

The Envoy

Est. 1943

February 2025, Volume 83, Issue 2

Dear Edgeboro Friends & Family,

Let's take a moment to look at Edgeboro's watchword for 2025. As you know, the tradition of drawing watchwords and finding wisdom and God's leading in them is a long-held tradition in the Moravian Church. This watchword, chosen by our own Josh Testa in early January, certainly has plenty in it to draw from, proving the tradition is alive and well!

Edgeboro's 2025 watchword is Psalm 145:9: "The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made."

I think this watchword tells us a lot about God, a lot about us, and a lot about who God calls us to love and serve.

What does this tell us about God? That God is good and compassionate. In Hebrew, the word for "good" used here is the same one first used to describe creation when God looks over creation after each day and calls it "good." Reading that into the psalm, it's supposed to make us remember how God is eternally good, sharing goodness from the very beginning to this day, and forevermore. God's compassion as mentioned in this verse adds more depth to the goodness already mentioned with some nuance that can't be detected in English. In Hebrew, the word used here for "compassion" is *rachem*. It means to love and have mercy, but the nuance comes from the root of the word, which is *rechem* (a one letter difference). *Rechem* is the word for womb, so *rachem* not only means compassion, love and mercy- it means to have compassion, love, and mercy like a mother has for her child. God is good because God forever loves like a dedicated mother.

What does this tell us about us? That we are loved, worthy of love, and watched over. God is a God nearby that cares about our day to day lives and provides for us in ways we don't even recognize.

What does this tell us about others? Notice the word "all" is used twice in this verse. God isn't good only to our loved ones or only to our family. God isn't compassionate only toward the place you live or only the United States. God's goodness and compassion is shared with all people, all countries, and all creation everywhere.

As members and friends of Edgeboro who have this congregational watchword, I pray that you become aware of God's unending love and compassion for you in familiar and new ways this year, and I pray that you consistently remind your fellow congregation members and friends of God's love for them. I also pray that you hear God calling you to love the people and creation God forever loves - all people everywhere - which is becoming increasingly controversial and challenging in the world we live in. May your words, actions, and ministries as individuals and a church reflect God's love, and may you support one another all along the way this year, and beyond.

Edgeboro Friends and Family, this is the final time that I have the privilege of communicating with you like this in *The Envoy*. Thank you for your time, thoughts, and attention while reading. The Apostle Paul wrote a sign-off to Second Corinthians that I'll repurpose as my own now. "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the sharing in the Holy Spirit be with all of you."

Always growing, loving, and serving with you,
Pastor Dan

Sunday Schedule & Volunteers

February 2

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 10:30am Worship—*Joint Board Installation, Pastor Dan's last Sunday*

Elder Sue Testa
Sacristans Jon & Lynn Terry
Ushers Brent & Kyle Sergent

February 9

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 9:30am Breakfast
 10:30am Worship—*Joyful Noise Offering*

Elder Tim Jones
Sacristans John & Rosie Bauman
Ushers Carol Saeger & Nancy Bartleman

February 16

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 10:30am Worship
 1:30pm Palette Club Group

Elder Kyle Borowski
Sacristans Ron & Carol Freyman
Ushers Rodney Sergent

February 23

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

Elder Spencer Smith
Sacristans John & Paula Horn
Ushers Heath & Val Hoff

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.
- **February's Joyful Noise Offering**—This month's Joyful Noise Offering will support Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering. 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.
- **Farewell Pot Luck** Pastor Dan's last Sunday at Edgeboro will be February 2nd. Come out to say farewell and stay for the Italian inspired Pot Luck. If you would like to contribute either an entree, a side, a dessert, or beverage, please contact: Dr. Becky Miller (610.442-8204).



Financial Update

2023 Income: \$235,140.68	2024 Income: \$241,691.06
2023 Expenses: \$249,942.46	2024 Expenses: \$265,898.61
2023 Difference: (\$14,801.78)	2024 Difference: (\$23,207.55)

Note: These numbers are reported differently than at previous church councils. These numbers have been adjusted to reflect activity only contained in each fiscal year. A large portion of Edgeboro's annual obligations to the province are paid in early January of the following year. Also, offering from 12/24/24, 12/29/24 and a portion of 2024 Putz income was deposited in 2025 and not reflected in 2024 numbers.

Worship Attendance (In-Person + Online)

January	2024	2025	Key: B: Baptism C: Communion CD: Confirmation Day <i>Includes YouTube & Facebook views</i>
Week 1	136	174(C)	
Week 2	125	128	
Week 3	118	219(B)	
Week 4	149	207 (C, CD)	

Church News & Events

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

- **2025 Moravian Daily Texts**— If you would like a 2025 *Moravian Daily Texts*, please contact the church office or order them online at store.moravian.org.
- **2025 Watchwords**— If you would like a 2025 watchword and cannot make it to the church, please call the church office and we will draw one for you!
- **Directory Updates**—The church office is collecting updates for the 2025 directory. If any of your contact information has changed (address, phone, email, etc.), let us know at churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org or 610.866-8793.
- **Nursery News** Do you miss the days when you could snuggle a little one, but your little ones are now taller than you are? You're in luck! We are hoping to recruit some people to restart our nursery program during the worship. The list from years ago needs to be updated with people who would be able/willing to help watch children while their parents enjoy worship. **Your clearances need to be updated in the office if you would like to volunteer.** ***See Carole Schachter for this!*** If you are interested, please contact Jenny Minnich at 610-248-9250 or jejm98@gmail.com.
- **The 27th Season of the Unitas Chorale** is announced by the Moravian Music Foundation. Singers are encouraged to join and all voices are welcome! (No audition required!) . Unitas rehearses the **1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month at 3:00pm at College Hill Moravian Church**. Come to the **first rehearsal on Jan. 5** or contact **Gwyneth Michel, Director**; gwynmichel@aol.com The concert theme will be *One in Faith and One in Love* on **Sunday, May 4, 4:00 pm**; location tbd.
- **Seniors and Friends** BRING a Friend & a Sandwich. Beverage and Dessert will be Provided! **February 6- 11:30am, West Side Moravian Church 402 3rd Ave** Presentation by Martha Capwell-Fox from the National Canal Museum The Lehigh Navigation: How a waterway changed the Lehigh Valley and the Nation The Lehigh Navigation began as a way to deliver anthracite coal from Carbon County to Philadelphia. The waterway ingeniously incorporated the Lehigh River and canal sections dug into its banks. This new commerce and transportation route in the Lehigh Valley not only pushed the closed Moravian society of Bethlehem to open up, it ignited the American Industrial Revolution which had its birth in the Lehigh Valley and ultimately led to the development of Bethlehem Steel.
- **Essentials Café**— To Go Fundraiser on Thurs. Feb 13th Pick up: 4-6pm @ Essentials Cafe 418 Third Ave Bethlehem PA 18018 Choice of one pan of: Traditional ziti with meat or Squash lasagna Comes with: mixed green salad, garlic bread and brownies for dessert Serving for 2- \$30.00 Serving for 4- \$60.00 **Pre Orders only; Deadline Feb 7th** Order and pay online at <https://www.essentialscafe.org/ToGoDinner>, or at the cafe during normal hours. 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 food prep nights for the cafe at West Side Moravian Church. If you plan to attend, contact West Side Moravian at: westsidemoravian@gmail.com or 610.865-0256. The cafe is always in need of additional volunteers. Visit their website to learn more and sign up to volunteer.
- **Volunteers Needed for World Heritage Site Tours**—Love history, our treasured (and now World Heritage) Moravian buildings, and also sharing what the living 21st century Moravian Church is all about? Please volunteer to give tours with Central Moravian Church, which take place **Fridays and Saturdays, 2:00-4:00pm** (Old Chapel or Sanctuary). Now is the perfect time as we start preparing for more guests in November and into December. If you have had any concerns, questions etc., or to receive a brief training, please talk with Pastor Janel Rice (janel@centralmoravianchurch.org) or Central's World Heritage/Tour Committee chair, Betsy Miller (betsy@mcnp.org). We (or another experienced volunteer) would be more than happy to walk you through things at the beginning of a shift. There is a prepared script for you with no expectation of memorizing anything and there are no expectations that you will know all the answers beyond the script! View the Sign-Up Genius at tinyurl.com/centraltours (scroll down the page to see sign-up times).

Church News & Events

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

- **BAM Annual Meeting** This year's BAM Annual Meeting will be held **Tuesday, February 18, 6:30pm** at **Advent Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Road**. A virtual meeting link will be provided closer to the event.
- **Music at the Museum—First Sundays** are free at the Bethlehem Museum Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites. Come explore the rich history of the Kemmerer Museum of Decorative Arts and the Moravian Museum of Bethlehem for FREE! The Moravian Music Foundation will provide an element of music, different each month between 1:00–4:00pm. (The Museum is open 11am–5pm). Learn more at [historichbethlehem.org](http://historich Bethlehem.org).
- **Moravian Newsletters** To view the Moravian Monthly, MMFA Communique, the Board of World Mission's Mission Minute, and past Envoy issues visit the Newsletter Box on our homepage. If you wish to have the Moravian Monthly sent to your e-mail, contact Sylvie Hauser at: sylvie@mcnp.org to begin receiving this newsletter by email.
- **Thank You from the Putz Committee We Love Our Volunteers!**
The Putz Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make the 2024 Putz season a joyous one for all the visitors who came through our church. We shared the story of the Birth of Jesus, fellowship, and told them about being a Moravian. We even offered a unique shopping experience. **Our volunteers were a true gift to all this past Christmas!**
Thanks to everyone who donated attic treasures, made crafts, priced items for sale, collected moss, assisted at the Putz raising, set up risers, decorated the hallway, served as a host/hostess and Christmas Room assistant, invited family, friends and neighbors, made purchases in the Christmas Room, shared information on social media, and made monetary donations. Special thanks to Carole in the church office for keeping track of our tour groups and to Greg our custodian for keeping the place sparkling. A big thanks to Pastor Dan for engaging with the school groups and being our biggest cheerleader!
- **MMF NEWS:**
 - ◇ **Unitas Chorale 27th Season** is announced by the Moravian Music Foundation. Singers are encouraged to join and all voices are welcome! (No audition required!) . Unitas rehearses the **1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month, College Hill Moravian Church Fellowship Hall at 3:00pm** Come to rehearsal or e-mail Gwyneth Michel, Director: gwynmichel@aol.com The concert **With One Accord**, will be held **Sunday, May 4, 2025, 4:00 pm; Advent Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Rd, Bethlehem.**
 - ◇ **Music on the Mountain Series, February 21-23.** Visit: moravianmusic.org/news-and-events/moravian-music-on-the-mountain/ for more information.
 - ◇ **Comenius Music Academy** is offering a variety of online courses. All are free, but registration is required to receive the zoom link. Sign up for any of the classes below by visiting: moravianmusic.org/comenius-music-academy/
 - Music History of the Baroque Period Mondays March 3-24, 12:00pm** Taught by Christopher Ogburn
 - Music Notation Software, March 21, 12:00pm** Learn about current music publishing software options, how they work, and what kinds of projects can be done with them. Led by Kyle Johnston, MMF Associate Director.
 - Hymnology, April 11, 12:00pm** The Hymnal as a worship resource. Led by Kyle Johnston, MMF Associate Director.
 - Hymn Writing, May 9, 12:00pm** An introduction to hymn writing. Led by Kyle Johnston, MMF Associate Director.
 - ◇ **Chat & Chill** Every Thursday, 10am-1pm, **Essentials Cafe** 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](tel:610.866.3340)
- **College Hill Spring Craft Show** College Hill will be holding a Spring Craft Show on **Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM**. There are indoor and outdoor spots and we are looking to fill the spots with crafters! If you are a crafter and would like to reserve a spot, please complete and submit an application. If you have any questions, please contact **Amy DeLong** at [610.704-0014](tel:610.704.0014) or amdelong3@gmail.com.

Item Collections & Drives

In this section, you will find information and updates about the different things Edgeboro is collecting.

INDOOR DROP-OFF—While the Donation Room is still being remodeled, please bring all donations to the fellowship hall.

OUTDOOR DROP-OFF—Place your items in the donation drop-off shed near 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 13,000 lbs. 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: Feb. 8: Blake Messman; March 8: Carole Burkhardt; April 12: Jon Terry
- **ONGOING: Pop Tabs**—All collected pop tabs will be given to Leo's League for Pediatric Cancer, and they will take them to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. There is a collection jar in the kitchen, so please collect your tabs and bring them to the church to help out with this wonderful cause that helps families with children who are receiving medical care.

Monthly Highlights

Elders

- The Elders last met on Thursday, January 9th Their next meeting will be on Thursday, February 6th.
- The Elders sent out get well, thank you and milestone birthday correspondences.
- Sue Testa was elected as Vice-Chair and Kyle Borowski was elected as Secretary of Elders.
- Andrew Miller has accepted the nomination to serve on the Board of Trustees.
- There was discussion about letters for membership record reconciliation.
- There was discussion about room usage request for May.
- Pastor Dan reported a wedding request, a baptism request and confirmation request, all for January. All were approved.
- Worship leaders were planned through February with some additional March plans, as well as plans for the Lenten Dinners.
- Joyful Noise recipient for April will be Moravian Unity Offering.

Trustees

- The Trustees met on January 5th, 16th, and 23rd. Their next meeting is February 20th.
- The Trustees elected the following officers for 2025: Carole Schachter (chair), Ryan Beller (vice chair), and Deb Weikert (Secretary).
- The Trustees approved the final payment of 2024 annual obligations for Provincial common ministries. The amount was \$25,310.48.
- The Trustees approved the payment of budgeted year end obligations to Northeast Community Center (\$600) and New Bethany Ministries (\$600).
- The Trustees finished the process to enroll in online banking with ESSA for the general church checking account.
- The Trustees voted to transfer \$660 (total memorial gifts collected in 2024) to the MMFA Edgeboro Unrestricted Memorial Funds account, and they voted to withdraw \$1,446.83 from the same fund to pay expenses for Ben Courtade's Eagle Scout project. The project is now complete! Thank you Ben! The Trustees will purchase and install light fixtures and purchase bins for plastic storage.
- The Trustees purchased three new tables for the fellowship hall and a new commercial vacuum for custodial use.
- The church website has been updated and maintained and the church office and administration is now using Google applications (free to nonprofits). The Trustees thank Pastor Dan for making these transitions!
- The Trustees appointed Ryan Beller as Financial Secretary and manager of the Memorial funds. This role was previously held by Bill Burkhardt for the last number of years. The Trustees thank Bill for his years of service to the church!

Joint Board

- The Joint Board will next meet on Monday, February 10th to begin the call process with Eastern District President, Melissa Johnson.

Edgeboro Pictures!

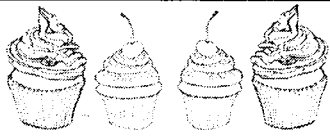
As you take pictures at church, please remember to share them with us!

Send them to: edgeboropictures@gmail.com.



Fellowship

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



February Birthdays

- 1) Rita Gambler
Steven Henning
- 4) Andrew Pagano
- 5) Lindsey Briner
Terry Kunsman
- 8) Shalome Sine
- 11) Craig Kunsman
Francesca Pagano
- 12) Terri Long
- 13) Carson Groner
Nancy Sergent
- 15) Ryan Schwepfinger
Amy Weikert
- 16) Joseph Snyder
- 18) Pasquale Zulli
- 21) Makenna Hoff
- 22) Thomas Mertz
- 23) Christine Verrastro
- 24) John Bauman
Deborah Sacarakis
Ariel Wieller
- 26) Carol DeAngelis
- 27) Carol Freyman

February Children Birthdays

- 6) Michael Lieberman
Sophia Lilly
- 23) Ellie Kish
- 24) Charlotte Lieberman

February Anniversaries

- 7) Tim & Fatima Gilman
- 23) Craig & Tammy Baer
- 24) Robert & Wendy Gross

Church Directory

UPDATE



● Julia Nagle
● 3250 Livingston St
● Philadelphia PA 19134

PLEASE call (610.866-8793) or e-mail (churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org) the church office, with any updates you may have. for the new 2025 church directory!!!

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Flounder Parmesan

from Mrs. Palmer Eby

Ingredients

2 Tbsp. butter 1 tsp. curry
2 Tbsp. flour 1/2 tsp. salt
1 c. milk Grind of pepper
1 tsp. oregano 1/2 c. Parmesan cheese
1 bay leaf 4 flounder fillets

Directions:

Melt butter in saucepan. Blend in flour.
Gradually add milk, using low heat.
Continue stirring. Add remaining ingredients.
Slowly cook about 5 minutes or until thick.
Place fillets in buttered baking dish.
Sprinkle lightly with crumbs.

Pour sauce over fish. Place under broiler until a few dark spots appear.



NOTES OF THANKS

I wanted to reach out to thank you so very much for your Joyful Noise donation! (Oct. '24) I wanted to share my gratitude with the entire Edgeboro congregation. Thank you!!! Many thanks for all of your support of vulnerable youth here in our community!

Kristen Walsh, Associate Director of Advancement
Valley Youth House

Dear Friends of NECC,

We are Constantly overwhelmed by your generosity and are so grateful for your participation in our 2024 Christmas Gift Distribution!

With your help, we were able to distribute over 1900 gifts to 466 people. Thank you so much for your support of NECC through the years, it means so much to us and our community,

Thank you,
NECC Staff

To the congregation of Edgeboro Moravian Church,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$190.00 to Moravian Open Door.

This gift, along with others, enables MOD to continue its service to older homeless individuals by providing transitional housing, breakfast and nutrition education, counseling and other direct services to restore dignity and re-build lives. MOD is a community that rejoices when a resident is finally able to move to a private apartment or other appropriate accommodation, no longer homeless.

Your generosity keeps the mission and vision of MOD alive. On behalf of our clients, staff, and Board of Directors, again, thanks for your contribution, prayers, and support.

Blondel Jones-Grant
President, Board of Directors

Susan Attzs-Mendoza
Executive Director

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Confirmation, Communion	27 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Darts @ Holy Cross	28	29 6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8417	30	31	1
2 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Farewell Pot Luck Luncheon	3 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Darts @Bethany UCC	4 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	5 6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8417	6 7:00pm Elders meeting	7	8
9 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship	10 9:30am Palette Club Board Meeting 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Darts vs. First UCC 7:00pm Joint Board Meeting	11	12 6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8417	13	14	15
16 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship 1:30pm Palette Club Group	17 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Darts vs Fritz Wesleyan	18 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	19 6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8417	20 7:00pm Trustees Meeting	21	22
23 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship	24 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Darts @ East Hills	25	26 6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8417	27	28 12:00pm Borowski home school group	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

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

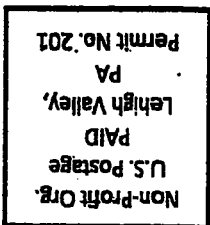
Office Hours: Mon.—Fri. 9:00am—1:00pm

Organist & Choir Director: Gayle Justice

Sexton: Greg Clugston

Want More Edgeboro News?

- 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

Edgeboro Moravian Church
645 Hamilton Ave.
Bethlehem, PA 18017