

Edgeboro Moravian Church's Newsletter

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Dear Edgeboro Friends & Family,

Within the last week or so, I've been catching myself saying, "where did the summer go?" multiple times a day, which must mean fall is here. Starting with the second week in September, the church calendar is off and running until Easter. There's so much that's going to be happening here in the months to come, and with the busyness of it all, it can be easy to fall into the routine of doing things how they've always been done without thinking about *why* we do what we do in the first place.

Knowing *why* we do what we do helps us remember what's important and keeps us open to change when (not if) it comes. It keeps us from simply going through the motions or getting too caught up in the details, which can lead to us losing sight of the mission. As the events, activities, meetings, and other church duties fill the church calendar, let's remember *why* we do what we do.

To that end, let's talk about Edgeboro's mission statement. These are words that clearly describe what we do. To find *why* we do it, some background is needed.

Here's the statement: *The mission of Edgeboro Moravian Church is to love God, grow in Christ, and share the Holy Spirit through Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry and Evangelism.*

This statement was adopted by the Joint Board in 2004. It was heavily influenced by a book titled *The Purpose Driven Church* (1995) by Rev. Rick Warren, founder and former pastor of Saddleback Church, a former Southern Baptist church with 54,000 members and multiple campuses in southern California. Though his context and beliefs are different than most Moravians around here, his thoughts on this particular matter have influenced a lot of churches in positive ways, Edgeboro being one.

In his book, Warren identifies these purposes of a church (this will sound familiar): Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, and Evangelism. These are very "churchy" words which might not mean a whole lot taken out of context, so I'll tell you where Warren got them from. These five words are derived from the Greatest Commandment and the Great Commission. I'm going to include them here while noting where Warren saw each of these words in these verses:

The Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:37-39): *Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." (Worship) This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Ministry)*

The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20): *Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples (Evangelism) of all nations, baptizing them (Fellowship) in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey (Discipleship) everything that I have commanded you."*

From here, it's really easy to say that the reason *why* Edgeboro does worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism is simply because Jesus told us to! While it's really good to root our mission in two of the "greatest" things that Jesus told us to do, let's go a bit deeper. Through the centuries, people have faithfully responded to these words. It's how Jesus and his love became known to those who would become Moravians, and who would become members of Edgeboro. As that ripple effect widened, it impacted us. In our lives, the love of Christ has given us inner peace, brought us comfort, moved us to compassion and empathy, inspired us to grow, given us our most cherished memories, provided opportunities for us to form some of our most meaningful relationships with others, and so much more. *Why* do we do what we do at Edgeboro? We do it because we want others to feel all this, and Jesus wants others to feel this!

As we head into the church fall calendar and beyond, let's remember *why* we do what we do!

Remembering *why* with you,
Pastor Dan

Sunday Schedule & Volunteers

September 1

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 10:30am Worship
Elder Season Pagano
Sacristans Thomas & Gilda Pheiffer; Peggy Leith
Ushers Carol Saeger & Nancy Bartleman
Lawn Tom Clements & Judi Johnson (9.1-9.7)

September 8

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 10:30am Worship - Rally Day, Joyful Noise Offering, Children's Lovefeast, Sunday School Installation
Elder Abby Solitario
Sacristans Bob & Elley Silfies
Ushers Rodney Sergent
Lawn Jon Terry (9.8-9.14)

September 15

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 9:30am Church Breakfast
 10:30am Worship - Day of Service
 1:30pm Palette Club
 5:00pm Confirmation Meeting
Sacristans Jon & Lynn Terry
Ushers Heath & Val Hoff
Lawn Craig Neiman (9.15-9.22)

September 22

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 10:30am Worship
 5:00pm Confirmation Class
Elder Sue Testa
Sacristans John & Rosie Bauman
Ushers John & Rosie Bauman
Lawn Art Sergent (9.22-9.28)

September 29

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 10:30am Worship
 5:00pm Confirmation Class
Elder Tim Jones
Sacristans Mike & Terri Long
Ushers Brent Sergent & Kyle Sergent
Lawn Joe Testa (9.29-10.5)

Worship

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

- **Worship Online**—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.
- **September's Joyful Noise Offering**—This month's Joyful Noise Offering will support the International Student Care Committee. Place your offerings in the joyful noise can in the sanctuary or make a gift to Edgeboro online, designating your gift for "Joyful Noise."
- **Make a Gift to Edgeboro Online**—Scan the QR code at the right to make a gift to Edgeboro online using a credit card or bank account. Go to edgeboromoravian.org/give for more options and details about giving to Edgeboro.
- **Rally Day!**—On Sunday, September 8th, youth Sunday School will resume again! Join us at Edgeboro for Sunday School festivities at 9:30am and then worship at 10:30am, during which will be a Joyful Noise Offering, the Installation of our Sunday School teachers, and the Children's Lovefeast.
- **This Fall's Sunday School Lineup**—Our full lineup of Sunday School classes return on September 8th. Inquire about joining or helping out with a class listed below:
Pre-School/Pre-K: Meets every week in the nursery. Taught by Lynn Terry, Myra Jones & Terri Long.
Elementary: Meets every week upstairs in large classroom. Taught by Jessica & Sine, & Abby Solitario.
Confirmation Class: Meets every week upstairs in corner classroom. Taught by Joe & Sue Testa.
Adult Class: Meets every week upstairs in conference room. Taught by Scott Sine.
Adult Class: Meets every week downstairs in nursery/fellowship hall. Taught by John Bauman.
- **Moravian Day of Service**—Edgeboro will be participating in the Moravian Day of Service on Sunday, September 15th. Come to worship ready to engage in one or more of the following service activities: decluttering various areas of the church, making ribbon bookmarks for hymnals in the sanctuary, writing/drawing with sidewalk chalk, and writing cards to fellow Edgeboro members and ministry partners. Individuals who can't attend in person are encouraged to make a special gift to the Joyful Noise Offering or bring a donation of hygiene items or school supplies for Northeast Community Center.



Worship Attendance (In-Person + Online)			
August	2023	2024	Key: C: Communion OW: Outdoor Worship Includes YouTube & Facebook views
Week 1	154	92	
Week 2	158 (C)	124 (C)	
Week 3	147 (OW)	107	
Week 4	121	89	

Monthly Financial Update

Monthly Budgeted Expenses	\$20,376.00
July Income	\$14,824.96
July Shortfall	(\$ 5,175.04)
Year to Date Shortfall	(\$27,090.76)

Church News & Events

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

- **Music at the Museum** First Sundays are Free at the Bethlehem Museum Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites. Come explore the rich history of the Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts and the Moravian Museum of Bethlehem for FREE www.historicbethlehem.org. The Moravian Music Foundation will provide an element of music, different each month, between 1pm and 4pm. (the Museum is open 11am - 5pm)
- **Seniors & Friends** will meet **September 5th, 11:30am** at **West Side Moravian, 402 Third Avenue**. Carol Saeger will talk about Just Born Candies Brands: Mike & Ike, Hot Tamales, PEEPS Marshmallow, & Goldenberg's Peanut Chews and show us how they are all made and then we get to try some of the yummy candies! Carol worked for 19 years at Just Born, some of her jobs consisted of: Community - "Corporate Affairs Manager, Volunteering - Created Ops for Associates to volunteer at non-profit Orgs in LV & Phila. & Philanthropy-Gave funding (Grants) to qualified non-profits in the L.V & Phila area. Bring a Friend & a Sandwich Beverage and Dessert will be Provided!
- **NAMI Annual 5k Race & Walk**—NAMI is hosting their 14th Annual 5K race & Walk on **Saturday, September 7** at the Lehigh Parkway in Allentown. Race sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/32vz6r58> Questions? Contact them at info@nami-lv.org or 610.882-2102.
- **BAM Un-Picnic!**—It's the BAM Un-Picnic hosted by the Bethlehem Area Moravians (BAM) Ministries Committee. The traditional BAM Picnic has been upcycled! Join us on **Sunday, September 8th from 4:00-6:30pm** at East Hills Moravian Church as we gather joyfully to enjoy one another's company while we do the thing that Moravians have always done with vitality: SERVE! In 2023, BAM Ministries Committee donated \$15,000 to the Board of World Mission for the Blessings Flow project. With that money, 600 water filter kits were purchased. During the Un-Picnic, we will hear more about the Blessings Flow project and assemble the water filters so they may be distributed by the Board of World Mission in Honduras! This activity is appropriate for folks of all ages working together. The event will take place in East Hill's Couch Family Center - a fully accessible, air-conditioned facility. Of course, there will be food, You can expect pizza, salad, drinks and dessert!
- **Nazareth Moravian Church Coat Drive** The Outreach Committee is hosting a new or slightly worn winter coat give away in conjunction with the Nazareth Area Food Bank. Needed: Winter Coats of all sizes for adults and children. Also, being collected: hats, gloves, snow pants and boots. The **donation deadline is October 30th**. For more information, contact Cindy Tsurumaki, or Gwen Ritter.
- **Fall Bazaar**—The First Moravian Church of Easton 225 N 10th St, Easton, PA 18042 will hold their annual Fall Bazaar on **September 14, 2024 from 8am-1pm**. Clothing and other wearable items will be on sale for \$3.00 per brown grocery bag!
- **Bethlehem Area School District** is seeking photos, videos, and other memorabilia of the old Edgeboro School building for the centennial celebration on **September 14**. If you have anything that you wish to share for display for this event, please contact **Barbara Clymer** at: bclymer@BASDSchools.org or 610.861-0500.
- **Summer Concert at Central Moravian Church** — **Sunday, September 15, 2:00pm**—Mainstreet Brass on the Church Green. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held indoors. This concert is free and open to the public.
- **Lititz Moravian Music Weekend (September 21-22)**—Register now and make plans to attend a music weekend for instrumentalists and choral singers. To register, visit: moravianmusic.regfox.com/moravian-music-weekend-lititz. There is a virtual attendance link on this page as well!
- **Eagle Scout Project at Edgeboro**—You may see some new work being done at the church over the summer! Ben Courtade will be working on his approved project of renovating the donation room (aka, the "old office") at the church. The project includes a full renovation of the room itself and the installation of new shelving, storage, and reusable signage to provide Edgeboro a permanent space to organize and store any items brought to the church for donation drives. We are eager to see this project develop!

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- **Nazareth Moravian Church Rummage Sale**— Friday, October 11th, 3:00-7:00pm and Saturday, October 12th, 9:00am-1:00pm. Bag sale begins at 9:00 Kitchen Open - Food to Go Both Days
- **College Hill Moravian Church Craft & Vendor Show**— Saturday, October 19, 9:00am-2:00pm Indoor and outdoor spaces are now available for crafters and vendors (Indoor: \$30, 9'x6'; Outdoor: \$25, 10'x10'). Reserve your space by calling College Hill member, Amy DeLong at amdelong3@gmail.com. Visit tinyurl.com/4mehsck4 to download a vendor application.
- **Fall/Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair** at The First Moravian Church of Easton 225 N 10th St, Easton, PA 18042, October 26th from 9am-2pm. Vendor applications are being accepted now. Call the office at 610.258-6317 for an application.
- **Bethlehem Area Moravian Freezer Ministry Name Change**—After a decision was made to no longer remain under the umbrella of a single church or denomination, the new name of this ministry is The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers (a Community/Ecumenical Program). To read more about the Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers and learn how you can help by contributing, visit: tinyurl.com/9sbthhny.

Edgeboro Putz and Christmas Room ~ 2024

It's not too early to be thinking about the upcoming Christmas season here at Edgeboro!

Put these dates on your calendar.

CHRISTMAS ATTIC TREASURE donations will be accepted from October 6- October 20. Place them on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Questions: contact Megan Weikert or Robyn Balsai.

PRICING DAYS will be October 22, 23 and November 6 at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Join us if you'd like to help price our Christmas attic treasures. Questions: contact Megan Weikert or Robyn Balsai

MOSS GATHERING – Saturday, November 2nd – 9:00 am in the church parking lot. Lunch will be provided in the woods! Rain date: Sunday, November 3rd . Questions: contact Blake Messman

HAND MADE CRAFTS need to be in church before November 9th if you are not able to sell them at the Extravaganza. **Price your items!** If you are going to join us on November 9th, bring your items then. Make sure to let Megan or Robyn know by November 8th how much table space you will need. Questions: contact Megan Weikert or Robyn Balsai.

5th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA ~ Saturday, November 9th, 10:00 am -1:00 pm. Come sell your handmade crafts; donate baked goods; provide homemade soup; help at a craft table; help with set up and clean up; come buy candles and stars, etc.! There are many volunteer opportunities! Contact Robyn Balsai at 610-428-0145, if you can help in any way.

DONATIONS OF NEWSPAPER (no shiny ads) can be placed on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Questions - contact Art Sergent

PUTZ RAISING ~ Saturday, November 16th at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Come for as little or as long as you can to assist with decorating the Christmas Room, the entrance and hallway, making some simple crafts, and working on the Putz. Contact Art Sergent, Robyn Balsai, or Megan Weikert for more info.

The 2024 Putz and Christmas Room schedule for walk-ins December 1st through December 22nd:

Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm;

Sundays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm

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 six 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 Sep 14 Carole Burkhardt
Oct 12 Blake Messman

- **ONGOING: Hygiene Items for Northeast Community Center (NECC)**—In June, NECC is opening a new section of their food pantry for hygiene items. To help get this started, Edgeboro is collecting the following hygiene items: anti-bacterial wipes, hand soap, laundry detergent, menstrual products, mouthwash, and tissues.

Monthly Highlights

Elders

- The Elders last met on Thursday, August 1st. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, September 5th.
- Get well, congratulations, condolences, anniversary, and birthday cards were written to send and signed by the Elders to various church members.
- Reports from CEC & Youth, Fellowship, House usage, Outreach and Collections, Pastor, and Trustees were given.
- Day of Service (Sept. 15) will be coupled with a fellowship breakfast.
- The Edgeboro dart team will be merging with Trinity UCC on Monday nights this fall with Edgeboro being the home field.
- The Elders continue to work with the church office in reconcile the accuracy of our church records.
- Sue Testa will represent the Elders on the Budget Committee. Andrew Miller will represent the Elders on the Nominating Committee.

Trustees

- The Trustees last met on August 22nd. The Trustees will meet next on Thursday, September 26th
- Committee reports were given from CEC & Youth, Elders, Evangelism & Outreach, Fellowship & House, Finance & Audit, Stewardship & Financial Communications, Pastor, and Treasurer.
- Discussion about replacing the internet cord in the sanctuary for live streaming. Tom Pheiffer has a plan that he will discuss with Trustees.
- Annual Personnel Reviews will be completed by a couple of trustees.
- Steve Henning and Jane Martin will represent the Trustees on the Budget Committee. Debra Weikert volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee.
- The Trustees approved the 2023 Audit Report from Jane Martin and Mike Jones.
- The Trustees approved the release of memorial funds to cover the cost of fire-retardant treatment for Putz curtains, replacement of room dividers.
- The Trustees approved the purchase of 6 new plastic tables to replace the old brown ones.
- There will be a lock added to the dumpster.
- Light fixtures in the donation room are still needed for the Eagle Scout Project.
- Work has begun to establish and update new policies for ministry and administration.

Joint Board

- The next Joint Board meeting will be held October 24 at 7:00pm.

Fellowship

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



September Birthdays

- 4) Nelson Hoff
- 6) Thomas Balsai
Deborah Hepler
LaRue Jones
- 7) Karlie Harrell
Andrew Miller
- 9) Brent Sergent, II
- 10) Paul Messman
- 11) Nikole Raskovic
- 12) William Burkhardt
Stephen Kish
Martin Talpas, Jr.
- 15) Veronica Campanella
- 17) Rita Young
- 19) Anne Hosterman
Tyler Rohn
- 22) Leah Henry
- 23) Wiley Aker
Andrew Schwepfinger
- 24) Todd Schwepfinger
- 27) Laurie Schwepfinger
- 28) Myra Jones
- 29) Renee Shelbo
- 30) Benjamin Miller
Eric Smith

Church Directory

UPDATE

New member:

Patrick (PJ) O'Brien, Jr.
1721 Elm St, Bethlehem PA
18017
Phone: 267.443-7328
email: pobrien24@gmail.com

Phone Correction:

Daniel Heimbrook
Phone: 610.741-7338

September Anniversaries

- 1) Jeremiah & Jessica Beller
- 4) Rick & Cynthia Grebs
- 5) Stephen & Sheryl Moller
Robin & Louis Zsilavetz
- 8) John & Marcia Madison
Garrett & Kathryn Podhyski
- 17) Ronald & Carol Freyman
- 19) Pat & Nancy Zulli
- 25) Jim & Jessie Bucchin
Gary & Sherrie Rohn



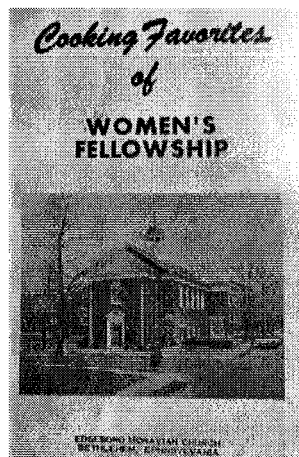
Ice Cream Festival Update

Edgeboro's 2024 Ice Cream Festival was successful! The rain didn't stop our neighbors from coming out, and we were blessed that the rain stopped just in time for the festival to begin. Many of you brought your friends and neighbors. Our volunteer force was more than adequate to meet the needs of our visitors. Topping last year's number, which was the first time this event raised over \$3,000 for the church, we raised over \$3,200 in 2024! Thank you everyone for supporting Edgeboro with your donations and attendance, and enjoying your evening with us!



September Children Birthdays

- 8) Ruthie Ammon
- 10) Thea Bannon
- 14) Asher Koren
- 24) Daniel Borowski
Lachlan Burkhardt-McGoff
Quinn Burkhardt-McGoff
- 27) Joseph Scalise



Edgeboro Pictures!

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

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Beef Barbecue

Shared by Mrs. Richard Grebs

1 lb. ground beef	1 can water
1/2 c. chopped onion	1 Tbsp. sugar
1/4 c. chopped celery	1 Tbsp. vinegar
1/4 c. chopped green peppers	1/2 c. catsup
1 can tomato paste	1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
Salt	Pepper

Saute onions, celery, peppers until clear.
Brown ground beef and mix with other ingredients.
Simmer for 1 hour.



Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship	2	3	4 6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8417	5 7:00pm Elders meeting	6	7	
8 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Rally Day, Children's Lovefeast, Sunday School Installation	9 9:30am Palette Club Board Meeting 7:00pm Darts @ East Hills	10	11 6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8417	12	13	14	
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22 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Confirmation class	23 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Darts vs. College Hill	24	25 6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8417	26 7:00pm Trustees Meeting	27	28	
29 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Confirmation class	30 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Darts vs. Holy Cross	1 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	2 6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8417	3 7:00pm Elders meeting	4	5	



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10:30am Worship

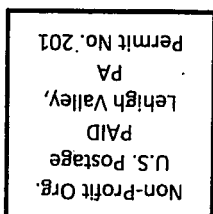
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churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org
Office Hours: Mon.—Fri. 9:00am—1:00pm
Organist & Choir Director: Gayle Justice
Sexton: Greg Clugston

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