

# The Envoy

## Edgeboro Moravian Congregation

February, 2015

Dear Edgeboro Family:

We began the Church Year with the first Sunday in Advent; taking those four weeks to prepare our hearts and minds for the arrival of the Savior. With the season of Christmas we celebrated the birth of that innocent Child as the gift of grace to the world and looked on as lowly shepherds answered the invitation to come and worship the new born king.

With the arrival of the Magi from the east we began the season of Epiphany and we have been sharing the stories of how Jesus made his appearance to the first disciples. Perhaps we have even allowed Christ to call us to service as well.

On Wednesday, February 18, with the celebration of Ash Wednesday, we will move into the next season of the Church year, Lent. This season calls us to look carefully and thoroughly at our relationship with Christ, and the way in which we live this relationship in our daily lives. For any follower of Jesus, this is an important 40 days. We will gather as a community of faith on Ash Wednesday to begin this season of soul searching with a service of worship and prayer.

As has been our tradition here at Edgeboro we will then journey through the Lenten season together with our Soup Suppers and programs. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the program beginning at 7:00 p.m. This year our program theme will be "Deepening Discipleship" and it will allow us to look at the distinctive facets of what we as Disciples are called to be as followers of Christ. Our season together will be guided as follows:

Date	Dinner hosted by	Program Theme
February 25	Trustees	Disciples are named by Jesus
March 4	Elders	Disciples nurture their relationship with Jesus
March 11	Christian Ed Committee	Disciples seek to follow their master's example... And often fail
March 18	Sacristans	Disciples give as they have been given to
March 25	Potluck Soup Night coordinated by Myra Jones	Disciples live with eternity in mind

I hope to see you there!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Chris

## Important Notes

- On Sunday **February 1st and February 15th** there will be a newcomer's class in the Pastor's study. This will be for all those who have recently joined our membership as well as those who are interested in joining the membership of our growing congregation.
- On Sunday **February 8th 2014** the **3rd Annual Steve Godbolt Memorial Breakfast** will be held at East Hills Moravian church from 12:15—2:00PM. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 6-12 years old. For tickets please contact Northeast Ministry at 610-691-3355. Blake Messman also has tickets.
- It's time to send some love and cheer to our college students! Please donate some fun items for our college students such as bubbles, stickers, play doh, slinky's, candy or other fun things. There will be a basket in the Narthex labeled "**Study Buster Kits**" to drop off your donations beginning on January 19th. Or, you can give a monetary donation for supplies and shipping costs. This year we have about 20 college students. The kits will be put together during the Sunday School hour on **February 8th**. Make sure you come to church and sign their cards!! Questions? Please contact Jenny Minnich at or 610-759-8551 [jejm98@gmail.com](mailto:jejm98@gmail.com). Thank you!!
- The next Putz Meeting is Monday **February 16th** at 7:00PM in the Conference Room.
- The annual **Bethlehem Area Moravians meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, February 17th**, 7:30 PM at East Hills Moravian Church. At this meeting all of the different ministry groups from BAM will present their annual report. This is a wonderful way to get to know what is happening with BAM.
- Sugar Cakes will be made and baked on **Friday February 27<sup>th</sup>**. The pick-up time on Friday is 8-9PM or you can pick them up after church on Sunday. They can also be put in the freezer for pick-up at a later date.
- Save the date! On **Friday March 6th** Edgeboro will go snow tubing at Blue Mountain from 6-9PM. The cost is \$20 and a waiver must be signed and returned by March 1st. Contact Blake Messman for the waivers. You must be at least 36" tall. To come and watch, it costs \$2!! Hotdogs and drinks will be provided. Bring a snack to share.
- **Save the date! Northeast Ministry Italian Buffet March 28th at East Hills Moravian Church!**
- Dear Congregation Members,  
Thank you so much for opening your doors for our Older Youth program to visit your amazing Putz. Your generosity and support of Northeast Ministry is greatly appreciated but the community we serve. Thank you so much for your Congregations donation of book bags, clothes, school supplies, food and personal hygiene products. With your donation we were able to distribute over 250 gifts to families in need of holiday support.  
Thank you again for your help with Northeast Ministry . You have made this Holiday season special for many members of the community. I hope you holidays were just as special.  
Blake and congregation, Thank you so much for all you do for Northeast Ministries. The Putz was amazing and the children really did enjoy it.  
Happy Holidays,  
Zach Borghi
- As the chairperson of the Christmas Room, I would like to first send out a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped in all stages of the Christmas Room before, during, and after the Putz season 2014!! The success of the Christmas Room is due to **your** efforts. Secondly, thank you to all the people who donated beautiful hand made items and also the attic treasure donations. We had a very busy and successful year!!!  
At this time I would like to ask for your help in making the operation of the Christmas Room donations go more smoothly for 2015. As much as all donations are so appreciated, I am limiting all attic treasure donations to be brought in the month of October only. Please **do not** bring in donations before October to be placed on the stage. Attic treasure donations will not be accepted after Oct. 31st. This will give myself and volunteers time to sort and price all items in a timely fashion for opening of Dec. 1st.  
As for all hand made craft donations, these will be accepted up to and including the Putz Raising date! So using snowy, icy days to start on crafts is a great use of time !!!!! Happy crafting:)  
Sincerely, Megan Weikert
- At its January meeting, the Board of Trustees reluctantly accepted the resignation of Sue Bell from the Board. Sue will be moving to Florida in February to seek warmer weather as well as opportunities for work. We thank Sue for her many contributions not only to the Board but her very active participation in many other areas in the life of our congregation, most especially the Putz, and serving as an offering counter. Sherri Hoff has graciously accepted the appointment to fill the last 11 months of Sue's term on the board.
- We are putting out a new **Congregational Directory**. If anything has changed in 2014; **address, phone number (dropping or adding) or email address**, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.