

Announcements

Edgeboro's 2024 Watchword: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord." (*Joshua 24:16*)

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 15 9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 9:30am Church Breakfast
 10:30am Worship-Moravian Day of Service
 1:30pm Palette Club Group
 5:00pm Initial Parent/Confirmand Meeting

Monday, September 16 6:00pm Girls Scouts
 7:00pm Darts vs. Star of Bethlehem

Wednesday, September 18 6:30pm Girl Scouts

Sunday, September 22 9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 10:30am Worship
 Elder: Sue Testa
 Ushers: John & Rosie Bauman
 Sacristans: John & Rosie Bauman
 Lawn (9.22- 9.28): Art Sergeant
 5:00pm Confirmation Class

Edgeboro is participating in the **Moravian Day of Service** today, Sunday, September 15th. All persons present will engage in one or more of the following service activities: Decluttering various areas of the church, writing/drawing with sidewalk chalk, writing cards to fellow Edgeboro members and ministry partners, and painting in the donation room. Individuals who can't attend in person are encouraged to make a special gift to the Joyful Noise offering.

The Bethlehem Palette Club invites you to join them for a painting demonstration this afternoon, Sunday, September 15, at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Their presenter this month, Kat Collins, is an acclaimed abstract artist based in Easton. Kat is known for her vibrant and mixed-media paintings. She draws inspiration from life, music, and poetry. You do not need to be an artist to attend.

Hygiene Items for NECC – Northeast Community Center has opened a new section of their food pantry for hygiene items. Edgeboro is collecting the following hygiene items: anti-bacterial wipes, hand soap, laundry detergent, menstrual products, mouthwash, and tissues.

Essentials Café 418 3rd Ave., Bethlehem (www.essentialscafe.org, 610.419-1990), is open Tuesdays through Fridays, 8:00am-2:00pm. The cafe is always in need of additional volunteers. Be a greeter, server, cook, caretaker, booster, forager, gardener, and more! Learn more and sign up to volunteer at essentialscafe.org/take-action **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.

Upcoming activities at the café:

- **Welsh Cookie Making Class, November 16, 2pm 418 3rd Ave**
Learn to make delicious Welsh cookies with Tammy Lavoy \$10.00 cash donation. Register early at: essentialscafe418@gmail.com Only 20 spots are available!
- **Community Kiffle Making with Dawn** will be held October 14th and October 28th both at 7:30pm at the cafe. \$10 cash donation.

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**. Churches in the Nazareth area have been invited to participate with us. For more information, contact Cindy Tsurumaki, or Gwen Ritter.

Moravian Music Weekend in Lititz Saturday & Sunday; Sept. 21 - 22, 2024. Participate in Choir & Band. Play & Sing /Learn & Share! To register, visit www.moravianmusic.org and make plans to attend a music weekend for choral and instrumental music! \$50 for adults; \$10 for youth and students, 17 and under. T An extended band prelude and concert by the choir with the Lititz Moravian Collegium Musicum rounds out this enriching and fulfilling weekend. **Concert Prelude 3:45pm; Concert 4:30pm - 5:45pm; \$15/\$5 at the door (cash only) for the public. Lititz Moravian Congregation, 8 Church Square, Lititz, PA.**

MMF Music History Classes Christopher Ogburn, PhD, Director of Programming and Resident Musicologist for Moravian Music Foundation, will offer two series of music history class through the Comenius Music Academy, online only, so you may join weekly, from anywhere
Medieval Period: Mondays, September 16 -October 7,
Renaissance Period: Mondays November 4 - November 25.

Classes begin at noon and are through zoom.

Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/bdhhmb3z> to sign up online to attend.

Who Do You Say That I am?

Glory, fame, honor, praise, power are goals we do not normally associate with Jesus' disciples. When Peter, rightly, proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah, the context of this story points to the fact that Peter had his own understanding of the role and purpose of God's chosen one. Peter's understanding of Jesus' mission was influenced and nurtured in his faith community and national hope and expectations. Peter and the disciples were not born with these ambitions. Our faith positions are years in the making, from seeds planted in faith formation experiences, stories learned at home, and local and national worldviews. Jesus asked his disciples, Who do you say that I am?

What about you? When we declare Jesus as the Messiah, are we proclaiming a false understanding, like Peter in the Gospel of Mark in chapter 8? Jesus predicts his arrest, suffering, death, and resurrection, which Peter rejected. Jesus' story did not fit Peter's hope and greatness that he envisioned.

Jesus rebuked Peter because Peter had in mind not the will of God, but his own. Jesus turned away from Peter and looked to the disciples and the crowd, and he told them his followers must deny themselves, carry their cross, and follow him.

Are we ready to follow the Messiah? Are we willing to shake off the myths, cultural biases, civic influences that may make Jesus the Messiah of our own making?

Peter and the disciples had to learn to allow Jesus to be the Messiah and to follow him. Let us engage the biblical story and allow God's Spirit to guide us as we follow the Messiah.

Mark V. Breland Sr., pastor, Lititz Moravian Congregation Lititz, Pennsylvania

The Moravian Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024



Prayer Requests

Use this prayer list creatively in whatever way that will help you remember these names in prayer. Take it home. Place this list in a certain place. Pray while doing certain things. Pray for a different group of people each day. Download an app on your phone that will help keep your prayers organized. Do what works for you to remain connected in prayer. Here are those we are praying for now:

Healing

Billy Christman (Sherri Hoff)

Jim Grebs (Rick Grebs)

Kiera Pheiffer (Tom Pheiffer)

Pastor Ray Short (Mike & Terri Long)

Allison (Kathie Klein)

Amanda (Steve & Donna Henning)

Deb Geiger (Holly Haines)

Kathy Loch (Sharon Hallowell)

Ted Terry (Jon & Lynn Terry)

Nancy Zulli (Pat Zulli)

Rosie (Nancy Remaly)

Suzanne (Rita Gambler)

Homebound

Ann Amidon (Jessie Bucchin)

Joyce LeWando

Guidance

Janice Bourdage

Jeffrey Boyle (Helene Boyle)

Gareth Messman (Messmans)

Ryan Zaun (Sharon Zaun)

Julie (Marcia)

Safekeeping

Officer Mark Kuntzman (Bethlehem Mounted Police) deployed to Iraq

This list will be refreshed regularly. If you would like a name added or removed from the list, please fill out a blue prayer request card found in the pews or contact the church office.