

# *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 Edgeboro Members and Friends:

I would invite you for just a moment to truly ponder what your priorities in life are right now. How often do you do that? I would challenge you to spend a minimum of 10 to 15 minutes pondering what the five most important things are in your life. Take out a piece of paper and jot them down. Next take a rough estimate of how you spend your time during a typical week. You don't have to get precise down to the minute, but try to figure out what five things (not including sleep) take up your time.

Now take a look at both of your lists and ask yourself: Do the priorities of your heart match up with the way you are spending your time? If you are like the great majority of people that I know, the two lists do not match up very well. Most of us spend little time on the things that we feel are the most important, and that can be a problem.

Most of the Christians that I have known in the course of my life would say that their relationship with God is one of the most important things in their lives. But when asked how much time they invest in nurturing that relationship it comes down to scattered prayers, and an occasional worship experience. Friends, God deserves more from us, and we deserve more from ourselves. If you are only spending a couple of hours a month in nurturing your relationship with God you are denying yourself joy that cannot be given by anything else in the world!

Take a look at the calendar that accompanies this newsletter. It is full of opportunities for you to grow in faith and love. We have Worship, Sunday School, Bible Study, Prayer Group, and lots of opportunities to serve with others. I am thrilled with what I am seeing in the life of our congregation right now. If you are not an active part of it, you are missing out on a blessing.

We are about to enter what many people see as the busiest months of the year: **THE HOLIDAY SEASON.** Back to back we move from Halloween to Thanksgiving to Christmas to New Years. Extra activities for the kids, gatherings with family, work, and neighbors. All of this brings stress. And then we also miss loved ones who have made these holidays so wonderful in the past and who are not with us now. Putting Christ first allows all of this season to become more meaningful. Please engage in your faith here at Edgeboro.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Chris

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

# Worship

## Joyful Noise Offering

### Advent Candlelight Holy Communion Service

On Sunday November 29th, at 4:00 p.m. we will hold a special Candlelight Communion service as way of marking the beginning of the Advent Season. This is one of the most meaningful and beautiful services held at Edgeboro and we invite you to join us for this unique experience of God's grace.

### Christmas Eve Services

The Christmas Eve Candle Services are one of the highlights of our Church year and represent a wonderful time to invite your family and friends to experience our Church family. Please be sure to pick up your free tickets for the service you want to attend so that we can manage overcrowding and assure that you will have a seat.

### Service Schedule

- 3:00 PM—Lovefeast and Candle Service
- 5:30 PM—Lovefeast and Candle Service
- 8:00 PM—Candlelight Vigil

### New Year's Eve Communion

What better way to close out the old year and seek to prayerfully enter the new year than to receive Holy Communion. On Thursday, December 31 from 4:30– 6:00 PM the sanctuary will be open for quiet reflection and dialogue with God. Upon entering the Sanctuary participants will be offered a guide for this reflection time. This will be a time to review the past year, and dedicate yourself anew to Christ for the new year. Then, when ready, participants can come forward to receive Holy Communion from Pastor Chris. You are then welcome to stay as long as you wish.



The Joyful Noise Offering for September was for Alex's Lemonade. The amount was \$324.86



The Joyful Noise Offering for October was for the Crop Walk. The amount was \$295.45.

Thank you for your generosity!

### GREETINGS TO ALL STARMAKERS:

The Putz committee is again asking for white Moravian stars to give to each school child that visits our Putz during the Advent season.



Last year, with your help, we surprised nearly 200 students with a small gift from Edgeboro as a reminder of their Putz visit.

So let's get started and avoid the Christmas rush!

Also, please string the stars with green or gold thread so they are ready to hang.

Our thanks to all who participated in the last three years and a warm welcome to all new participants.

# Servants in November

<p><b>Elders 9:00AM</b>                  1 Ann Amidon                  8 Val Hoff                  15 Myra Jones                  22 Ann Amidon                  29 Val Hoff</p> <p><b>Elders 11:15AM</b>                  1 Ann Amidon                  8 Robyn Balsai                  15 Myra Jones                  22 TBA                  29 Robyn Balsai</p> <p><b>Sacristans</b>                  1 Glen &amp; Perry Emig                  8 Bob &amp; Elley Silfies                  15 Michael &amp; Myra Jones                  22 John Meka &amp; Linda Lindemuth                  29 Scott &amp; Beth Pretti</p>	<p><b>Ushers 9:00AM</b>                  1 LaRue Jones &amp; Ruth Zaun                  8 Rod Sergent &amp; Earl Kunsman                  15 Jean Bell &amp; David Bond                  22 The Smith Family                  29 LaRue Jones &amp; Ruth Zaun</p> <p><b>Ushers 11:15AM</b>                  1 Art Sergent &amp; Family                  8 Kyle Sergent &amp; Family                  15 Ron Heft &amp; Brian Lauderman                  22 John &amp; Rosie Bauman                  29 Randy &amp; Deea Graser</p> <p><b>Greeters 9:00AM</b>                  1 Jane Williamson                  8 Ruth Zaun                  15 Michael Louie Family                  22 Heather James                  29 Jean Bell</p> <p><b>Greeters 11:15AM</b>                  1 Nancy Remaly                  8 Scott &amp; Jessica Sine                  15 Knox Family                  22 John &amp; Rosie Bauman                  29 Sharon Hollowell</p>
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## Nursery Schedule

Date	Toddler Room	Infant Room
11/1/2015	Robyn Balsai	Carole Schachter
11/8/2015	Val Hoff	Karen and Woody Werner
11/15/2015	Gaye Eldridge	Karen and Woody Werner
11/22/2015	Heather James	Karen and Woody Werner
11/29/2015	Sherri Hoff	Karen and Woody Werner

## Sunday Worship Schedule

### November 1

#### Joyful Noise

9:00 AM Worship  
 10:15 AM Sunday School  
 Ministry Dialogue ages 14-18  
 CEC Meeting  
 11:15AM The EDGE

### November 8

#### Communion

#### Harvest Home

#### Benevolence Breakfast

9:00AM Worship  
 10:15AM Sunday School  
 Ministry Dialogue ages 11-13  
 11:15AM The EDGE

### November 15

9:00 AM Worship  
 10:15 AM Sunday School  
 Ministry Dialogue ages 0-10  
 11:15AM The EDGE

### November 22

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

### November 29

#### First Sunday in Advent

9:00AM Worship  
 10:15AM Sunday School  
 11:15AM The EDGE  
 4:00PM Advent Communion

Our Worship Attendance for September		
2014		2015
173 (RD)	Week 1	74(SS)
132 (C)	Week 2	136 (RD)
169 (CL)	Week 3	202(CL)
151	Week 4	179 (B)

B - Baptism  
 C - Communion  
 SS - Summer Service  
 CL - Children's Lovefeast  
 RD- Rally Day

# Servants in December

## Sunday Worship Schedule

<p><b>Elders</b>  <b>9:00AM</b>                  6 Myra Jones                  13 TBA                  20 Ann Amidon (10AM one service)                  27 TBA (10AM one service)</p> <p><b>Elders 11:15AM</b>                  6 Myra Jones                  13 TBA</p> <p><b>Sacristans</b>                  6 Bob &amp; Elley Silfies                  13 Brad &amp; Mary Williamson                  20 John Bauman &amp; Peggy Leith                  25 Glen &amp; Perry Emig (3PM)                      David &amp; Sharon Bond ( 5:30PM)                      Michael &amp; Myra Jones ( 8PM)                  27 John Meka &amp; Linda Lindemuth</p>
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<p><b>Ushers</b>  <b>9:00AM</b>                  6 LaRue Jones &amp; Ruth Zaun                  13 Rod Sergent &amp; Earl Kunsman                  27 Mike &amp; Myra Jones ( 10AM)</p> <p><b>Ushers 11:15AM</b>                  6 Bob &amp; Elley Silfies                  13 Brent Sergent &amp; Family                  20 Art Sergent &amp; Family</p> <p><b>Greeters 9:00AM</b>                  6 Groner Family                  13 Heath &amp; Val Hoff                  20 Nelson &amp; Sherri Hoff (10AM)                  27 Paula &amp; John Horn (10AM)</p> <p><b>Greeters 11:15AM</b>                  6 Sally Abruzzese                  13 Holly Haines</p>
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**December 6**  
**2nd Sunday in Advent**  
*Joyful Noise*  
 9:00 AM Worship  
 10:15 AM Sunday School  
 11:15AM The EDGE

**December 13**  
**3rd Sunday in Advent**  
 9:00 AM Worship  
 10:15 AM Sunday School  
 11:15AM The EDGE  
 Ensemble plays

**December 20**  
**4th Sunday in Advent**  
 10:00AM Choir Musicale  
 and SS Christmas Pageant

**December 27**  
**1st Sunday after Christmas**  
 10:00AM Worship (one service)  
*Watchword*



**Nursery Schedule**

Date	Toddler Room	Infant Room
12/6/2015	Callen Messman	Carole Schachter
12/13/2015	Justin & Jen Hoff	Karen and Woody Werner
12/20/2015	Lisa Courtade	Karen and Woody Werner
12/27/2015	Tim & Hope Harrell	Karen and Woody Werner

Our Worship Attendance for October		
2014		2015
166 (C)	Week 1	136(C)
153 (B)	Week 2	105
106	Week 3	166 (B)
164 (ALF)	Week 4	108 (ALF)

B—Baptism  
 C = Communion  
 ALF— Anniversary Lovefeast

# Fellowship

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



## BIRTHDAYS

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1) Liza Engelbrecht
- 4) Bonnie Peters  
Robert Silfies, Jr.
- 6) Jocelyn Snyder
- 7) Jay Engelbrecht
- 10) Julie Horn  
Michael Horn  
Dorothy Smith  
Audrey Wilson
- 17) Deea Graser  
Katlyn Hosterman
- 20) Darryl Bacon  
Rebekah Miller  
Eric Sergent
- 21) Stephen Moller
- 25) Karen Lovell  
Megan Weikert  
Garrett Eldridge
- 26) John Knox
- 27) John Madison  
Nancy Zulli
- 29) John Horn
- 30) Chris Giesler

## Common Thread

The **Common Thread support group**, will be meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11:00 AM in November and December. It is November 24th and December 22nd . This is because of the holidays. 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.

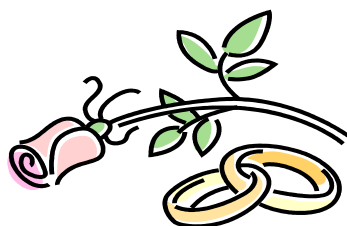


## Children

- 1 Alexis Beller  
Hailey Beller
- 6) Jerrah Eldridge
- 8) Jacob Weikert
- 29) Elyse Borowski

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1) Bradley and Rebekah Miller  
George and Linda Moller
- 3) Joe & Susan Testa
- 5) Jay & Liza Engelbrecht
- 8) John and Marcia Madison
- 17) Bradley and Mary Williamson  
Dan and Megan Terry
- 21) Jeffrey and Jennifer Minnich
- 24) Harold and Mary Lou Bachman
- 28) William and Carole Schachter



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## BIRTHDAYS

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2) Katherine Kendall
- 3) Hannah Bucchin
- 4) Amy Giesler
- 6) David Bond
- 7) Earl W. Kunsman IV  
Rebecca Miller
- 8) Martha Giesler
- 9) Noemi Gonzalez
- 10) Jane Martin
- 12) Kevin Knox
- 13) Mary Lou Bachman
- 18) Melissa Hoff  
Hope Pearson
- 19) Barbara Shive
- 20) Edward Fotta
- 21) Dana Grubb  
Diane Talpas  
Ellen Pagano
- 24) Barbara Burkhardt  
Holly Haines  
Dylan Perkins
- 25) Ann Amidon
- 27) Anthony Emig
- 28) Kristen Scalise
- 29) Alice Durner
- 31) Linda Moller  
Nancy Remaly



### Children

- 2) Parker Hoff
- 3) Joseph Miller  
Joshua Testa
- 4) Kherington Smith
- 6) Paige Beller
- 14) Austin Lilly
- 31) Noemi Campanella

Dear Christmas room **CRAFTERS** and **ATTIC TREASURE** donateurs!!!

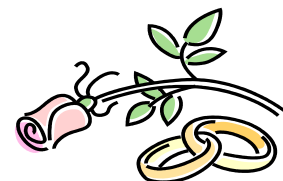
### JUST A REMINDER:

1. **Attic treasure donations** to be put on stage NO LATER than October 31st.
2. All **hand made craft donations**, will be accepted up to and including the **Putz Raising date Nov. 14th**. They can be placed on stage as well, but PLEASE label with your name and description.
3. **Volunteers needed for Nov. 14th Putz raising**. 1pm - ? Food provided. Help with the Putz display, Christmas room set up, making crafts, etc. Please mark your calendars if able to help!!

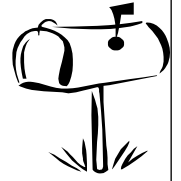
Thank you so much!!  
Sincerely, Megan Weikert

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2) Terry and Kathie Smyser
- 16) Sherwood and Karen Werner
- 21) Justin and Jennifer Hoff
- 22) Charles & Judy Ganz
- 29) Ryan & Becky Beller
- 30) Tim & Jill Jones
- 31) Jerry & Gaye Eldridge, Jr.



## Church News



We extend Christian love and sympathy to Jessica Beller and her family on the passing of her father, Scott Bishop. He died on Tuesday, October 20 in North Carolina.

Congratulations to some of the runners of our congregation who recently competed in area races. At the Runner's World Half Marathon (that's a 13.1 mile course) out of a field of 2,200 runners Craig Neiman finished 17th over all and second in the "Masters" category. Martha Giesler and Matt Ammon both ran in the YMCA Hops Dash 5-K in Harrisburg and also did very well. Matt finished 10th over all out of 1,100 runners, and second in his age group, while Martha finished first in her age group and 181st over all. That is some outstanding running! Keep up the good work.

In our last Envoy we extended congratulations to Mandy Burkhardt and Tara McGoff on the birth of their twin boys Quinn William and Lachlan John on September 24. We asked prayers for the entire family, but especially for Quinn who was needing help with his breathing. We are happy to report that after a number of weeks at St. Christopher's Children's Hospital Quinn has been reunited with his brother. We are thankful that the whole family is now under one roof.

Congratulations to Julie Horn and Aaron Morin who were united in marriage on Friday, October 9. We wish them all of God's blessings as they journey life together.



### ATTENTION

If you have a report that you want included in the Church Council Report, please get it into the office by **November 2nd** to give the office time to get the report ready for Church Council on November 11th.

Thank you

**Don't forget** on November 1st to turn your clocks **back** one hour. We get one more hour of sleep that night.



### Join us for Bible Study

We meet every Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM as we dig deeper into God's Word for our lives. Generally the text to be studied is the one that the Pastor will preach about on the following Sunday. This gives participants an opportunity to live with this text for the better part of the week instead of just Sunday morning. Please come and join us.

### Reminder to All!

Don't miss the Council Meeting on **Wednesday November 11th** at 7:00PM. This Envoy will contain biographies of those who have been nominated for Elders and Trustees plus a copy of the proposed 2016 budget.

**Edgeboro Moravian Christmas Putz: When Can You Give Two or Three Hours of Your Time?**

The Advent season is quickly approaching which means the Edgeboro Moravian Christmas Putz opens for public viewing on Monday, December 1.

This ministry has been successful for 25 years in large part because of the volunteers who willingly give their time as refreshment hosts, putz hosts/operators and Christmas Room cashiers throughout the month of December. Are you able to give a few hours of your time in December to serve those who come to visit our Christmas Putz? Please check your schedules and calendars now for any of the following times:

- 3-hour time slots from 9 AM to noon every Monday through Friday, December 1 – 22
- 2-hour time slots from noon to 2 PM every Monday through Friday, December 1 – 22
- 2-hour time slots from 6 to 8 PM every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 4 – 20
- 1-hour time slots from 10 to 11 AM every Sunday, December 7 – 21 (Christmas Room cashier only)
- 3-hour time slots from 3 to 6 PM every Sunday, December 7 - 21

Accommodating all requests for presenting the putz to groups during the week will only be achieved through the effort of our volunteers. That's **YOU** and not just the other people who attend Edgeboro Moravian. Please consider saying "yes" when you are asked to give your time in this ministry of retelling the story of Christ's birth and the spreading of His light throughout the world!

A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule outside the sanctuary. It's important for us to have all time slots filled in order to accept the reservation requests. You will be called the night before your volunteer time to let you know how many reservations are scheduled during your volunteer time. Please contact Tina Giesler, volunteer coordinator, at 610-390-9565 if you have any questions.

To the Members of Edgeboro Moravian Church,

Thank you for your very generous gift of \$162.08 received in August. Your gift will be used to support the Northeast Ministry After School Homework Club program.

The After School program has started off with an average daily attendance of 46 children. We have an excellent group of high school students and community volunteers who are tutoring the participants. Some of the enrichment activities currently offered include piano instruction for four students, visiting the reading room of Cops-N-Kids once a month, weekly meeting of the Service Project Club, Flag Football and Dance class for 1st—6th graders to conclude with a recital held at the end of the six week session.

We are very excited about the After School Homework Club program and greatly appreciate Edgeboro Moravian's support.

Edgeboro Moravian Church is truly a blessing to our community. Thank you

Sincerely,

Ann Gibson

Executive Director of Northeast Ministries



## Board of Trustees' September Meeting Highlights



- Tom Shafer reported that the next Salvation Army dinner is October 25th
- The Trustees have been discussing the replacement of the carpets in the Sanctuary. The carpets for the Sanctuary have been measured and are waiting for estimates
- Storm window on Elm St was cracked by a stone from the weed whacker
- Furnace issue is not resolved with UGI

### **Don't forget to sign up for e-Giving!**

**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 for September:**

\*Sept:

\*Elders assigned joyful noise for December to Moravian Open Door and for January to go Salvation Army

\*Children's Lovefest and joyful Noise will be September 20th; Anniversary Lovefeast is October 25th

\*Student Pastor Greg Behrens was installed on Sept. 13

\*Prayer shawl group would like to give a shawl to all babies baptized here. Elders approved of this.

\*Nominations are beginning for new terms for Elders and Trustees. 3 delegates and 2 alternates are also needed for Eastern District Synod in June

## **Avon Fundraiser Online for Hope Center**

There is a new and exciting way for you to support Hope Center through Avon. If you would like to have Avon products and not wait until after Thanksgiving for them you can now order online and still have the profit go to Hope Center.

You can go to [www.youravon.com/louisesnyder](http://www.youravon.com/louisesnyder)—Once on the website click on “online event” at the top and that will take you to the page with fundraisers. Click on Hope Center. You can then order, pay by credit card and have your order sent directly to your home in 4 to 5 days. Hope Center will receive all the profit which is 25% to 40% of all sales.

If you do not have online access you can call me and I will order for you and have the products sent directly to your home. You can give me your credit card information over the phone or send me a check if you prefer. Online orders are for the current book at the time of the order. If you would like to order from the C-23 fundraiser book and have it shipped to you directly in 4 to 5 days that can be done in early November. Internet orders can be placed at any time throughout the year with Hope Center receiving the profit. Shipping is free for orders over \$30 and only \$3.00 for orders under \$30 regardless of size or weight.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Thank you for your support of Hope Center.

Louise Snyder, coordinator

610-865-4115

avonlouise@ptd.net

## Time for the Edgeboro Ensemble to begin!!

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of Edgeboro musicians who practice together to prepare for performing in church during Christmas and Easter. Then we perform!!!!

DIRECTOR: Megan Weikert - Hm. 610-419-0607 [meggstar@rcn.com](mailto:meggstar@rcn.com)

QUALIFICATIONS: Anyone who has had at least (1) year of instruction on their instrument. Adults and students are welcome. Instrument in the closet? Dust it off and join us!! Students we need you!!



### UP COMING REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY NOV 29th: Choir room 12:15-1:15 (after 2nd service) Snacks and water are provided!

SUNDAY DEC. 6TH: Choir room 12:15-1:15 (after 2nd service)

### PERFORM IN CHURCH FOR 9:00 SERVICE

SUNDAY DEC. 13TH: (8:30) Report to choir room to leave instrument cases and take instrument to choir loft. Find seats. We begin playing Preludes at 8:45. We will then play along with some Liturgy and Hymns. Then we play Postludes at the end of the service. We will also play preludes for the 11:15AM service starting at 11:00AM

PLEASE CALL or EMAIL: Megan Weikert (director) to inform me of your participation. I am looking forward to having some new members to join our seasoned members!!!!

SEE YOU SOON!

### **It Just Might Snow Sometime Soon!**

As we move into November/December we can start to expect a snowy day or two sometime in the near future. 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, Facebook page and our automated phone system to reflect any changes. The bottom line is that each person should keep their own safety in mind when deciding on whether or not to come.

## Church Council Meeting Wednesday, November 11, 2015

The Church Council of the Edgeboro Moravian Congregation will convene on **Wednesday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m.**

Each communicant member of the congregation is a member of the Church Council and should attend the meeting. At the meeting we will be electing the leaders who will serve on the Board of Elders (who look after the spiritual life of the congregation) and the Board of Trustees (who oversee the buildings and grounds as well as the financial management of the congregation). Included in this newsletter you will see the nominees for each of these boards.

For the Board of Elders we have two seats open and the nominees are John Bauman and Johanna Heft. We thank Val Hoff and Ron Heft for their service as their terms have come to an end.

For the Board of Trustees we have 3 seats open for 3-year terms and one seat for a 1-year term. The nominees are for the 3-year terms are Sherri Hoff, John Knox, and Tom Shafer. Sherri has just completed a term for Sue Bell who resigned after moving to Florida. She is now eligible for a full three year term. The nominee for the one year term is Glen Emig who was appointed to fill Ryan Beller's term which is due to end in 2016. Our by-laws state that a person may be appointed to fill a term until the next Church Council at which time an election is held to fill the partial term.

Please keep in mind that the floor will be open for additional nominations at the council meeting but it will be necessary for you to obtain permission from that person for the nomination to be accepted.

Also included with this newsletter is the proposed budget for 2016. This will be reviewed at this council meeting, but not voted on until our January 4th Church Council meeting.

### **Unity Prayer Watch**

The calendar for the Unity Prayer Watch has come out. The day that Edgeboro is responsible for is Monday, December 28th. There will be sign up sheets for covering the time slots closer to the date. This is our chance to participate in praying for the world. What a privilege!

### **Sugar Cakes!!!**

The next time that Moravian Sugar Cakes will be made is Friday November 20th. The price of a Sugar cake is still \$5.00. If you are interested in ordering any, please either call the office at 610-866-8793 or Marcia Horning at 610-691-3209 by Tuesday, November 17th. You can pick them up either Friday, November 20th from 8-9PM, or Sunday November 22nd after the church service.

**HARVEST HOME**

Sunday, November 8th

**To Support Northeast Ministries**

**From all that we have been blessed with we seek to give to those who have little or no food. Please consider donating so that others may simply live.**

**A box will be available inside the front door of the church to place your donations. You may begin dropping off your donations at anytime.**

**Suggested items to bring:**

Potatoes	Rice	Breakfast Cereal
Beans	Canned Fruit	Hot Chocolate Mixes
Canned Meats	Cookies	Fruit Juices (canned or powder)
Crackers	Baby Food	Canned Vegetables
Spaghetti Sauce	Coffee	Paper Products
Canned Soups	Tea	Sugar

**Luminaria Night**

Luminaria Night is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th, 2015 and many homes and businesses will set out white bags with votive candles burning inside. The proceeds from the sale of these luminaria kits provide funds to New Bethany Ministries. New Bethany helps the homeless, hungry, poor and mentally ill in the Lehigh Valley.

If your neighborhood does not participate, would you consider becoming a block captain? If you have seen your neighbors participating, why not join them in supporting this magical evening? Just contact us through the information below!

[www.facebook.com/luminarianight](http://www.facebook.com/luminarianight) and follow us on Twitter at #LuminariaNight

For more information or to contact us about Luminaria, e-mail [luminarianight@gmail.com](mailto:luminarianight@gmail.com)

**Bethlehem Emergency Shelter**

Can you imagine what it would be like to be homeless? Described by Variety Magazine as "a soulful, fascinating, and haunting piece of urban poetry", the film "Time Out of Mind" starring Richard Gere takes you on a unique visual and auditory journey into the abyss of homelessness, helping us better understand the daily challenges of those living on the streets.

The film will be screened at the ArtsQuest center at SteelStacks on Sunday, **November 15** at 7PM. Cost for admission is \$10.00 and proceeds will benefit Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering and Family Promise of Lehigh County.

## Elders Nominees

### **John Bauman**

John is married to Rosemarie Bauman. John is a retired school teacher from Bethlehem Area School District where he taught for 33 years.

He joined the church on 7/22/2001 and has been an active member ever since. He was on the Board of Elders from 2004—2009. He is also a Sunday School treasurer, Counter, Visitation, Sugar Cake bakers, Dart Baseball, Sacristan, Confirmand Mentor, Halloween Open House and Lay Advisory Committee for Student Pastor.

His activities/hobbies are making custom cutlery, leather work, hunting, fishing, Gettysburg battlefield, hiking and horseback riding.

### **Johanna Heft**

Johanna is married to Ron Heft and have 2 sons, Ron Jr and Walter.

Her occupation is Sales Coordinator for Schulmerich Bells and part time piano teacher.

She participates in Bible Study, Sunday School, Prayer Group, Shut-in Visitation, volunteer pianist for Moravian Village Church services and substitute organist.

Her hobbies/activities are to, when she is not participating in some form of music, spend time with her family, read and take long power walks.

### **Ministry Dialogs with our Youngest Members**

The month of November will see us continue the series of Ministry Dialogs that have brought about wonderful discussions with the adult age groups of our congregation. We thank everybody who has taken the opportunity to share your appreciation for the ministry of this congregation and providing us with constructive suggestions for future ministry. We now move to discussions with the youngest members of our congregation in these next few weeks. Here are the dates and ages for each of those dialogs:

November 1 – ages 14-18

November 8 – ages 11-13

November 15 – ages 0-10, with their parents.

These dialogs will occur during the Sunday School hour each week. We are very much looking forward to listen to what each of these young people will share about our congregation and their vision for the future. We hope that families will enable and encourage their child's participation by making attendance at church that day a very high priority. Please contact Pastor Chris with any questions

