

The Envoy

Edgeboro Moravian Congregation

*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.*

June, 2015

Dear Edgeboro Members and Friends:

Summer brings with it a change in the schedule for most of us. Colleges are now done with classes and our schools are about to wrap up things. We have now moved to our summer schedule here on Sunday morning and our children's Sunday School program is on a summer break as well. So in many ways the schedules slow down just a bit during the summer. The slower schedule makes this a wonderful time to re-examine an important part of our church life together, our congregational mission statement. You will find it, as it is every month, at the top of the newsletter. Take a moment and read it.

What words catch your attention? The word "family" jumps out at me. We are children of God, all of us brothers and sisters in Christ, and all of us are seeking our home in heaven. Like all earthly families we share brokenness as well. We don't always see issues the same way, and we look at the world from different perspectives. But despite our diversity, we are bound together by our confession of faith in the God who creates us, the Savior who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit who brings God into our hearts. WE ARE A FAMILY.

Next there are three active-verbs that catch my eye: Love, Grow, and Share. For most of us Christians the notion of loving God comes fairly easily. Most of us would not be a part of this community if we didn't love God. But the next two words take a little more effort. Are we truly committed to growing? If we are set in a fairly predictable routine here at church, especially if that routine consists of sporadic worship attendance, and little or no Sunday School participation, then opportunities for growth are pretty limited. But growth is essential, for without it our relationship with God loses its vitality. Sharing does not always come easily either. Can we tell our co-workers, neighbors, or class-mates that our relationship with God is an important part of who we are? Can we drop hints that our participation at Church is meaningful for us? Can we share our faith with others in our daily lives? Is it hard for us to invite somebody to come and worship here at Edgeboro? Perhaps this summer you could try and do at least one thing each day that gives evidence of your desire to love, to grow, and to share. How would that look in your life?

Finally, our mission statement ends with a list of activities through which we put faith into motion, and through which we can find growth. There is no doubt some of those activities attracts you more than others, and that is where you are most likely to spend your time. But all of them are important. So for these summer months, could you commit to trying to improve your participation in another area? Doing so might just bring new meaning and purpose to your life.

So together as a family let us Love, Grow, and Share!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Chris

Important Notes

- On **Sunday, May 31st** we will be having our **Congregational/Sunday School picnic**. It will be at Bethlehem Township Community Center located on Farmersville Road. The Outdoor worship begins at 10:30AM. There will be a picnic lunch following the service. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks are provided. Please let Val Hoff (610-746-1853, valhoff1974@hotmail.com) know if you are planning on attending and what kind of side dish you can provide.
- We are now on our **summer Sunday schedule**. This means that we have one service at 9:30AM. Each Sunday there will be a 10 minute prelude of children's music and praise songs led by the Edge Band. Both of our Adult Sunday School classes will continue to meet during the summer immediately following worship.
- Make note that the **Prayer Shawl** meeting has changed from Monday June 8th to **Tuesday June 9th** starting at 6PM.
- Please join us for Vacation Bible school as we discover the treasure of God's Love. **June 15th - 19th** - 9 AM - Noon, daily. If you would be willing to help in any way (nothing is too small), please contact Stephanie Smith at 610-882-3082 or leftyes@rcn.com High School age students can earn community service for helping out!
- As you may be aware, Vani, Shanti, and Nahum Pradhan will be visiting the United States in June. In an effort to welcome folks who want to catch up with the Pradhan's Nepali Moravian Outreach is sponsoring an ice cream social on **June 22nd** from 6 - 8 PM at College Hill Moravian Church in their Fellowship Hall.
- **Iron Pigs Baseball, Friday, August 14th 7:05 pm - Coca-Cola Park**
Enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, fireworks and baseball! The game starts at 7:05 pm, but plan to come early to share in the pre-game fellowship and stay late to enjoy the Friday night fireworks!
Ticket information will be announced soon. Questions? See Ron Heft or Steve Kish.
- The date for the **Ice Cream Festival** has changed. It is now on Monday **August 24th from 5-8PM**. Bring a friend, invite a neighbor or someone from work. Bar-b-que, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads galore, baked goods and the Dairy Store ice cream. There will be games for children. Look in upcoming Envoys for more information but make sure to **save the date!!**
- Because of the shift in date for the Ice Cream Festival our Outdoor Worship in August is now on **August 23rd** at 9:30AM. We will enjoy our July outdoor worship as previously scheduled on July 12.
- **Shannon Swingle** graduated from Northampton County Community College with an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education. After a busy summer which will include many sessions at Camp Hope, and participation in the Young Adult Convo to Herrnhut and the Czech Republic she will begin teaching at the Goddard School this fall.
- **Elizabeth Reynolds** graduated from Ursinus College with a Politics major and a secondary education certification in Social Studies. She is hoping to find a high school teaching job soon.
- Congratulations to **Beth Pretti** who ran 107 miles in 24 hours at the "Three Days at the Fair" race in New Jersey. 100 miles in a week, or even a month would be quite an accomplishment for most of us, but to do that in 24 hours is amazing. Well done Beth.
- Last month's newsletter contained information about the up-coming Easter District Conference which will take place July 23-25 guided by the theme: **"Our Lamb has conquered, Therefore..."** This conference will feature inspiring worship experiences, keynote speakers, and workshops for all members of our congregation. If you are interested in joining a growing list of Edgeboro participants, please contact the pastor.
- We are thrilled to have 3 Edgeboro members involved in this summer's Young Adult Convo. Rachel Schachter, Carole Schachter, and Shannon Swingle will be traveling to Prague, Kunwald, and the Chalice Rocks in the Czech Republic and Herrnhut in Germany this coming July with about 100 Moravians from around North America. We pray for their safe travel, and that this will be an uplifting spiritual gift for them.
- A special note to parents: Even through our children's Sunday School program is on a summer break does not mean that this is a time to take a break from worship with your family. During these weeks Pastor Chris is putting extra effort into making both the children's chats and sermons interactive and entertaining for our younger members. Please make worship attendance a high priority for your family.