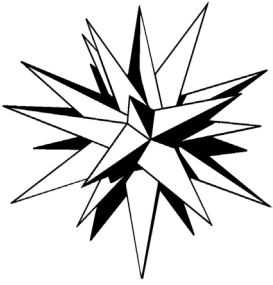
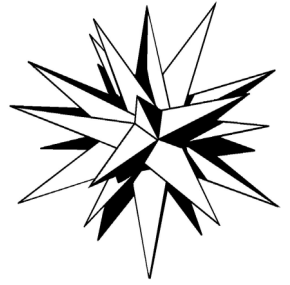


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A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEW PHILADELPHIA MORAVIAN CHURCH

HOLY WEEK



Schedule

April 2 – Maundy Thursday *Communion 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary*

April 3 – Good Friday *Tenebrae Service 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary*

April 5 – Easter Sunday *Worship begins inside at 10:00 a.m., continues on the front lawn and concludes at God's Acre. Bring fresh flowers to place on the wired cross in the Sanctuary.*

things that need attention: dusting furniture and baseboards, etc. Bring your Swiffer dusters, magic erasers and favorite dustcloths. We will have a few if you do not have these items.

Also, the Men's Fellowship has invited the ladies to join them for their monthly breakfast on Friday, April 10 at 7:30 a.m. in the Banquet Room. The speaker will be the Rev. Jeff Carter from the Forsyth Prison and Jail Ministry.

To help make sure there is enough food, please contact Pastor Paul or Rachel Weavil by email or phone 336.765.2331 (ext. 1301 or 1304) in the church office to make your reservation for breakfast, RSVP on Realm (all members should be registered on Realm) 336-765-2331, scan the QR code below.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on April 10 and 11.



Let's Spruce Up Our Church

April 10 and April 11, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
The Women's Fellowship is hosting two Spring workdays on April 10 and April 11 and we would like to have you join us. We will have a list of ar-



Playground Workday

Hey Fellas! When you're here on **April 11** and need a break from helping the ladies with their dusting, go ahead and bring a rake or pitchfork and lend a hand on the playground at **10:00 a.m.!** Your able bodies are needed to help spread fresh mulch on the playground.

For safety purposes – this is adults only.

It will not take long to complete this task as many hands make light work! Questions?

Contact Ashley Routh or email director@newphillypreschool.org



All Church Baseball Event

Come join the New Philly family for a night of baseball on Friday, May 1st! This fun event is for the whole family, with Kids Run the Bases and fireworks after the game. We have great tickets on the third baseline, where we'll cheer the Winston-Salem Tobacco Beetles (the Dash's alter-ego) to a hopeful victory against the Greensboro Grasshoppers. Free transportation will be provided on the church bus from the church to the ballpark and back (bus leaves at 5:30 pm from NPMC), or you can drive yourself (free and paid parking options available). Here's what you need to know:

When? Friday, May 1, 2026. Church bus leaves New Philadelphia at 5:30 pm. **First pitch at 6:30 pm.**

Where? Truist Stadium, Winston-Salem

How Much? Tickets are \$15 (online registration preferred, in-person registration with cash/check payment accepted in church office).

Deadline? Registration closes Thursday, April 23. Those who prefer to drive to the game can pick up their tickets at church on Sunday, April 26.

Scan to purchase tickets, or visit bit.ly/4bUUrhw



South Fork Ministry

In his book, *Make Your Bed (Little Things That Can Change Your Life And Maybe The World)*, US Navy Retired Admiral William H. McRaven states the University of Texas slogan “What starts here changes the world”. He further writes that ASK.com says that the average American will meet ten thousand people in their lifetime. He then adds, and I paraphrase, if each of us **changed the lives of just 10 people** and this continued then **we could potentially change the world!** Just think, if 1 Christian changed the lives of 10 people, what could happen?

In December, 33 South Fork scholars and their families were touched by individuals, families, and Sunday School classes as they purchased items from the Christmas wish lists of these scholars. Prayers were said individually and in our Sunday service before the gifts were given. Non-perishable and perishable food was given to each of the families for their Christmas meals plus food to help the families through the long Christmas break. The food was purchased by the South Fork Ministry funds. Christians changed the lives of 33 scholars, their families, and the faculty and staff at South Fork.

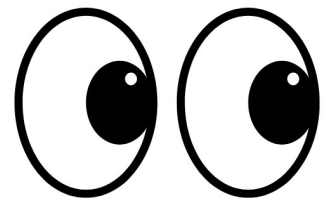
In February, 500 toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste were collected for Children’s Dental Health month for the South Fork Scholars. Dr. Allen sent an email to the faculty and staff which included the following: “Thanks to the continued generosity and kindness of our partners at New Philadelphia Moravian Church, each of our scholars will receive a toothbrush and toothpaste to take home. The church also provided Ziplock bags so these items can be easily packaged and placed in students’ bookbags.” Christians changed the lives of 500 scholars and their families and the faculty and staff at South Fork.

In March, we collected items for Spring Break bags for 30 South Fork families to help tide them over during the week long break. Without school breakfasts and lunches, this week is extra long. Christians changed the lives of 30 South Fork families and the faculty and staff at South Fork. Earlier in the month, several from our congregation read to classes at South Fork for Read Across America Day. On the 26th, the third grade scholars will hunt for an Easter Egg, choose a book to keep, enjoy Moravian cookies and experience Christian love. Christians will change the lives of 78 scholars and the faculty and staff at South Fork.

In each of these activities, I included the faculty and staff at South Fork because they see Jesus love in each way we minister to their “family”. Did we (all of us at New Philadelphia) change lives? We do not know for sure, but Jesus love was in each and every way we ministered to our neighbors. **They will know we are Christians by our love.** Thank each of you for your prayers, time, gifts, and for sharing Jesus love.

In April, we will support South Fork with volunteers for Tie a Tie Day and Career Exploration Day. This event is April 24, if you would like more information, contact me at sparksw@msn.com.

Take a Look





Bible Recap

Bible Recap has resumed! Meet us in the Friendship Room on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Reach out to Susan Stockwell with any questions.

Book Club News

All are invited to join the New Philly Mostly Southern Writers book club! We meet the third Thursday of each month at 6pm in the Friendship room. Our meetings typically last about an hour:

You can attend in person or by Zoom. For more information please call or email: Jerrie Andrews 336.926.1748 jerrieandrews@icloud.com

Church members and non-church members are welcome to attend. Here is the list of upcoming reads for the Book Club through Summer 2026:

April 16 Fox by Joyce Carol Oats

May 21 All the Forgivenesses by Elizabeth Hardinger

June 18 The Jackal's Mistress by Chris Bohjalian

July 16 The Enigma Affair by Charlie Lovett

August 20 Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate



Sewing Ministry

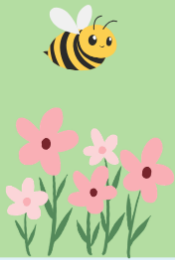
We have resumed sewing ministry on **Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.** in the Women's Fellowship room. There is a need for pillowcase dresses so we will be making those. We will be using material, not pillowcases. If you wish to participate by sewing, donating fabric or notions please contact Jane Wynne.



Vacation Bible School

From a whimsical lighthouse on an enchanted island, Explorers are guided by a Lighthouse Keeper and Beacon the Puffin on an exciting quest. Using map coordinates from their Reference Book (the Bible), children discover clues to learning how God's light shines in the lives of familiar biblical characters. So pack your bags for an Adventure this Summer at New Philadelphia!





KID-MIN COLUMN



DATES & EVENTS

April

Apr 2: S.O.S. 10am-Noon (Library)

Apr 13: Kids' Corral 5:30-7pm (FH)

Apr 27: Kids' Corral 5:30-7pm (FH)

May

May 7: S.O.S. 10am-Noon (Library)

May 11: Kids' Corral 5:30-7pm (FH)

May 25: Kids' Corral 5:30-7pm (FH)

June

Jun 6: Family Day Event! (Details TBA)

Jun 11: S.O.S. 10am-Noon (Library)

Jun 22-26: VBS Set-UP 9am-3pm

Jun 26-27: VBS!

Jun 28: VBS Celebration 9:30am

July

Jul 2: S.O.S. 10am-Noon (Library)

Jul 18: Family Day Event! (Details TBA)

August

Aug 1: Family Day Event! (Details TBA)

Aug 6: S.O.S. 10am-Noon (Library)

A Note from Rachel:

As I near the end of my first year on staff at NPMC, I find myself overwhelmed in the best way by the kindness, grace, and genuine friendships that have surrounded me. This community has been more than just a place to serve—it has been a place to belong. Thank you for the encouragement, the support, and the many ways you have welcomed me so fully into the life of this church. It is a joy and a privilege to walk alongside you, and I am deeply grateful for the ways you continue to shape both this ministry and my faith!

Rooted To Remain:

WHEN DOES FAITH ACTUALLY TAKE HOLD AND GROW?

The retention of a child's faith is rarely formed in a single moment—it is cultivated over time through two sacred rhythms: consistent presence and lived-out faith at home. Research from Barna and the Search Institute affirms what the Church has long witnessed: children who attend regularly are far more likely to carry their faith with them into the years ahead. There is quiet power in simply showing up. Week after week, event after event, children are not just learning—they are belonging. They are known by name, surrounded by stories of God, and anchored in rhythms that begin to shape their hearts. Yet what takes root in the church must be nourished at home. When children see faith lived—when prayer is spoken, grace is practiced, and God is not just discussed but encountered in everyday life—belief moves from something external to something deeply personal. Nearly half of young adults who remain active in their faith point back to homes where faith was not hidden, but alive. Retention, then, is not about holding on tightly, but about planting deeply. And when the Church and the home move together—showing up, living faithfully, and trusting God to grow what is planted—we begin to see not just children who attend, but disciples who remain.

Join the Kid-Min Team!

We need many hands and feet to make children's ministry run! Each of us can make a true difference in a child's life—but we have to make the first step!

Fill out this form to inquire with Rachel Paden the best area of the ministry you may be able to support!





2026 SCHEDULE

Questions about your assigned month? Reach out to Lavina Smith handquilter7@gmail.com

- February - New Friendship
- March - Discipleship
- April - Advent Class
- May - Mary Marthas and Bells
- June - Discovery
- July - Inklings & Wayfinders
 - August - New Friendship
 - September - Discovery
 - October - Advent Class
 - November - Women's Fellowship
 - December - Discipleship



Thank you A big thank you to everyone who has stepped up to fill the Blessing Box through the end of the year. There will be some maintenance done on the Box as it was recently damaged. Remember to follow the suggested serving/placement list located in the Fire House. If you have any questions about the Blessing Box or you notice a shortage of items, please reach out to the church office or Lavina Smith (our faithful Blessing Box scheduler).

..whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me..

Financial Report as of February 2026

Annual Budget.....	\$941,119
Expenses to date	\$155,992
Income to date	\$159,486
Overage to date	\$3,494

Disbursed in month

Building/Equipment repairs	\$6,431
Bus	\$82
Christian Education/Youth.....	\$1,836
Cleaning expenses.....	\$3,987
Grounds.....	\$4,641
Insurance	\$6,394
Kitchen/Custodial supplies	\$849
Library (credit).....	\$20
Office Expenses	\$1,421
Office Computer	\$1,729
Staff, Youth, Board Retreats	\$457
Pastoral Staff-Salary, Travel, Housing, Pension, Ins.	\$12,155
Provincial Contributions	\$11,365
Requested items	\$316
Staff-Salaries, Social Security, Ins.....	\$22,683
Utilities.....	\$6,434
Total for month	\$80,760

Designated Funds Report

Anne Chadwick Band Fund.....	\$10,182
Band Fund.....	\$7,946
Martha Saturn Bells of Joy	\$14,309
Benevolences	\$193
Building Fund	\$51,626
Bus Fund.....	\$360
Cancer Benevolence	\$3,381
Capital Improvements	\$0
Elizabeth Windsor Scholarship Fund	\$26,353
Iobst-Gray Missions Fund	\$22,946
Lamb Ministry	\$400
Laurel Ridge Projects Fund	\$2,578
Lewis Ministerial Student Aid Fund	\$5,200
Michael Crotts Technology Fund	\$12,000
Music Fund.....	\$2,544
Open Door Outreach.....	\$555
Special Projects.....	\$3,119
South Fork Ministry	\$625
Youth Fund	\$3,302
Youth Missions Fund	\$2,811

Contact Donna Wright, our Finance Manager, or David Tickle, our Trustee Chairperson, if you have any questions regarding the Financial Report.

Ways to send your tithes & offerings:

- Mail checks **New Philadelphia Moravian Church**
- Use the portal for giving on **newphilly.org**
- Use the **Moravian Ministries Foundation** portal also on **newphilly.org**



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