



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

## YORK FIRST MORAVIAN

### ENTERING THE HOLY OF HOLIES ON THE COMPUTER SCREEN

I HAVE A PROGRAM ON MY COMPUTER THAT GIVES A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE TEMPLE MOUNT. IT TAKES YOU THROUGH THE TEMPLE GATES, THE TEMPLE COURTS, AND INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES. SO I STARTED GOING INTO THIS VIRTUAL HOLY OF HOLIES.

ONE DAY I WANTED TO SHOW A FRIEND. SO, I LED HIM THROUGH THIS VIRTUAL TOUR TO THE HOLY OF HOLIES. BUT FOR SOME REASON THE COMPUTER PROGRAM WOULDN'T LET US IN, NO MATTER WHAT WE DID. LATER ON, AFTER HE LEFT, I TRIED AGAIN TO GET INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES, AND IT WORKED. IT JUST WOULDN'T LET US IN TOGETHER.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAUSED THE COMPUTER TO OBSTRUCT OUR ENTRANCE, BUT THERE IS A SPIRITUAL TRUTH HERE. THE HOLY OF HOLIES WAS SMALL. ONLY ONE PERSON WAS TO BE WITHIN IT AT A TIME. IT HAD ROOM ONLY FOR YOU AND GOD'S PRESENCE.

DO YOU WANT TO ENTER THE HOLY OF HOLIES OF GOD, TO GET INTO THE PLACE OF HIS PRESENCE, AND HIS GLORY? THEN YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO IT ALONE, IN YOUR QUIET TIME - JUST YOU - AND HIM.

**FIND A QUIET PLACE TO HAVE SOME ONE-ON-ONE TIME WITH THE LORD, TO BE IN HIS PRESENCE.**

**READ EZEKIEL 42:14**

TAKEN FROM THE DEVOTIONAL SAPPHIRES, THE WRITING OF JONATHAN CAHN

SUBMITTED BY JOHN KNOKEY, BOARD OF ELDERS MEMBER

# CONGRATULATIONS 2024 GRADUATES!



JASANI KOTEK GRADUATED FROM YORK ADAMS ACADEMY ON MAY 30. SHE RECEIVED HER HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. HER PLANS FOR THE FUTURE ARE TO ATTEND HAAC TO PREPARE FOR A CAREER IN NURSING.



JACOB SPRENKLE GRADUATED FROM YORK COLLEGE ON MAY 11. HE RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN FINE ARTS WITH A MINOR IN ART HISTORY. HE ALSO MADE THE DEAN'S LIST EVERY SEMESTER! HIS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE ARE TO FIND THAT PERFECT JOB AS AN ILLUSTRATOR.

## **ELDERS NEWS**

THE ELDERS MET ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM. WORSHIP SERVICES WERE REVIEWED. THE SCHEDULE FOR GUEST PASTORS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH WAS DISCUSSED. PASTORAL CARE FOR OUR SHUT-INS WERE REVIEWED. FAITH FORMATION FOR OUR CHILDREN, ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE CONCEPT DISCUSSED. QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CONGREGATION WAS PLACED IN THE JUNE NEWSLETTER. UPDATE ON CALL PROCESS GIVEN. JOHN IS STILL WORKING ON THE EBENEZER WALL. LINDSEY MESSERSMITH REQUESTED HOSTING TWO MEETINGS IN THE FALL TO SHARE PROGRAMS OFFERED TO SENIORS THROUGH AARP. DATES TO BE SET UP. CLIFF GAVE INFORMATION ON THE RESTORING HOPE MINISTRY BIKE TOUR WHERE WE WOULD HOST BIKERS JULY 29-30. THEY ARE FROM CORNERSTONE CHURCH IN EASTON, PA. WE WILL PROVIDE A MEAL FOR THEM ON MONDAY, THE 29TH AND BREAKFAST ON TUESDAY MORNING, THE 30TH. SOME COVENANT MEMBERS HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP WITH THE MEAL ON THE 29TH. COVENANT HAS ALSO OFFERED FUNDS FROM THEIR MISSION FUND TO HELP WITH THE COST OF THE MEAL. CLIFF WILL BE STAYING THE ENTIRE TIME. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE BIKE TOUR IS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER IN ANY WAY, PLEASE LET ANY OF THE ELDERS KNOW. PLEASE PRAY FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP FOR FIRST AND COVENANT AND FOR ALL CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM. (NO MEETING IN JULY)

## **TRUSTEES NEWS**

THE TRUSTEES MET ON TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM. ACTIVE PROJECTS FOR THE PARSONAGE, ANNEX, AND CHURCH WERE DISCUSSED AS WELL AS REPAIRS THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT A LATER TIME. RECEIVING QUOTES FOR WINDOW REPLACEMENTS IN CHURCH AND QUOTES FOR LIGHTING REPLACEMENTS. APPLYING FOR GRANTS. CLIFF DIDN'T HEAR BACK FROM THE YORK FOOD BANK. MEETING WITH HARVEST OF BLESSINGS ON JULY 3 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLY HELPING THEM WITH STORAGE. WANDA REVIEWED THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH DETAILING INCOME AND EXPENSES. MARLIN BUPP, RETIRED CPA FROM COVENANT HAS AUDITED OUR BOOKS AND EVERYTHING WAS OK. A GIFT BASKET WAS GIVEN TO HIM. NEXT WORKDAY TO BE DETERMINED. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 23 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM.

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES**

WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE HELD DOWNSTAIRS IN THE AIR-CONDITIONED FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR THE SUMMER. THE LAST SUMMER SERVICE WILL BE SUNDAY, AUG. 25. ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND, SUNDAY SEPT 1, WE WILL BE BACK IN THE SANCTUARY.



**RESTORING HOPE MINISTRIES  
2024 BIKE TOUR  
JULY 28-AUGUST 3**

THE BIKE TOUR IS THE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR RESTORING HOPE MINISTRIES, A MINISTRY PARTNER OF CORNERSTONE CHURCH, EASTON, PA.

RHM IS COMMITTED TO HELPING OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN DUNGU, DRC WITH MEDICAL PROVISION, TRAUMA HEALING, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURAL INITIATIVES, AND OTHER SUSTAINABLE ENDEAVORS. WE PRAISE GOD FOR THE WORK THAT IS HAPPENING IN THE DRC THROUGH THE TRANSFORMATIVE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL!

THIS YEAR'S TOUR WILL ROLL THROUGH THE SCENIC COUNTRYSIDE OF LANCASTER AND GETTYSBURG, AND THEN BACK TO EASTON, PA.

BE A PART OF THIS ADVENTURE AND JOIN IN THE MISSION OF TRANSFORMING LIVES!

EACH TEAM MEMBER WILL RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF RHM. CONTRIBUTIONS WILL HELP AND ENCOURAGE OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN DUNGU, DRC.





**TOTAL INCOME & OFFERINGS FROM  
SUNDAYS 6/2/2024 - 6/23/2024**

\$4,987.00 GENERAL FUND  
162.00 REFURBISHING FUND  
80.00 EMERGENCY NEEDS FUND

**\$5,229.00 TOTAL OFFERING**

50.00 PARKING RENTAL  
1,000.00 PARSONAGE RENTAL  
508.36 PARSONAGE UTILITIES PAID INCOME

**\$1,558.36 TOTAL OTHER INCOME**

**\$6,787.36 TOTAL INCOME FOR JUNE**

**(06/02/24 THRU 06/23/24)**

(JUNE 30TH OFFERING/INCOME WILL BE IN  
THE NEXT NEWSLETTER)

**\$12,774.14 TOTAL EXPENSES FOR JUNE**

**(06/01/24 THRU 06/30/24)**



## July Birthdays

- 1 Keith Rishel
- 5 Makenna Eckert
- 12 Annette Tyson  
Jeannette Sprenkle
- 14 Karrie (Earnst) Rishel\*
- 15 Timothy Rishel
- 17 Nancy Danneberger\*
- 18 Cheri Miley\*
- 22 Stanley Martin\*
- 23 Laura Shealy
- 25 David Bailey  
Christopher Rishel



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Kasi Steinbrenner - 717-965-2032

## July Anniversaries

- 1 Douglas & Kathy McDannell\*
- 13 Rev. Norman & Maria Prochnau



## Prayer Concerns

MARY JONES	JEMON GRANT
KATHIE NICHOLAS	GARY PAULES
KARRIE RISHEL	ELAINE PATRICK
CLIFF ROWELL	IRELYN SPRENKLE
RUTH & CLAIR SEIPLE	JEFF RISHEL

## July Schedule for Guest Pastors

7/7 - Lay Pastor Cliff Bergstresser  
(Communion-John Hus)

7/14 - Rev. Terry Folk

7/21 - Mr. Cliff Rowell

7/28 - Rev. Terry Folk

Did you know...

We have an online giving portal! If you prefer to worship via Zoom you can send your offering online!

Just go to:

- [mmfa.info](http://mmfa.info)

- click Giving Portal at the top

- Click 'F' and select First Moravian Church - York, PA

If you prefer to mail your offering, you can send it direct to:

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## **2024 Watchword**

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace  
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13