

# The Envoy

## Edgeboro Moravian Congregation

October, 2016

Edgeboro Friends and Family,

In this country, we celebrate many milestone birthdays – 1, 13, 18, 21, 40, 65, etc. Each represents a different season of life. It's no different for milestone anniversaries as we celebrate them on the 5's and 10's. In October of 2014, Edgeboro recognized its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Through 100 years of ministry, thousands of lives have been impacted in the name of Christ – a good reason to celebrate.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> of this year, we will celebrate Edgeboro's 102<sup>nd</sup> year of ministry with an Anniversary Lovefeast during worship (10:00am) followed by a potluck meal.

The 100<sup>th</sup> year is a milestone anniversary, but is there anything significant to #102? Not by our normal standards, but I did some digging. I have no idea if this is any indication of what the next year for Edgeboro will bring, but I'll share what I found anyway in the hopes that it will make you think about the next year just as it made me think.

On page 102 of the Old Testament found in our pew Bibles at the church is an explanation in Leviticus of what to do to receive physical *healing*.

On page 102 of the New Testament, Jesus *heals* a blind man with mud in the gospel of John.

Psalms 102 is a prayer asking God for *help* and *healing*.

On the day that we celebrate our anniversary, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Daily Text watchword chosen for the *day* comes from Isaiah 64:1, which reads, "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down!" Here is an urgent request for God's *help* in the world.

And if a theme is not occurring yet for you, then I'll include something I found as a result of a quick Google search – the phone number to call to get *help* in the emergency of a fire in *Israel* is #102.

Is this official research? No. Is this coincidence? Probably. These are random findings that one person (me) put together, but this did make me think about what kind of year #102 can be.

In year #102, how will we be willing to let God help us? What will we be willing to let God do for us and in us? When in this next year will we be willing to step aside and let God happen? Will we let God help? How can we show God's help for others? How will God use Edgeboro in year #102?

I hope these questions (and other questions that sprout from these questions) can help us focus on our willingness to let God work in us during another year of ministry.

I am very grateful to be on this faith journey with you. May God bless our 102<sup>nd</sup> year!

In Christ,

*Pastor Dan*

## ***Information Sheet***

- On Sunday, **October 9th** we will be participating in the **Annual Crop Walk**. We will meet at 1:15PM under the Hill to Hill Bridge. Join your friends from Edgeboro as we work together to support this important cause. If you can't do the walk, think about sponsoring one of our walkers. If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with Paul Messman.
- Sunday, **October 19th** is the Runner's Half Marathon. Please check this website for the race's course because some of you may have to find a different route to come to church that day. The course has changed from last year. <http://rw.runnersworld.com/rwhalf/course.html#half> . This particularly affects those coming from the west side of Bethlehem,.
- Sunday **October 23rd** is our **Anniversary Sunday!** That day we will have **one** worship service at 10:00 a.m. and a Pot luck lunch following the service. We will celebrate with an Anniversary Lovefeast at the 10:00 a.m. Worship.
- Edgeboro Moravian Church **Annual Halloween Open House** is Friday, **October 28th**, 5-8PM. Come for 10 minutes or all 3 hours. All ages are welcome. Food includes: hotdogs, chips, carrots and milk. There will cookie decoration and crafts. Free will offering. Feel free to bring candy to hand out to the Trick or Treaters. We also need food servers, craft helpers, greeters and clean up help. Please call Blake Messman, church office or sign up at church.
- We have set the date for **mossing for the Putz**. The date is Saturday **October 29th** at 9:00AM. Lunch will be provided in the woods. Come enjoy a beautiful setting, great friends and fun. The rain/snow date is Nov 5th. Please feel free to get in touch with Blake or Paul Messman with any questions at [messmanblake@gmail.com](mailto:messmanblake@gmail.com) or 610-954-5173.
- Don't forget our **Church Council meeting** is Wednesday **November 9th** at 7PM. Watch for the Envoy to arrive at your house the end of October with biographies of those nominated for Elders and Trustees plus a copy of the proposed budget for 2017. Committee and Board leaders, please have your annual reports into the office **no later** than November 1st !
- The Putz committee is again asking for **white Moravian stars** to give to the school children when they visit the Putz during the Advent season. Please string the stars with green or gold thread so they are ready to hang.
- **Turkeys Needed for Ice Cream Festival 2017:**  
Seems early but...they are free! (or cheap)  
Anyone have an extra turkey? Please contact Blake Messman (610-954-5173/ [messmanblake@gmail.com](mailto:messmanblake@gmail.com)). If you have a certificate and do not want to redeem it I will do it for you!
- **Help needed!** Come to the annual "MOD envelope stuffing party" on Monday, October 3, 2016. Mark your calendar with the date to help with the annual appeal envelope stuffing for Moravian Open Door, to be held at West Side Moravian Church, [402 Third Avenue, Bethlehem, PA](#) from 8 am until mid-afternoon. Come when you can, stay as long as you can. Lots of fellowship, coffee and sugar cake, of course
- We have a unique opportunity for an 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 Widows' 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 Widows' House by having them sign in and giving them their keys and parking pass, 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 always 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 [johnsone@moravian.edu](mailto:johnsone@moravian.edu) of [610-861-1516](tel:610-861-1516).
- The 51<sup>st</sup> **Community Advent Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, **December 3**, at 8:30am at Moravian Village of Bethlehem, 526 Wood Street, in the Main Dining Room. This year, the City of Bethlehem will be celebrating its anniversary on Christmas Eve. To usher the religious community into our 275<sup>th</sup> year and into the Advent season, the Right Reverend Chris Giesler will be the speaker. Mayor Bob Donchez will bring greetings. The event will include a full served breakfast and will feature the Bethlehem Moravian Trombone Choir; a traditional beeswax candle lighting and a performance by the Broughal Southside Singers. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$9 for youth under 16
- College Hill Moravian Church presents its annual Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner on Saturday, November 12 from 4:00PM—7:00PM. Adults are \$12, Children (age 5-11) are \$5 and children under 5 are free. Take out is available. Call 61-867-8291 for tickets and information.

## **Changes to Prayer List**

Many of us are familiar with the copies of the blue prayer request list that are made available to anyone who wishes to take it with them to pray for others throughout the week. Many of us might have been on it ourselves.

Prayer lists like this one can be great tools to encourage us to maintain prayerful support of our community. Our lives are dynamic and always changing and the same can be said about our prayer requests. In an effort to keep up with our dynamic and active prayer lives, new wrinkles will be added as far as how we can all use the blue list to request prayers from others.

**These new wrinkles will begin to take place on Sunday, October 2. On that day, the prayer request list will be completely refreshed. On the first Sunday of each month after that, the list will be refreshed.**

Here are the answers to some of the questions we all might have going forward.

### **How do I submit a prayer request?**

You will see the pictured cards (*next page*) in the pews each Sunday. They will be blue just like the list has been. Fill out a card and place it in the offering plate. *If you are not able to make it to worship*, you can contact the church office with the same information that the card asks for.

### **How do I get my prayer request on the list?**

Fill out a prayer request card and place a check in the appropriate space on the card, *or* call the office. Your name or the name of the person you requested prayer for will appear on the list for a month under the indicated kind of prayer – *see card on next page* (Healing, Guidance, Homebound Member, Military Service, Other).

### **How do I keep my prayer request on the list?**

*On the first Sunday of each month, the prayer request list will be refreshed.* This is so that we can keep our prayers timely and relevant when using this list. After you initially submit a request, your prayer request will be on the list for a month. If you would like your prayer request to remain on the list, simply submit another card or contact the church office again next month. *This is your way of telling us that you are still actively requesting prayer.*

### **How do I take my prayer request off the list?**

If you do not resubmit a card or contact the church office, your prayer request will automatically come off the list when it is refreshed on the first Sunday of the following month. You can also contact the church office if you would like your request removed prior to that.

### **Where will this list appear?**

The list will be available at worship and it will be in future issues of *The Envoy*.

These changes are made in a continued effort to enhance our prayerful support of one another.

Praying with you,

*Pastor Dan*

*A copy of the new Prayer card is on the back of this page.*

This will appear in the pews beginning October 2 (*front, back*).

## **PRAYER REQUEST CARD**

*"Pray without ceasing." - 1 Thess. 5:17*

If you wish for the congregation to pray for you or someone else, please submit a name on the back of this card and (*optional*) a brief description of the prayer request.

In an effort to keep our prayers timely and relevant, your prayer request will appear on our prayer list until the list is refreshed on the first Sunday of each month. **If you would like your prayer request to remain on the list after a month, please submit another card at that time.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PLACE CARD IN OFFERING PLATE.**

**(Over →)**

**This prayer request is for...**

*\*Please ask before submitting a prayer request for someone else.*

**\_\_ Please place this prayer request (*Name only*) on the monthly prayer list.**

**What kind of prayer request is this?**

**\_\_ Healing                      \_\_ Guidance**

**\_\_ Homebound Member**

**\_\_ Military Service      \_\_ Other**

**\_\_ I would like a pastoral visit.**

*(Optional) Please write below anything else you would like to share.*

*\* If you would like to maintain privacy, you are invited to leave this section blank and request a pastoral visit.*

# October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <b>World Communion</b> 9:00AM Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 The Edge	3 7:00PM Prayer Shawl 7:00PM Darts @ Fritz Wesleyan	4 6:30PM Girl Scouts 7:00PM Senior Choir	5 6:00PM Daisy Scouts 7:00PM Bible Study	6 10:00AM Edgeboro Prayer meeting 6:30PM Brownies 7PM Elders meeting	7	8
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23 <b>Anniversary Lovfest</b> 10:00AM Worship Pot Luck Lunch	24 7:00PM Darts @ Christ UCC	25 11AM Common Thread 6:30PM Girl Scouts	26 6:00PM Daisy Scouts 7:00PM Bible Study	27 10:00AM Edgeboro Prayer meeting 6:30PM Brownies 7PM Trustees mtg	28 5-8PM Halloween Open House	29 9AM Mossing 11AM-2PM Beller
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