

Edgeboro Moravian Church's Newsletter

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Dear Edgeboro Family & Friends,

I want to take a moment to write about our Lenten series for this year. It's one that's familiar to some of us because it's actually one that we've done before! Once again, we're focusing on the long-standing Moravian tradition of writing and sharing a *lebenslauf* (German for "life's path," a spiritual autobiography).

Our Moravian ancestors began writing their own *lebenslaufs* and sharing them in 1747 because they found this practice to be a powerful way to acknowledge God's presence in their own lives and in the lives of their fellow congregation members. Five years ago, when we did this Lenten series for the first time, we experienced the power for ourselves. Back then, I shared my *lebenslauf* along with Helene Boyle, Val Hoff, Tom Pheiffer, Lacey Bacon, Terri Long, Jo Meehan, Olivia Lieberman, and Johanna Heft. I remember how those listening were blessed to hear how each of them got to Edgeboro, how they navigated through their joys and pains, and how God was with them through it all. The Spirit was felt in that space as they told their stories with honesty, vulnerability, courage, and faith.

During the Wednesdays of Lent, we have an opportunity to do it all again, because five years later...

...Over a half dozen Moravian churches heard about Edgeboro's initial *lebenslauf* series experience and went about doing it themselves.

...Our lives have changed.

...We have lost loved ones, but have also gained loved ones.

...Our world has changed.

...There are new parts of our stories to emphasize.

...There are more people to hear from and more stories to take in.

Though you might not think so at first, your life story, your *lebenslauf*, can have an impact on others because it's not just your story alone. It's so fitting to hear the life stories and spiritual journeys of others and to think about (and maybe even share) our own during Lent because our stories are all a part of God's story. The Moravian Church has believed for a long time that our lives and the stories we can offer are a powerful witness to God's love, compassion, forgiveness, and faithfulness.

If you haven't been able to be with us on a Wednesday night yet this Lent, please join us. You don't have to attend previous Wednesday nights to be in the loop—each night is an independent event. Here's how things work: Only two people (who signed up in advance) will share their *lebenslauf* with the group each week. The other people in attendance will have the very important role of listening and responding to the *lebenslaufs* those two individuals share. So far, Carole Schachter, Parker Hoff, and I have shared. Six other church members will be in line to share during the remaining three Wednesdays. Come (or log onto Zoom with the link posted on edgeboromoravian.org) and be captivated and blessed by these stories!

Lenten blessings,
Pastor Dan

Sunday Schedule & Volunteers

March 3

9:15am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Youth Sunday School
9:30am Pre-School Sun. School
10:30am Worship
(Joyful Noise Offering)

Elder Season Pagano

Sacristans Thomas & Gilda

Pheiffer; Peggy Leith

Ushers John & Rosie Bauman

March 10

Daylight Savings Time

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

Elder Abby Solitario

Sacristans Bob & Elley Silfies

Ushers Joe & Sue Testa

March 17

9:15am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Youth Sunday School
9:30am Pre-School Sun. School
10:30am Worship
1:30pm Palette Club
5:00pm Confirmation Class

Elder Tim Jones

Sacristans Jon & Lynn Terry

Ushers Bob & Elley Silfies

March 24

9:15am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Youth Sunday School
10:30am Worship—Palm Sunday
(Confirmation & Holy Week Readings)

Elder Sue Testa

Sacristans John & Rosie Bauman

Ushers Eric Smith & family

March 31

6:15am Sunrise Service (Central)
9:15am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Youth Sunday School
10:30am Worship—Easter

Elder Tammy Baer

Sacristans Jon & Lynn Terry

Ushers Mike & Terri Long

Worship

In this section you will find information about special offerings, services, and activities for

- **Worship Online Each Week**—Go to edgeboromoravian.org to download the week's bulletin and access the livestream of worship on Facebook and YouTube each Sunday. If you cannot join live, recordings of past services can be accessed in the same way.
- **March's Joyful Noise Offering**—This month's Joyful Noise Offering will support Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering. Place your offerings in the joyful noise can in the sanctuary or make a gift to Edgeboro online, designating your gift for "Joyful Noise."
- **Online & Text Giving**—If you would like to explore different methods and rhythms of giving in order to find what works best for you, consider giving to Edgeboro online or by text message. Contact Carole Schachter or another member of the Board of Trustees to learn more, or go to edgeboromoravian.org/onlinegiving. You can also scan the QR code to give now online using a credit card or bank account.
- **Lenten Dinners** are offered each Wednesday of Lent at 6:00pm.
Lenten Dinners Providers: Mar. 6—CEC; Mar. 13—Choir; Mar. 20—Sacristans



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Date/Time	Elder	Sacristan	Usher
Monday, March 25 7:00pm	Sue Testa	Ron & Carol Freyman	—
Tuesday, March 26 7:00pm	Tammy Baer	John & Paula Horn	—
Wednesday, March 27 7:00pm	Myra Jones	Mike & Myra Jones	—
Thursday, March 28 7:00pm	Andrew Miller	Mike & Terri Long	Art Sergent
Friday, March 29 2:30pm	Andrew Miller	Thomas & Gilda Pheiffer; Peggy Leith	—
Friday, March 29 7:00pm	—	—	—
Saturday, March 30 7:00pm	—	Bob & Elley Silfies	—

Monthly Financial Update

January Total Income:	\$12,045
Monthly Budgeted Expenses:	\$20,376
January Shortfall	(\$8,331)

Worship Attendance (In-Person + Online)

February	2023	2024	Key: C: Communion B: Baptism FSL: First Sunday of Lent 2023: Includes YouTube views 2024: Includes YouTube & Facebook views
Week 1	96	139	
Week 2	69	113	
Ash Wednesday	33	89	
Week 3	99	165 (C, B, FSL)	
Week 4	88 (C, FSL)	119	

Church News & Events

In this section, you will find announcements, information, and updates about Edgeboro and the community.

- **Edgeboro Ensemble Rehearsals & Worship Service** — Do you have some experience with an instrument? (At least one year of experience is recommended.) Instrument in the closet? Dust it off and come join us! Students, we need you! Adults and students are welcome to play. The Edgeboro Ensemble will rehearse on **Sunday, March 10** and **Sunday March 17** from 12:00pm–1:00 pm in the choir room (snacks provided) to prepare to play during the worship service on Easter Sunday, March 31st (meet in choir room at 10:00am on March 31). Please contact director Megan Weikert (meggstar@rcn.com; (610) 392-0910) if you plan on playing or if you have questions. See you soon!
- **Preschool Age Sunday School Class** (3, 4, and 5 year olds) will meet on the first and third Sundays of the month at 9:30am. For more information, contact **Lynn Terry, Terri Long, or Myra Jones**.
- **Seniors and Friends** — The next Seniors and Friends event will take place on **Thursday, March 7th, 11:30am** at **West Side Moravian Church**. **Paul Peucker** from the Moravian Archives will be speaking on Moravian History. Bring a sandwich and a friend. Beverage and dessert will be provided.
- **Essentials Café Events!** - Essentials Café is open Tuesday through Saturday, 8:00am–2:00pm. In addition to eating there, there are a number of ways to support the café:
 - ◊ **Volunteer Food Prep**—Help get some of the food ready for the week. Each Monday at 7:00pm at West Side Moravian's kitchen, volunteers are welcomed. Please RSVP to the West Side Moravian Church Office in advance.
 - ◊ Other volunteer opportunities are available. Visit Essentials Café website: www.essentialscafe.org/signup#Portal for more information.
- **Moravian Music Foundation Open House & Reception**— was postponed because of the snowstorm Please come and enjoy light refreshment and meet the new Associate Director of MMF, **Kyle Johnston** on the NEW date, **Tuesday, March 12th , 5:30pm-7:00pm** at the **Moravian Archives, 41 W. Locust St, Bethlehem**. The MMF leadership invites and welcomes your questions, ideas and concerns. Come as you are. Floating. No RSVP necessary . For more information, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yrpccca7>
- **Edgeboro Pictures!** As you take pictures at church, please remember to share them with us! Send them to: edgeboropictures@gmail.com.
- **Palmer Moravian Church** has a member that will speak and share about their recent mission to Honduras on **Monday, March 18th** in the **Fireside room**. Arrive at 10:15am, the presentation will be at **10:30am**. A pot luck lunch will follow, please bring a dish to share.
- **Creativity Club 2024** at College Hill Moravian Church, 72 West Laurel Street, is returning for the new year. Mark your calendars for the following Sunday afternoons (3:00pm-5:00pm) **March 10, April 14, and May 5**. Pastor Chris will be on hand with art supplies, project suggestions and snacks. Designed for young people in 4th grade and up, Creativity Club welcomes everyone's inner artist to come out to play. There is no fee to join, though cash donations will gladly be accepted to keep the program sustainable. Advance sign-up is appreciated. Contact the College Hill office to register or to receive further information: church@colleghillmoravian.org or 610.867-8291.
- **College Hill Spring Craft/Vendor Show** will be held Saturday, April 20th from 9:00am -2:00pm in the church Fellowship Hall. They are looking for crafters and vendors. There will also be food and a bake sale. If you are interested in participating, applications can be e-mailed to you or picked up in the Fellowship Hall at the church. **General Questions/Crafter/Vendor information**, please contact: Amy DeLong at 610.704-0014 or amdelong3@gmail.com
- **"Both Enslaved and Free: Men & Women of African Descent in Early Bethlehem, A Walking Tour"**—This walking tour will be hosted by Central Moravian Church's History Committee and Racial Justice Task Force on **April 13 & 14, both at 1:30pm**. More than 50 people of African descent have been documented living in and around Bethlehem between 1740 and 1800. On this tour, learn how these men and women came to be here, how they were treated, and how those who were enslaved became free. Join in for an enlightening and remarkable story beginning in the Old Chapel. Please RSVP to office@centralmoravianchurch.org, (610) 866-5661. Free-will offerings accepted. If tours are filled, future tours could be offered.

Item Collections & Drives

In this section, you will find information and updates about the different things Edgeboro is collecting.

INDOOR DROP-OFF—Bring all items to the donation room (“Old office”).

OUTDOOR DROP-OFF—Place your items in the donation drop-off shed located at the corner of the building right off the parking lot.

- **ONGOING: Trex Plastic Recycling Program**—Edgeboro is collecting plastic! Since we began the program in February 2020, Edgeboro and the Bethlehem Moravian congregations have recycled **over five tons of plastic!**
Accepted plastics include: pallet wrap and stretch film, grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, Ziploc 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.)
- **THROUGH MARCH 10 & 24: Easter Candy for Edgeboro & Northeast Community Center**—As you begin to see Easter candy brought out in stores, please keep Edgeboro and NECC in mind! NECC will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 23 (All are welcome to attend. They expect over 200 kids age 12 and under). *They need their candy by March 10.* Edgeboro annually hosts an egg hunt on Easter Sunday for the Sunday School students. *They need their candy by March 24.* Please bring your candy donations to the church and please avoid candy with peanuts.

Monthly Highlights

Elders

- The Elders last met on Thursday, February 1st. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, March 14th.
- Get well, thank you, condolences, anniversary, and birthday, cards were written to send and signed by the Elders to various church members.
- Discussion and reports from CEC & Youth, House, Outreach & Collections, and Trustees.
- The Baptism of Michael Mertz was approved and took place on February 18th.
- A worship review of January was discussed, particularly the success of the breakfast before worship on January 28th. The griddle may need some looking at in regard to temperature and leveling. Dates in May for another breakfast were discussed.
- The Elders received word that Vani and Shanti Pradhan may be visiting Edgeboro during worship in May!

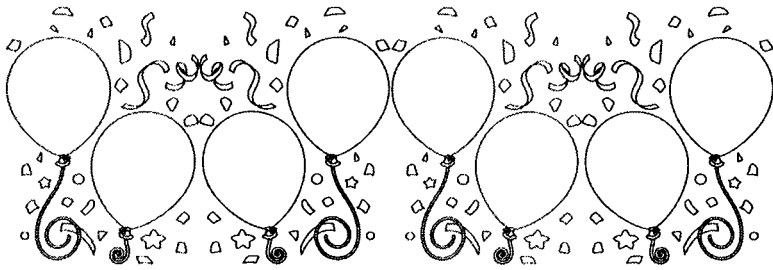
Trustees

- The Trustees last met on Thursday, February 22nd. The Trustees will meet next on Thursday, March 21st.
- The Trustees continue to monitor the system updates to the Moravian Ministries Foundation’s Giving Portal. While the giving portal functions as it should for users, the reporting that the church office, treasurer, and financial secretary receives does not easily provide the necessary information for record keeping. The Trustees will speak with the Moravian Ministries Foundation to explore options. (This needs to be worked out before the Trustees consider using the MMFA’s Giving Portal as Edgeboro’s primary online giving option.)
- Members of the Trustees contacted the Moravian Ministries Foundation (MMFA) to explore other management options for the Memorial Fund savings account. The MMFA offers a Stable Fund, which offers a 5.4% (can fluctuate) monthly return after fees and a 3-day turnaround on withdrawals. The Trustees approved the transfer of Memorial Funds (\$32,493.36, 67% of restricted funds; and \$24,217.86, 100% of unrestricted funds) from the Embassy Bank savings account to two separate stable funds managed by the Moravian Ministries Foundation (one for restricted funds, one for unrestricted funds).
- Members of the Trustees met with Ben Courtade and scout leaders to discuss ideas for Ben’s Eagle Scout project. Ideas were focused on remodeling and updating the “old office” to better function as a donation collection room. A proposal has yet to be submitted for the Trustees to consider. The Trustees are eager to hear from Ben about his ideas.
- The Trustees discussed inserting basic monthly financial information in the church newsletter.
- Reports from CEC & Youth, Elders, Evangelism & Outreach, Finance & Audit, Stewardship & Financial Communications and the Treasurer were given.

The Joint Board was scheduled to meet on February 17th to discuss plans and ideas for 2024. Due to the snow on that day, this portion of the meeting was postponed. The Joint Board still met on Zoom to complete their portion of the 2023 Annual Report.

Fellowship

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



Dear Congregation,
Thank you for your generous contribution of \$600 to New Bethany! Your gift allows us to offer wraparound services designed to remove barriers and assist individuals and families in reaching self-sufficiency. You are a crucial partner in this work. Thank you again on behalf of New Bethany's board, staff, and, most importantly, our neighbors who need assistance!

Tim Burke, New Bethany Development Director

To the congregation of Edgeboro Moravian Church,
Thank you for your generous contribution from your Joyful Noise offering of \$316.21 to Moravian Open Door. This gift, along with others, enables 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. 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.

Blondel Jones-Grant, President, Board of Directors

Susan Attzs-Mendoza, Executive Director

Dear Friends at Edgeboro Moravian Church,
On behalf of the Board of Directors of Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering, Inc., its many volunteers and especially our street neighbors, I think you for your recent gift of \$225. Please know these funds to BES will be used to help provide for the needs of men and women within our community who will see emergency overnight shelter, a nutritious evening meal, and related support services. We greatly appreciate your generosity and partnership.

Peace and blessings,

Bob Rapp, Executive Director

March Birthdays

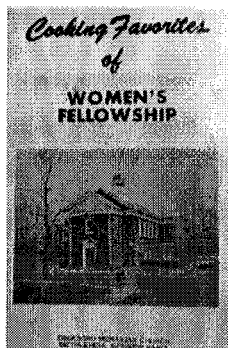
- 2) Susan Bell
- 6) Diane Knox
- 7) Aaron Bastinelli
- 8) Jim Bucchin
- 9) Sharon Bond
- 10) Kelly Caputo
- 11) Rebecca Holderman
Gavin Hudson
Kylee James
Tom Shafer
- 13) Jennifer Hoff
- 14) Brandon Graser
Kathryn Podhyski
Elaine Sargent
- 16) Peg Heimbrook
Kylee Hudson
- 17) Dustin Duro
Julia Nagle
- 18) Jonathan Jones
Lynn Terry
- 22) Haven Eutsler
Ronald Heft
- 23) Tanya Moller
- 24) Valerie Hoff
- 25) Adam Becker
Tyler Long
- 27) Wendy Gross
- 28) Amanda Burkhardt-
McGoff
- 29) Gareth Messman
- 30) Grant Haines

March Children's Birthdays

- 4) Sydney Harkcom
- 12) Payton Holderman
- 13) Presley Podhyski
- 15) Ella Beller
- 22) Anna Pagano
- 26) Ryland Burke
- 30) Cassidy Breiner

March Anniversaries

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



A BLAST FROM THE PAST (1966)

Golden Corn Bread from Mrs. Stuart Gross

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| 1 c. yellow corn meal | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 1 c. flour | 1 egg |
| 1/4 c. sugar | 1 c. milk |
| 4 tsp. baking powder | 1/4 c. melted shortening or oil |

Sift together cornmeal, flour, sugar, and baking powder into bowl. Add egg, milk, and shortening. Beat until smooth.
Bake in greased 8-inch square pan in pre-heated oven (425 degrees) for 20-25 minutes.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship	26	27 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	28 6:00pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm Lenten Service and Soup Supper 6:30pm Girl Scouts	29 6:00pm Girl Scouts	1	2 12:00pm Private party
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24 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Palm Sunday - Confirmation	25 7:00pm Worship	26 7:00pm Worship	27 6:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Worship	28 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Worship - Communion	29 2:30pm Worship 7:00pm Worship	30 7:00pm Great Sabbath Lovefeast
31 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Easter	1	2 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	3 6:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scouts	4 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Elders meeting	5	6



Edgeboro Moravian Church's Mission

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

Sunday Schedule

9:15am Adult Sun. School

9:30am Youth Sun. School

10:30am Worship

Pastor: Rev. Dan Miller

revdanmiller@gmail.com

Find us at edgeboromoravian.org or (610) 866-8793

Office Administrator: Carole Burkhardt

churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org

Office Hours: Mon.—Fri. 9:00am—1:00pm

Organist & Choir Director: Gayle Justice

Sexton: Greg Clugston

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