

Edgeboro Moravian Church's Newsletter

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Dear Edgeboro Friends & Family,

Welcome to fall! Though the official start of the season didn't happen until September 22nd, plenty of fall-related church events have already taken place. After participating in them, I have a lot of numbers on my mind and I thought I'd share them now since by sharing them I'll also be describing what happened at these events.

On Rally Day, September 8th, 5 Sunday School classes met to kick off the new Sunday School year. Some had good discussion, others made long train tracks (pre-school class), and others rotated among 4 story-telling groups based on the movie *Inside Out 2*.

Later on Rally Day, over 120 Moravians (a 69% increase from last year's attendance of 71) attended the BAM (Un)Picnic to assemble 600 water filters. We give thanks to the Bethlehem Area Moravians Ministries Committee and the Board of World Mission for *each* making \$15,000 donations to purchase these water filters which will be distributed to families in the La Moskitia region of Honduras. Each of these filters can last over 10 years and filter over 1,000,000 gallons of water!

On the Moravian Day of Service, September 15th, 65 people gathered to eat breakfast together before breaking off to organize 4 Sunday School rooms, cover 5 sidewalk segments with encouraging chalk pictures and messages, write over 20 cards to congregation members and ministry partners, write over 70 "love notes" with encouraging messages that will accompany the aforementioned water filters, prep the water filters to be shipped so there were 50 in each box, and applied 100s of square feet of paint in the donation room.

As the calendar turns to October, I have another number on my mind: 110. J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* made famous the use of "eleventy" for 110 when in the book Bilbo Baggins celebrated his eleventy-first birthday. Eleventy has since been used a little differently in order to describe an indefinitely large number, just like "lots" or "tons."

Edgeboro will be eleventy years old - "lots" of years old - later this month on October 25th. (We will celebrate this anniversary during worship on October 27th.)

May all these numbers be a fun and timely reminder that "lots" of ministry has been done, is being done, and will be done here at Edgeboro. There are "lots" of opportunities to serve, "lots" of people to love, and "lots" of us needed to share the good news of Jesus and his love!

Grateful for "lots" with you,
Pastor Dan

Sunday Schedule & Volunteers

October 6

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 10:30am Worship – *Communion, Joyful Noise Offering*

Elder Tammy Baer
Sacristans John & Paula Horn
Ushers Bob & Elley Silfies
Lawn Rick Grebs (10.6-12)

October 13

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

Elder Sue Testa
Sacristans Mike & Terri Long
Ushers Eric Smith & Family
Lawn Steve Millheim (10.13-19)

October 20

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

Elder Season Pagano
Sacristans Mike & Myra Jones
Ushers Art Sergent
Lawn Tom Clements & Judi Johnson (10.20-26)

October 27

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

Elder Tim Jones
Sacristans Thomas & Gilda Pheiffer; Peggy Leith
Ushers Mike & Terri Long
Lawn Jon Terry (10.27-11.2)

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.
- **October’s Joyful Noise Offering**—This month’s Joyful Noise Offering will support Valley Youth House. 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.
- **Sunday School**—Here’s our full lineup of Sunday School classes! 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.

- **Fall Church Council**—This year’s fall church council meeting will take place on Sunday, November 10th immediately following worship. At this meeting, we will review the ministries of the last year, elect board members, and present the 2025 church budget. All church members age 18+ are voting members of church council. *(If you head up a ministry at Edgeboro and would like to include a written report in the church council packet, please submit your report to the church office.)*

Worship Attendance (In-Person + Online)		
September	2023	2024
Week 1	130	106
Week 2	129 (RD)	116(RD)
Week 3	44 (DOS)	65 (DOS)
Week 4	106	103
Week 5	N/A	97

Key:
 RD: Rally Day
 DOS: Day of Service
Includes YouTube & Facebook views

Monthly Financial Update		
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	\$20,376.33	General Income through August 31
August General Income	\$19,861.09	2023: \$124,681.05
Monthly Difference	(\$515.24)	2024: \$134,762.50
Year to Date Difference	(\$28,248.17)	Percent change: +8%

Church News & Events

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

- **Halloween Open House**—Plans are forming among members of the CEC to host a trick-or-treating event at the church on Friday, October 25th (Bethlehem's Trick-or-Treating day). Keep an eye out for further announcements and plan to come serve candy and snacks, and/or stop by on your trick-or-treating route!
- **MMF Events Chat & Chill** Every Thursday, 10am-1pm, **Essentials Cafe** is the October location (will change month-to-month). Join Associate Director, Kyle Johnston, every Thursday for coffee or brunch at a local establishment. Come with questions, concerns, suggestions, or simply to chat and find out what the Moravian Music Foundation is doing in Bethlehem and beyond. Questions? Contact: Kyle Johnston, kyle@moravianmusic.org or 610.866-3340
Chorale Play Along October 19, 3:00-5:30pm, **West Side Moravian, 402 Third Ave.** All instrumentalists are invited. This is an opportunity to play your favorite chorales, practice unfamiliar ones, and learn new ones.
- **Seniors & Friends** will meet October 3, 11:30am at **West Side Moravian, 402 Third Avenue**. Bethlehem Mounted Police will be joining. With a hearty clip-clop, the horses and their officer-partners patrol the city, protecting residents and visitors alike. As unofficial ambassadors to the community, together they strengthen the bond between community and law enforcement by providing a unique interaction. Smiles abound with each meeting and, for a moment, the present-day echoes memories of long ago. Bring a Friend & a Sandwich. Beverage and Dessert will be provided! **The front door located on 3rd Ave will be open for easier access to the meeting.**
- **Moravian Historical Society**—167th Annual Meeting, Lecture, & Reception **Saturday, October 5, 2:30pm** Meeting, 3:00pm Lecture by James A Owen :Our Class in America: John Comenius and Native American Education at Harvard in the Seventeenth Century” RSVP: [610.759-5070](tel:610.759-5070) or www.moravianhistory.org/annual-meeting
- **Board of World Mission Benefit Singstunde & Retirement Celebration** for the Rt. Rev. J. Christian Giesler. **Saturday, October 5, 6:00pm-8:00pm, Emmaus Moravian Church, 146 Main Street, Emmaus.** You are invited to an evening of song, praise, and Good News to raise funds to provide Moravian Daily Texts Books for our sisters and brothers in the Labrador Mission Province. Music for the evening will be provided by the Giesler family and friends. Come ready to sing, listen, pray, and contribute to a project that is changing lives in Labrador. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact **Sue Adams** at [610.867-1732](tel:610.867-1732) or sue@moravianmission.org.
- **Monocacy Farm Food Festival** The 9th Annual Monocacy Farm Food Festival will be held **Sunday, October 6, 11:00am-4:00pm** at 395 Bridle Path Road, **Bethlehem**. Enjoy local food and artisan vendors, live music, crats & activities, raffles and more \$5/person or \$10/family. For more information, visit MonocacyFarmProject.org
- **Nazareth Moravian Church Rummage Sale**— **Friday, October 11th, 3:00-7:00pm** and **Saturday, October 12th, 9:00am-1:00pm**. Bag sale begins at 9:00am. Kitchen Open - Food to Go Both Days.
- **Worship Celebration** for the inscription for Moravian Church Settlements, featuring the Transnational Voices of our World Heritage Partners will be held **Wednesday, October 16** at **Central Moravian Church 400 Main Street**. Musical Prelude begins at 5:45pm; Worship celebration begins at 6:00pm.
- **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.
- **Allentown Band Oktoberfest Concert** **Sunday, October 27, 3:00pm, Christ Lutheran Church, 13th & Hamilton Sts, Allentown.** Carole Burkhardt will be performing Mahler's *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen* with the band. Concert is free and open to the public.

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- **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)
- **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.
- **Eagle Scout Project at Edgeboro**—You may see some new work being done at the church! 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!

Edgeboro Putz & Christmas Room ~ 2024

It's October! Putz season is quickly approaching. Look at all the different ways you can join in the fun!

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** from 10:00 am until 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 if you can participate in any way. Call her at 610-865-1110 and leave a message or text her at 610-428-0145.

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 or Robyn Balsai or Megan Weikert for more info.

VOLUNTEER to be a host/hostess or an assistant in the Christmas Room. See Robyn Balsai or Deb Hepler if you are interested. Community service hours for high school students! Training provided (November 17th and 24th after worship in Fellowship Hall).

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: shopping bags, 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 Oct. 12: Blake Messman; Nov. 9: Jon Terry; Dec. 14: Tom Pheiffer
- **NEW (Through Nov. 18): Thanksgiving Food Drive for Northeast Community Center (NECC)**—NECC is requesting that Edgeboro collect 250 boxes of mac & cheese and 250 jars of gravy. Please start collecting these items and bringing them to the church! NECC appreciates our partnership and generosity!

Monthly Highlights Elders

- The Elders last met on Thursday, September 5th. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, October 3rd.
- Get well, congratulations, condolences, anniversary, thank you, and birthday cards were written to send and signed by the Elders to various church members.
- Continued planning for the Moravian Day of Service activities was discussed.
- The Elders will be heading up a gardening project at the Valley Youth House shelter at their request. The Elders look to coordinate these efforts in October.
- The Elders continue to work with the church office in reconcile the accuracy of our church records.
- Sue Testa will be doing the Church Staff Annual Evaluation interviews this month.
- Sue Testa will represent the Elders on the Budget Committee. Andrew Miller will represent the Elders on the Nominating Committee.
- Joyful Noise recipients for October: *Valley Youth House*, November: *The Moravian Open Door*, and December: *The Freezer Ministry & Garden Gatherers* were chosen.

Trustees

- The Trustees last met on September 26th. The Trustees will meet next on Thursday, October 24th.
- Reports were given from CEC & Youth, Elders, Evangelism & Outreach, Fellowship & House, Finance & Audit, Stewardship & Financial Communications, Pastor, and Treasurer.
- The Budget Committee, Nominating Committee, and Church Staff Annual reviews will be meeting soon.
- The recommended 2023 audit report journal entries have been made.
- Progress on pest extermination and garage break-in repair has been made.
- Brad Miller will do the Belfry lights.
- Evangelism and Outreach discussed flower bed work at Valley Youth House and the Northeast Community Center Thanksgiving food drive (250 each of mac & cheese and gravy)
- LED lighting panels will be purchased and installed in the kitchen to replace the current fixtures.

Joint Board

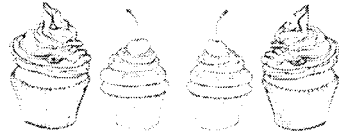
- The next Joint Board meeting will be held October 24 at 7:00pm to review the 2025 church budget.

Fellowship

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

October Birthdays

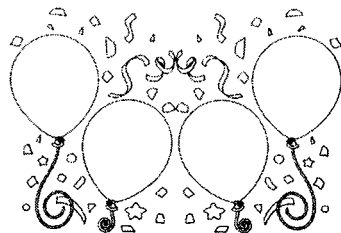
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| 1) Kay Gariepy | 29) Brittany Lilly |
| 2) Lacey Bacon | Justin Peters |
| Harmony Hoff | 30) Jameson Gillen |
| 4) Tammy Baer | 31) Aleace Walrath |
| Joyce LeWando | |
| Art Sergent | |
| Brent Sergent | |
| 5) James Buss | |
| Jennifer Minnich | |



- 6) Dennis Wilson
 7) Namelia Duro
 8) Robert Engelbrecht, II
 9) Jessica Beller
 Traci Millheim
 10) Helene Boyle
 12) Claire Hahn
 Christopher Shelbo
 13) Beth Behrend
 Spencer Smith
 14) Michael Becker
 Eric Gross
 16) Andrew Giesler
 18) Donna Trayes
 Karen Werner
 20) Sophie Terry
 21) Kyle Borowski
 Paula Horn
 Paulette Moll
 22) Anita Fazakas
 Peter Raskovic
 Carole Schachter
 23) Robert Frank
 Chase Hudson
 Rachel Schachter
 24) P.J. O'Brien, Jr.
 25) Joseph Courtade
 Daniel Terry
 26) Craig Neiman
 Terry Smyser
 27) Brad Miller
 28) Penny Sergent
 Michelle Volkert

October Children Birthdays

- 8) Callen Walrath
 Hailey Walrath
 13) Dane Mohap
 14) Aidan Sergent
 21) Chase Dotta
 22) Aubrey Rohn
 Jane Rumble
 27) Faith Batson



October Anniversaries

- 1) Tom & Christine Shafer
 2) Luke & Katlyn Maritch
 7) Stephen & Katy Kish
 12) John & Diane Knox
 13) Peter & Jennifer Maugle
 16) Chris & Amy Dreisbach
 19) Scott & Anita Jones
 22) Hope & Tim Harrell
 26) Ryan & Heather James
 Thomas & Gilda Pheiffer
 30) David & Sharon Bond



Greetings!

Thank you for your support of the work of the BWM. Your generous gift of \$70.00 for the Mercy World Organization helps us continue to make a difference in the lives of our Moravian brothers and sisters and their communities.

Your support will help "save the dreams" of a vulnerable child orphaned by HIV/AIDS in Mbeya, Tanzania. MEWO partners with government social service agencies to provide support for children whose situations make them extremely vulnerable. Because they have lost loved ones who have died from HIV/AIDS, these children not only suffer from their loss, but also carry the heavy stigma of this disease. Although they have been taken in by a caregiver, they frequently are neglected and in danger of having to beg for food. Using a holistic approach, MEWO brings hope to these children by providing them with food, education, healthcare, counseling, and advocacy. In addition, MEWO provides counseling and advocacy for the children's caregivers and provides food and health care for all members of the caregiver's households.

Thank you again for your support.

Peace and blessings,

Sue Adams, Administrative Assistant

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Baked Meat Balls

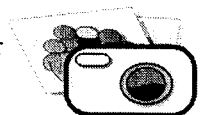
Mrs. Robert Ference

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| 2. 1/2 lb . ground beef | 1/4 c finely chopped onions |
| 3 eggs | 1/4 c. finely chopped green pepper |
| Salt and Pepper | 1 c. bread crumbs |
| 3/4 c. chili sauce | 1 c. cream of mushroom soup |

Mix together all ingredients except soup. Form into small balls and roll in flour. Brown lightly in a fry pan and then place in a deep baking dish. Cover with soup and bake slowly for 1 hour at 300-375 degrees F.

Edgeboro Pictures!

As you take pictures at church, please remember to share them with us!



October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Confirmation class</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Darts vs. Holy Cross</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8417</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00pm Elders meeting</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Communion</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Darts vs. Bethany UCC</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8417</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30am Palette Club Board Meeting 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Darts vs. First UCC</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8417</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Girl Scouts</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship 1:30pm Palette Club Group 5:00pm Confirmation class</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Darts vs. Fritz Wesleyan</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8417</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00pm Joint Board 7:30pm Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Edgeboro's 105th Anniversary 5:30pm Halloween Open House</p>	<p>26</p>
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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

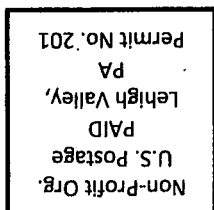
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churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org
Office Hours: Mon.—Fri. 9:00am—1:00pm
Organist & Choir Director: Gayle Justice
Sexton: Greg Clugston

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