

**Edgeboro
Moravian Church**
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Edgeboro's Mission

To love God, grow in Christ,
and share the Holy Spirit
through
Worship
Fellowship
Discipleship
Ministry
Evangelism

Sunday Schedule

Adult Sunday School 9:15am
Youth Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 10:30am

Pastor

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**Organist &
Choir Director**

Gayle Justice

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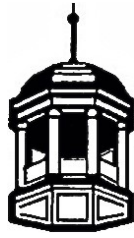
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Edgeboro Moravian Church's
The Envoy

Feb 2020, Volume 13, Issue 2

Dear Edgeboro Family & Friends,

“Well...how do I look?”

Alright, you don't have to answer that. Welcome to the new look of *The Envoy*! The previous look served us well for 12 years, but with a new decade comes a new, modern, and simplified format.

With this new format, there will be no more alternating months of “regular” Envoys and “mini” Envoys. Instead, we took the information from the “regular” and the concise listings of the “mini”—the best of both versions—to create this new look. What you see here is essentially what you'll see each month.

This redesign happened because we wanted to make something that was easier to produce, easier to teach others how to produce, and required far less printing. We also hoped to make something that appeared more organized to the reader, making it easier for you to find the information you need each month.

This month definitely tested this new format with a full slate of events. What a way to start! There are so many things in here you should know about, so read it all! From snow tubing to Lent Madness to job and scholarship opportunities, even newly announced dates for VBS and more, there are a lot of ways to get involved here in the Edgeboro community.

Wow, I don't know if it's this new format, but I feel like I have a lot more space to write. I kind of said all that I wanted to say, so I guess I'll just share some things that are on my mind right now.

My Green Bay Packers were a hot mess in the playoffs.

A great quote from Mr. Rogers: “If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person.”

Hot dogs are not sandwiches. You can't change my mind.

Now here's something else you should *actually* know about. Edgeboro's watchword for 2020, chosen during the last worship service of 2019, comes from Nehemiah 9:6, “You are the Lord, you alone; you have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them.” This is spoken by Ezra to a crowd of Israelites who are re-learning from scratch about their home, culture, and religion after years of being in exile. Perhaps this watchword is guiding us to care for God's creation in 2020, which fits well with an announcement in this newsletter about a new initiative starting soon among local Moravian churches to recycle plastics.

That makes me think that you should really stop reading this page before I go off on even more tangents and start taking a look at the other pages of this newsletter so that you can get involved in what's going on!

Peace & Grace,
Pastor Dan

Sunday Schedule for
February 2

Sunday School:
Adult 9:15am; Youth 9:30am
Salvation Army Lunch (Confirmands
& Mentors) 9:30am
Worship 10:30am
(Communion, Joyful Noise Offering)

Elder Val Hoff
Greeter Sally Abruzzese
Nursery Carole Schachter
Sacristans Linda Lindemuth &
David Bond
Scripture Reader Kay Gariepy
Ushers LaRue Jones & Ruth Zaun

February 9

Sunday School:
Adult 9:15am; Youth 9:30am
Worship 10:30am
Confirmation Class 5:00pm

Elder Myra Jones
Greeter Nancy Remaly
Nursery Lisa Courtade
Sacristans Tom & Gilda Pheiffer
Scripture Reader Rita Gambler
Ushers Rod Sergent & Earl
Kunsmann

February 16

Sunday School:
Adult 9:15am; Youth 9:30am
Worship 10:30am
Mission Lunch 11:30am
Confirmation Class 5:00pm

Elder Tom Pheiffer
Greeter Heather James
Nursery Cheryl Kindt
Sacristans Bob & Elley Silfies
Scripture Reader TBD
Ushers Nancy Bartleman & Linda
Lindemuth

February 23

Sunday School:
Adult 9:15am; Youth 9:30am
Worship 10:30am (Baptism)

Elder Robyn Balsai
Greeters Scott & Jessie Sine
Nursery Gaye Eldridge
Sacristans Brad & Mary Williamson
Scripture Reader Kay Gariepy
Ushers LaRue Jones & Ruth Zaun

Worship

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

- **Youth Sunday School** will be on Sundays at 9:30-10:15am beginning February 2nd and continue through the last day of Youth Sunday School (May 24th). (NOTE: Adult Sunday School will continue to meet at 9:15am).
- **Mission Lunch**—Representatives from Edgeboro have recently traveled all over the Moravian world. Join us after worship on February 16th in the fellowship hall to hear Andrew Miller, Paul Silwamba, and Shannon Swingle talk about their travels and experiences with Moravians from across the globe. A light lunch will be provided.
- **Lent Madness is Back!** Do you love filling out brackets during March Madness? Do you want to learn a bit more about legendary and influential church leaders? Here is the perfect activity for you! Find everything you need to participate in the fellowship hall beginning February 1st. If you need added motivation, Edgeboro will be competing against participants from College Hill and Palmer Moravian churches! Brackets must be completed and submitted by Tuesday, February 25th. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan.
- **Ash Wednesday**—Lent begins on February 26th. Come join us for our Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm.
- **Lenten Dinner & Series** will begin on Wednesday, March 4th, 6:00-8:00pm and will continue each Wednesday night through April 1st. Things will begin in the fellowship hall with dinner during the first hour and a time of fellowship, learning, and prayer during the second hour. This year's series will be based on the *Moravian Covenant for Christian Living*. The mean schedule is as follows: March 4—Trustees; March 11—Elders; March 18—CEC; March 25—OPEN; April 1—Sacristans.

Joyful Noise Offering

The last Joyful Noise Offering was on January 5th. An offering of \$145.88 was collected for Northeast Community Center.

The next Joyful Noise Offerings will be held on February 2nd (Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering) and March 1st (Unity Offering for a Moravian Church building in Rwanda).



Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

Worship Attendance

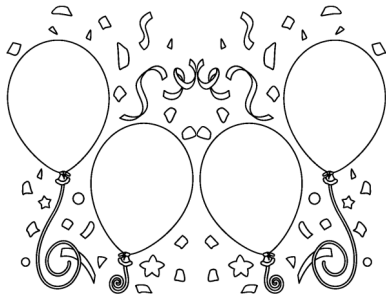
December	2018	2019
Week 1	126 (FSA)	82 (FSA)
Week 2	147	114
Week 3	127	163 (CM)
Week 4	169 (CM)	103
Week 5	72 (WW)	63 (WW)

KEY: (C) Communion; (FSA) First Sunday in Advent; (WW) Watchwords; (CM) Choir Musicale

Christmas Eve 2018 Attendance
(3:00PM) 186 (5:30PM) 166 (8:00PM) 177
Christmas Eve 2019 Attendance
(3:00PM) 182 (5:30PM) 156 (8:00PM) 137

Fellowship

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



February Children's Birthdays

- 6) Sophia Lilly
- 11) Francesca Pagano
- 26) Haden Eustler

February Anniversaries

- 7) Tim & Fatima Gilman
- 23) Craig & Tamara Baer
- 24) Robert & Wendy Gross

February Birthdays

- 1) Rita Gambler
Steven Henning
- 4) Andrew Pagano
- 5) Lindsey Breiner
Terry Kunsman
- 7) Ruth Zaun
- 11) Craig Kunsman
- 12) Terri Long
- 13) Nancy Sergent
Carson Groner
- 14) Robert Stewart
- 18) Pasquale Zulli
Makenna Hoff
- 23) Christine Verrastro
- 24) John Bauman
Ariel Wieller
Deborah Sacarakis
- 26) Carol DeAngelis
- 27) Josephine Becker
Carol Freyman

Letters of Thanks

To the congregation of Edgeboro Moravian Church,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$144.39 to *Moravian Open Door* from your Joyful Noise Offerings. Your gift was received on December 18, 2019. This gift, along with others, enable MOD to continue its service to older homeless individuals by providing transitional housing, breakfast and nutrition education, counseling and other direct services to restore dignity and re-build lives. MOD is a community that rejoices when a resident is finally able to move to a private apartment or other appropriate accommodation, no longer homeless.

Your generosity keeps the mission and vision of MOD alive. On behalf of our clients, staff and Board of Directors, again, thanks for your contribution, prayers and support.

(Frank Johnson, President, Board of Directors)

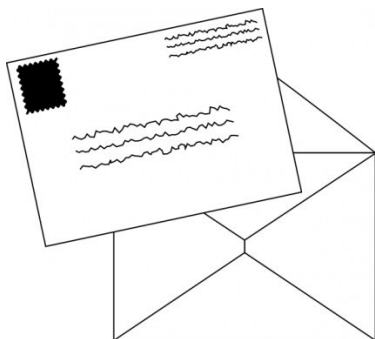
Dear friends of Northeast Community Center,

On behalf of the Staff at *Northeast Community Center*, thank you so much for generously collecting and donating gifts for 30 individuals of the Marvine-Pembroke neighborhood. We are so grateful for this contribution as it supported and brought joy to many households this holiday season- a time of year which can often be difficult and challenging for those in the community.

NECC provides programs and services to the residents of the Marvine-Pembroke community, a low-income neighborhood which is home to over 2,000 individuals, most of whom are living at or below the poverty level. Our programs include a Food Pantry, After-School Homework Club, Senior Citizen Program, Summer Camp Program and various distributions throughout the year. Your support helped make our 2019 Christmas distribution one of the most successful yet. Because of your generosity, 187 children received Christmas gifts and 23 families were adopted. Compared to our 2018 distribution, this is 62 additional children and 6 additional families who received gifts.

We are excited to see what 2020 has to offer for our agency and believe that we will continue to see positive growth! Because of the generosity and support from friends and donors like you, we are able to continue meeting our mission and the needs of our community. Thank you for your advocacy of our mission and for believing in the residents of the Marvine-Pembroke neighborhood.

(Warm regards, Grace Young, Marketing & Development Director)



Church News & Events

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- **Edgeboro's Synod Delegates**—At the church council meeting on January 19th, delegates and alternates were elected to represent Edgeboro at the Eastern District Synod, June 24-27. The delegates are Lacey Bacon, Andrew Miller, and Craig Neiman, and the alternates are Cheryl Kindt, Stephen Kish, and Mike Long. Many thanks to our delegates and alternates for their willingness to serve the larger Moravian Church in this role!
- **Freezer Food Ministry Cooking Days**—It is time to gather and cook to replenish more food for the freezer. Come help prepare, cook, and pack ready-made frozen meals to be stockpiled at all Bethlehem Moravian churches for anyone who needs it. Food prep will take place on Monday, February 3rd at 11:00am at East Hills Moravian Church. Cooking and packing will take place on Tuesday, February 4th at 1:00pm, also at East Hills. Each session will last a couple hours, so come when you can and leave when you must. All levels of kitchen experience welcome!
- **Snow Tubing Sponsored by BAM Ministries Committee**—All Bethlehem Area Moravians (BAM) and friends (Height: 36" and taller) are invited to go snow tubing at Blue Mountain Resort on Friday, February 7th, 5:00–9:00pm. Cost is \$5 for first 75 tubers (\$27 for those who register afterward and for those who are not BAM members). A waiver must be completed in advance (Find it at skibluemt.com/media/5958/snowtubing-liability-2020.pdf). Money and waivers due to Blake Messman (484-894-3295; messmanblake@gmail.com; Venmo: @Blake-Messman-1; Paypal: messmanblake@gmail.com) by February 2nd. Hot dogs, pizza, soda, and water provided. Please bring a snack to share.
- **Items for College Care Packages**— It is time once again to send some love and cheer to our COLLEGE STUDENTS! Please donate some fun items (such as: bubbles, pens, candy, snacks, stress relievers) or any other fun things you can think of. There is a basket in the Narthex labeled 'COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES'. You can place your items in the basket from now until Sunday, February 10th. If you are not a shopper, monetary donations are always welcome to pay for supplies and shipping costs. I am also looking for any bakers to make cookies to send along. I believe we have at least 20 college students again this year. This is my first year doing this and I need a new list of college students. If you know someone in college this year, or if you are not sure if your son/daughter is on the list, please contact the church office or Gaye Eldridge at 484403-9830 or basketmaneldridge@msn.com. We do NOT want to miss any of our students!

Joint Board Monthly Highlights

Elders

- Elders approved baptism of Elyse Noelle Breiner on February 23. Elyse is the daughter of Lindsey and Dan Breiner.
- The Elders approved the baptism of Matthew Lauderman on March 15. Matthew is the son of Ali and Brian Lauderman.
- The Elders approved the Joyful Noise offering for The Bethlehem Emergency Shelter on February 2. The March 1 Joyful Noise offering will be held for the Building of Moravian Church headquarters in Rwanda. The April 5 offering will benefit Paul Silwamba, our International Seminary students as he prepares to head home to Zambia in May.
- Val Hoff was re-elected vice chairperson of the Board of Elders and Robyn Balsai was re-elected as secretary. Tom Pheiffer, Shannon Swingle and Andrew Miller will continue to represent Board of Elders on the Worship Committee.
- The Elders with the CEC approved the change of start time for Children's Sunday School from 9:15-10:00a.m. to 9:30-10:15am.

Trustees

- The Trustees met on December 29th to close out the financial year. All district and provincial obligations for 2019 were able to be paid in full.
- Officers for 2020 Board of trustees elected. Chair: Steve Henning Vice Chair: Tim Jones Secretary: Beth Pretti
- Trustees are having signs out front repaired and refurbished.
- Phones in nursery and parlor replaced

Interested in getting set up with regular, online giving?

Sign up for eGive today! Visit edgeboromoravian.org and click on the eGive button or talk to a Trustee to get started.

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- **Bethlehem Area Moravians (BAM) Annual Meeting**—Members from all the Bethlehem Moravian churches are invited to attend the BAM annual meeting. Come hear updates regarding Moravian Village, Moravian House, and the other organizations and committees that make up BAM. This meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 18th, 7:30pm at College Hill Moravian Church.
- **Camp Hope Kick-Off Dinner**—Join us on Saturday, February 22nd, 5:00pm at East Hills Moravian Church for dinner, an update on camp, a silent auction, a camp sing-a-long (bring your guitar if you play), and a sale of camp gear—all to support Camp Hope! Tickets can be purchased at the door: \$15/adult, \$10/kids age 2-10.
- **Edgeboro Night at Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering**—Edgeboro has committed to providing volunteers for Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering (Christ UCC, Bethlehem) on Tuesday, February 25th. We are looking for individuals to do various things such as provide dinner that night and breakfast the following morning, provide hospitality during the evening, and more. Please sign up for a role by going to bethlehememergencysheltering.org/volunteer.html and clicking on the “BES Sign Up” button. This is also where to find information on each role and what you need to know when volunteering. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Dan or Blake & Paul Messman.
- **Pick-Up & Play**—Play guitar? Learning how to play another instrument? Enjoy singing along with the Edge Band? Join other Moravians from around the area for a praise and worship hangout on Friday, February 28th, 6:30-9:00pm on Moravian College campus (Chaplain’s Office, 1305 Main St., Bethlehem). Dinner provided. Bring your own instrument, which includes your voice, for a night of playing, learning, and singing praise songs.
- **Part-Time Church Office Administrative Assistant**—East Hills Moravian Church is looking to this position (24 hours/week), who would provide secretarial, administrative and bookkeeping support to the Pastor, Lay Leaders, Music Director and other volunteers of the congregation as needed. This role serves as a primary channel of information for various church committees and outside organizations. In this position, the successful candidate will be responsible for numerous administrative functions related to the timely and efficient execution of a variety of church operations. The ideal candidate will provide strong interpersonal skills and exhibit a pleasant demeanor. Please email office@easthillsmc.org for more information about the position. To apply, please email a resume and cover letter to the attention of Pastor Derek French.
- **Unity Women’s Desk (UWD) Scholarship**—The UWD is pleased to offer a multi-year college/university scholarship opportunity to one young woman who is a member of or who is active in a Moravian congregation in the Northern Province. Eligible candidates must fill out an application form, which can be obtained in the church office, and must be beginning their undergraduate study during the Fall 2020 semester. The recipient of the scholarship would be expected to share their progress with the UWD and to volunteer with the UWD at least 10 hours per year. Deadline to apply is March 1.
- **Trex Plastic Recycling Program**—Coming soon to the Bethlehem Area Moravian Churches! Each congregation will be collecting plastic to recycle. Working with the company, Trex, for every 500 pounds of plastic collected and recycled, Trex will provide a park bench made from recycled plastic. More information to come. In the meantime, begin saving your plastics to eventually bring to the church!

Accepted plastics include: pallet wrap and stretch film, grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziplock bags, produce bags, bubble wrap and air pillows, salt bags, and cereal bags. (NOTE: All plastic must be clean, dry, and free of food residue.)
- **Save-the-Dates**—Palm Sunday & Confirmation: April 5th, Easter Sunday: April 12th, Last Day of Youth Sunday School: May 24th, VBS: June 16-19th.