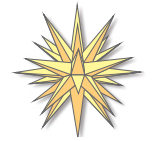


*In essentials unity;  
in non-essentials liberty;  
in all things Love.*

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## Prayer Walks & Praise & Prayer Times



**Pastor Mandy Mastros**

In my first year at Lancaster Moravian, I took vacation to attend the wedding of a dear friend in Minnesota. While I was there, Lancaster made national news when a man was tased by a police officer in the back. In the videos that were released, the man was seated on the ground

and did not appear to be resisting at all. I was saddened to see the story happen so close to home, and on a news outlet so far from home. I felt this burning desire to walk around our community and pray for it and for those who worked, played, and lived here. I invited everyone to join me, and many of you did. I knew nothing except that I felt a leading from God to do this and so I did. And this monthly time set aside to walk through our community and pray has been a meaningful and worthwhile endeavor in all of its forms and fashions. Over the past six months or so, questions have come up about whether or not we were still feeling called to engage in this way. I will say, personally, I have felt a shift away from it, and based on the attendance, I believe that many of those who have attended have too.

In the same way, last year, I felt myself neglecting the part of my spiritual walk that involved simply sitting in God's presence. I wanted to get back to this in a way that was authentic and meaningful. And so again, I invited

you to join me at the church for a time of open and organic sitting and basking in God's presence and letting the Spirit lead. We had a few very meaningful Praise and Prayer gatherings. And yet, I also have not felt the need or desire to continue these monthly gatherings in the same way.

I do not see either one of these activities as a failure or a flop. I believe for the times that we did them, they were meaningful and helpful. I know they were for me, and I also have heard positive stories about the experiences others had in these moments. The movements of the Spirit can be and often are seasonal. Ecclesiastes 3 tells us that for everything there is a season. I am not sure if we will revisit these two activities and start them again some time in the future, or if we will do them every now and again instead of once a month. What I do know is that I am feeling the call to let them go for a season and see where the Spirit is now leading. Perhaps letting these two events go will allow space for something new to bubble up, or perhaps God is calling us to take some time to rest in God's presence. Whatever is to come, I write this with gratitude and thanksgiving for the blessings that have come from our Prayer Walks and from our Praise and Prayer Gatherings, knowing that many were blessed by our faithfulness in following God's leading.

Blessed to serve you and to serve with you!

Pastor Mandy

**NEW  
AT  
LMC**

10 week Spanish class with David Nagel



Meeting of the Homeless Advocacy Board (See more HAB news on page 2.)



The Homeless Advocacy Board (HAB) is a group of six individuals that meet at the Moravian Center of Lancaster about twice a month. The members of this board are all currently homeless or have been homeless for a period of more than a month within the past year. Their newly crafted and adopted mission statement is “Through our lived experience, we advocate for unhoused people to remove the stigma of homelessness, and fight for more resources and services for those who need them while pushing for systemic change.” This group was formed from the Lived Experience Group that Pastor Mandy worked with to help equip unhoused individuals to serve on the boards of Lancaster County organizations that serve unhoused individuals. Members of the Homeless Advocacy Board now serve on the Lancaster County Coalition to end Homelessness (O4C) Steering Committee, the

Community Outreach Engagement team for the O4C, the program committee for ECHOS (a winter shelter program in Elizabethtown), Hands Across the Street (a shelter and community center in Columbia), the Pennsylvania Furniture Mission, and Tempo (a program through Community Service Group (CSG) that serves individuals with a mental health diagnosis). The individuals who participated in the Lived Experience believed that they had more to offer the community than their service on these individuals boards so they decided to form their own. This is how the HAB was born. They are currently working on a training session for the O4C to take place in June,

creating reference/resource cards for local businesses and outreach workers to distribute to unhoused persons, and learning more about how they can advocate for those experiencing homelessness in Lancaster.

## MEET THE **Homeless Advocacy Board** (HAB)



### Homeless Advocacy Board

Photos taken at  
Washington, D.C.,  
participating in the  
**HOUSING NOT HANDCUFFS**  
Rally held on  
**Monday,**  
**April 22, 2024**





ALL ARE INVITED  
TO THE SHOWING OF

**STAR  
WARS**

**A NEW HOPE**

EPISODE IV

**Moravian Center  
of Lancaster**

227 N. Queen Street, 2nd Floor

**Saturday, May 4, 2024 – 1pm**

ENJOY A TIME  
OF SNACKS, STAR WARS, and COMMUNITY  
TOGETHER!





# Sugar Cake Bake



**WE WILL BE BAKING SUGAR CAKES**

**Saturday, May 18th.**

To order 8" sugar cakes  
(\$7.00 each),

call Fay Hill at 717-278-9008

or email at [hill225@comcast.net](mailto:hill225@comcast.net)

**PLACE YOUR ORDER BY**

**Monday, May 13th**

**— PICK UP —**

**May 18th from 1:00 pm—2:00 pm**

**at Lancaster Moravian Church**

**227 North Queen Street, Lancaster**

**OR**

**from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

**at Priscilla Weidman's house in Lititz**





**Sunday, May 19th at 11:30 am**

following church! Stay for pizza or whatever is chosen to order in (or bring a sandwich if you want). There's always at least one Farkle game going on as well as any other one wanted.

*Fun times and lots of laughs!*



Donna rehearsing for Fiddler on the Roof at Servant Stage.

**Happy 8 Birthday Ezri**



"The Breakfast Club"

**Jan visits the wood shop for some auto repair.**



# Baby Boomer Music Trivia



## Trivia Night

You can never play too much Trivia!!

Sponsored by:

***Moravian Center of Lancaster***

Join us for trivia, fun, & laughter.

Hosted by Scott B.



### Where:

Moravian Center of  
Lancaster  
227 N. Queen St.  
Lancaster




### When:

Saturday, June 15, 2024  
Doors open at 3:00 pm  
Trivia Games: 4:00 – 6:00 pm



### What:

Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
& 3<sup>rd</sup> place!  
Munchies for sale



# Moravian Women



**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
at 1:00 pm at  
Priscilla's home  
and on Zoom.**



We will be continuing our study of James. This month, we will look at "Choosing Humility" based on James 4:1-10.

Jesus expects us to be humble by welcoming sinners, those who in our eyes have broken God's laws. He expects us to welcome people who make us uncomfortable.

Our mission study will continue to look at "God's Call." This month, we will look at "God's call to Paul : It Is Not What You Have Done, But What You Can Do." When God called Paul, He equipped him. When God sees potential in us, He will equip us with everything we need to carry out the job.

**Please join us for a time of fellowship, listening, and learning for God's call to us.**

**Please notify Nancy Sturgis,  
(717) 538-0488, if you wish to join on  
Zoom or have any questions.**

## LMC Book Club

**Monday, May 6, 2024,  
at 3:00 pm on Zoom**



**As always, we would love  
to hear some new voices.**

### How to Walk Away

by Katherine Center

Margaret Jacobsen is just about to step into the bright future she's worked for so hard and so long: a new dream job, a fiance she adores, and the promise of a picture-perfect life just around the corner. Then, suddenly, on what should have been one of the happiest days of her life, everything she worked for is taken away in a brief, tumultuous moment.



In the hospital and forced to face the possibility that nothing will ever be the same again, Maggie must confront the unthinkable. First there is her fiance, Chip, who wallows in self-pity while simultaneously expecting to be forgiven. Then, there's her sister Kit, who

shows up after pulling a three-year

vanishing act. Finally, there's Ian, her physical therapist, the one the nurses said was too tough for her.

Ian, who won't let her give in to her pity, and who sees her like no one has seen her before. Sometimes the last thing you want is the one thing you need. Sometimes we all need someone to catch us when we fall. And sometimes love can find us in the least likely place we would ever expect.

*How to Walk Away* is Katherine Center at her very best—a masterpiece of a novel that is both hopeful and hilarious; truthful and wise; tender and brave.

*All are invited to join us!*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7276959529>  
meeting ID # 7276959529



# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



**For our church family:**  
 Danielle Tshudy, Stephen Darragh, John Mwigimani, Jan Stein and Leslie Stein, Kim, her daughter Kelli, and her granddaughter Charlotte (age 2) – a tumor on Charlotte’s optic nerve.  
 The Family of Earl Hibner  
 The Family of Shenita Brogdon  
 The Family of Charlotte Howell  
 The Family of Crystal Hess

**For our Adult Day Center:** Staff, volunteers, and attendees.

## 2024 Congregational Watchword:

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## stewardship

sharing the gifts we have been given

**To take advantage of online giving, you may access the following links:**

**LANCASTER MORAVIAN CHURCH**

**DONATE**



**MORAVIAN CENTER ADULT DAY**

**DONATE**



## The Breakfast Club



## JOIN US

**for Congregational Breakfast**  
**Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 9:30 am**  
**Knight & Day Diner**  
 3140 LITITZ PIKE  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## 2024 INCOME & EXPENSES

	APRIL	YTD
Operating Income	\$11,719.63	\$41,263.46
Operating Expense	\$14,559.02	\$54,704.93
Gain/<Loss>	-\$2,839.39	-\$13,441.47

## JOIN US



**EVERY SUNDAY AT THE**  
**Moravian Center**  
 227 North Queen Street

**Service is held on the 2nd Floor**  
**Beginning at 10:00 am**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



# Legacy of Love:

*Power and Strength through Faith*



**Mark your calendar for our 2024 Retreat!**

**Date:** November 8th - 10th

**Time:** 6:30 pm Friday - 10:30 am Sunday

**Place:** Kenbrook Bible Camp, Lebanon, PA

**Presenter:** Maggie Wellert, Retired Moravian Pastor

**All are welcome for a time of**

**Relaxation ~ Spiritual Renewal ~ Fellowship**

**Price for weekend includes 2 nights lodging and 4 meals**

\$140 for single occupancy

\$115 for double occupancy

The Kenbrook prices are actually higher than those above. The Retreat Committee subsidizes approximately \$85 per person. Anyone who would like to help defray the actual cost, the additional contribution will be received as a gift. A deposit of \$50 per person is payable now with your registration form to reserve your spot. Scholarships are available. Contact Pastor Mandy for more information.

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rooming With** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary Needs** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Paid** \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks payable to "Retreat Committee." Return to office, Attn. Pastor Mandy. Registrations due no later than October 1.**

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## Anniversaries

No Anniversaries in May

## Spoken Moravian Grace

*Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be  
 And bless these gifts bestowed by thee.*

*Bless our loved\* ones everywhere,  
 And keep them in your loving care.*

*\*The Southern Province usually says  
 "Bless our dear ones,"*



## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Eddie Graybill

Janis Easton

Mandy Mastros

May 9

May 13

May 18



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY 2024

• Wednesday	1	1:00 pm	Spirit Time at ADS (Pastor Mandy)
• Thursday	2	1:00 pm	Women's Fellowship at Priscilla's
• Saturday	4	1:00 pm	Community Movie Night - Star Wars
• Sunday	5	10:00 am	Worship & Congregational Town Hall
• Monday	6		Office Closed - Pastor Mandy Off
		3:00 pm	LMC Book Club (zoom)
• Wednesday	8	1:00 pm	Spirit Time at ADS (Pastor Devin)
• Thursday	9	4:30 pm	ADS Board Meeting (Hybrid)
• Sunday	12	10:00 am	Worship and <b>Mother's Day</b>
• Monday-Friday	13 - 17		Office Closed - PM Intensive Week
• Wednesday	15	1:00 pm	Spirit Time at ADS (Lillian)
• Saturday-Sunday	18 - 26		Office Closed - Pastor Mandy vacation
• Sunday	19	10:00 am	Worship with Michael Evans Games After at 11:30 am
• Wednesday	22		Office Closed - PM vacation
		1:00 pm	Spirit Time at ADS (TBD)
• Sunday	26	10:00 am	Worship Leader TBD - PM vacation
• Monday	27		<b>Memorial Day Office Closed</b> Office Closed - Pastor Mandy Off
• Wednesday	29	9:30 am	Breakfast Knight and Day Diner
		1:00 pm	Spirit Time at ADS (Pastor Mandy)
• Thursday	30	11:00 am	Unified Board Meeting (Hybrid)



### UNIFIED BOARD

Priscilla Weidman (Vice Chair)  
 Joe Schulter  
 Wayne Kautz  
 Fay Hill  
 Jan Stein  
 Arlene Hibner  
 Dave Herber (Associate)

### STAFF

**PASTOR**  
 Rev. Mandy Mastros, LSW

**BOOKKEEPER**  
 Lee Farr

### OFFICE HOURS AT MORAVIAN CENTER

**Tue. & Thu., 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

### PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:

**Tuesday & Thursday**  
**9:30 am - 12:00 pm**

*~ other times by appointment ~*

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