

The Envoy

Edgeboro Moravian Congregation

April, 2014

Dear Edgeboro Family:

Do you have time for a conversation? Might you have just a few moments to sit and talk? Jesus does. As we head towards Easter Sunday it is particularly important for us to value the importance of a conversation with our Savior. These are important moments and they should not be wasted.

For the next few Sundays our morning worship services will be focused on a series of conversations that Jesus had on his way to the cross and beyond. I would like to extend a special invitation to each of you to come and listen, to come and place yourself in these conversations. Here is who Jesus will be speaking with in the coming weeks:

March 30: The man born blind – John 9:1-41

April 6: Mary, Martha, and Lazarus – John 11:1-45

April 13, Palm Sunday: The crowd who misunderstands, Matthew 21:1-11

April 20, Easter Sunday: Mary Magdalene, John 21:1-18

April 27, Youth Sunday: Thomas, John 20:19-31

Perhaps on one of these Sundays (or all of them) Jesus just might be speaking to you.

Our Holy Week services will begin on Palm Sunday evening, April 13. As is our tradition at most of these services we will be sharing together in the Readings for Holy Week. Here is our schedule for that week:

Palm Sunday—April 13, 7:00 p.m. Reading Service

April 14,15,16, 7:00 p.m. Reading Services

Maundy Thursday—April 17, 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Good Friday—April 18, 2:30 p.m. Reading Service

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Great Sabbath – April 19, 7:00 p.m. Great Sabbath Lovefeast

On **Easter morning** we will gather at **Central Moravian Church** at **6:00 a.m.** to share in a worship experience that will proclaim that our Lord has risen indeed. And we will then share in our joyous worship at both 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. At 10:15 the children will share their Easter Pageant with us in the fellowship hall. There will also be an Easter egg hunt as well during the Sunday School hour.

That is a lot of activity for the month of April! Why? Because of all that God has done for us. I look forward to sharing this wonderful journey with you.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Chris

Important Notes

- On Sunday **April 6th** from 8:00—10:45AM we will be having a Benevolence Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.
- Each Wednesday evening we begin with a simple Soup Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Following our meal together we gather in the Sanctuary for our evening program at 7:00 p.m.
Program Theme: This year our Lenten programs will be framed by our congregation's mission statement, which is "To love God, grow in Christ, and share the Holy Spirit through worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism." Each program will focus on a different part of the statement.
Weekly Program Themes and Soup Providers
April 2 – Discipleship and Ministry
Soup Provided by the Sacristans
April 9 – Evangelism
Anybody who would like to cook soup. If you want to volunteer, contact Myra Jones at 610-866-3419.
- **ATTENTION EDGEBORO ENSEMBLE**
Easter and Palm Sunday are such special times in the church and we will be performing this year on Palm Sunday instead of Easter. I hope you can all participate. Please give me a call or email about your participation. I look forward to working with you all soon!
Rehearsal Sun. April 6 - Choir Rm. 12:15-1:15
Church performance Palm Sunday. APRIL 13, 2014
9am service (report by 8:30 for set up and ready to play 8:45) 11:15 service (we will play preludes ONLY at this service)
See you all soon!
Megan Weikert Home: 610-419-0607 Cell: 610-392-0910 meggstar@rcn.com
- Join us on Saturday **April 12th** at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall for "Songs, Service and Sweets". Enjoy a sing-along, open microphone and an Easter themed craft project to benefit New Bethany Ministries. Bring a dessert or beverage to share. Any questions? Call carol Schachter at 610-758-9155
- **Sunday School News:**
**All invited to view our Easter Sunday School Program on Easter Sunday!
Date: April 20, 2014
Time: 10:15 AM
Place: Sanctuary
The Sunday School will be practicing for the program on April 6, 2014 in the Sanctuary during the Sunday School time, beginning at 10:15.
**Children's Easter Egg Hunt!
The Easter Egg Hunt will be held immediately following the Sunday School Program on Easter Sunday. Once again, we are asking the congregation to contribute plastic filled eggs for the Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt. You can fill the eggs with candy, money, stickers, small toys, etc. - use your imagination. Separate hunts will be held for the following age groups: Infant & Toddler (birth through age 2); Preschool & Kindergarten (ages 3 and 4 and students in Kindergarten); Middlers (Grades 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th); and Juniors (Grades 5th, 6h, 7th, and 8th). There are empty plastic eggs and paper bags available under the table in the back in the narthex. Filled eggs may be left in the kitchen. Thank you!
Palm Sunday - **April 13, 2014
Children will be needed to pass out palms at both services. Parents will be contacted by Cheryl Kindt.
Confirmation Sunday - There will be a reception following the 9 AM service for the Confirmands. The Sunday School children are invited to attend this reception. They may go to the reception to greet the Confirmands and enjoy some refreshments for a short time. They will then be expected to go to their appropriate classes
- Youth Sunday is **April 27th**. This will be a worship service in which the young people of our confirmation class will be serving us by planning and leading both worship services this morning.
- Sunday **May 4, 2014** our Century Connection will be **Celebrating Mission Ministry**. Our confirmands and mentors are learning about the Worldwide Moravian Areas of Ministry in the Caribbean, Europe/Asia, North America, and Africa. This will be a learning experience for all of the Edgeboro Congregation. Come and be inspired! We will have one worship service that day at 9:00 a.m. and this will be followed by a world wide tour of the Moravian Church in the fellowship hall.
- Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 44 E. Market St. Bethlehem. welcomes Moravians and all others with wide open doors, to join in a festival service at 5 PM **Saturday, 10 May, 2014**, the Anglican feast day of Count Zinzendorf, the founder of Moravian settlement in Bethlehem. It will have Episcopal bones, Moravian flesh, and voices of several corners of the 20th century presented by Trinity talents and guests, including a five piece Moravian brass band, plus an in service Lovefeast. Contributions benefit the New Bethany Ministries.