

FAITH FORMATION

Moravian Church - Lehigh Valley

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

"A heart at peace gives life to the body" (Proverbs 14:30).

Summer is a great time to refresh heart and soul. This newsletter provides some fresh curriculum ideas for fall, suggestions to keep up the VBS energy all year round, and announcements about faith celebrations in our area.

Please contact me anytime for curriculum recommendations and assistance:
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Youth Ministry Highlight

ARTS FEST FOR KIDS
FIRST MORAVIAN EASTON
August 13 & 14, 9:30-11:30 AM
Open to all ages 3 & up

Using the book "God's Paintbrush" kids will explore painting God's world in a variety of mediums - watercolors, pastels, tempera and acrylics - and different techniques.

Call church office by August 10th to register:
610-258-6317...spread the word!

Youth Curriculum



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Simple Sundays offers straight-forward lesson plans with little preparation. Perfect for any gathering of youth. Make your church a safe place to ask tough questions, such as What do I believe? Who do I believe in? How does what I believe inform what I do? Explore the connections between belief, faith, and trust.

New Moravian Bible Study



A Moravian Bible Study
Exploring the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

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This curriculum was produced by the Board of World Mission in 2026, with contributions from many. The study opens with two introductory sessions that explore the Moravian Guidelines for Biblical Interpretation and the Sermon on the Mount. The remaining study explores the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals through three units: Care for Creation, Care for Each Other, and Care for Right Relationships. We recommend beginning with the introductory material to help you understand how to use this Bible study.

Children's Sunday School Whirl by Sparkhouse



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Whirl curriculum by Sparkhouse has been around for several years, but continues to be a reliable and trusted choice. Whirl offers churches an easy-prep option for children's Sunday School programming for lectionary, non-lectionary, and a variety of age groupings. Children love the little cartoon-style videos that accompany each lesson, and teachers love the highly scripted and easy to follow guides. Be sure to check out Whirl if you church is searching for Sunday School materials this fall!



a Sanctified Art

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Sanctified Art is a team of artists in ministry who create multimedia resources for worshiping communities of all shapes and sizes. They work collaboratively to bring scripture and theological themes to life through visual art, poetry, liturgy, curriculum, worship installation art, coloring pages, graphic design, and more.

If your church is looking for an inspiring theme for an upcoming liturgical season that will connect worship, Sunday school, at-home devotions, and social media branding, be sure to check out their library of materials. The bundles can be purchased by church size, making them an affordable option for any church seeking to form faith through multi-sensory engagement.





VBS ENERGY



and a  full of Jesus

The combination of fun, learning and togetherness makes Vacation Bible School one of the most vibrant environments we offer for children's faith formation. Teens are engaged in ministry as volunteers, kids are having a blast and parents are happy their kids are excited about their faith. So why limit this learning environment to one week of summer? Moravians traditionally have approached learning with a joyful and light-hearted approach that fosters faith and curiosity. So how can we keep the good vibes flowing all year round?

Make some slight adjustments to the Sunday School hour to create the VBS vibe:

- Repeat a simple theme over several weeks or church season
- Engage post-confirmation teens and young adults as helpers as their schedules allow
- Gather classes to sing a couple hymns together...upbeat/Moravian/seasonal (10 mins)
- Split into age groups for lesson broken into 2-3 chunks: game/movement, arts/craft, drama, snack, etc. Move around, go outside, make use of your church space - keep it moving and grooving! (40 mins)
- Incorporate heart-felt prayer, teaching kids to recognize God in their lives and the world around them
- Gather together again and close with a hymn sing (10 mins)

SMALL CHANGES
BIG  RESULTS

**Moravian Faith is a
Heart Theology**



Special Summer Events

Celebrations of Faith

First Moravian Church of Easton Community Picnic and Carnival

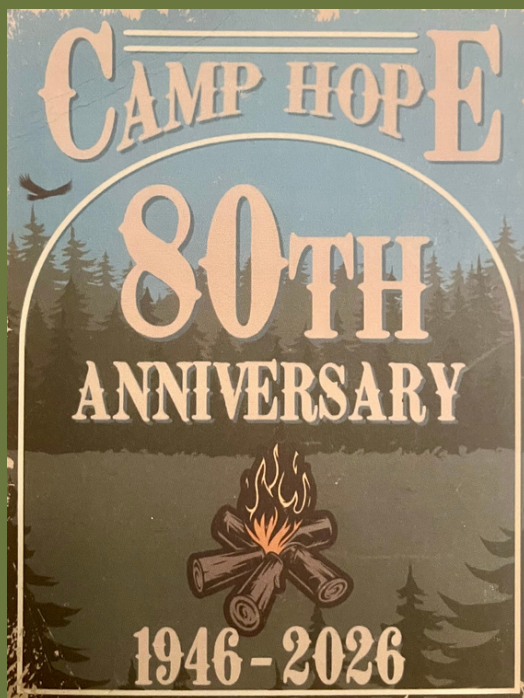
AN EVENING OUT FOR EVERYONE!

Friday, August 7, 6:30-8:30PM

Come enjoy an old-fashioned picnic and then try your hand at some carnival games! This year the carnival is being planned by the First Sunday School Class!

ALL ARE INVITED TO ENJOY GOOD FOOD, FRIENDSHIP AND FUN!

♦ LET'S ♦
♦ CELEBRATE ♦ *our Faith!*



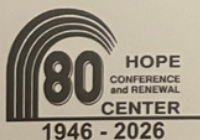
CELEBRATING CAMP HOPE'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY!

AUGUST 8, 2026 @ 1pm

Join us as we celebrate
eight decades of memories,
friendship, and fun!

Consider making a donation
to support life-changing
experiences for campers.

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this event.



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