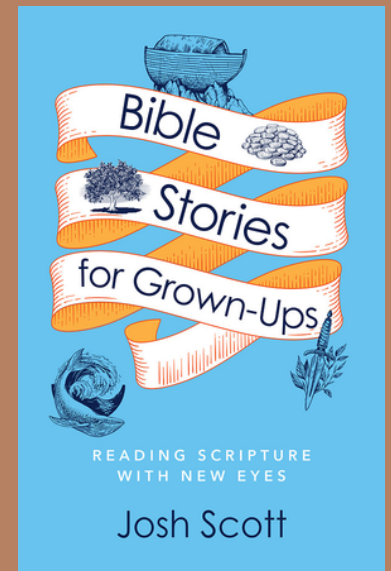
Finding the appropriate words in the midst of tragedy can feel impossible. Coming alongside a family, a community, or a congregation facing the growing concern of gun-related violence is a grief too deep for words.

This prayerbook includes a mix of prayers for corporate and private use in circumstances following firearm related violence and death. Prayers written by a collection of pastors and faith leaders address topics like shootings, gun violence, and suicide from a pastorally rich and sensitive perspective. The prayers are accompanied by artwork and it is worthwhile for every faith leader to consider adding this book to their resource library.

## Adult Book Study

[Bible Stories for Grown-Ups](#) by Josh Scott offers adult readers an opportunity to visit some of their childhood Sunday School "greatest hits" with fresh eyes. Some of these stories rarely circulate back into our lectionary cycle or Bible studies, so it is worth considering how these stories may or may not have grown with you into your adult years. This book could be read alone, but it is best paired with the leader guide and DVD series when used for group study. A very fun way to engage this book in small groups would be to find how these stories of Noah, Jonah, Zacchaeus, and others were represented in children's Bibles and artwork of various eras.

Have fun revisiting these beloved Bible stories!



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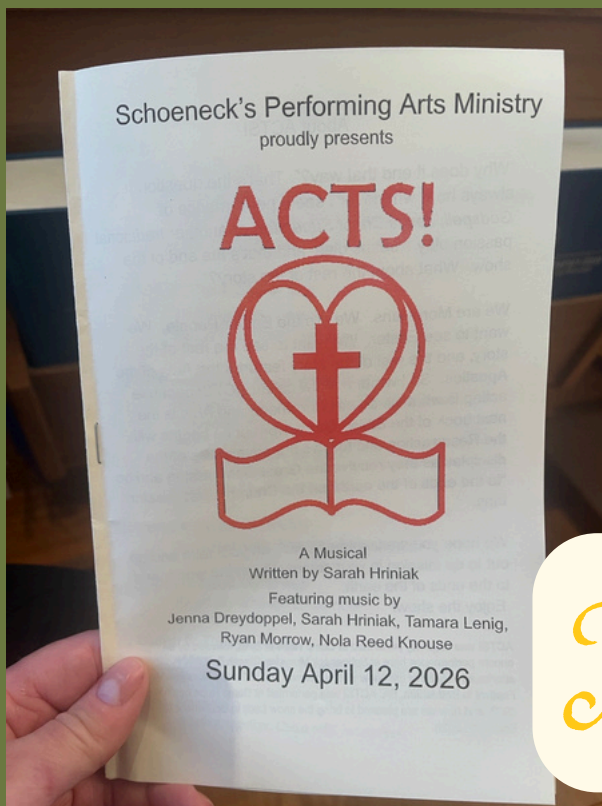
# Ministry Highlight



## Creative Worship the Sunday after Easter

Easter joy continues the Sunday after Easter when Moravians celebrate the Resurrection with light-hearted and creative worship. This month's newsletter highlights include Schoeneck Moravian's performance of ACTS! and The Jacksonville Group's Annual Talent Show at Advent Moravian.

### Performing Arts Ministry....



*A different kind of Liturgy*

ACTS! is a new musical written by Sarah Hriniak, Schoeneck member and Dean of Musical Theater Ministry at Camp Hope, featuring music written by Jenna Dreydoppel, Sarah Hriniak, Tamara Lenig, Ryan Morrow and Nola Reed Knouse. Most Passion plays end with the Crucifixion, but as Moravians...We are the Easter People! This musical celebrates Easter, the Resurrection and the story that continues into the Book of Acts with exuberant song and color.

Contact Sarah Hriniak to learn more: [sarah.hriniak@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.hriniak@gmail.com)

*What is the Spirit calling you to do?*

# The Jacksonville Group @ Advent Moravian

There is no shortage of SOUL when the Jacksonville Group worships together at Advent Moravian! This year's Annual Talent Show featured song, dance, piano improv and diamond art display delivered with an abundance of joy, enthusiasm and love.

The Jacksonville Group welcomes differently-abled young adults for worship every other Sunday at 4:00PM in Christmas Hall at Advent Moravian. A group of dedicated volunteers leads worship using the Bethesda Series curriculum, a ministry of seeJesus that creates and adapts Bible study material for adults with intellectual disabilities. Worship includes singing, a simple message and scripture delivered through dramatic role play followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. The group also engages in local service projects, such as packing soup kits for those in need living at Moravian House Apartments in Bethlehem (pictured below).

Spread the good news about this unique ministry!

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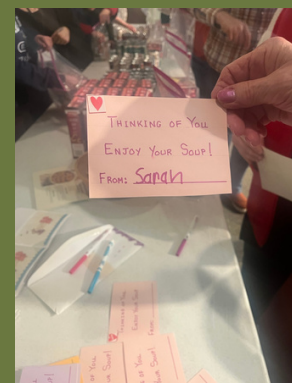
**Jesus was a Soul Man!**



Packing soup kits for residents at Moravian House



Diamond Art by Margaret

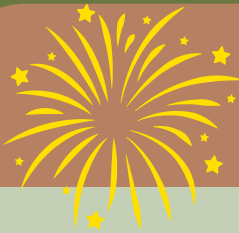


Notes for residents at Moravian House

Piano improv



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 ...with roots that  
 reached deeper



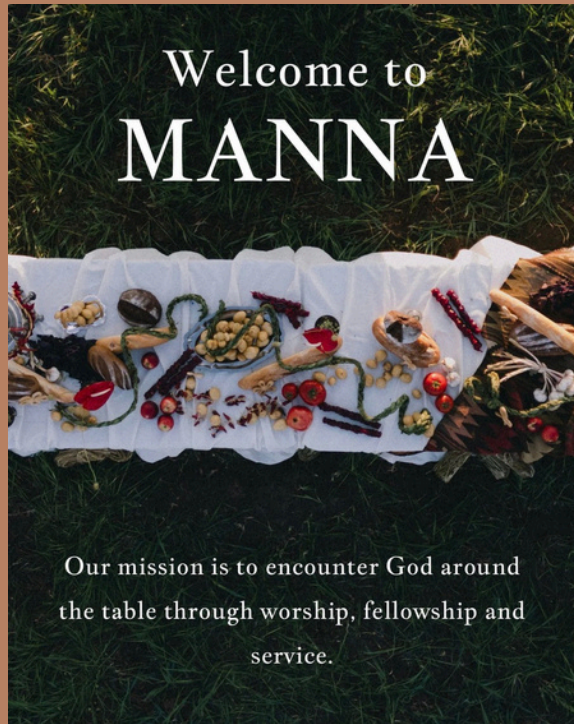
## New Ministry Highlight



Pentecost  
 in the  
 Park

May 24th - 5pm

*Manna*



MAKING A BETTER WORLD  
 ONE STITCH AT A TIME

## Craftivism

When we connect our head, our heart,  
 and our hands, we can make a  
 difference in the Lehigh Valley.





Join Pastor Byrnes Craig for a kickstarter event to launch Manna, a Dinner Church Ministry for the Lehigh Valley seeking to build church community through worship, discipleship, justice, fellowship...and food!

PENTECOST IN THE PARK will take place May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM  
 Wayne Grube Park, 1200 Willowbrook Rd., Northampton PA 18067

Learn more about Manna, Byrnes and her related ministry, Craftivism, at  
[www.mannabethlehem.com](http://www.mannabethlehem.com)



# VBS and Summer Ministries Summer 2026

 Bethlehem @ East Hills *Full Day Option*	June 22-26 9:00-12:00 Lunch 1:00-4:00	Vacation Bible School Snow Ball Mountain Challenge  Powerballers
 Easton First	July 9-10 6:15-8:30	Vacation Bible School
	August 13-14 9:30-11:30	ArtFest
 Emmaus	July 20-24 9:00-12:00	Vacation Bible School Road Trip - On the Go With God
 Palmer	July 20-24 9:00-12:00	Mission Camp (Grades 6-12)
 Schoeneck	July 20-24	Vacation Bible School Go Fish Guys – Kicking It Old School 80s Style

Spread the word around the Valley!  
 Summer Programs open to all!  
 Contact individual churches for details,  
 pricing and to register

