

# *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.***

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**Edgeboro  
Moravian  
Congregation**

Dear Edgeboro Members and Friends,

It is my joy to bring you greetings for the first time in *The Envoy*! My wife, Beth, and I are thrilled to begin a new chapter of our lives here at Edgeboro. Our first Sunday here was on June 26<sup>th</sup> and we were welcomed with open arms. We would like to extend our gratitude to all who have supported us during that time and for those who had a hand in organizing the reception following worship that day. My hand was tired from shaking so many hands that day, but it was good to see some of the faces that I would be doing ministry with in the future.

One of the first events that I had the privilege of representing Edgeboro was at Eastern District Synod. The theme of this synod was “To Us, To Us, This Task is Given,” which focused our attention on the service that we do in our communities. We heard from those churches that are engaging in new ministries in our district, spent an entire day out in the community going to new places to serve others, and came together to talk about our experiences, to talk about the ways we can impact our respective communities. Everyone will have an opportunity to hear more about Synod and the results of it from the Edgeboro delegates themselves during worship on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

A theme that I notice emerging in my writing is that there are “new” things happening around us – new ideas, new conversations, new ministries, a new pastor, etc. “New” can be exciting and it can be unsettling, but with the promise of Jesus to us, his disciples, we can know that he will be with us always (Matt. 28:20). We can look at the present and past with gratitude and look to the future with hope knowing that Jesus has, is, and will guide us. (Speaking of gratitude, I invite you to read the note of a past student pastor that is included in this newsletter and she looks to encounter new things in her ministry.)

I look forward to meeting you all as we all follow Christ together.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Dan Miller

PS. On a different crowdsourcing note, I am looking for a “column title” (i.e. “Miller’s Mumblings”) for my future contributions to *The Envoy*. Feel free to share them with me.

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

# Worship

## Joyful Noise Offering

**Summer Worship Services**  
are at 9:30 a.m.



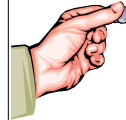
**Adult Sunday School**  
is at 10:30 a.m.

### Holy Communion Services for July and August ~

On **Sunday, July 3rd** we will celebrate Holy Communion in thanks to Christ for the leadership of the forerunner of the establishment of the Moravian Church—John Hus— who was burned at the stake for his beliefs on July 6, 1415.

On **Sunday, August 14th**, we will receive Holy Communion in celebration of the August 13th Festival Commemorating the Renewal of the Unitas Fratrum.

The Joyful Noise Offering for May was Allentown Rescue Mission. The amount was \$152.47.



The Joyful Noise for June was for VBS. The amount was \$147.84 .

Thank you for your generosity!  
The Joyful Noise Offering in July will be for New Bethany.

Please be generous in your giving!

### 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

### Miller-Keystone Blood Center

Summer is traditionally a difficult time for community blood centers, as blood supplies traditionally diminish due to family vacation combined with accidents and seasonal illnesses. However, Miller-Keystone Blood Center needs more than 500 donors every *day* to assist our community hospitals in their lifesaving care. Register to donate at any MKBC donor center or community blood drive this summer.

# Servants in July

## Sunday Worship Schedule July

<p><b>Elders</b>                  3 Myra Jones                  10 Robyn Balsai                  17 Craig Neiman                  24 Ann Amidon                  31 Johanna Heft</p> <p><b>Sacristans</b>                  3 Glen &amp; Perry Emig                  10 Michael &amp; Myra Jones                  17 John Meka &amp; Linda Lindemuth                  24 Bob &amp; Elley Silfies                  31 Brad &amp; Mary Williamson</p>	<p><b>Ushers 9:30AM</b>                  3 LaRue Jones &amp; Ruth Zaun                  10 Rod Sergent &amp; Earl Kunsman                  17 Art &amp; Emily Sergent                  24 Brent Sergent &amp; Family                  31 Kyle Sergent &amp; Family</p> <p><b>Greeters 9:30AM</b>                  3 Jean Bell                  10 Sharon Hollowell                  17 Deea &amp; Randy Graser                  24 Knox Family                  31 Ryan &amp; Becky Beller</p>
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**July 3 Joyful Noise**  
**John Hus—Communion**  
 9:30 AM Worship  
 10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

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

**July 17**  
 9:30 AM *Outdoor Worship*  
 on the Church Lawn  
 10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

**July 24**  
 9:30 AM Worship  
 10:30AM Adult Sunday School

**July 31**  
 9:30 AM Worship  
 10:30AM Adult Sunday School



### Nursery Schedule

Date	Toddler Room	Infant Room
July 3	Robyn Balsai	Carole Schachter Holly Haines
July 10	Sherri Hoff	Karen and Woody Werner
July 17	Tim & Hope Harrell	Karen and Woody Werner
July 24	Gaye Eldridge	Karen and Woody Werner
July 31	Jenny Minnich	Karen and Woody Werner

Our Worship Attendance for May		
2015		2016
153	Week 1	93
132(MD) (CFL)	Week 2	146 (MD) (CFL)
129	Week 3	116
101 (C)(SS)	Week 4	88 (C)(SS)
122 (CP)	Week 5	54 (CP)

C = Communion  
 CFL-Christian Family Lovefeast  
 CP = Church Picnic  
 MD = Mother's Day  
 SS = Summer Service

# Servants in August

## Sunday Worship Schedule

### August 7

#### Joyful Noise

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

### August 14

#### Unitas Fractum Communion

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

### August 21

#### Outdoor

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

### August 28

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

## Looking Forward

September 11th

### Fall Worship Schedule begins

9:00AM Worship  
Install S.S. Teachers  
10:15AM S.S. Rally Day  
11:00AM The EDGE

<p><b>Elders</b></p> <p>7 John Bauman 14 Robyn Balsai 21 Mike Long 28 Craig Neiman</p> <p><b>Sacristans</b></p> <p>7 Craig &amp; Tammy Baer 14 John Bauman &amp; Peggy Leith 21 David &amp; Sharon Bond 28 Glen &amp; Perry Emig</p>	<p><b>Ushers 9:30AM</b></p> <p>7 LaRue Jones &amp; Ruth Zaun 14 Rod Sergent &amp; Earl Kunsman 21 John &amp; Rosie Bauman 28 Mike &amp; Terri Long</p> <p><b>Greeters 9:30AM</b></p> <p>7 Heather James 14 Michael Louie Family 21 Ruth Zaun 28 Jane Williamson</p>
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## Nursery Schedule

Date	Toddler Room	Infant Room
August 7	Penny Sergent	Carole Schachter Holly Haines
August 14	Val Hoff	Karen and Woody Werner
August 21	Cheryl Kindt	Karen and Woody Werner
August 28	Lisa Courtade	Karen and Woody Werner

Our Worship Attendance for June		
2015		2016
156 (SS)	Week 1	97 (SS)(C)
109(C)(SS)	Week 2	69 (SS)
92 (SS)	Week 3	55(SS)
86 (SS)	Week 4	128(SS) (I)

C - Communion  
CP- Church Picnic  
I- Installation of Pastor Dan  
SS—Summer Service

# Fellowship

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

## July Birthdays and Anniversaries



**BIRTHDAYS**

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2) Jamie Batson  
Teresa Velez
- 4) Naomi Vought  
Jacob Kindt
- 7) Sidney Brown  
Michael Long  
Gary Rohn
- 8) Kaitlyn Ruhf  
Laura Bannon  
Gilda Pheiffer
- 11) Scott Jones
- 12) Andrew Morgan  
Eleanor Silfies
- 15) Matthew Hosterman
- 16) Brian Smith  
Jane Williamson
- 18) Ryan Beller  
Jeremiah Beller  
Kelly DiGiacinto  
Samantha Madison
- 19) John Bender  
Neil Kovaleski
- 21) Hollie Langkamer
- 23) Susan Becker
- 24) Jessie Bucchin  
Peggy Leith
- 25) Cheryl Kindt
- 27) Megan Terry
- 29) Michele Townsend
- 30) David Amidon, Jr.
- 31) Jason Zulli  
Judy Ganz

## Common Thread

The **Common Thread support group**, will not meet again until September. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Marcia Horning at 610-657-0207.



### Children

- 2) Gabriel Baer
- 18) Jacob Wolfe
- 19) Penny Miller
- 20) Ruby Miller
- 28) Rylan Harkcom
- 30) Braden Smith
- 31) Leah Hosterman

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6) Andrew & Season Pagano
- 10) William & Barbara Burkhardt
- 11) Andrew & Jamie Batson
- 18) Jamie & Kristen Scalise
- 20) Louis & Ellen Pagano
- 23) Holly & Bruce Haines  
Sean & Kelly Harkcom
- 25) Matthew & Aleace Walrath
- 26) Mary & David Rader  
Amanda Burkhardt-McGoff & Tara McGoff
- 30) Bill & Leah Henry
- 31) Robyn & Jeffrey Balsai



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### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1) Teddy Messman
- 2) Sharon Hollowell
- 4) Cynthia Grebs  
Terri Seifert  
Laura Neiman
- 6) John Nagle  
Debra Smith Nobles
- 9) Robert Gross  
Johanna Heft
- 12) Hannah Graser  
Kevin Knox
- 15) Michael Louie  
Marcia Madison  
Christine Shafer
- 17) Dale Rice
- 18) Julie Groner  
Emily Sergent
- 19) Vanceen Langkamer  
Olivia Minnich  
Jamie Scalise  
Sherwood Werner
- 21) Robyn Balsai
- 23) Amy Leader
- 24) Sherrie Rohn
- 25) Kay Black
- 28) Luke DiGiacinto
- 25) Kay Black
- 28) Luke DiGiacinto



### Children

- 9) Jonathan Frank
- 19) Henry Minnich
- 21) Jillian Emig
- 22) Ross Groner
- 30) Sophia Zulli

## Thank you from the Cave Crew Director at Cave Quest Vacation Bible School!!!

This year, one hundred children attended Edgeboro's VBS to learn about Following the Light of Jesus. I want to thank my tremendous staff for their dedication to Vacation Bible School. **THIS WEEK COULD NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU.** A special thank you to my assistant Gaye Eldridge and my wonderful family. I also want to thank the Edgeboro congregation. We appreciate all your help. In a world that seems to be filled with hate, we gave 100 kids a huge dose of God's Love! VBS is alive and thriving at Edgeboro. On behalf of one hundred kids, I thank you!

Stephanie Smith

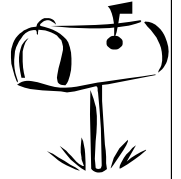
Vacation Bible School Director

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1) Dan & Brittany Lilly
- 3) James & Beverly Clause
- 5) Steven & Donna Henning
- 8) James & Debra Smith Nobles
- 13) Eric & Stephanie Smith
- 15) Dennis & Audrey Wilson
- 19) Linda & Theodore Ruhf, Jr.
- 21) Arthur & Penny Sergent
- 24) Michael & Susan Becker  
Terry & Linda Kunsman  
Brian & Dorothy Smith
- 25) John & Rosemarie Bauman
- 27) Michael & Myra Jones



## Church News



Greetings from the Sierra Leone Ministry Committee!

We thank God for you and your willingness to serve Him through the completion of the shipment of the forty-foot container which was shipped May ninth. Your donations of finances and goods have filled the needs and dreams for many people in Luawa Yiehun, Sierra Leone. You cannot imagine the overwhelming appreciation of our Brother and Sisters in Christ to your love and dedication through your involvement in this project. In this important shipment we have included the Solar Power Systems for the Secondary Schools, laptop computers, protein bars, dried beans, medications, infant formula, school supplies, sports equipment, a vehicle and parts and many other requested items. What a wonderful task that we, together, have accomplished in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior!

Now we must wait and pray. Pray for safe travel of the container to Sierra Leone without issue; pray for ease of acceptance by Customs into Sierra Leone and swift passage to the village. Pray also for the Solar Power System installation team of volunteers as they prepare to sojourn in early September. There is still time to join these volunteers! If you have special talents that you would like to share, such as car mechanic, electrician, or handyman, contact a representative of the Sierra Leone Committee by calling Little Church on the Lane at (704) 334- 1381. You will receive additional information concerning the September trip to Sierra Leone.

Again, thank you for your support of this vital Mission Area of the Moravian Church which continue to grow in Luawa Yiehun and surrounding villages. God is visibly at work in Sierra Leone, and you are an important part of His Kingdom building!

God is good, all the time.

In Jesus Christ,  
The Sierra Leone Ministry Committee, Little Church on the Lane

## A Place to Serve!



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.



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... that the focus of the recent Eastern District Synod was...

MISSION?

This is what happened at that Synod:

- ◆ The theme was “To Us, To Us This Task Is Giv’n!”
- ◆ The guiding Scripture passage was Matthew 25:35 – 37
- ◆ The delegates were divided into “Mission Teams” focusing on: Feeding the Hungry; Providing a Drink to the Thirsty; Welcoming the Stranger; Clothing the Naked; Caring for the Sick; Visiting the Prisoner; and “Hausgemeinde” (providing resources for these and other ministries).
- ◆ The delegates spent the better part of a day taking part in mission experiences!

Now it’s your turn! What *task* is God calling **you** to do? How can you and your congregation follow this example of being in mission together?

*God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.*

*1 Peter 4:10*

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It has now been one year since I began the Lord’s work as the Pastor here at Ebenezer Moravian Church in Watertown, WI. As I reflect back on my first year in working which seemed have flown by so quickly, I was humbled greatly as I remember the opportunity that you, College Hill Moravian Church and Edgeboro Moravian Church gave me. In my reflection I saw instances where I have applied lessons learned in your midst.

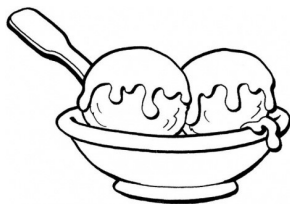
At Edgeboro, I was given countless opportunities to learn not to be fearful of following where Our Lord was leading me as I read and studied His Word. You helped to shape my courage to be keen to God’s still small voice. Equally important, you challenged me in my sermons to translate what God was saying in a way that everyone could understand without neglect to the truth of the message. You often reflected on the messages I brought, hearing Christ’s Words and not mine even when they were lengthy and perhaps just a little chaotic. All the while, you encouraged me to be like the prophets and the disciples before me to be true to our Lord, and clear to His hearers. In my first year I have sought to do just that. While I am still a work in progress, I am blessed to know that for this particular aspect of my journey and by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have given me the tools I need in order to continue to grow.

At College Hill, you trusted me with responsibilities that would stretch, enhance, and build my leadership skills. You provided me with a summer internship in which I tasted a little of the work of the Pastor’s office. Furthermore, you gave me the opportunity to participate in the board meetings, worship and other committees, and assisted in leading our various youth ministries efforts. I did not always succeed at the task given and neither did you let me give up. Through the grace of Jesus working in and through you I was able to learn what worked and what did not. In ministry I have learned that there are times when we need to try different things and some will work and some will not. You have prepared me to deal with both realities. You have prepared me to learn from every opportunity good or bad, through ups and downs. These are skills which permeates all aspect of life.

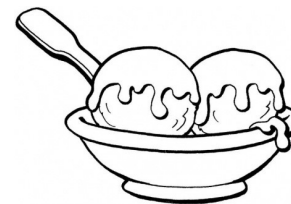
Brothers and Sisters of College Hill and Edgeboro Moravian Church, I thank you. May you continue to be hearers of the Word of God, doers of the Word of God, and teachers in the Way and Word of Christ!

In Christ,  
Rev. Sanette Francis  
Ebenezer Moravian Church





## **Ice Cream Festival Volunteers Needed Monday August 22nd**



**We need:**

- Food servers on August 22nd  
4:30—6:15 p.m.  
6:15—8:00 p.m.
- Set Up Crew members 12:30 p.m. August 22nd
- Take down crew members 7:30—8:30 p.m.
- Bakers/salad makers
- Sign fixer uppers (please)

**Would you like to buy:**

A case of soda  
A case of Snapple  
100 hotdogs or 50 hotdogs  
90 hamburgers or 30 hamburgers

**This event has our Mission Statement written all over it ... LOVE,  
GROW, SHARE...with a focus on fellowship and evangelism**

**Call the office or Blake Messman (610-954-5173 or  
[messmanblake@gmail.com](mailto:messmanblake@gmail.com)) to volunteer time or food!! If you  
have a favorite job you have done in the past, please call/email.. It  
will save time!**

### **Thank You**

On May 15<sup>th</sup> I gave out cookies and accepted free-will donations for the American Heart Association for my fund raising efforts to support the AHA and honor my cousin Kevin who received a heart transplant last year. I would like to thank everyone for their support. My Edgeboro family was very generous, donating a total of \$421! When I gave the money to the AHA through my cousin's teamsite (<http://heartwalk.kintera.org/lancasterpa/kevinpoff2016>), he said to tell you that his new heart was full of amazement and gratitude – so is mine! Thank you to the Church Council, my mentor John Bauman, and the entire Edgeboro family for your heart warming support,

Joseph Courtade – First Year Confirmand

## Board of Trustees' May Meeting Highlight



- Maintenance contract for furnace to be renewed with Bonfitto
- TruComfort scheduled to check the air conditioning units
- The trustees will be largely focused on getting the parsonage ready for Dan and Beth Miller. Removal of carpeting, refinishing floors and painting are some of the primary refurbishments that will be needed. The parsonage committee will need volunteers to make this process successful as we welcome our new pastor.
- **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 – *thanks!*

## Elder Highlights from the May/June meetings

- Approved additional time for summer leave for Gayle Justice in her capacity as organist and choir director.
- Approved three baptisms for July 3. Pastor Dan Miller will meet with the families involved in June and officiate at the ceremony.
- Approved Holy Communion by intinction for July 3.
- Assigned Elder of the Day for August.