



Bethania Moravian Gazette

For the Week of March 28, 2021 -- Palm Sunday

Watchword for the Week of March 28:

Jesus said, "You see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." Mark 14:62

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March and April Calendar @ Bethania

Sunday, March 28

10:30 AM -- **Palm Sunday** -- In-Person & Virtual

12 noon -- Easter Egg Hunt

12 noon – 1:00 PM - Confirmation Class

Monday and Tuesday, March 29 and 30

6:30 PM -- Holy Week Reading Services -- *Virtual only* (Pre-recorded)

Tuesday, March 30

7 PM -- Boy Scouts

Wednesday, March 31

No Holy Week Service

Thursday, April 1

6:30 PM -- Maundy Thursday Readings and Communion

Service will be outdoors (Drive-In or Pavilion)

Friday, April 2

2:15 PM -- Good Friday Crucifixion Service

Service will be outdoors at the pavilion.

Saturday, April 3

10 AM -- God's Acre Decorating and Cleaning

Sunday, April 4

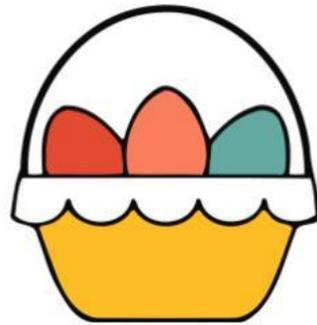
7 AM -- Sunrise Service (Sunrise at 7:04 AM)

- We will gather in God's Acre at 7:00 AM for our Sunrise Service.
- Ushers will be available to direct you.
- This service will be for Bethania congregation only this year, so that we can maintain physical distancing during the service.

There will not be a 10:30 AM service.

News of the Church....

You're invited to Bethania's Easter Egg Hunt!



Sunday, March 28 at 12 PM

We will join in a bring-your-own picnic lunch after worship service in the Pavillion and other areas around the church grounds. All members and their families are welcome to come.

The Easter Egg Hunt for children (age 1- 5th grade) will happen after lunch, around 12 PM. Those participating in the Easter Egg Hunt (older than 4) will need to wear masks. The CEC Committee have prepared goody bags of treats for the children.

Please consider joining in on a fellowship opportunity and watching the children of the church enjoy a Bethania Easter tradition!

If you have questions, please contact Katie Rainey or Renee Martin

Easter Sunrise Service

On **Easter Sunday morning**, we will have **one** service, the Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM in God's Acre. The Sunrise Service will be for the Bethania congregation only this year. Even though COVID numbers are decreasing and people are being vaccinated, we want to ensure that physical distancing can be maintained during the service.

Bethania Moravian Church Board of Trustees Report 2020

There were no significant unexpected expenses in building upkeep in 2020. These systems are reaching their life expectancy and future repairs and or replacements can be anticipated.

Thanks to Jim Dobbins who donated his company Sharp Interiors to fix, repair and paint areas in the sanctuary, balcony, and lounge area next to the coffee kitchen. We also took care of a small roof leak above the sanctuary.

The Trustees would like to thank everyone for their patience during these trying times in 2020. No one could have imagined or anticipated the toll of the pandemic on our mental, physical, or spiritual well being.

Our congregation was never able to formally celebrate paying off our loan. Hopefully we can have a summer picnic or even a Fall gathering to commemorate that occasion.

If there are any questions, comments or if you notice any maintenance needs around the building or grounds please feel free to contact any member of the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted
Dennis Ford, Chairman
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April Birthdays

1st-Tracie Artim

2nd-Lloyd Flynn

3rd-Dallas Martin

4th-Beth Spieler

Rebecca Ogburn

7th-Burke Bovender

13th-Duke Marley

17th-Tonya Bovender

18th-Sue Underwood

19th-Richard Kelley

20th-Ann Hamby

29th-Jerry Fulcher

Update : Worship Attendances - posted here two weeks after each Service

We have realized that our best way of gathering attendance numbers is to ask you to continue commenting on Bethania's Facebook Page. Unfortunately, we cannot get an accurate count of family members watching with one person logging in on YouTube. So let's stay the course and offer our head counts on Facebook. Thank you for being flexible with us as we are working to determine the better method of counting with each new technology change that comes to us.

Joyful Noise Offering

Our April's Joyful Noise will be donated to the Forsyth Backpack Program. This wonderful program is a local, all volunteer organization with the mission to provide nutritious food in backpacks on weekends and holidays to local school children who have been identified by school personnel as being in need of food.

Without the backpack food, these children may have little to no access to food (healthy or otherwise) over the weekend or long holidays. With the food, the children are able to return to school after the weekend or holiday break better ready to pay attention, learn and play.

For more information, please visit their website at www.forsythbackpackprogram.org.

Provincial and Interprovincial Calendar

7th Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History & Music

This conference occurs on April 20-24, 2021. This year's conference will be virtual. Registration is free! Go to <http://www.MoravianConferences.org> to register.

Moravian College announces Rev. Dr. Heather Vacek will join Moravian Theological Seminary as its next Dean and Vice President.

Vacek joins Moravian after six years as VPAA at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

BETHLEHEM, PA, March 18, 2021: Today, [Moravian College](http://www.moraviancollege.edu) announces that Rev. Dr. Heather Vacek will join [Moravian Theological Seminary](http://www.moraviantheologicalseminary.edu) as its Dean and Vice President, taking over for Interim Dean Dr. Craig Atwood who has served admirably in this role since the retirement of Dr. Frank Crouch in 2020. The Rev. Dr. Vacek currently serves at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as an Associate Professor of Church History. For the past six years she has also served as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty.

"Moravian College and the Seminary are excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Vacek, she is an accomplished teacher, scholar, and administrator and will be a great addition to our community," commented Cynthia Kosso, Provost of Moravian College. "We're confident her experience will allow her to make an immediate and positive impact on the students, faculty, staff and alumni of the Seminary."

The Rev. Dr. Vacek worked for more than a decade in corporate engineering and marketing when she experienced her call to ministry and earned a Master of Divinity

(2006) and Doctorate in Theology (2012) from Duke Divinity School. She was ordained by the Southern Province of the Moravian Church in July 2012.

In addition, Rev. Dr. Vacek earned her BA in Economics from Northwestern University, a BS in Industrial Engineering from Northwestern University, an MEM (engineering management) from Northwestern University and an MBA from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.