

# 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, 2016

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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

It feels so right to write “Sisters and Brothers.” You, the Edgeboro congregation, opened your arms and your hearts and welcomed me in as a member of the family. This is quite a remarkable thing to do considering I showed up a mere few weeks after Pastor Chris departed, responding to the Lord’s call to lead him to Emmaus Moravian Church. You were still grieving...we were meeting in an unusual place for worship...the first call you sent out had been returned. It was a challenging chapter in the life story of Edgeboro Moravian Church!

And, there you were, being Jesus: welcoming the stranger; continuing at the varied ministries to which each of you had been called; praying; mentoring our student pastor, Greg Behrend; being the Body of Christ.

It has been such a joy to serve with you in ministry. You have openly shared your story and openly received my story. I have learned of deep challenges, deep sorrows, deep joy, deep faith, within the part of the Body that is Edgeboro Moravian Church. You so clearly love the Lord, honor the long tradition of the Moravian Church, and treasure the joy of being called to serve in your corner of God’s Realm.

I love that we were together through the days of Lent, the Passion of Holy Week, and the joy of Easter Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost. We were walking together the basic promise of God that is the core of Christian understanding: no matter what, God is present with us; endings, death, and grief never have the last word; ultimately God’s intent for us as God’s children is life. We were living that together as you grieved the closing of one chapter—a small death in the life of the community—and turned to look forward in hope to the next chapter.

I know that you will welcome Pastor Dan and Beth Miller with the same open arms; that you will nurture them with the same love and grace you extended to Greg and to me; that you will continue to respond to God’s call to serve both within the congregation and in the extended family of Christ beyond this congregation. I pray for health, blessing, love, growth, gentleness, forgiveness, joy and peace.

We Moravians proclaim ourselves Easter People: we live in hope. As you and I follow divergent paths, we know that ultimately all paths return us to our Beloved Creator, Savior, and Spirit. I carry you with me and no matter where I go—we are now connected in ways that have changed each of us. I am grateful for what you have given me and for the privilege of serving with you in ministry.

Grace and peace

Pastor Maggie

## Important Notes

- 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.
- Please join us for Vacation Bible school as we discover the treasure of God's Love. **June 13th - 17th - 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](mailto:leftyes@rcn.com) High School age students can earn community service for helping out
- **Iron Pigs Baseball, Friday, July 1st, 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.
- The date for the **Ice Cream Festival** has changed. It is now on Monday **August 22nd 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 21st** at 9:30AM. We will enjoy our July outdoor worship as previously scheduled on July 12 (weather permitting).
- We have a unique opportunity for the right individual or couple, preferably retired, to live in the heart of Historic Bethlehem. I have a one bedroom apartment on the first floor of the Widow's House on Church Street just steps away from Main Street. In exchange for helping to welcome guests who are staying in the guestrooms at the Widow's House, they will get a reduced rent at \$947/month which includes all utilities and off street parking. Since it is an historic building, pets are not allowed. Our host tenants have enjoyed meeting and greeting all of our guests, many of whom are Moravian ministers and Seminary students. If you are interested or have additional questions, please contact Elizabeth Johnson at [johnson@moravian.edu](mailto:johnson@moravian.edu) or 610-861-1516. Thank you, Elizabeth Johnson
- **Nepal Update from Vani and Shanti Pradhan**  
We received the certificate from the Ministry of Education to run grade 1. April 28, 2016 was the first day of the new Academic year 2016/17 for Pre- school and Grade I. All parents and children were very excited to come back to school. It was quite a hectic day - with crying children and anxious parents, new enrollments, new staff, new building with excited 1st graders. 92 students are enrolled in both pre-school and grade 1. Please continue to pray for the Khokona Church land purchase process.
- Please join the Bethlehem Area Moravians for a trip to Knoebel's Amusement Park on **Friday, July 15, at 8:45 am**. Knoebel's is an historic park with pay-as-you-go rides for all ages, lots of shade and benches, a large swimming pool, and covered pavilions for picnicking. **Cost: \$15** includes round-trip bus transportation, a catered lunch and light snack before departure; or for those who would like the option of bringing their own lunch--\$10 includes round-trip bus transportation and light snack before departure. Reservations are available on a first come, first served basis and must be purchased **in advance** from the East Hills Moravian Church office by **June 30. No refunds are available after JUNE 30.** For reservation forms or more information, contact Carol Grace Hicks at [carolgracehicks@yahoo.com](mailto:carolgracehicks@yahoo.com) or the East Hills Moravian Church office at (610) 868-6481.
- **Brother Dan Miller** will be ordained in his home congregation, Lake Mills Moravian Church in Wisconsin, on Saturday afternoon, June 4. Lake Mills is arranging to live-stream the service and broadcast it to College Hill Moravian Church. College Hill invites the members of Edgeboro to join them in watching the service on **June 4, at 3:00 p.m. EDT**.
- **Pastor Dan** will begin his ministry at Edgeboro on **June 20**, organizing the office and setting up on Monday and Tuesday. Thursday through Saturday, he will serve as Edgeboro's pastoral delegate to the Eastern District Synod. He will be **installed as pastor at Edgeboro on Sunday morning, June 26th**, at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. There will be a reception for Dan and Beth following worship that Sunday.
- The Board of Trustees is forming a **Parsonage Committee** to oversee the updating of the parsonage for the Miller's arrival. If you are interested in serving, please be in touch with Tom Shafer or John Bauman. Projects include tearing out the carpet; wall paper removal; repainting all rooms; bathroom upgrades; and general clean up. Thanks for helping to welcome Pastor Dan and Beth to their new home!
- **Pastor Maggie's last Sunday** leading worship will be Sunday, **June 5th**, which will be a Celebration of Holy Communion. The Board of Elders will lead worship on June 12 and The Rev. Betsy Miller will lead us in worship with a Sungstunde based on The Lord's Prayer on June 19.