

# *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:

Every now and then we need a chance to step outside of our everyday lives and learn something new. Too often we get so caught up with day to day living, and taking care of the necessities that we don't take time to expand our horizons and find ways to grow in our faith and our ability to help serve our congregation. This coming July 23-25 a wonderful opportunity is coming to do just that at the Eastern District Conference which will be held on the South Campus of Moravian College and Central Moravian Church. The theme for the conference is "Our Lamb Has Conquered, Therefore..." As such we will be called upon to ponder our response to the Lamb of God who at Easter conquered even the bonds of death.

The Keynote speaker for the event will be Alice Mann who is a leading consultant to congregations seeking to do strategic planning, break through size plateaus, and creating new pathways for small and struggling congregations.

This conference is meant for all members of area congregations but most especially board and committee members, Sunday School teachers, youth workers, and active attenders who want to help make a positive contribution to the life of their congregation and beyond.

I would personally challenge each member of the congregation to consider attending the entire conference. Cost for the entire event is \$150 and this includes meals as well as housing if you want to stay on campus for the two nights. Please do not let cost get in the way of going. If you want to go but cannot afford it, please speak to me and we will find some funds.

In addition to the keynote addresses there will be over 50 workshops that will deal with all areas of church life including Christian education, youth ministry, music ministry, Moravian history, congregational life, prayer, mission focus, congregational finances, exploring the digital church, conflict resolution, discerning God's call in your life, Trustee/Elder training, congregational publications, and many more. In addition to the learning opportunities you will also have a chance to meet and get to know Moravian brothers and sisters from all over the Eastern District of the Moravian Church. That alone is worth the price of going!

A registration brochure has been included in this newsletter, and workshop descriptions are available in the church office. Please ask for a copy if you are interested. I hope that YOU will go!

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

**Congregational/Sunday  
school Picnic  
May 31, 2015**

Bethlehem Township  
Community Center



**Outdoor Worship at  
11:00 am** (offering will be taken at this service)

**Picnic lunch following church** ~~  
games, relays, fellowship  
\*Restrooms are available\*

We are in need of the following items:  
\*monetary donations\*chips\*fruit and  
veggie trays

\*salads-tossed, pasta, potato,  
macaroni\*desserts

(hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks  
provided)

**Be prepared to keep your contribution  
cold!**

Questions:Val Hoff (610-746-1853)or  
valhoff1974@hotmail.com

The Joyful Noise Offering for April was for  
Camp Hope Campership . The amount  
was \$402.19



The Joyful Noise Offering for  
May is for VBS.

Thank you for your generosity!

### 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 21-24
- Primary (Grades 3-4) June 28—July 4
- Middler (Grades 5-6) July 5-11
- Jr. High (grades 7-8) July 12-18
- Sr./Post High (grade 9 – age 21) July 26-Aug. 1

#### Specialty Camps

- Swimming Camp (grades 3-6) July 19-25
- Fishing Camp (grades 7-11) June 21-27
- Musical Theater (grades 3-8) July 19-25

**Memorial Day Family Camp**  
May 22-25

**Ice Cream Festival 2015  
Edgeboro Moravian Church  
Monday August 17th  
5:00 p.m.**



Bring a friend, invite a neighbor or  
someone from work.  
Bar-b-que, burgers, hot dogs, salads galore,  
baked goods and The Dairy Store ice cream.  
Games for the children.

Save the date!

# Servants in May

<p><b><u>Elders 9:00AM</u></b>                  3 Ann Amidon                  10 Val Hoff                  17 Youth Sunday                  24 Robyn Balsai (9:30)                  31 Craig Neiman(9:30)</p> <p><b><u>Elders 11:15AM</u></b>                  3 Ann Amidon                  10 Mike Long                  17 Youth Sunday                  31 Val (Picnic) (11:00AM)</p> <p><b><u>Sacristans</u></b>                  3 Brad &amp; Mary Williamson                  10 John Bauman &amp; Peggy Leith                  17 David &amp; Sharon Bond                  24 Glen &amp; Perry Emig (9:30)                  31 John Meka &amp; Linda Lindemuth (9:30)</p>	<p><b><u>Ushers 9:00AM</u></b>                  3 Linda Lindemuth &amp; David Bond                  10 Earl Kunsman &amp; Rod Sergent                  17 Youth Sunday                  24 Brent Sergent &amp; Family (9:30)                  31 LaRue Jones &amp; Ruth Zaun (9:30)</p> <p><b><u>Ushers 11:15AM</u></b>                  3 Ron Heft &amp; Brian Lauderman                  10 Kyle Sergent &amp; Family                  17 Youth Sunday</p> <p><b><u>Greeters 9:00AM</u></b>                  3 Joyce LeWando                  10 Marcia Horning                  17 Youth Sunday                  24 Nelson &amp; Sherri Hoff (9:30)                  31 Hope &amp; Tim Harrell (9:30)</p> <p><b><u>Greeters 11:15AM</u></b>                  3 Nancy Remaly                  10 Knox Family                  17 Youth Sunday</p>
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## Nursery Schedule

Date	Toddler Room	Infant Room
5/3/2015	Tayte Messman	Carole Schachter Holly Haines
5/10/2015	Tim Harrell Hope Harrell	Karen and Woody Werner
5/17/2015	Val Hoff	Karen and Woody Werner
5/24/2015	Lisa Courtade	Karen and Woody Werner
5/31/2015	Sherri Hoff	Karen and Woody Werner

## Sunday Worship Schedule

**May 3**

**Moravian Music Sunday**

**Joyful Noise**

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

**May 10**

**Mother's Day**

**Christian Family Lovefeast**

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

**May 17**

**Youth Sunday**

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

**May 24**

**Pentecost**

**Communion**

9:30 AM Worship  
 10:30AM Adult Sunday School

**May 31**

**Church Picnic**

9:30AM Worship  
 11:00AM Church Picnic

Our Worship Attendance for March		
2014		2015
127	Week 1	155
126(C) (FSL)	Week 2	115 (DS)
154 (LF)	Week 3	131 (C)
134	Week 4	128
150	Week 5	265 (PS) (CD)

- C = Communion
- CD = Confirmation Day
- DS = Daylight Saving Time
- FSL= First Sunday in Lent
- LF = Lovefeast
- PS = Palm Sunday

# Servants in June

**Elders 9:30AM**

- 7 Val Hoff
- 14 Ann Amidon
- 21 Craig Neiman
- 28 Robyn Balsai

**Sacristans**

- 7 Michael & Myra Jones
- 14 Brad & Mary Williamson
- 21 Bob & Elley Silfies
- 28 Scott & Beth Pretti

**Ushers 9:30AM**

- 7 John & Rosie Bauman
- 14 Art & Emily Sergent
- 21 Earl Kunsman & Rod Sergent
- 28 Tom & Chrissie Shafer

**Greeters 9:30AM**

- 7 Groner Family
- 14 Heath & Val Hoff
- 21 Terri Chavar
- 28 Sally Abruzzese

## Summer Schedule Changes!

As we move into the summer months, please be aware that our worship schedule changes.

Our last day with two worship services will be **May 17th**. On May 24th there will be one service at **9:30AM** and on May 31st there is one service here at **9:30AM** and **11:00AM** at the picnic. On June 7th we will go to one service which will begin at 9:30 AM. Each Sunday there will be a 15 minute prelude of children's music and praise songs led by the Edge Band. So come early to experience the joyful music.

Please note that there will also be an Adult Sunday School class each Sunday beginning at 10:30 AM. This class will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

## Sunday Worship Schedule

**June 7**

**Joyful Noise**

- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

**June 14**

**Communion**

- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

**June 21**

- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

**June 28**

- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM Adult Sunday School



**Nursery Schedule**

Date	Toddler Room	Infant Room
6/7/2015	Season Pagano	Carole Schachter
6/15/2015	Justin & Jen Hoff	Karen and Woody Werner
6/21/2015	Jenny Minnich	Karen and Woody Werner
6/28/2015	Heather James	Karen and Woody Werner

Our Worship Attendance for April		
2014		2015
131	Week 1	254 (E)
233 (PS) (CD)	Week 2	189
281 (E)	Week 3	109
148	Week 4	121

C = Communion  
 CD= Confirmation Day  
 E= Easter  
 PS = Palm Sunday

# Fellowship

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



## **BIRTHDAYS**

### MAY **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1) Shauna Moller
- 2) Nicole Freed
- 4) Andrew Batson
- 5) Donna Henning
- 6) Kyle Sergent
- 7) Diane Vought/Aker  
Linda Ruhf  
Kathie Smyser
- 9) Michael Horwath
- 10) Abigail Lovell  
Gloria Brader
- 12) Bradley Williamson
- 13) Thomas Ruhf
- 14) Blake Messman
- 15) Amanda Borowski  
Marietta Pretti
- 17) Mary Williamson  
Zachary Louie
- 21) David Swanson
- 24) Jeffrey Minnich
- 29) Linda Kunsman  
Douglas Long
- 31) Sylvia Cusatis

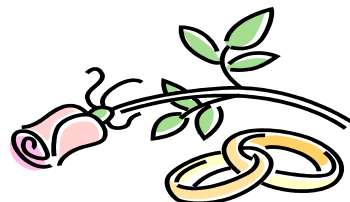


### CHILDREN

- 9) Joseph Volkert
- 15) Jillianne Durnin
- 16) Kayla Drust
- 22) Abigail Maugle
- 23) Emily Campanella
- 25) Arohn Testa
- 26) Addison Giesler
- 30) Cassidy Baer  
Michael Giesler

### 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) Johanna & Ronald Heft  
Amy & Bruce Weikert
- 22) Craig & Laura Neiman
- 26) Marc & Amy Leader
- 29) Jarret & Melissa Hoff
- 31) Daniel & Lindsey (Jankiewicz) Breiner



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### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1) Kim Zaun  
Joe Testa
- 2) Clara Ihle  
Michael Jones
- 4) Heath Hoff  
Craig Baer
- 5) Craig Ihle  
Hallie Smith
- 8) John Cunningham
- 9) Heather James
- 10) Gerald Eldridge, Jr.
- 13) Sharon Woomer
- 14) William Henry
- 15) Jarret Hoff  
Amy Tashner
- 19) Tim Gilman
- 20) Rebecca Beller
- 21) Randy Graser
- 26) Amy Dreisbach  
Stephanie Smith
- 27) Keaton Zaun
- 28) Loretta Reinhard
- 29) Nancy Meka
- 30) Glen Emig



### Children

- 2) Abigail James  
Carson James  
Maya Downey
- 11) Wyatt Hoff
- 13) Leah Borowski
- 16) Michael Burke
- 17) Owen Minnich
- 18) Jaylynn Holderman
- 19) William Terry
- 20) Briar Weikert
- 22) Abigail Batson
- 23) Mariah Nagle

### MORAVIAN SUGAR CAKES

#### Place Your Order Today !!!!

Sugar Cakes will be made on Friday May 8th. This is the last baking until the fall when the weather hopefully will be cooler. These cakes freeze well and are nice to have on hand when you need a treat.

The price per cake is still \$5.00 and may be paid for when you pick them up or paid in advance via the church office or offering plate earmarked Sugar Cakes.

Order deadline is Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>.

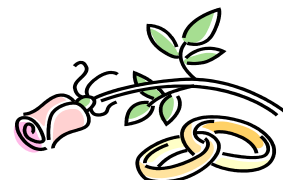
Pick up is on Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday evening when they are hot from the oven. Or you may request to have them frozen or to pick them up after services on Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>.

To order please call the church office (610-866-8793) or Marcia Horning (610- 691-3209)

Thanks for supporting this project,  
Edgeboro Moravian Bakers

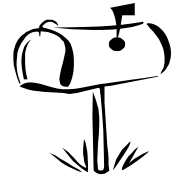
### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1) Scott & Beth Pretti  
Brian & Allison Lauderman
- 4) David & Debra Swanson
- 6) Andrew & Amy Geisler
- 7) Brian & Amy Tashner
- 19) Rodney & Elaine Sargent
- 20) John & Nancy Meka
- 29) Paul and Blake Messman
- 30) Chris & Tina Giesler



## Church News

### *Congratulations to our graduating Seniors*



High School: **Tayte Messman** from Moravian Academy will attend Colby College, **Liza Bucchin** from Liberty High School is still deciding on her final choice, **Emily Sergent** from Liberty High School will attend Wilkes University.

College: **Hannah Bucchin** from the University of North Carolina, **Martha Giesler** from Moravian College with a major in Math and Secondary Education. **Grant Haines** from Colgate and will be attending William and Mary for graduate school where he will study Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.

**Meghan Long** received her Master of Fine Arts in Theatre Management and Producing from Columbia University School of the Arts. She is a co-founder and producer at Junesong Arts, a Washington, DC based theatre company, and is currently employed as grants coordinator at The Shubert Foundation in New York City.

Congratulations to Art Sergent and family for the birth of Marcus Ricardo Stuart to Nishida( daughter of Art) and Mario Stuart on March 31, 2015. Marcus weighed 6lbs 3 oz.

Since the publication of the new directory there have been some changes:

The phone number in the front of the directory for Gayle Justice is incorrect. It should be 610-597-8846.

Helene Boyle's phone number is 610-838-4960.

The Michael Louie family has dropped their land line. Please use 610-360-5905 for Mike and 610-428-1571 for Betty.

James W. Buss, Country Meadows, 4011 Green Pond Rd, Room 76, Bethlehem, PA 18020  
Cell #484-707-3549

### **Turkeys Needed for Ice Cream Festival:**

Anyone have an extra turkey in the freezer?

Please contact the church office or Blake Messman (610-954-5173 or messmanblake@gmail.com )



### **Common Thread**

The Common Thread support group, will meet at 11:00AM on **May 19th**. This will be the last meeting until the fall. You are encourage to bring a light lunch with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Marcia Horning at 610-657-0207.

**If you already know all there is to know about God, the Bible, Jesus' love for you and the world, and how to best respond to life's complexities, then you may skip over this page.**

### **New Adult Sunday School Class**

A new adult Sunday School discussion class has just begun meeting and we invite you to consider joining. Together the class is reading *One Way Love: Inexhaustible Grace for an Exhausted World*. The class is meeting during the Sunday School hour on the third floor, back corner class room. Tom Shafer is helping to coordinate the class, so please speak to him if you have any questions. The class is off to a wonderful start and you are invited to join in.

### **New Bible Study Series**

We have just recently begun a new Bible Study series and we invite the entire congregation to come and learn with us. Our study will be focused on the Moravian "Readings for Holy Week", which we read each year during Holy Week. But we read straight through with only the hymns to help us reflect on the deeper meaning of what we are reading. This series will allow us to stop and ponder the meaning of each passage, and allow for more thoughtful reflection and discussion. We meet each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.



Don't miss Edgeboro's 2015 Vacation bible School Discover GODS PLAN 4 U= JESUS at SonSpark Labs!

Join the fun June 15<sup>th</sup> - June 19<sup>th</sup> Daily 9AM - Noon ; Ages 3yrs - 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Registration forms available in the Narthex or register online at <http://goo.gl/c6reWM>

Any questions, please contact Stephanie Smith at 610-882-3082 or [leftyes@rcn.com](mailto:leftyes@rcn.com)

**WE NEED YOU!!!!**

Join the fun at SonSpark Labs

VBS 2015! June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>; 9AM – noon- daily

Closing program June 19<sup>th</sup> : 7:00PM

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](mailto:leftyes@rcn.com)

High School age students can earn community service for helping out.

Join us on Saturday, May 9th from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in and around the Christian Education Bldg. of Central Moravian Church (40 W. Church Street) for our annual spring sale. We'll have lots of plants for sale: flowering annuals, hanging baskets, vegetable & herb plants, plus day lilies and perennials at amazing prices! Inside the CE Bldg. you'll find a wide variety of 'attic treasures'.... books, CD's, DVD's, toys and games, jewelry, kitchen utensils, holiday decorations, china, glassware, accessories, small furniture items. This is an "all church yard sale" so there's sure to be something for everyone. Plus baked goods, Moravian Sugar Cake, and delicious luncheon fare. And all proceeds benefit many charities, from Bethlehem to Tanzania and Nepal.

**PS: We'll also be open for sales on Sunday, May 10th from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., so if you can't come out on Saturday, you can still do some shopping on Sunday before or after church!**

**For more information, please call the Church Office at 610-866-5661.**

### Board of Trustees' March Meeting Highlight

- We are gathering final bids for repair of front doors and replacement of side doors and expect to make a final decision at the April meeting.
- Thanks to all who participated in our March clean-up day! Many helpful hands made for light work. Stay tuned for summer and fall clean-up days.
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- **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 –



### Board of Trustees' April Meeting Highlight

- The board has accepted the bid from Adams Glass for repair of closers on sanctuary from doors as well as replacement of side doors (the set of doors closest to the parking lot, the ramp door, and the Elm street side doors).
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### Elder Highlights from the March/April meetings

#### MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- \*Elders decided on Joyful Noise distribution: March- Unity Offering, April- Camp Hope Camperships,
- \*Reviewed Pastor's time away and pastoral coverage
- \*Reviewed Lenten Program
- \*Worship Planning
- \*Discussed need for new SS Superintendent next year
- \*Approved Baptisms, Confirmands, and New Members

#### APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

- \*Elders decided on Joyful Noise distribution: May: VBS, JUNE- Women's Conference
- \*Reviewed Pastor's schedule/ worship planning
- \*Reviewed Lenten program/Holy Week/Easter
- \*Approved Beller twins for baptism