

The Envoy

Edgeboro Moravian Congregation

August, 2016

To Edgeboro and Friends,

Well, here we are. As I write this, we are in the dog days of summer. The temperature is hot, and air conditioning has never felt so good (at least since last summer).

Here in this country, some of us might be feeling those dog days in a different way. In terms of national holidays, August doesn't offer us much. July 4th is small in our rearview mirror and if you've already taken your vacation, there aren't any extended weekends coming up until Labor Day. Most months have a day that they're known for – Christmas in December, Valentine's Day in February. Unless you have a day of personal significance in August or you're a big fan of National Watermelon Day (Aug. 3), Bad Poetry Day (Aug. 18), or National Dog Day (Aug. 26), August doesn't have a day that it's known for.

However, if you're a Moravian, especially here in the Northern Province, there are quite a few days that might make August a more significant month for you if it's not already.

August 7th is the **Prayer Day for World Peace and Nuclear Disarmament** in the Northern Province. This is a day to focus our prayers on our national and international brothers and sisters. After a year like we've had so far, we know we need this.

August 13th is a special day in the worldwide Moravian Church because **on that day in 1727, the Moravian Church was renewed** in Herrnhut, Germany after the Holy Spirit moved Count Zinzendorf and many others to unite despite their differences to create a community that would change the world. On Sunday, August 14th in worship we will have Communion to celebrate this moment.

August 21st is another special day in the worldwide Moravian Church because on that day, **Moravian Mission was founded**. In 1732, the first missionaries set out from Herrnhut and traveled to St. Thomas in the Caribbean.

August 21st and 22nd are important days in the life of this congregation. On August 21st, we will hold our **second outdoor service** of the summer. The following day will be our annual **Ice Cream Social** which will be held at 5pm.

August 28th is the **Prayer Day for Public Education** in the Northern Province. While many schools are coming back into session after the summer for another year, we have the opportunity to lift up in prayer all people involved in education.

So Moravians and friends, mark your calendars. We have a lot to do and a lot to pray for this August.

Serving Christ with you,

Pastor Dan

Important Notes

- On Sunday, **August 14th**, we will celebrate Holy Communion in celebration of the August 13th Festival Commemorating the Renewal of the Unitas Fractum.
- On Sunday **August 21st** we will have outdoor worship at 9:30AM on our lawn.
- It is not too early to be thinking about our Annual Ice Cream Festival. The date will be Monday, **August 22**, so please save the date on your calendar. As always we will need help setting up, selling tickets, serving food, and then cleaning up at the end of the day. In addition to serving at the event we will also need food donations. There are sign up sheet in the entrance to the Sanctuary.
- Joyful Noise for July was for New Bethany. The amount was \$133.40. Thank you for your generosity!
- Looking ahead, Fall Worship starts on **September 18th** at 9:00AM with the installation of the Sunday School teachers and Rally Day. We will also have Children's Lovefeast that Sunday.
- **Dear Edgeboro Moravian Friends,**
Many thanks to the congregation for the visits, phone call and cards I received during my recent surgery and my 3 weeks of rehab at Manor Care.
I appreciated your thoughtfulness.
It's good to be up and about again and able to attend church services.
Jane Williamson
- Due to upcoming events taking place on our worship calendar, the Joyful Noise offering schedule (typically the first Sunday of the month) *may* change in the months of August and September. Please keep your eyes open for further information

FIT EVENT

(Focused Intensity over Time)

A few years ago, the Board of World Mission (BWM) sponsored some events known as *Feet First* – focusing on going out where God is calling us to go and doing what God is calling us to do. **FIT First** will have a similar purpose in trying to help young adults discern questions like ***"How and where do we/you/I FIT in God's mission?"*** The BWM believes that we **ALL** fit in mission, and that God is always willing to **FIT** us, or prepare us for God's mission. So, we'll spend some time getting **FIT**, or letting God **OUTFIT** us and **UPFIT** us for mission.

Who: This event is generally geared for those between the ages of 18-25 who are either considering participation in missions or have recently had mission experiences, but it is open to others around those ages.

When: Fri., Sept. 2 - Mon. Sept. 5 (Labor Day Weekend)

Where: Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center, Wautoma, WI

The Eastern District Christian Education Commission is providing travel to and from PA, NY, NJ, and OH. Ask for information.

Cost: Limited time offer - \$25 for programming, lodging, food, and more if you register before Aug. 22 (as budget allows). After Aug. 22, participants will pay full price (\$150).

For more information, contact Justin Rabbach (justin@moravianmission.org) or Cynthia Geyer (cynthia@mcnp.org)

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