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The Mission of the Edgeboro Moravian Church Family is to Love God, Grow in Christ and Share the Holy Spirit through worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism.

**Edgeboro
Moravian
Congregation**

A Note from Our Student Pastor, Aaron Linville

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My time with the Edgeboro community is rapidly coming to a close, and I would like to take this time to thank each of you for your patience, advice, and care as I have grown in my ministry through experiences with you.

Since I began my time with you over a year ago, I have grown immensely thanks to your care and guidance. I barely remember the new seminary student who stood in front of you nervously last February, or the person who walked into a trustees meeting unable to understand the budget. Since then, I have grown comfortable and confident leading worship and I have come to especially enjoy it. Some of you even helped me learn to read and understand that budget. When I started here, I did not know how to put a sermon together, how to lead a Bible Study, or how to visit with someone in a hospital room. Thanks to you, I have been able to grow into those roles and responsibilities of ministry. I am very thankful for all that the Edgeboro Community has taught me and allowed me to learn.

There is yet one thing for me to learn while I am with you: how to say goodbye. Next year I will be placed at another Moravian Church in the Valley so that another lucky seminary student can experience the wonderfulness of Edgeboro. I know they will benefit from you as much as I have, but I still feel sorrow for my own leaving. Edgeboro has become an integral part of my life, drawing me close into our community in a very short time. I know that each of you and the entire Edgeboro community will always have a special place in my memory and my heart. Because of you, I feel that I have a very strong foundation on which a strong ministry can be built with the guidance of our Lord and Savior.

Again, I thank you for welcoming me and allowing me to journey with you these last several months. I know our loving Savior has many wonderful things in store for Edgeboro and I look forward to hearing about them.

May the peace and love of Jesus Christ guide us as we all continue to serve our God,

Aaron Linville

In this section you will find information about special offerings, services and activities for the communal worship of our congregation.

Worship

Joyful Noise Offering

What Comes After Easter? A note from Pastor Chris

Now that the big day is over, how does this Easter reality live in your life? How does Easter become more than an event? How can Easter bring meaning to life here and now? As far as I am concerned these are some of the most important questions that we as Christians need to live with.

In the life, sufferings, death, and resurrection of our Lord, God forever conquered the sting of death and power of sin over our lives. In Easter God expressed his passion that all people might know of His love and grace. But how can all people know of this message? The truth of the matter is that God gives each one of us that responsibility. God has given each one of us different gifts and talents that, when expressed within the Christian community in the spirit of love, can be used to bring more people into a life changing relationship with God.

The Edgeboro Moravian Congregation was not placed here simply for us to enjoy our fellowship together, it is here to serve the wider kingdom of God. Should we lose sight of that, we will surely shrivel up and die.

On Sunday, May the 20th, I would challenge each and every member of the congregation to make a special effort to attend either one of our morning worship services. The theme for that service will be "Finding My Place in God's Kingdom".

This will be our opportunity to respond to Easter with joy in our hearts and meaning in our lives.

The Joyful Noise Offering for April



to support furnishing the new High School Sunday School Room was \$234.26.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Joyful Noise Offering in May will be to support our Vacation Bible School.

Please be generous in your giving!

Summer Youth Conferences at Camp Hope

Here is the schedule for summer camp. We want to remind members that each camper gets a \$125.00 discount for registration costs. Some of this comes from Bethlehem Area Moravians, and some from our Church Budget. Registration forms can be found in the Church office or on the table in the vestibule.

Conferences

Pre-primary (Grades 1-2)	June 24-26
Primary (Grades 3-4)	July 1-7
Middler (Grades 5-6)	July 8-14
Jr. High (grades 7-8)	July 15-21
Sr./Post High (grade 9 – age 21)	July 29-Aug. 4

Specialty Camps

(both July 22-28)

Swimming Camp (grades 3-6)
Fishing Camp (grades 7-11)

Memorial Day Family Camp

May 25-28

Servants in May

Sunday Worship Schedule

Elders

- 6 Darlene Borst (9)
- Deb Smith (11:15)
- 13 Ann Amidon (9)
- Brian Lauderman (11:15)
- 20 Val Hoff (9)
- Deb Smith (11:15)
- 27 Randy Graser (9 & 11:15)

Sacristans

- 6 Dave and Sharon Bond
- 13 Glen and Perry Emig
- 20 Mike and Myra Jones
- 27 Dave and Linda Lindemuth

Ushers— 9:00

- 6 The Hoff Family
- 13 Larue Jones & Ruth Zaun
- 20 Linda & Dave Lindemuth
- 27 Rod Sergent & Jack Nagle

Ushers—11:15

- 6 Bob Selfies & Elley Woodley
- 13 Graser Family
- 20 Brent Sergent Family
- 27 Knox Family

Lay Readers

- 6 (open)
- 13 Cheryl Kindt
- 20 Jessie Bucchin
- 27 Steph Smith

Greeters—9:00

- 6 Joyce LeWando
- 13 Rita Gamble
- 20 LaRue Jones
- 27 Bucchin Family

Greeters—11:15

- 6 Deea & Randy Graser
- 13 John & Rosie Bauman
- 20 Becky & Ryan Beller
- 27 Holly Haines

May 6—Eric Smith, worship leader

Joyful Noise Offering

- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- 11:15 AM The EDGE

May 13

Christian Family Lovefeast

- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:15 AM Sunday School Mother's Day Tea
- 11:15 AM The EDGE

May 20

Benevolence Breakfast

Our Worship Theme:

"Finding My Place in God's Kingdom"

- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- 11:15 AM The EDGE

May 27

Pentecost Communion

- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- 11:15 AM The EDGE

Looking Ahead

June 3

- 9:00 AM Worship (for those who are not able to join us for the picnic)
- 10:30 AM Outdoor Worship at the Bethlehem Township Community Center followed by our picnic



Nursery Schedule

Date	Toddler Room	Infant Room
May 6	Gayle Eldridge	Carole Schachter
May 13	Heather James	Karen and Woody Werner
May 20	Melissa Hoff Janet Hoff	Karen and Woody Werner
May 27	Robyn Balsai Julie Groner	Karen and Woody Werner

Our Worship Attendance for April		
2011		2012
147	Week 1	203 (PS)
136	Week 2	256 (E)
283(PS) (CD)	Week 3	118
241(E)	Week 4	
	Week 5	

- B = Baptism
- C = Communion
- CD= Confirmation Day
- PS= Palm Sunday
- E= Easter

Fellowship

In this section you will find information about fellowship events, correspondence received during the month and birthday and anniversary dates!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1) Raymond J. Becker
- 2) Nicole Freed
- 5) Donna Henning
- 6) Kyle Sergent
- 7) Diane Vought /Aker
Linda Ruhf
Kathie Smyser
- 9) Michael Horwath
- 10) Abigail Lovell
- 12) Bradley Williamson
- 13) Thomas Ruhf
- 14) Blake Messman
- 15) Amanda Borowski
- 17) Mary Williamson
- 21) David Swanson
- 24) Jeffrey Minnich
- 25) Donald Nagle
- 27) Faye Jones
- 29) Linda Kunsman
Douglas Long
- 31) Sylvia Cusatis



Children

- 1) Shauna Moller
- 9) Joseph Volkert
- 11) Joshua Smith
- 16) Kayla Drust
- 17) Zachary Louie
- 21) Jayden Eldridge
- 26) Addison Giesler
- 30) Cassidy Baer



Announcing a Special Hand Bell Concert

“Morning Star Ringers”
from
Olivet Moravian Church is Winston-Salem
here at
Edgeboro Moravian Church
on
Wednesday—June 13th at 7PM
Fellowship Hall



We need host families for
June 12 and 13 for 11 high school students
and 3-4 chaperones

If you are able to host,
Please call the church at 610-866-8793

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4) Robert & Bridget Frank
Myron & Claire Hahn
- 10) Heath & Valorie Hoff
- 11) Michael & Karen Check
- 13) Kyle & Amanda Borowski
- 15) Brent & Nancy Sergent
- 21) Ronald & Johanna Heft
Bruce & Amy Weikert
- 29) Jarret & Melissa Hoff



Church News

Congratulations to Liza Bucchin, Luke DiGiacinto, Shalome Sine, and Emily Sergent who were all involved in the most recent Liberty Theater production of **Les Misérables**. **It was a wonderful show!**



As noted in his letter on the cover page of the Newsletter, our student Pastor, Aaron Linville, will be concluding his ministry with us in May. We will hold a reception for him following the 9:00 AM worship service on May 6th. And then he will preach for us the following Sunday which will be his last day with us. Please plan on joining us to say farewell to Aaron. This summer he will be doing his Clinical Pastoral Education at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, NC. Next year he will be assigned to another Moravian Congregation here in the Lehigh Valley. We wish Aaron well in his continued learning and ministry.

The Edgeboro Dart Baseball team has concluded its season with a record of 36 wins and 36 losses. The team enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship not only amongst themselves but with the members of the teams that they play. If you have Monday evenings free come next September and would like to join us, please let us know.

And now that Dart Baseball is done, it is time for Softball. We participate with other members of the BAM congregations to form a united team. All games are played on the fields at the Hanover Township Park and begin at 6:30 PM. For the month of May we have games scheduled on May 1, 7, 10, 15, 24, and 29. Even if you don't play, come with a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the fellowship.

Discipleship

Join us for Bible Study

Our Wednesday evening Bible Studies have resumed following the Lenten and Holy Week season. Each Wednesday evening we gather at 7:00 PM to dig deeper into God's Word for our lives. Generally the text to be studied is the one that the Pastor will preach about on following Sunday. This gives participants an opportunity to live with this text for the better part of the week instead of just Sunday morning. Please come and join us.

In this section you will find information about Bible studies, classes, board meeting highlights, and other opportunities for discipleship.

Memorial Day Family Camp

May 25-28

For the last number of years a large contingent of Edgeboro families has been heading to Camp Hope for the Memorial Day Family Camp. Details for the weekend can be found in the registration booklet which you will find in the vestibule of the sanctuary or you may go to www.camphope.org.

Ministry

Don't Miss It! VBS is coming!

Edgeboro Moravian Church VBS

June 18th—June 22nd: 9 AM—Noon Daily

Closing Program: Friday, June 22nd @ 7:00 p.m.

The theme is SONRISE National Park VBS. Our bible theme scripture is: Philippians 4:19: "My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." The theme focuses on kids discovering that they can go beyond what they think they know, to discover what is essential and true. Each day highlights a 'truth': True Peace (eagle), True Riches (beaver), True Power (squirrel), True Love (husky), True Hope (moose).

Mark your calendars today! Plan to join us! Registration forms are now available in the Narthex or call the church office..

Moravian Volunteer Opportunities

Bethel, Alaska / July 1 – Aug 15

The Moravian Volunteer Resource Center is ready to send work crews of 6 volunteers per team to Bethel, Alaska to build a new parsonage for the Moravian Church there. This will be a 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. The Materials will arrive in Bethel by barge sometime late June. Each team will serve a minimum of 7 days, but can serve longer if they choose.

This work will require some building skills and the ability to use power equipment, saws, drills, air nailers, and more, such as ladders and scaffolding. Helpers are also invited but there must be a good mix of skilled and unskilled on each team to insure progress. This will be hard work, please keep this in mind.

For more information and scheduling, contact / Scott Kirby in Anchorage, Alaska / 907-440-4974 / MissionMatch@aol.com or Mark Ebert / 336-225-3540 / mebert@mensp.org

A Special Request for Prayer

Over the last number of years, the Moravian Church in Honduras has been going through much conflict over a number theological and leadership concerns. Rather than finding resolution, this conflict seems to have deepened in the last number of months. In addition to this there has been a change in leadership at the medical clinic in Ahuas. This clinic is one of the primary providers of medical care in that region in the country and it is vitally important that it continue. We would ask each member of our congregation to hold Honduran Province in your prayer as they seek to find God's will and purpose for them. We would also ask that you keep our Board of World Mission under the leadership of the Rev. Judy Ganz in your prayers as they seek to provide guidance through these difficult days.

WE NEED YOU!!!

On June 18th, approximately 130 children will come thru the doors of our church to be part of our Vacation Bible School. Please consider volunteering.

We can use your help before, during or after.

You can give us an hour, day or week.

We need people to do all kinds of things, so please consider helping us with this very important ministry!

High School students can earn community service hours.

Contact Stephanie Smith (610-882-3082) or leftyes@rcn.com

IN NEED OF:



VBS is in need of a few things for June. Here's what we could use:

Greenery or fake trees—Our theme is National Parks, so think outdoors (please remember that many little hands touch our decorations, so we don't like to use any 'precious' items.)

Glass baby food jars.

Old or unused tree stands (again, we will painting and decorating these, so only ones you don't use anymore.)

Thanks for all your help. Any questions, or if you would like items picked up, call or email Stephanie Smith.

Evangelism

In this section you will find information about outreach activities, evangelism tools, and opportunities to share Christ's love in action, both locally and globally.



Edgeboro Moravian and friends Cheer on the Iron Pigs

Sunday—August 26th

- ◆ \$10/ticket and you receive a \$2 concession credit
- ◆ Edgeboro is recognized on the big screen.
- ◆ Someone can throw out the first pitch
- ◆ Our seats are rows WXY—only one, two, or three steps

Call/email Blake Messman
610-954-5173
bpmessman@verizon.net

INVITE A FRIEND

Studies have consistently shown that congregations that grow effectively are ones in which members invite their friends and family to join them at church. New members who come because of a personal invitation are far more likely to become active than those who come simply because they saw a sign or advertisement. This is because these new members already have a connection to the congregation even before they arrive. This summer would be an excellent time for you to invite someone to join you for worship.

Remember that we will begin our Summer worship schedule on June 10th. One service at 9:30 AM.

Board of Elders' April Meeting Highlights:

- Joyful Noise: May- VBS; June- Camp Hope Scholarships; July- New Bethany Ministries
- Elder discussed and reviewed Lenten/ Holy Week/ Easter services.
- Reviewed goals set by Elders and Joint Board for the year.
- Handbell Choir visiting in June. Need to house about 14 people.
- Approved the baptism of Paige Beller on 5/20.

Board of Trustees' March Meeting Highlights:

- Because of schedules, the Trustees have moved their monthly meeting to the 3rd Thursday of the month meaning that we will have missed the newsletter deadline, so from this month forward the Trustees report posted in the Envoy will be from our previous month's meeting, so you will get the April meeting report in the next newsletter.
- In the mean time please know that we are in the process of putting together a comprehensive Buildings and Grounds working committee with the hope of identifying individual who will adopt specific projects and needs on our property. So if there is a particular area of the building that you would like to take responsibility for keeping in good order please contact Bill Burkhardt.

Church Office Assistant Update

The Trustees continue the search for our new part-time church office assistant and we ask the congregation for help in several areas as we move through this time of transition. An office temp has been providing help for the month of April, and we are hoping to have a permanent office assistant in place by the middle of May. If you depend on the office to help you with a particular task, please be sure to let us know so that we can assure continuity of service. And please be patient with us if something gets missed along the way, that is only to be expected as a new person comes on board.

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Staff Information

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