

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, 2017

Dear Edgeboro Friends and Family,

By the time you ready this, it will have been one year since I was installed as pastor here at Edgeboro. Can you believe it's been a year already? That went pretty fast. It has been a joy getting to know you and serving alongside you. I look forward to what the next year will bring!

There's another anniversary being celebrated this June that dwarfs my 1 year by a mere 274! Moravians have now been in Bethlehem for more than 275 years, beginning in 1741. We have been celebrating this anniversary at different times for the past year, but the final celebratory events are approaching soon.

The first event is called **Moravian Day**. This is taking place on the lawn outside of Central Moravian Church on Saturday, June 17th from 10:00am to 3:00pm. It is a free festival with food, music, displays, and games for the entire community. Each of the Bethlehem congregations will have their own display on the "Moravian Train" to give others a glimpse inside each one.

Another event, the **Anniversary Lovefeast**, happens the very next weekend. On Sunday, June 25th at 3:00pm, hundreds of people, Moravians and others, are expected to gather at Moravian College, Johnston Hall (North Campus) for a lovefeast worship service. Each of the Bethlehem congregations will be represented in various forms of worship leadership.

We have a lot to celebrate about in the past year here at Edgeboro. All the children we've taught, lives we've helped, meals we've shared, and events we've hosted, (and more!) are all reasons to celebrate. And that's just *one year for one congregation*. How much more do we have to celebrate between multiple congregations and 275 years?

Come join with other Moravians and community members for these special events!

As we look back and celebrate during this month, whether it's been one year or 275, may our celebration motivate us to look forward. Though Moravians have impacted the lives of thousands here in our community, our mission is not done and our love for Jesus will never be extinguished. May these anniversaries carry us forward to future anniversaries that mark our love and service in this community in the name of Christ our Lord.

Here's to year 2!

Here's to year 276!

Serving year by year with you,

Pastor Dan

Important Notes

- A name was left off the high School graduate's list in the May/June Envoy. **Callen Messman** graduated from Moravian Academy.
- We are now on our **summer worship schedule**. This means that we have one service at 9:30AM. Each Sunday there will be a short prelude of children's music and praise songs led by the Edge Band. Our Adult Sunday School classes will continue to meet during the summer immediately following worship.
- Please join us for Vacation Bible School! This year's theme is "**Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose.**" **Date: June 12th - 16th, 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 High School age students can earn community service for helping out.
- **Iron Pigs Baseball, Friday, July 14th, 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! Edgeboro has purchased a block of 40 tickets. They are \$10 each and include a \$2 voucher for food and a free raffle ticket. Seats are located on the 3rd base side. Please call the church office to purchase your tickets.
- The date for the **Ice Cream Festival** has changed. It is now on **Wednesday August 23rd 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!!**
- Please join the Bethlehem Area Moravians for a trip to Knoebel's Amusement Park on **Friday, July 7 at 8:45 am**. Knoebel's is a 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 Central Moravian Church office by **June 30. No refunds are available after JUNE 30.** For reservation forms or more information, Karen Ferrey, kferrey@rcn.com, 484-892-1529 or Central Moravian Church Office, 610-866-5661, office@centralmoravianchurch.org
- **SAVE THE DATE-** Northeast Ministry Steve Godbolt's Par for Kids Scramble at Bethlehem Golf Club in September 22, 2017 beginning at 9 a.m.
- **Elder for the Month of June**
June 4th—Val Hoff
June 11th—Mike Long
June 18th—Robyn Balsai
June 25th—Craig Neiman

To our friends at Edgeboro Church,

A thank you for all get well cards that were sent to Myron.

And all special anniversary cards sent to us on our 65 years of being together.

In our Lord's Love,

Claire & Myron Hahn

- **On June 12th, 1-4pm** at East Hills Moravian Church, a **Freezer Food Packing Event** will be held to replenish the supply of each of the participating churches. No cooking necessary. Last time, over 700 meals were prepared, packed, and frozen in a little over three hours. These meals are microwave ready and are available at the church for anyone who needs a meal – from a person in between jobs looking to support a family, to someone who just got out of the hospital and hasn't gone grocery shopping yet. Come join us for a time filled with food and fellowship!
- Our partner in ministry, **Northeast Ministry**, has contacted us for help! Each summer, Northeast Ministry hosts a camp for dozens of children. Each summer, they make special camp t-shirts. On **June 21st, 9am-1pm**, Northeast Ministry requested a group of 8-10 people from Edgeboro to help the kids make their own tie-dye shirts! If you're able to lend a hand for all or part of the time, contact Pastor Dan. *(If you plan on staying the entire time, pack and bring your own bag lunch.)*

- Did you know this? In 2017 alone, Edgeboro has served approximately 300 total meals at the Salvation Army over three afternoons, 70 total meals at *Esperanza for Bethlehem* over two evenings, 300 total brown bag lunches for Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering over five afternoons, and 320 total peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the Trinity Soup Kitchen (Trinity UCC) over three mornings. Many of these food outreach efforts are only a few months old. Some might not even know about all this yet! If you'd like to know more, to participate in these future outreach events, and to help set goals for the future of these ministries, join us in the Fellowship Hall on **June 6th, 7:00pm** for an **Outreach Ministry Gathering**.
- **Organ Update:** We have raised over \$25,000 and have reached our *initial* fundraising goal for the organ. The Trustees are now in the beginning stages of initiating and scheduling the preliminary repairs. For those that are still considering giving a gift, there is still time. Any additional gifts we receive will go toward organ *upgrades*. Thank you to all who have supported our music ministry in this way!
- On May 14th, a special mission offering was collected for **Andrew Miller's upcoming mission trip to Cuba in July**. Over \$500 was raised to help his fundraising efforts. Thank you to all who supported this mission so far! If you'd still like to support him, please contact him or the church office.
- There might still be time to register for **Camp Hope!** Remember – Bethlehem Area Moravians will provide \$100 per camper and Edgeboro will provide \$100 per camper. Register online at camphope.org. (*Pastor Dan will get his first summer taste of Camp Hope counseling at the Senior High camp this year!*)
- As of May 17, 2017, **eGive, the service we have been using for online giving**, made major changes to update their website. This has caused some unexpected changes on our end. In order to fix the situation, we need everyone to check their eGive account. Please visit the church's website for further instruction by clicking on the large eGive slide as it appears on the homepage. If you have any further questions, please contact the church office.