

The Envoy

Edgeboro Moravian Congregation

February, 2016

Dear Edgeboro Members and Friends:

Here we are once again about to embark on another season of Lent. For many of us, we know what to expect year in and year out this time of the year. We know that the ashes will be blessed, that the palms will be raised, that the readings will be shared, that we will stand at the foot of the cross and that the Son will rise on Easter morning.

However, I would find it difficult to believe that any of us will enter this Lenten journey exactly the same as we have in years past. While the church may look the same, and many of the people around us may remain the same, this year's Lenten journey will be different.

I say this with the understanding that as time passes from year to year, we all are continuing along the path of our lifelong journey. For some of us, the scenery along the path may have changed over the past year; perhaps you find yourself in a new home, a new place of work, a new school or have a new place that has gained great meaning for you. For others, perhaps the people walking down the road next to you has changed: you've been blessed with a new child in your life, a loved one has passed away or a new friendship has developed. Or perhaps just the way in which we are walking down the road looks differently than it did a year ago. Our minds may have been shaped slightly differently along the path, our hearts may beat a little faster or a little slower, or perhaps our souls have changed for better or for worse. Whatever the case may be, we are not the same people entering Lent that we were one year ago.

This 40 day journey will be a new chapter along our path of life. It is the next step of our lives where we will continue to learn and grow as individuals and as brothers and sisters in Christ. I encourage each of us to enter this season of Lent with newness. Take time to stop and allow Christ to bring stillness to your life and to prepare your hearts for this part of the journey.

As part of our continuation of growth as brothers and sisters in Christ, our Wednesday evening programs for Lent will focus on the 6 Essentials of the Moravian Church. We will explore the ways in which God has Created, Redeems and Sanctifies us and how we as followers of Christ are called to respond in Faith, Love and Hope. I encourage you to join us for a time to open our hearts and minds to how God is at work within us right now during *THIS* new season of Lent.

Your Servant in Christ,
Student Pastor Greg

Important Notes

- Please use the enclosed Lenten Envelope as part of your Lenten discipline. Put some money aside every day or week during Lent and send it to the church in the enclosed envelope. Every penny, nickel and dime is helpful.
- At its January meeting, the Joint Board voted to accepted **Maggie Wellert as our new interim Pastor**. She will preach on January 24th and 31st and her first day as interim will be February 1st. We welcome Maggie to the Edgeboro Moravian family.
- 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 24th. 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 7th**. Make sure you come to church and sign their cards!! Questions? Please contact Jenny Minnich at or 610-759-8551 jejm98@gmail.com. Thank you!!
- The next Putz Meeting is Monday **February 8th** at 7:00PM in the Conference Room.
- The annual **Bethlehem Area Moravians meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, February 16th**, 7:30 PM at Edgeboro 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.
- Save the date! On **Friday March 4th** Edgeboro will go snow tubing at Blue Mountain from 6-9PM. The cost is \$21 and a waiver must be signed and returned by March 2nd. 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.
- Common Thread will meet on **February 9th** at 11:00AM
- 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 2015!! 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!!!
Once again, **I am limiting all attic treasure donations to be brought in the month of Oct 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 worked so much better this last season, please follow suit for 2016!! **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
- We are putting out a new **Congregational Directory** in the beginning of February.. If anything has changed in 2015; **address, phone number (dropping or adding) or email address**, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.
- To the Congregation of Edgeboro Moravian Church,
Thank you for your generous contribution of \$288.89 to Moravian Open Door. Your gift was received on January 7,2016. The gift, along with others, enable 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. MOD is a community that rejoices when a resident is finally able to move to a private apartment or other appropriate accommodation, no longer homeless.
Your generosity keeps the mission and vision of MOD alive. On behalf of our clients, staff and Board of Directors, again, thanks for you contribution, prayer and support.
Doris Schattschneider
- Dear Pastor,
Thank you for the generous gift of \$2575 for Nepal during the year 2015. All donations to Nepali Moravian Outreach will be used to support the ministry of Shanti and Vani Pradhan as the 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 there church and there communities. In Christ, Craig Mosebach
- **East Hills Men's Fellowship Italian Buffet**
Saturday, March 5 at 6:00 pm.
PLEASE NOTE: ONE SEATING ONLY.
Ticket Sales – **Start** Sunday January 31. All tickets are advance sale, **not** available at the door.
Contact - Bob Wingrove at 610-867-0537 for tickets
Cost – Adults - \$12.00; Children 6-12 yrs. - \$5.00; 5 yrs. and under – No charge.
Menu – Antipasto Salad Bar, Italian Bread, Pasta Bar, Marinara Sauce, Stuffed Shells, Hand Made Meatballs, Sweet Italian Sausage, Chicken Mediterranean, Fresh Brewed Ice Tea, Lemonade, and Ice Cream.