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Dear Edgeboro Friends & Family,

"The Lord is Risen! The Lord is Risen, Indeed!" We proclaimed these words on Easter Sunday at the beginning of our beloved liturgy, but these words are not reserved for one day a year. The season of Easter, or Eastertide, lasts 50 days. This year, that began on March 31st and it will end on Pentecost Sunday (May 19th). Therefore, we have a few weeks left to continue celebrating the resurrection of our Risen Lord! (Technically, we do this all year round, just sometimes in more subtle ways.)

In the gospels, so much changed for the disciples in 50 days. They went from being afraid for their lives, locking themselves in the upper room, to being overjoyed to see Jesus, to accepting Jesus' call to "feed my sheep" and a Great Commission that will take them to the ends of the earth, to watching Jesus ascend into heaven, to receiving the power of the Holy Spirit with wind and flames. They changed from a bunch of people huddled in a room to a church with a worldwide mission!

A lot can happen in 50 days! Did you know that 50 days from May 1st is the official start of summer (June 20th)? There's a lot happening in these 50 days too! In that span, there are many special days that many will celebrate: Graduations, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, last day of school, Father's Day. Many of us will already be engaging in summer activities and travels, big and small, ranging from prepping the grills and patio furniture to going on camping trips and family vacations. You'll see in this newsletter there are plenty of things going on and future things being planned for at the church and the extended community during this span.

Like the disciples experienced, in the next 50 days, I pray that you continue to be filled with hope upon knowing that Christ lives, leaving nothing that could come in between you and his love. May you be blessed and encouraged by the Spirit of Christ who is with you to strengthen you and ahead of you to guide you. Continue loving and serving others in all of the special days, activities, travels, and events you engage in, doing it all in the name of the one who died, but now lives forevermore.

Eastertide Blessings, Pastor Dan

From our friends in Nepal who will be joining us on May 19th:

Greetings from Nepal,

We would like to share with you some updates on the school ministry.

- International Kindergarten now has 90 children who continue to get good education at an affordable price. Shristi Academy is an expansion of Kindergarten, which has classes up to grade 8, and we will upgrade each year. Our vision is to have a K-12 school. We believe every child should get a quality education that will prepare them to be academically sound and become good human beings who contribute to society. Shristi Academy now has 104 children. Together with Kindergarten and Shristi Academy we now have 194 children with 60 full time and part time teaching and non teaching staff.
- God has been faithful in our journey to educate children. This is so fulfilling to be able to educate children and lead them in the right direction. There is hope and a future for each student despite their diverse and varied backgrounds. We are all equal in the sight of Jesus and we have been able to practice our Faith in the most fertile soil.
- We get energized and filled with passion as we see all these children and young teachers that God has given in our lives to nurture them. We are blessed beyond measure. Amen!
- Shristi Academy has relocated to a bigger facility and still has much work to be done such as, construction of the futsal, play stations, convert roof top to house a computer lab and science lab. To enhance learning we hope to install digital screens for each classroom and add more books to the existing library and invite volunteer teachers to serve in the school.
- The new academic year will begin on April 24, 2024, so when we come in May, the school year will have begun.

We look forward to being there in May and meeting everyone.

Sunday Schedule & Volunteers

May 5

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

Elder Kyle Borowski
Sacristans Mike & Terri Long
Ushers John & Rosie Bauman
Lawn The Messmans

May 12

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 10:30am Worship (*Christian Family Lovefeast*)

Elder Andrew Miller
Sacristans Tom & Gilda Pheiffer; Peggy Leith
Ushers Joe & Sue Testa
Lawn The Messmans

May 19

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 9:30am Breakfast
 10:30am Worship (*Fellowship Hall, Communion*)
 1:30pm Palette Club

Elder Tim Jones
Sacristans Bob & Elley Silfies
Ushers Bob & Elley Silfies
Lawn Steve Millheim

May 26

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

Elder Season Pagano
Sacristans Ron & Carol Freyman
Ushers Eric Smith & Family
Lawn Tom Clements & Judi Johnson

Worship

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

- **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.
- **May's Joyful Noise Offering**—This month's Joyful Noise Offering will support the Moravian ministry in Nepal. Place your offerings in the joyful noise can in the sanctuary or make a gift to Edgeboro online, designating your gift for "Joyful Noise."
- **"Breakfast Church" on May 19th!**
 Join us for an eventful morning in the fellowship hall! Breakfast will be served at 9:30am. This will be followed by Pentecost Sunday worship at 10:30am (also in the fellowship hall). During this service, we will celebrate Pentecost, partake in Holy Communion, and be joined by special guests and friends of the congregation, Vani & Shanti Pradhan, currently leading Moravian ministries in Nepal.
- **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

March Total Income	\$18,649
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	\$20,376
March Shortfall	(\$1,727)
First Quarter Shortfall	(\$10,488)

Worship Attendance (In-Person + Online)

April	2023	2024	Key: C: Communion CD: Confirmation day E: Easter PS: Palm Sunday 2023: Includes YouTube views 2024: Includes YouTube & Facebook views
Week 1	170 (PS, CD)	129	
Week 2	245 (E)	153 (C)	
Week 3	80	125	
Week 4	71	94	
Week 5	125	—	

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 for the last time this Sunday School year on May 5th, 9:30am. For more information, contact Lynn Terry, Terri Long, or Myra Jones.
- **Transition to New Online Giving Platform**
The Board of Trustees would like to make the Moravian Ministries Foundation (MMFA) Giving Portal the primary method of online giving for the congregation. By discontinuing the use of the eGive platform, Edgeboro will save \$1,500 a year! We would encourage all members who are currently using eGive to cancel your recurring gift and establish a new recurring gift on the MMFA Giving Portal. Trustee member Carole Schachter will be contacting our eGive users to provide any reminders and assistance needed in the transition. The Trustees hope to end our use of eGive by June 23. As we make this transition with our members who are currently giving online, this would also be a great time for any other members who are not giving online to begin doing so. If you have any questions, please contact Carole Schachter or the church office.
Visit edgeboromoravian.org/giving to access the MMFA Giving Portal and to see more information on giving to Edgeboro.
- **Flower vases needed** If you have any old flower vases lying around that you would be happy to donate to the church, we would be thrilled to receive them. They are used to take home the Sunday flowers church. We are running a little low on our supply and looking to replenish it. The vases can be left on the table in the parlör and we will see that they are put away in the correct location. Thanks in advance for helping.
- **Know someone graduating?** Please help us identify members and friends who will be completing High School, College, Military, any Academy, Trade School or an Advanced Degree. We would like to celebrate their achievement and accomplishment in our next Envoy. Please let Carole, in the church office, know of anyone of which you are aware.
- **Seniors and Friends** will be held **Thursday, May 2nd, 11:30am at West Side Moravian Church.** Lehigh University professor, **Scott Gordon**, will be speaking about **Slavery in Bethlehem.** Few realize that the population of 18th-century Bethlehem included Africans and people of African Descent. And few realize that these people were enslaved. The presentation will discuss the Moravian congregation's complicated involvement with slavery, in particular how enslaved men & women got to Bethlehem, who enslaved them and how some gained their freedom. Bring a friend and a sandwich. Beverage and dessert will be provided. The front door located on 3rd Ave will be open for easier access to the meeting.
- **Vergnügte Ruh – Songs of Rest and Renewal**, music of Bach Mahler, Schumann, Dvořák, Duruflé, and more will be presented by Kelly Schmidt, mezzo-soprano & Luke DiGiacinto, piano and organ on Sunday, May 5th, 4:00pm at Advent Moravian Church. Reception to follow concert.
- **Essentials Café** - Essentials Café is open Tuesday through Saturday, 8:00am–2:00pm. There is always in need of additional volunteers! Be a greeter, server, cook, caretaker, booster, and more! Learn more and sign up to volunteer at essentialscafe.org/takeaction. **Monday evenings** are prep nights for the cafe. If you are interested in helping, please notify the West Side Moravian Church office at westsidemoravian@gmail.com or call: 610.865-0256
 - ◇ **Spring Fundraiser. Saturday, May 18th, 2 seatings at 4:30pm and 7:00pm.** Menu includes: Appetizers: fig & pear puff pastry or shrimp cocktail, Green salad with edible flowers and essential vinaigrette. Entrée: choice of Prime Rib au jus with potato strudel, Chicken Piccata with herbed rice pilaf, or Vegan Ravioli. All served with green beans almondine. Coffee or tea and a complimentary glass of red or white wine. Dessert station with choice of freshly made treats. Limited tickets available! \$50/person dine in at the café or \$45/person take-out (pick-up at seating times).
All proceeds benefit the café's work of welcoming and feeding everyone, regardless of ability to pay.
- **Housing Needed** – The Moravian Archives is expecting a woman researcher from Brazil from August 8-October 31 of this year. As her funding is limited, she is looking for an inexpensive place to stay, preferably within walking distance of the Moravian Archives, 41 W. Locust Street. If you can help, contact Moravian Archives at 610.866-3255.

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- **BWM Blessings Flow update**

In March of 2023, Board of World Mission directors gathered for our spring board meeting and talked briefly about a water filter project that we may want to consider being a part of. We knew that the project would meet significant needs in La Moskitia, Honduras, one of our longest-standing global partner areas, and we knew that Moravians would do what they could to help, but we could not have imagined how quickly this project would take off. By April 20th, 2023, we had visited our first Blessings Flow community and now, in April of 2024, we are distributing filters in our fifth village. During the year:

- ◇ about 1000 families have been provided with clean water and medication
- ◇ four communities have reduced symptoms of waterborne illness & will experience fewer days of school & work missed
- ◇ Moravians have contributed over \$150, 000
- ◇ congregations, camps, retreats, and more have assembled filters to be shipped to Honduras
- ◇ ...and we are expanding this effort! (Stay tuned!)

Thank you for your support of the Board of World Mission!

MoravianMission.org/BlessingsFlow/

- **Morningstar EventFULL Living** events. RSVP required. Contact Liz Brandl to register for these events.

Call: 610.746-1000, e-mail: lizb@moravian.com, or visit: morningstareventfull.corsizio.com

- ◇ **Spring Craft Bazaar** on Tuesday, May 7th, 10:00am -4:00pm. There will be an array of vendors offering an eclectic selection of items as well as special plants for Mother's Day. **Moravian Hall Square, 175 W. North Street, Nazareth**
- ◇ **Election 2024: Pennsylvania Perspectives** on Tuesday, May 21st, 10:30-11:30am. Historical trends, current events, and polling data will be examined to provide insight to the electoral dynamics of the upcoming election cycle. **Moravian Hall Square, 175 W. North Street, Nazareth**
- ◇ **Pioneer Band Memorial Day Concert**, Saturday, May 25th, 2:00-3:00pm at **Heritage Village, 139 W. Beil Ave, Nazareth**. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy this special outdoor concert. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be inside the Cooper Center at Heritage Village.

- **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 Eastern 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.

- **Camp Hope Summer Camp Schedule**— 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 : 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, April 4th. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, May 2nd.
- Get well, thank you, anniversary, and birthday cards were written to send and signed by the Elders to various church members.
- Reports from House, Outreach Collections, Trustees, and the pastor were given.
- Recent worship services were reviewed and discussed. Holy Week attendance was about the same as last year. Easter attendance was outstanding!
- Lincoln Elementary school contacted Pastor Dan about a new Ambassador program they want to try in April and May. They would like volunteers from the community to welcome the students as they arrive at school and give away small gifts and toys. The Elders expressed interest in taking part in the program once or twice in May.
- On May 19th, breakfast will be served prior to worship and worship will be held downstairs (much like what was done in January). May 19th is also a Communion Sunday (Pentecost) and we will also have Vani & Shanti Pradhan joining us for worship. Volunteers will be needed to cook, serve, set up, and clean up. Contact Andrew Miller if interested in helping.

Trustees

- The Trustees last met on Thursday, April 18th. The Trustees will meet next on Thursday, May 23rd.
- Chris Spagh, executive director of the Moravian Ministries Foundation, was in Bethlehem and joined the Trustees for the first part of the April meeting. He shared information on Edgeboro funds and other MMFA offerings.
- The Trustees approved the transfer of the Nagle Memorial Camp Scholarship funds to the Restricted Stable Fund managed by the Moravian Ministries Foundation. With the completion of this transfer, now all of Edgeboro’s restricted memorial funds, unrestricted memorial funds, and the endowment fund are held in accounts with the Moravian Ministries Foundation.
- 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.
- Committee reports CEC & Youth: 6 individuals were confirmed on Palm Sunday. Joe and Sue Testa will lead the confirmation class next year; Elders: considering various fundraising ideas; Evangelism & outreach: ISCC is still active; Fellowship & House: discussion about a group dance class using facilities, follow-ups to me made; Finance & Audit: auditors are continuing to do their work, including examining 2023 memorial funds disbursement; Stewardship & Financial Communications: giving portal discussion.
- The Trustees planned to discontinue use of E-Give by June 23rd. Carole Schachter will be contacting current online givers to assist in the switch to MMFA giving portal.

Fellowship

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

Celebrations

May Birthdays

- 1) Shauna Moller
- 2) Nicole Freed
- 4) Andrew Batson
- 5) Donna Henning
- 6) Kyle Sergent
- 7) Diane Aker-Vought
Kathie Smyser
- 9) Michael Horwath
JB Volkert
- 10) Abigail Lovell
- 12) Bradley Williamson
- 13) Thomas Ruhf
- 14) Blake Messman
- 15) Amanda Borowski
Ronald Freyman
- 17) Mary Williamson
- 21) Jayden Eldridge
Johanna Heft
David Swanson
Amy Weikert
- 23) Emily Campanella
- 24) Jeffrey Minnich
- 25) Deb Hepler
Arohn Testa
- 29) Linda Kunsman
- 30) Cassidy Baer
Steven Rohn
- 31) Sylvia Cusatis

May Children Birthdays

- 6) Brady Rohn
- 7) Mila George
- 9) Maxwell Beller
- 10) Jamie Sergent
- 12) Daisy Bannon
- 15) Jillian Durnin
- 16) Kayla Drust
- 22) Maxwell Beller
- 26) Addison Giesler
- 29) Theodore Maritch
- 30) Michael Giesler

May Anniversaries

- 4) Robert & Bridget Frank
- 5) John & Laura Bannon
- 10) Heath & Val Hoff
Kyle & Jamie Sergent
- 13) Kyle & Amanda Borowski
- 14) Stephen & Traci
Millheim
- 15) Brent & Nancy Sergent
- 21) Johanna & Ronald Heft
Amy & Bruce Weikert
- 22) Craig & Laura Neiman
- 26) Peter & Deb Hepler
- 29) Jarret & Melissa Hoff



Dear Friends of NECC,
On behalf of the staff of Northeast Community Center, I'd like to extend my most sincere gratitude for your generous gift of \$600.00 on 1/28/2024!

In 2024, we have updated our mission to *provide help and hope to the Marvine-Pembroke neighborhood, and surrounding Bethlehem communities, through programs and services uniquely designed to meet their needs.* We felt that it was important to update our mission to include surrounding Bethlehem communities because the need doesn't just happen in Marvine-Pembroke, it is everywhere and NECC is there for everyone.

Your donation goes directly to helping us fund those unique programs and services, including our two new programs. We started our Family BINGO night in January, and our Hygiene Pantry, which will open later this year. None of what we do would be possible without incredible supporters like you who allow us, year after year, to serve the communities we care so deeply about. We are beyond grateful for your continued support and truly cannot thank you enough!

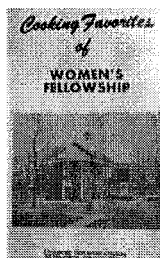
Sincerely,
Chrisdee Lawyer
Marketing and Development Director
lawyer@neccbethlehem.org

A BLAST FROM THE PAST (1966)

Shoo Fly Pie (Wet Bottom) shared by Mrs. Merritt B. Deysher

Crumbs:

- 1 tsp salt
- 3 c. Flour
- 1 c. granulated sugar
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 c. shortening



Juice:

- 1 c Grandma's Molasses
- 1 c. Hot water
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp. vinegar

Dissolve soda in molasses and hot water. Mix and sift crumb ingredients. Set aside for a few minutes, then add vinegar and let this work a few minutes. Put half of the liquid in the bottom of three 8-inch pie crusts. Add crumbles (reserve about 1c.) then remaining liquid. Put remaining crumbs on top. Bake at 350 degrees for about 40 minutes!

Directory change

Dorothy Hersh
Gracedale Nursing Home
Tower Building Floor 4
2 Gracedale Ave.
Nazareth, PA 18064



Edgeboro Pictures! As you take pictures at church, please remember to share them with us! Send them to: edgeboropictures@gmail.com.

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Moravian Music Sunday	29	30	1 6:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scouts	2 11:00am Bethlehem Interfaith Group (BIG) meeting 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Elders meeting	3	4
5 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Pre-School Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship	6	7	8 6:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scouts	9 6:00pm Girl Scouts	10	11
12 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Christian Family Lovefeast	13 9:30am Palette Club Board	14	15 6:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scouts	16 6:00pm Girl Scouts	17	18 private reception
19 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Pre-School Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Pentecost - Communion 1:30pm Palette Club Group	20	21	22 6:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scouts	23 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Trustees Meeting	24	25
26 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Trinity Sunday	27	28	29 6:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scouts	30 6:00pm Girl Scouts	31	1



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

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9:30am Youth Sun. School
10:30am Worship

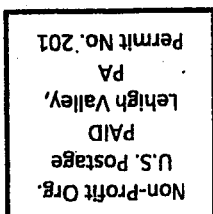
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churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org
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Organist & Choir Director: Gayle Justice
Sexton: Greg Clugston

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Click on the Contact Us dropdown to enroll in weekly email announcements & phone blasts.
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