

Edgeboro Moravian Church's Newsletter

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Dear Edgeboro Family & Friends,

The Lord is risen! Easter blessings to you all now and throughout the Easter season! Before I jump into the rest of this article, I wanted to express my thanks for another blessed Holy Week here at Edgeboro. It takes many people to host 10 worship services in eight days which include special readings, traditions, a Confirmation celebration, a lovefeast, Communion, a musical ensemble, and more! If you set up for worship, provided music, participated in reading, served a lovefeast, or worshiped with us - THANK YOU!

With Easter arriving a bit early this year, this leaves April's holiday pretty calendar clear. Unless you're a strong observer of Tax Day (which I suppose we all are to some extent), the only other notable holiday in April this year is Earth Day - and this seems like a great opportunity to highlight the Trex plastic recycling program once again.

Edgeboro and the other Bethlehem area Moravian churches have been collecting and recycling certain types of plastic (see page 4 of this newsletter) for the last 4+ years. All the plastic collected is dropped off monthly at a local grocery store, and from there Trex takes the plastic and makes composite decking and similar materials from it. Trex offers an incentive program for nonprofits and local organizations that for every 1,000 lbs. of plastic collected over the course of 12 months, the participating organization receives a free outdoor bench. (Prior to 2024, the program numbers were 500 lbs. and 6 months respectively.)

Since February of 2020, the Bethlehem area Moravian churches have recycled 11,000 lbs. of plastic and have received 17 benches. That's literally tons of plastic. If you hypothetically took all the pews out of Edgeboro's sanctuary (excluding the organ/pulpit area) and put all 11,000 lbs. of collected plastic in there, packed tightly, every square inch of the sanctuary below the pulpit would be covered with six feet of plastic! It'd be over most of our heads! Think about that the next time you step in the sanctuary. That's how much plastic never made it to the landfills because of our efforts to recycle over the last four years.

Here are some other things you may or may not know about our plastic recycling program:

- Edgeboro member Tom Pheiffer has faithfully been weighing, packing, and delivering plastic to the local Weis on a monthly basis for the last four years. He now has a small crew of church members helping to deliver the plastic and would always welcome additional help.
- Edgeboro receives plastic from Martin Guitar and Second Harvest Food Bank.
- Benches have been donated to Camp Hope, Moravian House, and the garden used by Essentials Café behind the Widow's House. Plans have been discussed to donate future benches as they are received.
- All six Bethlehem Moravian Churches (including Edgeboro) will continue collecting plastic to recycle for the foreseeable future.

One way that we love God is to love what our Creator has made. Though it doesn't always feel like it when we drop off a bag of plastic at the church, let's remember that caring for the world by recycling plastic is a very practical yet meaningful way we express our love for our Creator. May God bless and multiply all our efforts to care for creation and preserve our planet!

Striving for Stewardship with you,
Pastor Dan

Sunday Schedule & Volunteers

April 7

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

Elder Tim Jones
Sacristans John & Rosie Bauman
Ushers Brent & Kyle Sergent

April 14

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 10:30am Worship *(Communion)*

Elder Sue Testa
Sacristans Ron & Carol Freyman
Ushers Carol Saeger & Nancy Bartleman

April 21

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

Elder Tammy Baer
Sacristans John & Paula Horn
Ushers Rodney Sergent

April 28

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

Elder Myra Jones
Sacristans Mike & Myra Jones
Ushers Heath & Val Hoff

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.
- **April's Joyful Noise Offering**—This month's Joyful Noise Offering will support the Moravian Unity Offering cause (Support for Ukrainian refugees in Germany and the Czech Republic). 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 using a credit card or bank account.



Monthly Financial Update

February Total Income:	\$17,209
Monthly Budgeted Expenses:	\$20,376
February Shortfall	(\$3,167)
Two-Month Shortfall	(\$11,498)

Worship Attendance (In-Person + Online)

March	2023	2024	Key: C: Communion CD: Confirmation day DS: Daylight Savings E: Easter GSL: Great Sabbath Lovefeast PS: Palm Sunday 2023: Includes YouTube views 2024: Includes YouTube & Facebook views
Week 1	104	136	
Week 2	89 (DS)	139 (DS)	
Week 3	85	128	
Week 4	92	224 (CD, PS)	
Week 5	—	285(E)	

Holy Week Worship Attendance (In-Person + Online)

	2023	2024		2023	2024
Monday	32	57	Friday 2:30	54	77
Tuesday	27	81	Friday 7:00	25	83
Wednesday	27	61	Saturday	61 (GSL)	113(GSL)
Thursday	95 (C)	149(C)			

Church News & Events

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

- **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, April 11th, 11:30am, at West Side Moravian Church**. **Nikole Raskovic**, owner of **Keystone Farms Cheese** will be speaking on artisan cheese and the art of creating a charcuterie board. You will get to try several different flavors of cheese. Bring a sandwich and a friend. Beverage and dessert will be provided.
- **Essentials Café** - 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.
- **“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.
- **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) **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. Please call the College Hill office (610.867-8291) to register by the prior Wednesday sign-up. Contact the office to To receive further information contact the church office at: 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. There will also be food and a bake sale.
- **Tell Me About Synod** The 2024 Synod Planning Team is hoping to make a positive impact on our community and world by planting trees to reduce their paper use footprint. For every dollar donated, a tree will be planted through the One Tree Planted organization. The Easter District Synod will match up to the first 250 trees. Donations may be made through the synod web page: www.moravian.org/norther/edsynod2024 The goal of the Synod planning team is to donate 1500 trees before the end of Synod on June 29, 2024.
- **Unitas Chorale Spring Concert** will be held Sunday, April 28 , 4:00pm at Nazareth Moravian Church, 4 South Main Street, Nazareth PA The Concert theme is In All Things Love. Director: Gwyneth Michel; Accompanist: Luke DiGiacinto. No tickets are required for this concert, instead a free-will offering will be received.
- **Camp Hope Summer Camp Schedule**— Camp Hope 15 Ridgeway Avenue, Blairstown NJ 07825 2024 week-long overnight camps for Grades 1-12 All are welcome!

Jun 20-July 6: Musical Theater Lion King, Jr.	July 7-13: Senior High Grades 9-12
July 14-20: Middler Grades 5 & 6	July 21-24: Pre-Primary Grades 1 & 2
July 21-27: Swimming Grades 3-6	July 28-Aug 3: Junior High Grades 7 & 8
Aug 4-10: Primary Grades 3 & 4	

Contact the church office for scholarship information for Edgeboro members & friends!

For more information, visit: www.camphope.org email: hopecenter@camphope.org or call: 908.459-4435

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.)

Recycling drop off schedule : April 13 Carole Burkhardt

May 11 Blake Messman

June 8 Jon Terry

July 13 Tom Pheiffer

Aug 10 Steve Millehim

Monthly Highlights

Elders

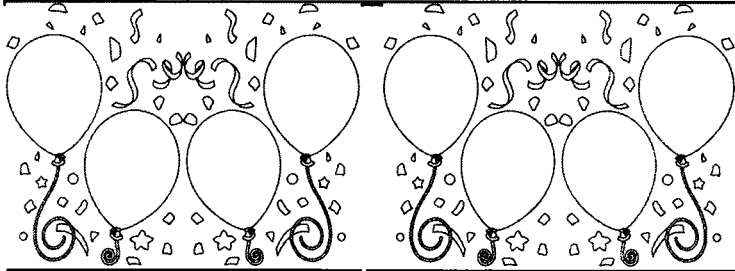
- The Elders last met on Thursday, March 14th. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, April 4th.
- Get well, thank you, condolences, anniversary, and birthday, cards were written to send and signed by the Elders to various church members.
- The Elders approved the membership transfer request of Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller to Central Moravian Church.
- The Elders approved the confirmation request of five individuals: Robert Engelbrecht, Jace Hoff, Maddie Roy, Sophie Terry, and Josh Volkert. (These individuals were confirmed on March 24th.)
- The Elders are excited to host Vani and Shanti Pradhan in worship on Sunday, May 19th. This will coincide with Holy Communion for Pentecost Sunday, a Joyful Noise Offering for Moravian ministries in Nepal, and a possible church breakfast.
- The Elders discussed possible donation collections for late spring, reviewed recent worship services and the Lenten series, and brainstormed how to include new members in the Edge Band.

Trustees

- The Trustees last met on Thursday, March 21st. The Trustees will meet next on Thursday, April 18th.
- The Trustees unanimously approved Ben Courtade’s Eagle Scout project proposal for updating the donations room pending Eagle Scout approval.
- CEC & youth report was given planning the SS Easter program and egg hunt. There was also discussion of recruiting more teachers because of expanded Sunday School attendance. VBS leadership is still needed.
- Evangelism & Outreach report stated that we are no longer collecting chips for Esperanza. Easter eggs were delivered to NECC for their egg hunt.
- Fellowship & House reported that Rita Gambler will be hosting a King’s Daughters meeting April 20.
- The 2023 Audit meetings started March 26th.
- Elders report and Pastor report were given.
- The transfer of 2023 Memorial Gifts to the MMFA account were approved. ESSA check signer updates were approved.
- If anyone is interested in sharing responsibilities of keeping track of the Memorial funds and/or the duties of financial secretary, please talk to a Trustee. Bill Burkhardt is **not** looking to stop this work, but is willing to share his knowledge with someone else.

Fellowship

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



April Birthdays

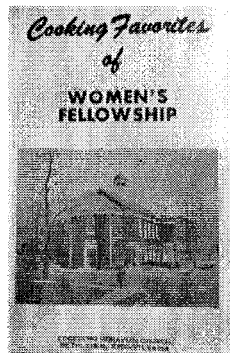
- 1) Gaye Eldridge
Hope Harrell
- 2) Kelly Harkom
- 3) Rylie Baer
Evan Groner
Sue Testa
- 4) Shannon Swingle
- 5) Robin Zsilavetz
- 7) Perry Emig
- 8) Callen Messman
Joan Shaffer
- 10) Ethan Drust
Tyler Langkamer
- 11) Tim Jones
- 16) George Moller
- 18) Braden Drust
- 20) Tara McGoff
- 21) Daniel Miller
Samuel Swanson
- 22) Matt Ammon
Madison Hoff
Michael Jankiewicz
- 24) Karen Gehret
Mary Rader
- 27) PamElla Nagle
- 29) Season Pagano
- 30) Marcia Horning
Joshua Volkert

April Children Birthdays

- 14) Ellie Walrath
- 20) Christian George
- 22) Zain Kish
- 24) Luke Borowski

April Anniversaries

- 6) Evan & Julie Groner
- 7) Dan & Barb Heimbrook
- 12) Glen & Perry Emig
- 15) Marty & Diane Talpas
- 21) David & PamElla Nagle
- 23) Matt & Martha Ammon
- 24) Matthew & Anne Hosterman
- 26) John & Paula Horn
- 30) Ron & Diane Aker-Vought



Many thanks to Craig Kunsman, the grandson of Leah Henry, for his continuation of his & his grandfather's ministry of delivering the special flowers for both the Easter service and the Advent season.

Dear members of the Edgeboro Moravian Church,

We want to thank you for your continued love, prayers and support of our ministry. We are incredibly grateful to know so many Moravians around the world want to help support and care for the people we serve. We hope these smiles on this card will remind you of the positive impact you've had.

With love,
Pastor Greg, Amy & The You Belong Team



Dear Edgeboro Moravian Church,
On behalf of the Board of Directors of Essentials Café, thank you for your generous donation of \$250.00 from your February 2024 Joyful Noise offering. Your donation will go towards helping alleviate food insecurity and help build a community where all are welcome to have a seat at a table and enjoy a nutritious meal in a warm, hospitable environment. Thank you for your generosity and support of this ministry!
Best Regards,
Dawn Fenner, Executive Director Essentials Café

A BLAST FROM THE PAST (1966)

Orange Sponge Cake from Mrs. Robert C. Stewart

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| 6 eggs | 2 c. flour |
| 2 c sugar | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 1 c. orange juice | 2 tsp. baking powder |
| Rind of orange | |

Beat eggs with half of sugar until thick. Add orange juice, remaining sugar and rind. Beat together. Fold in gently, flour sifted with salt and baking powder. Bake in a large tube pan 45-50 minutes at 350 degrees. Invert pan over rack or bottle until cool. Ice with orange icing.

Orange Icing

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|---------------------|--------------|
| 2c sifted 10X sugar | 1/8 tsp salt |
| 1/4 c soft butter | orange juice |

Beat together with enough orange juice to spread.

Directory changes

Alice Durner Home Phone: 484.635-1776
Country Meadows
4011 Green Pond Rd., Bldg. 1, Rm. 67
Bethlehem, PA 18020

Claire Hahn Home Phone: 720.793-1316

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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

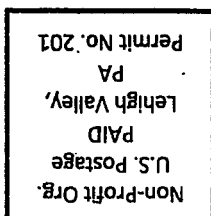
Office Hours: Mon.—Fri. 9:00am—1:00pm

Organist & Choir Director: Gayle Justice

Sexton: Greg Clugston

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- Access the church calendar online & worship online at edgeboromoravian.org
Click on the Contact Us dropdown to enroll in weekly email announcements & phone blasts.
- Join Edgeboro's Facebook Group



ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

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