

# The Envoy

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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**

Dear Members and Friends:

I realize that there are actually some people in our congregation that do love winter. They love the snow, the crisp mornings, and the deep blue skies. But me, I have just about had it with winter! Having grown up in parts of the world far south of here, I used to love winter weather because I had not seen much of it. But that fascination has long since worn off.

So now I have an option: I can either dread the rest of these cold weeks, or I can seek to make the best of each day knowing that even now the hints of spring are already appearing. Honestly, there are some days when it is just easier to complain and dread going out on a 5 degree morning or to look at a weather report for snow and think to myself "Here we go again." But that attitude neither changes the weather, nor does it help me through the day.

So I try to look on the bright side. After all, even now the days are already about an hour longer than they were in early January, we do have a 40 degree day every now and then, and the seed stands are now up at the stores signaling that the planting season is just around the corner. I can also find some solace in knowing that even if I don't like winter's cold, it is necessary for the trees to have their time of rest too. They will be back to work very soon. This is the way God set the seasons and it works for the benefit of all come the harvest season.

Is this not the way life is too? If you are feeling like your emotional or spiritual life is in the middle of winter, hold on, spring is coming. We march through this season of Lent, which many people classify as the winter of the Church year, but soon Easter will be here! Knowing that can make all the difference in the world. I look forward to seeing each of you at our Lenten suppers and programs, and then Holy Week and the celebration of Easter!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Dinner hosted by</b>	<b>Program Theme</b>
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

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Chris Giesler

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

# Worship


## Joyful Noise Offering

### *Easter Sunday Celebration*

**6:30a.m.** Easter Dawn service at Central Moravian Church  
**9:00 a.m.** Worship  
**10:15 a.m.** Easter Sunday School Program and Egg Hunt  
**11:15 a.m.** The EDGE



The Joyful Noise Offering for January was for Angel 34. The amount was 153.34



The Joyful Noise Offering for February was for Convo. The amount was \$148.01.

Thank you for your generosity!



### **Reminder to All!**

### **Daylight Savings**

Daylight Savings time starts on March 8th. Don't forget to turn your clocks **ahead** an hour and enjoy the extra hour of daylight. We need it after this winter!

### *Holy Week Services*

**Palm Sunday—March 29**  
 7:00 p.m. Reading Service  
**March 30, 31 April 1** 7:00 p.m. Reading Services  
**Maundy Thursday—April 2**  
 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion  
**Good Friday—April 3**  
 2:30 p.m. Reading Service  
 7:00 p.m. Worship Service  
**Great Sabbath –April 4**  
 7:00 p.m. Great Sabbath Lovefeast

College Hill Moravian Church (72 W. Laurel St., Bethlehem) will present its annual Easter Breakfast Buffet on **Sunday, April 5** from 6:45am – 9:30am. There will be eggs made to order, bacon, sausage, scrapple, creamed chipped beef, pancakes, waffles and more. Juices and hot beverages are also included. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children age 6 – 10years old. Children age 5 and under are free. Tickets not required

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 \* Snow Tubing \*  
 \* at \*  
 \* Blue Mountain \*  
 \* with Edgeboro Moravian Church \*  
 \* Friday March 6th \*  
 \* 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. \*  
 \* Cost: \$20 + waiver by 2/26 \*  
 \* (must be 36" tall) \*  
 \* To come and watch is \$2!!!! \*  
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# Servants in March

## Sunday Worship Schedule

<p><b>Elders 9:00AM</b>                  1 Ann Amidon                  8 Craig Neiman                  15 Myra Jones                  22 Robyn Balsai                  29 Val Hoff</p> <p><b>Elders 11:15AM</b>                  1                  8                  15 Myra Jones                  22 Robyn Balsai                  29 Mike Long</p> <p><b>Sacristans</b>                  1 John Meka &amp; Linda Lindemuth                  8 Bob &amp; Elley Silfies                  15 John Bauman &amp; Peggy Leith                  22 Glen &amp; Perry Emig                  29 John Meka &amp; Linda Lindemuth                  30 Scott &amp; Beth Pretti                  31 Bob &amp; Elley Silfies</p> <p><b>Reading Services</b>                  29 Ann Amidon                  30 Mike Long                  31 Ann Amidon</p>	<p><b>Ushers 9:00AM</b>                  1 David Bond &amp; Ruth Zaun                  8 Rod Sergent &amp; Earl Kunsman                  15 Eric Smith &amp; Family                  22 Linda Lindemuth &amp; Ruth Zaun                  29 David Bond &amp; Jean Bell</p> <p><b>Ushers 11:15AM</b>                  1 Ron Heft &amp; Brian Lauderman                  8 Mike &amp; Terri Long                  15 Kyle Sergent &amp; Family                  22 Bob &amp; Elley Silfies                  29 Art Sergent &amp; Family</p> <p><b>Greeters 9:00AM</b>                  1 Michael Louie Family                  8 Tim &amp; Hope Harrell                  15 Jane Williamson                  22 Ruth Zaun                  29 Cheryl &amp; Jacob Kindt</p> <p><b>Greeters 11:15AM</b>                  1 Robin Kovaleski                  8 Sharon Hollowell                  15 Sally Abruzzese                  22 Nancy Remaly                  29 Ryan &amp; Becky Beller</p>
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**March 1**

**Joyful Noise**  
**Unity Sunday**  
 9:00AM Worship  
 10:15AM Sunday School  
 11:15AM The Edge

**March 8**

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

**March 15**

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

**March 22**

**Benevolence Breakfast**  
 8:00—10:45AM breakfast  
 9:00 AM Worship  
 10:15AM Sunday School  
 11:15AM The EDGE

**March 29**

**Palm Sunday**  
**Confirmation**  
 9:00 AM Worship  
 10:15 AM Sunday School  
 11:15AM The EDGE



### Nursery Schedule

Date	Toddler Room	Infant Room
3/1/2015	Jenny Minnich	Carole Schachter Holly Haines
3/8/2015	Tim Harrell Hope Harrell	Karen and Woody Werner
3/15/2015	Karen and Woody Werner	Karen and Woody Werner
3/22/2015	Lisa Courtade	Karen and Woody Werner
3/29/2015	Heather James	Karen and Woody Werner

Our Worship Attendance for January		
2014		2015
86 (C) (IO) (OS)	Week 1	79 (C) (IO)(OS)
135	Week 2	139
123 (snow)	Week 3	110 (ice)
113 (snow)	Week 4	107 (snow)

C = Communion  
 IO = Installation of officers  
 OS = One Service

# Servants in April

<p><b>Elders 9:00AM</b>                  5 Ann Amidon                  12 Val Hoff                  19 Craig Neiman                  26 Myra Jones</p> <p><b>Elders 11:15AM</b>                  5                  12                  19                  26 Myra Jones</p> <p><b>Sacristans</b>                  1 Brad &amp; Mary Williamson                  2 John &amp; Peggy Leith                  3 David &amp; Sharon Bond                  4 Glen &amp; Perry Emig                  5 Michael &amp; Myra Jones                  12 John Meka &amp; Linda Lindemuth                  19 Scott &amp; Beth Pretti                  26 Bob &amp; Elley Silfies</p> <p><b>Readings</b>                  1 Robyn Balsai                  2 Val Hoff</p>	<p><b>Ushers 9:00AM</b>                  5 Mike &amp; Terri Long                  12 Rod Sergent &amp; Earl Kunsman                  19 Tom &amp; Chrissi Shafer                  26 LaRue Jones &amp; Ruth Zaun</p> <p><b>Ushers 11:15AM</b>                  5 John &amp; Rosie Bauman                  12 Brent Sergent &amp; Family                  19 Randy &amp; Deea Graser                  26 Art Sergent &amp; Family</p> <p><b>Greeters 9:00AM</b>                  5 Heath &amp; Val Hoff                  12 Bucchin Family                  19 Linda Lindemuth                  26 Nelson &amp; Sherri Hoff</p> <p><b>Greeters 11:15AM</b>                  5 Randy &amp; Deea Graser                  12 Holly Haines                  19 John &amp; Rosie Bauman                  26 Robin Kovaleski</p>
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## Sunday Worship Schedule

**April 5**

**Easter**

**Joyful Noise**

6:15AM Dawn Service at Central  
 9:00 AM Worship  
 10:15 AM Sunday School  
 11:15AM The EDGE

**April 12**

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

**April 19**

**Benevolence Breakfast**

8:00—10:45AM breakfast  
 9:00AM Worship  
 10:15AM SS Egg Hunt  
 11:15AM The EDGE

**April 26**

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



**Nursery Schedule**

Date	Toddler Room	Infant Room
4/5/2015	Penny Sergent Emily Sergent	Carole Schachter Holly Haines
4/12/2015	Lisa Courtade	Karen and Woody Werner
4/19/2015	Gaye Eldridge	Karen and Woody Werner
4/26/2015	Cheryl Kindt	Karen and Woody Werner

Our Worship Attendance for February		
2014		2015
144	Week 1	137 (C)
123	Week 2	128
44 (Snow)	Week 3	129
145	Week 4	65 snow

C = Communion

# Fellowship

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



## **BIRTHDAYS**

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2) Susan Bell
- 4) Alberta Gottschall
- 5) William Schachter
- 6) Diane Knox
- 7) Aaron Bastinelli
- 8) James Bucchin
- 9) Sharon Bond
- 10) Kelly Kovaleski  
Jean Kunsman  
Isabelle Moyer  
Merici Machala
- 11) Michael Check  
Rebecca Holderman  
Thomas Shafer
- 14) Kathryn Burkhardt  
Jennifer Hoff  
Brandon Graser  
Elaine Sergent
- 16) Peggy Heimbrook
- 17) Julia Nagle
- 18) Jonathan Jones
- 20) Gloria Hilbert
- 22) Jean Batt  
Ron Heft, Jr.
- 23) Tanya Moller
- 24) Val Hoff
- 25) Tyler Long  
Adam Becker
- 27) Wendy Gross  
Josephine Becker
- 28) Betty Louie
- 29) Gareth Messman
- 30) Grant Haines

## Common Thread

The **Common Thread support group**, will be meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11:00 AM in March and April. It is March 24th and April 28th. You are encouraged to bring a light lunch with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Marcia Horning at 610-657-0207.

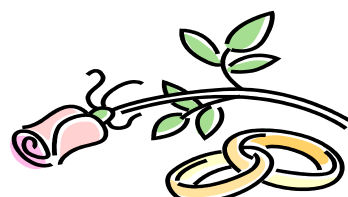


### CHILDREN

- 11) Kylee James
- 15) Ella Beller
- 22) Anna Pagano  
Haven Eustler

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 7) Earl & Jean Kunsman
- 12) Bonnie & Gregory Peters  
Todd & Laurie Schwepfinger
- 14) Carol & Paul DeAngelis
- 20) Craig & Clara Ihle
- 26) Jane & Carl Martin
- 30) Edward & LouAnn Fotta
- 31) Vanceen and Craig Langkamer



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## BIRTHDAYS

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1) Jean Bell  
Gaye Eldridge  
Hope Harrell  
Evan Pretti
- 2) Kelly Harkcom
- 3) Evan Groner  
Susan Testa
- 5) Robin Kovalski
- 6) Betty Geiger
- 7) Perry Emig
- 8) Joan Shaffer  
Callen Messman
- 10) Tyler Langkamer
- 11) Timothy Jones
- 13) Inga Schramm
- 16) George Moller
- 19) Joy Pham
- 21) Sam Swanson  
Charles Ganz
- 22) Matthew Ammon  
Michael Jankiewicz  
Madison Hoff
- 24) Mary Rader  
Karen Gehret
- 29) Season Pagano
- 30) Marcia Horning

## It Just Might Snow Again

As we move into the heart of winter we can expect a snowy day or two again. So here is what you need to know if the weather is going to impact our schedule. First, please know that Pastor Chris will almost always make it into Church no matter the weather, so he will be here to worship, and invites anybody who can make it to join him. But please use your own best judgment as to how safe it is for you to get here. Somebody walking from around the corner might be able to make it while somebody driving from Nazareth might not. Please note that if the weather is bad we might adjust our Sunday morning schedule by only having one service. We will always post the schedule changes on WFMZ - Channel 69. You will also find the information on-line at [www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com). We will also try to update the church's phone message as well as the website and Facebook page to reflect any changes. We will also use our OneCall to send out a message via phone. The bottom line is that each person should keep their own safety in mind when deciding on whether or not to come.



### Children

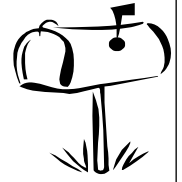
- 3) Rylie Baer
- 19) Ethan Drust
- 22) Madison Hoff
- 30) Joshua Volkert

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 6) Evan & Julie Groner
- 12) Glen & Perry Emig
- 15) Martin & Diane Talpas
- 24) Matthew & Anne Hosterman
- 26) John & Paula Horn
- 28) Daniel & Joan Shaffer
- 30) Ronald & Diane Vought/Aker



## Church News



**Congratulations!** Julie Nagle graduated from Kutztown University in December with High Honors in Education PreK-4. Congratulations, Julie!

**Congratulations** to Parker Hoff for receiving the Soaring Eagle at school and for being named 'Nazmanian Devil' or wrestler of the week in his wrestling club! Way to go, Parker!

### To the congregation of Edgeboro Moravian Church,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$304.37 to Moravian Open Door. Your gift was received on December 28, 2014.

This gift, along with others, enables MOD to continue its service to the older homeless community by providing transitional housing, breakfast and nutrition education, counseling and other direct services to restore dignity and re-build lives.

Your generosity keeps the mission and vision of MOD alive. On behalf of our clients, staff and Board of Directors, again, thanks for your contribution, prayers and support.

Doris Schattschneider  
President, Board of Directors

### Edgeboro Moravian Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$655.61 from January 1 through December 31, 2014, in support of Nepali Moravian Outreach. All donations to Nepali Moravian Outreach will be used to support the ministry of Shanti and Vani Pradhan as they share the Good News of Christ in Nepal. Their mission is to transform lives through the ministries of the Moravian Church and to educate and equip people to be leaders in their church and their communities.

If you have provided your email address, we will send you updates from the Pradhans regarding their ministry in Nepal. If we don't have your email address, please send a message to [nepalimoravianoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:nepalimoravianoutreach@gmail.com) indicating the address where you would like to receive email updates.

Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

In Christ,

Nepali Moravian Outreach Committee

Linda and I want to thank all of you for your generous donation from your Joyful Noise collection of \$166.34. 100% of your donation will bring much needed services and support for children battling cancer and their families. Thank you for being Angels in Disguise.

In Faith, Hope and Love,  
Doug, Linda and the Children of Angel 34

Beginning on **Sunday March 8th** we will introduce a new Adult discussion class on Sunday mornings. The class will share in reading a book entitled "*One Way Love*". We are ordering books for the class now, please speak with either Tom Shafer or Pastor Chris if you are interested in joining the class.

ATTENTION EDGEBORO ENSEMBLE

Palm Sunday is calling us!!!

March 29th, 2014

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. March 15- Choir Rm. 12:15-1:15

Rehearsal Sun. March 22 - Choir Rm. 12:15-1:15

Church performance Palm Sunday. MARCH 29, 2015

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

Hm: 610-419-0607

Cell: 610-392-0910

meggstar@rcn.com

Edgeboro Moravian Church,

On behalf of the Sierra Leone Ministry of Little Church on the Lane, thank you for your generous support during 2014. This has been a difficult year in Sierra Leone as the Ebola Virus has taken so many lives. We are extremely thankful that the virus has not entered the village of Yiehum.

Our records indicate that you gave a total of \$202.16 to this ministry during 2014.

Thank you for being a vital part of this ministry. Your continued financial support enables us to do a mighty work for God in this region of Sierra Leone. Please continue to give and to pray for God's work in Sierra Lone.

Sincerely,

Claire W. Wilson

Ministry Treasurer



To the Members of Edgeboro Moravian Church,

Thank you so much for your very generous gift of \$400. Your gift will be used to support the work of Northeast Ministry in 2015.

In December our Food Bank served 181 families composed of 340 adults, 221 children and 31 seniors. Average daily attendance at the After School Homework Club was 41. Estimates are we distributed over 1000 winter coats and provided many with hats, gloves, scarves and warm socks.

Also many thanks for your very generous donation of backpacks and school supplies. We were in great need of those items!

Without your support Northeast Ministry would be unable to provide the programs and services that are so important to those we serve. Edgeboro Moravian Church is truly a blessing to our community!

Sincerely,

Ann Gibson

Executive Director

### Field Trip Explores Transatlantic Slave Trade

Central Moravian Church invites you to join us for a 'field trip' to the Reading Public Museum (in Reading, PA) on Sunday, March 22nd, 12:30 - 8 p.m. Our bus will leave from the Christian Education parking lot at 12:30 pm. to see a new special exhibit: Spirits of the Passage: Story of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Focusing on the English merchant-slaver ship, the Henrietta Marie, which wrecked off the coast of Key West, FL in 1700, this interactive display explores the history of the slave trade. Created in celebration of the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, the exhibit invites us into two centuries of the slave trade through nearly 150 ship artifacts and displays that will move and inform visitors of all ages.

Also included: great exhibits for kids (Planetarium visit and Adventures with Clifford the Big Red Dog.) Seating is limited and reservations with payment required by March 8. Cost: \$40 per person; \$34 for seniors and students (ages 3 to 18). Cost includes box lunch for the bus, museum admission (including Planetarium show), and Transbridge bus. Does not include costs for dinner (on the way home). Sign up now by calling or emailing the church office ([office@centralmoravianchurch.org](mailto:office@centralmoravianchurch.org), 610-866-5661).

### SPRING RUMMAGE SALE AT SCHOENECK MORAVIAN CHURCH

The annual Spring Rummage and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, March 28, at Schoeneck Moravian Church, located just north of Nazareth on Broad St. Extension. The doors open at 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the church's programs.

The rummage sale features hundreds of bargains in children's and adult clothing, housewares, toys, books, and furniture. In addition, the sale offers a tempting array of food items to purchase, including fresh baked goods, breakfast sandwiches, homemade soup, and hot dogs.



### Board of Trustees' January Meeting Highlight



- The Trustees elected Steven Kish as Chairperson and welcomed new members Beth Pretti and Bob Silfies.
- Susan Bell has resigned from the Board as she is moving to Florida. Sherri Hoff was appointed for her remaining term.
- The Board approved a one year service contract with Bonfitto for our gas/oil burner.
- The Board continues to work on getting estimates for new exterior doors. They discussed sealing the windows in the downstairs hallway and making repairs to the windows in the nursery.
- **Don't forget to sign up for e-Giving!** See Ryan Beller if you need help or have questions.
- **Are you a faithful giver?** We understand that it may not be possible to attend church every Sunday. The work of the church continues even when you can't be here. Thank you for considering becoming faithful in your giving. And if you are already a faithful giver – *thanks!*

### Elder Highlights from the January & February meetings

#### January:

- \*Elders assigned Joyful Noise Collections for Youth attending Convo in February and Unity Offering in March
- \*Reviewed Christmas season services
- \*Discussed Lenten Programming and assigned soup dinners
- \*Worship planning for future
- \*Approved new member Dawn Hudson

#### February:

- \*Assigned Joyful Noise for April for Camp Hope camperships
- \*Worship planning for future services
- \*Joint Board Retreat will be held Feb. 28
- \*Approval of new members: Lou and Ellen Pagano, Terri Chazar, Tom and Gilda Pheiffer