

**Edgeboro
Moravian Church**
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9:30am-1:30pm
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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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Gayle Justice

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Edgeboro Moravian Church's
The Envoy

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Dear Edgeboro Family & Friends,

A new season of the church year is upon us - Lent. It's a season of repentance, which is not only humbly seeking forgiveness for our sins, but an action of turning around, making corrections, and refocusing on Jesus, reclaiming his teaching and his ways as our own. This is the reason why people will give something up or try something new during Lent. It's also a time to be truthful with ourselves and to examine ourselves for the pain, the stress, and the shortcomings that we ignore most days because we don't want to address it or don't have the time for it. This doesn't sound fun, but in so doing, it can lead to healing and hope as we realize that more people are standing with us than we thought.

I was reminded of this when I went with the confirmation class to Keneseth Israel, a Reform Jewish congregation in Allentown. Each Friday night, part of their worship service is devoted to the *kaddish*, which is a time of prayer devoted to remembering departed loved ones. The wall to our right as we sat in the sanctuary was entirely devoted to the deceased. Large plaques covered the wall where all the names of departed congregation members were listed. Each had small lights next to their name, but the only ones that were on were the ones next to the names of those whose anniversary of their death was in the coming week. The rabbi read each of the names that was illuminated. As he did so, he invited anyone who remembered the individual or mourning their loss to stand, making sure that at least one person stood for each name read. After he gave a short prayer of thanksgiving and comfort for those departed and those standing, he invited anyone else to stand who was remembering the anniversary of a departed loved one in the coming week. I stood up. I had not even been thinking about it at the time, which truthfully made me feel a little guilty, but three days later would mark five years since my grandfather passed away. After that, the rabbi invited everyone else to stand, saying that this was a visual reminder of how we all stand in support of everyone remembering a loss, no matter how much time has passed. I had no idea this was coming, and I had no idea that I needed this reminder, but my heart was full knowing that both friends and strangers were behind me in that moment.

We have an opportunity to find and to provide this kind of solidarity at Edgeboro during Lent as we confess and repent and examine our lives. I pray that as we walk through this season together that we may not only experience that for ourselves, but we may also experience our Savior's great care and mercy as we witness him stop at nothing to show his love for us all.

Standing with you all,

Pastor Dan

Worship

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

Sunday Schedule for March 1

Sunday School:
Adult 9:15am; Youth 9:30am
Worship 10:30am
(Communion, Joyful Noise Offering)

Elder Val Hoff
Greeter Tim & Hope Harrell
Nursery Carole Schachter
Sacristans David & Sharon Bond
Scripture Reader Kay Gariepy
Ushers John & Rosie Bauman

March 8

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

Elder Andrew Miller
Greeter Holly Haines
Nursery Penny Sergent
Sacristans Mike & Myra Jones
Scripture Reader TBD
Ushers Brent & Kyle Sergent

March 15

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

Elder Mike Long
Greeter John & Rosie Bauman
Nursery Sherri Hoff
Sacristans Tom & Gilda Pheiffer
Scripture Reader TBD
Ushers John & Diane Knox

March 22

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

Elder Myra Jones
Greeters Knox Family
Nursery Tim & Hope Harrell
Sacristans Brad & Mary Williamson
Scripture Reader Gloria Hilbert
Ushers Bob & Elley Silfies

March 29

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

Elder Robyn Balsai
Greeter Ruth Zaun
Nursery Justin & Jen Hoff
Sacristans David & Sharon Bond
Scripture Reader Kay Gariepy
Ushers Mike & Terri Long

- **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 meal schedule is as follows: March 4—Trustees; March 11—Elders; March 18—CEC; March 25—OPEN; April 1—Sacristans.

- **Holy Week Worship Schedule:**

Palm Sunday – April 5. Worship—10:30am. During worship, we will celebrate with six young people as they confirm their faith and begin the Holy Week Readings.

Holy Week (Monday-Wednesday) - April 6-8. Holy Week Reading services will take place at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. On Tuesday, the service will be held in the fellowship hall.

Maundy Thursday—April 9. Worship—7:00pm. We will partake in Holy Communion and continue with the Holy Week Readings.

Good Friday—April 10. A Holy Week Reading service will be held at 2:30pm. The Good Friday worship service will be held at 7:00pm.

Great Sabbath—April 11. Worship—7:00pm. We will partake in a Great Sabbath Lovefeast.

Easter Sunday—April 12. A Sunrise Service will be held at Central Moravian Church at 6:00am. Worship services will be held at Edgeboro at 9:00am (featuring the Edgeboro Ensemble, wind instruments) and at 11:15am (The Edge Band, guitars). At 9:30am, the Sunday School will celebrate the holiday with a special Easter Program and an Easter Egg Hunt.

**For those that have difficulties attending evening services, West Side Moravian Church will once again be holding their Holy Week services (Mon.-Fri.) at 12:00pm.*

- **Save-the-Dates:** Last Day of Youth Sunday School: May 24th, VBS: June 16-19th.

Joyful Noise Offerings

The last Joyful Noise Offering was on Feb. 2. An offering of \$180.96 was collected for Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering. The next Joyful Noise Offerings will be held on Mar. 1 & 29 for the Moravian Unity (a Moravian building in Rwanda) and to help with Paul Silwamba's departing travel expenses respectively.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

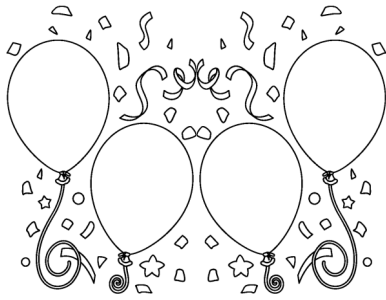
February Worship Attendance

Month	2019	2020
Week 1	84 (C)	73 (C)
Week 2	110	88
Week 3	140 (B)	60
Week 4	75	139 (B)

KEY: (B) Baptism; (C) Communion

Fellowship

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



March Children's Birthdays

- 6) Sydney Harkcom
- 15) Ella Beller
- 22) Anna Pagano

March Anniversaries

- 7) Earl & Jean Kunsman
- 12) Bonnie & Gregory Peters
Todd & Laurie Schwepfnger
- 14) Carol & Paul DeAngelis
- 20) Craig & Clara Ihle
- 26) Jane & Carl Martin
- 30) Edward & LouAnn Fotta
- 31) Vanceen & Craig Langkamer

March Birthdays

- 2) Sue Bell
- 5) Bill Schachter
- 6) Diane Knox
- 7) Aaron Bastinelli
- 8) Jim Bucchin
- 9) Sharon Bond
- 10) Kelly Kovaleski
Jean Kunsman
- 11) Rebecca Holderman
Gavin Hudson
Kylee James
Kathy Rich
Tom Shafer
- 13) Jennifer Hoff
- 14) Katie Podhyski
Brandon Graser
Elaine Sergent
- 16) Peggy Heimbrook
Kylee Hudson
- 17) Julia Nagle
Dustin Duro
- 18) Jonathan Jones
- 20) Gloria Hilbert
- 22) Jean Batt
Ron Heft, Jr.
Haven Eutsler
- 23) Tanya Moller
- 24) Val Hoff
- 25) Tyler Long
Adam Becker
- 27) Wendy Gross
- 28) Amanda Burkhardt-McGoff
- 29) Gareth Messman
- 30) Grant Haines

Letters of Thanks

Dear Pastor Miller,

Thank you and your congregation for your donation of \$600.00 dated January 11, 2020 to New Bethany Ministries, in support of your neighbor in need.

New Bethany Ministries is a community of hope and support, serving over 9,000 people annually. We do this with less than 20 staff, which means our community of 1,000 volunteers and 4,500 financial contributors are essential to our continued work in Bethlehem and the Lehigh Valley.

Support from you helps families in transition, including Ryan, who moved to New Bethany's family housing program until he was able to secure a stable life for his four children and himself. Now with a full time job and child care in place, with the help of New Bethany case managers, Ryan will soon be able to find a permanent home.

You also directly support single homeless women from the area, including Lisa. After facing increased medical bills following a cancer diagnosis, Lisa was evicted from her apartment and started living in her car during the summer of 2018. Without New Bethany SRO—our Single Residency Occupancy facilities— Lisa would not have found peace of mind or financial security that includes a roof over her head.

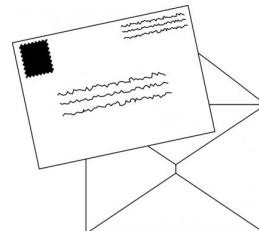
If you have any questions, would like to talk, or have a tour of our South Bethlehem campus, do not hesitate to give me a call. Thanks again for all that you do.

Kind regards,

Marc Rittle

Executive Director, New Bethany Ministries

- **Announcement: Lawn-Mowing Volunteer List**—All the snow will be gone eventually, which means the grass will be green and growing again! We are looking for individuals willing to be on the church's lawn-mowing team. Each person will be assigned turns to mow the lawn. Last year, each person did it two or three times during the lawn-mowing season. The church has it's own mower, so no need to worry about bringing your own. *Whether you would be new to the list, or a returning mower, please let the church office know soon if you are willing and able to be a part of the mowing team.*



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- **Trex Plastic Recycling Program**—Beginning February 26th in all Bethlehem Area Moravian Churches! Each congregation will be collecting plastic to recycle. Working with the company, Trex, for every 500 lbs. of plastic collected and recycled, Trex will provide a park bench made from recycled plastic. Though all the congregations will be working together to collect plastic, the collection will stop once *each congregation* has the opportunity to redeem their bench. (In other words, we stop once we reach 3,000 lbs. (6 churches x 500 lbs.) of plastic.) *Please bring your plastics 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.)

- **Food Outreach Ministry at The Salvation Army**—All ages and levels of kitchen experience welcome! Come get to know other people, prepare and serve food, and partake in food and fellowship. Feel free to work around your church and/or personal schedules by coming to help for part (or all) of the indicated timeframes. Edgeboro has committed to serve five lunches. All lunches are made at The Salvation Army, located at 521 Pembroke Rd. in Bethlehem. Contact Robyn Balsai (610-865-1110) if you are able to help.

Dates: March 22, June 28, August 23, September 20, and October 18. All from 9:30am–2:00pm.

- **Edgeboro Ensemble**—We will be offering our musical talents during worship on Easter Sunday! If you would like to play with us, please contact me (Ensemble Director, Megan Weikert, 610-392-0910; meggstar@rcn.com). I look forward to working with you all soon!

Rehearsals: Sunday, March 22 & Sunday, March 29, 12:00pm–1:00pm. Snacks will be provided.

Easter Sunday, April 12th: 8:30am–Setup; 8:45am–Begin Prelude and play for 9:00am worship service.

- **Event: Portals of Prayer Retreat**—Take time during the season of Lent to learn how to deepen your prayer life with Rev. Dr. Tracy Pryor and Rev. Michael Poole through adult coloring, prayer beads, walking labyrinths, and gentle movement. The retreat takes place on March 27-29th at Camp Hope. Cost: \$110 (\$50 deposit). Call Camp Hope at (908) 459-4435 with questions. Register online at camphope.org.

Joint Board Monthly Highlights

Elders

- Approved the baptism of Charlotte Anne Maritch for March 29, 2020. (Daughter of Katlyn Hosterman and Luke Maritch)
- Determined the next three Joyful Noise Offerings (Mar. 29 - Paul Silwamba travel expenses; May 3 - VBS; June 14 - Camp Hope)
- Planned Lenten series programming.
- Discussed various worship planning ideas for this year, including the provincial Day of Service.

Trustees

- Egive by text is coming. Details to follow.
- Exterior Elm street door lock repaired
- Awaiting outdoor sign update. To be replaced in the spring.
- Looking into WiFi thermostats to replace old thermostats

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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- **Event: Embracing the Full Household of God** is an all-day event designed to help participants reach out in love to immigrants and refugees in their communities. Learn real-life examples of what people who come into this country experience. Explore what scripture says about offering welcome and how the Church has done so throughout history. Understand the unique needs of immigrants and refugees in our communities and hear from others who have successfully developed meaningful relationships and effective programs. A freewill offering will be taken to support related local community organizations. Representatives from community organizations will be available to discuss how your church can help. This is an Episcopal/Lutheran/Moravian coordinated effort.

This event will be held on Saturday, March 28th, 9:00am–3:00pm at First Presbyterian Church in Allentown, PA. Lunch is included. It is free, but registration is required to attend. To register, please visit bit.ly/fullhousehold.

Event speakers:

Teresa Waggener, Immigration Attorney for the Office of Immigration Issues of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Sandy Milien, Missioner for Community Engagement for the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Appler, Professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible and Director of MATS Program at Moravian Seminary

The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood, Charles D. Couch Chair of Moravian Theology and Director of Center For Moravian Studies at Moravian Seminary

The Rev. Maria Tjeltweit, Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Mediator in Allentown, site of the Refugee Community Center

- **Event: Northeast Community Center’s (NECC) Annual Italian Buffet Fundraiser**—All are invited to attend NECC’s Annual Italian Buffet Fundraiser on Saturday, April 4th, 4:30-7:00pm at East Hills Moravian Church. Ticket prices are as follows: Adults \$14, Children (ages 6-12) \$9, Children (ages 5 and under) Free. All proceeds will directly benefit NECC’s summer camp program. Tickets can be purchased in advance at neccbethlehem.org or by calling (610) 691-3355.
- **Event: Mystery Dinner Theater**—The Edgeboro CEC invites you to the fifth annual Mystery Dinner Theater event. The show is titled “Mia and Milo’s Marvelous Marriage.” Guests are invited to come dressed for a wedding! There will be two performances: Saturday, May 16th, 6:00pm (Dinner showing) and Sunday, May 17th, 12:30pm (Luncheon showing). All tickets must be purchased in advanced. Tickets are \$12 (Adults), \$8 (Kids age 6-12), and Free (ages 5 & Under).
- **Summer Camps at Camp Hope**—Register now at camphope.org. A portion of the cost per Edgeboro camper will be provided by Edgeboro and Bethlehem Area Moravians Ministries Committee.** (Use the codes “EDG2020” and “BAM2020” when registering online to receive this discount.)

Swimming Camp (Grades 3-6)	July 19-25	Pre-primary (Grades 1-2)	June 21-24
Fishing Camp (Grades 6-10)	June 28-July 2	Primary (Grades 3-4)	June 28-July 3
Musical Theater (Grades 5-9)	July 19-25	Middler (Grades 5-6)	July 5-11
Jr. Lifeguarding Camp (Ages 11-14)	Aug. 2-8	Jr. High (Grades 7-8)	July 12-18
Outdoor Explorer Camp (Ages 11-16)	Aug. 2-8	Sr./Post High (Grade 9-age 21)	July 26-Aug. 1
Cooking & Baking Camp (Ages 11-16)	Aug. 2-8		

****New beginning this year!** With gratitude for the generosity of the Nagle family, Edgeboro is introducing the Donald & Shirley Nagle Camp Memorial Scholarship. Each Edgeboro camper (and friends) will receive an additional \$50 to defray the cost of attending camp. (Altogether, each camper can receive \$50 from this scholarship, \$100 from Edgeboro, and \$100 from BAM, totaling \$250. Good for one camp only.)

- **Camp Hope Summer Staff Positions**—Camp Hope is seeking individuals to be a part of their summer staff team from June 15–August 8. Must apply by April 30th. Applicants must be 18 or older. Visit camphope.org/employment to apply and get more information.

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- **NEW for EGive Users: Text Giving**—If you have an EGive account, you can begin using text giving to give to the church! By texting to Edgeboro’s EGive phone number (see below), you trigger a one-time transaction from you to the church using the checking account or card information that you normally use with EGive. (This has no impact on your regular, reoccurring offering. Please continue to use this feature for your regular offering.) This new feature is perfect for contributing to a Joyful Noise or any other free-will offering, purchasing mints, candles, sugar cakes, or Daily Texts, or making any other kind of one-time contribution to the church as they come up.

To start using this feature, here’s how to set things up:

STEP 1: Text “Give” to (424) 433-4362 (4244–EDGEMC). *This is Edgeboro’s text giving number.*

STEP 2: Follow the link you receive and sign in to your EGive account.

STEP 3: After signing in, on the webpage’s menu, go to “My Account” and from that dropdown menu, select “Account Info.”

STEP 4: Within the first section of text, there is a space to enter your cell phone number. *(There’s also a space for your email address, but if you already have an account, this may already be filled in.)* Enter your cell phone number and then enter the PIN number they send you.

You’re all set up! From this point on, all you would need to do is text “Give (\$amount) (account)” to 4244EDGEMC to give to the church. *Example: Text “Give 30 Flowers” to give \$30 for Worship Flowers. Text “Give 50” or “Give 50 General” to give \$50 for the church’s General Fund.*

Text “Keyword” to see all the different funds you can give to at Edgeboro.

Text “Edit” to make changes to your EGive account.

Text “Refund” within 15 minutes of a “Give” text to undo.

For those that do not have EGive but are interested in using this feature, make an EGive account by clicking on the EGive button on edgeboromoravian.org. Please contact Pastor Dan (revdanmiller@gmail.com) or Carole Schachter (cdtschachter@gmail.com) with questions.