

# The Envoy

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Lord is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed! These words will be spoken once again on Easter morning, April 20. They recall not only the events of that first Easter but also affirm a world-changing, life-changing, history-changing, faith-changing event that continues to dynamically impact our individual and congregational lives.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ represents the victory over evil and even death as a reality in our world. This, of course, has profound meaning for our lives. When a loved one dies, while we do mourn their physical departure from our daily lives, we mourn as those who have hope because of the resurrection. When we or our loved ones face an uncertain future either because of illness or life circumstances, we can be fearful of what pain or suffering might occur, but we need not fear that it will cause a separation from God or the love of Jesus Christ. When we as a congregation wonder about our future, we need not fear because as long as we hold fast to the will of God for us and our mission, all will be well.

All of this is good news because we affirm the reality of Easter as having an ongoing, never-ending reality that continues to impact who we are and what God wants us to be.

I would encourage you not to wait until Easter morning to celebrate this amazing reality but to join us for our Holy Week services which will take place April 14-19. Here is our schedule for that week.

- Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. - Holy Week Readings
- Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.- Holy Week Reading and Maundy Thursday Communion
- Good Friday @ 2:30 p.m. - Holy Week Reading
- Good Friday @ 7:00 p.m. - Tenebrae Service
- Saturday @ 7:00 p.m. - Great Sabbath Lovefeast

All of these services will give our Easter celebration its full meaning and context. I pray that each of these worship experiences will impact your soul, your relationships, your mission, and your purpose for living each day.

“The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!” is no empty phrase. For us as Christians, it is the very foundation of our faith and the purpose of our lives. I can hardly wait to celebrate that with you VERY SOON!

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Chris

## Sunday Schedule & Volunteers

### April 6

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

**Elder** Season Pagano  
**Sacristans** John & Paula Horn  
**Ushers** Brent & Kyle Sergent  
**Nursery** Carole Schachter  
**Lawn (4.6-12)** Tyler Long

### April 13

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

**Elder** Spencer Smith  
**Sacristans** Mike & Myra Jones  
**Ushers** Rodney Sergent  
**Nursery** Madison Hoff  
**Lawn (4.13-19)** Tyler Long

### April 20

9:15am Adult Sunday School  
 9:30am Youth Sunday School  
 10:30am Worship—*Easter*

**Elder** Valorie Hoff  
**Sacristans** John & Paula Horn  
**Ushers** Eric Smith & Family  
**Nursery** Jennifer Minnich  
**Lawn (4.20-26)** Mike Long

### April 27

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

**Elder** Sue Testa  
**Sacristans** Mike & Myra Jones  
**Ushers** John & Rosie Bauman  
**Nursery** Lynn Terry  
**Lawn (4.27-5.3)** Blake Messman

# 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](http://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.
- **April's Joyful Noise Offering**—This month's Joyful Noise Offering will support Moravian Unity Offering. 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. Visit [edgeboromoravian.org/give](http://edgeboromoravian.org/give) for more options and details about giving.
- **Lenten Dinners** are offered each Wednesday of Lent at 6:00pm After dinner, Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler will be leading **Lenten Program Series: Song for the Seasons of Life** from 7:00pm–8:00pm.  
 Lenten dinner providers: April 2: Choir; April 9 - Sacristans



## Holy Week Worship Schedule

Date/Time	Elder	Sacristan	Usher
Monday, April 14 7:00pm	Sue Testa	Mike & Terri Long	—
Tuesday, April 15 7:00pm	Valorie Hoff	Thomas & Gilda Pheiffer; Peggy Leith	—
Wednesday, April 16 7:00pm	Sue Testa	Bob & Elley Silfies	—
Thursday, April 17 7:00pm	Valorie Hoff	Jon & Lynn Terry	Heath & Val Hoff
Friday, April 18 2:30pm	Kyle Borowski	John & Rosie Bauman	—
Friday, April 18 7:00pm	—	John & Rosie Bauman	—
Saturday, April 19 7:00pm	—	Ron & Carol Freyman	—

## Worship Attendance (In-Person + Online)

March	2024	2025	March	2024	2025	Includes YouTube & Facebook views DS= Time Change C= Communion CD= Confirmation PS= Palm Sunday E = Easter FSL=Lent 1
<b>Week 1</b>	136	295				
<b>Week 2</b>	139 (DS)	263 (C, DS, FSL)	<b>Week 4</b>	224 (PS, CD)	286	
<b>Week 3</b>	128	314	<b>Week 5</b>	285 (E)	245	

## Monthly Financial Update

Monthly Budgeted Revenue	\$18,103	General Income through Feb 28, 2025	
February Revenue	\$15,839	2024:	\$31,992
Monthly Difference	(\$ 2,264)	2025:	\$32,800
Year to Date Difference	(\$ 2,673)	Percent Change:	2.5%

# Church News & Events

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

- **Lawn Care**—We are looking for individuals who would be willing to help with lawn care at the church and parsonage this season. Please let the office know if you would be willing to be added to the crew's rotation, call: [610.866-8793](tel:610.866.8793) or e-mail: [churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org](mailto:churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org) Even caring for the lawn and trimming one week throughout the time period between April and the end of October would be helpful. Many thanks to our current crew and anyone who feels the calling to assist!
- **Nursery News** —We are hoping to recruit more people, who would be able/willing to help watch children while their parents enjoy worship, for our nursery program. If you are interested, please contact **Jenny Minnich** at [610-248-9250](tel:610.248.9250) or [jejm98@gmail.com](mailto:jejm98@gmail.com). \*\*\*Your clearances need to be updated in the office if you would like to volunteer. See Carole Schachter for this!\*\*\*
- **Seniors and Friends** will be held April 3rd, 11:30am West Side Moravian Church 402 3rd Ave BRING a Friend & a Sandwich Beverage and Dessert will be Provided! Come meet Star, he is Equi-librium's resident Miniature horse! Born in April 2010, he stands only 8 hands tall or 32 inches. Star came to Equi-librium in January 2020. What he lacks in size, he makes up for in his giant personality. Even though he is smaller than most ponies, Star is considered a draft horse, built for pulling. As a driving horse, Star is capable of pulling up to 3 times his weight. In his past work, he competed in driving shows and won many ribbons to show for it. He is also our famed local ambassador!
- **Essentials Café**—The café 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](https://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](mailto:westsidemoravian@gmail.com) or [610.865-0256](tel:610.865.0256). The cafe is always in need of additional volunteers. Visit their website to learn more and sign up to volunteer.
- **MMF NEWS:**
  - ◇ **Unitas Chorale** 27th Season concert With One Accord, will be held Sunday, May 4, 2025, 4:00 pm; Advent Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Rd, Bethlehem. Gwyneth Michel, Director
  - ◇ **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/](https://moravianmusic.org/comenius-music-academy/)
    - 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.Below are the in-person classes offered with Kyle Johnston. Information and sign ups are on the MMF link listed above.
    - Moravian Chants June 28, 2025 12:00pm
    - Moravian Chorales-Old & New, July 26, 2025 12:00pm
    - Moravian Tunebooks August 23, 2025 12:00pm
- **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](mailto:amdelong3@gmail.com).
- **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: [historicbethlehem.org](https://historicbethlehem.org).
- **Compassion Statement** The Provincial Elders of the Moravian Church, Northern Province, have been active in joining other full-communion partners & Agencies like Church World Service, in addressing the alarming development of Executive orders which have affected the lives of many immigrants, migrants, & asylum seekers, leaving many in fear as they seek mercy & peace. In doing so they found themselves desiring to make a statement that comes from the heart of our own Moravian faith, history, & the words of prayer we find in our liturgies. As a result, & with much prayer, the Provincial Elders offer this statement in humility and hope for a better day- one guided by the compassion & Love of Christ for all God's children. To see this statement, visit: [tinyurl.com/9cw95tyv](https://tinyurl.com/9cw95tyv)

- **AAUW BETHLEHEM BOOK SALE** at the Bethlehem Ice Rink 345 Illick's Mill Rd Preview Day: Thursday, April 24, 2025 \$20 entry fee 2-4pm, \$15 entry fee 4-6pm Free Admission Days: Friday, April 25, 10am-6pm; Saturday, April 26, 10am-5pm; Sunday, April 27, noon-5pm (Half-price Day): Monday, April 28, 9am-12pm (Bag Day- \$10 per grocery bag) CASH & CHECKS (with ID) ONLY; NO credit cards. **Donations Accepted at the Ice Rink April 1 through April 21, 2025, Monday through Saturday 9am to Noon**

## Item Collections & Drives

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

**INDOOR DROP-OFF**—The containers for plastics has returned to the Donation Room!

**OUTDOOR DROP-OFF**—Place your items in the donation drop-off shed near the parking lot.

- **THROUGH APRIL 6th**—We will collecting snack size bags of fruit snacks, granola bars, chips, pretzels and goldfish for NECC. You can leave them in the donation room.
- **Easter Candy for Edgeboro Egg Hunt**—As you begin to see Easter candy brought out in stores, please keep Edgeboro in mind! We are looking for candy donations to fill Easter eggs. Edgeboro annually hosts an egg hunt on Easter Sunday for the Sunday School students. Empty plastic eggs to be filled can be found under the table in the narthex. They should be returned to the church kitchen in preparation for the egg hunt. Please avoid candy with nuts.
- **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: April 12: Jon Terry; May 10 Tom Pheiffer; June 14 Steve Millheim*
- **ONGOING: Aluminum 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 jar in the collection room, 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.

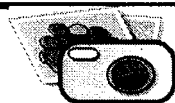
## Monthly Highlights

### Elders

- The Elders last met on Thursday, March 13th. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, April 3rd.
- The Elders sent out condolences, milestone birthday & anniversary, and thank you correspondences.
- Christian Education Committee is forming subcommittees to better coordinate events.
- The Elders approved building usage by the Moravian Music Foundation Board of Trustees April 25th and 26th.
- The 25th Synod for the Northern Province, which will take place in Minneapolis, MN, June 25th-26th, 2026 was discussed. A copy of the official call letter is linked in the E-blast. Edgeboro will need 2 delegates and 2 alternates who must be submitted by October 2025. The vote for the delegates will take place in September.
- The Elders approved the Nepal Mission Outreach as the May Joyful Noise Recipient.

### Trustees

- The Trustees met on March 20th. Their next meeting is Thursday, April 24th.
- Reports from the following committees were given: Elders, Evangelism & Outreach, Fellowship & House, Finance & Audit, and Stewardship & Financial Communications
- The Trustees are writing up procedures for maintenance items around the church.
- The congregational survey is now complete. We are looking forward to accessing the data and moving forward with the call process.
- Freezer ministry and garden gatherers is expanding and planting a new garden with vegetables.



### Edgeboro Pictures!

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

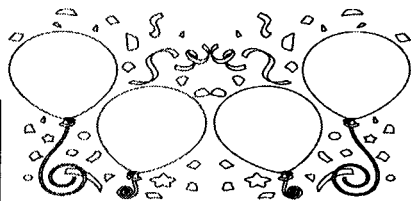
# Fellowship

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



## April Birthdays

- 1) Gaye Eldridge  
Hope Harrell
- 2) Kelly Harkom
- 3) Rylie Baer  
Evan Groner  
Sue Testa
- 4) Sharon Balsai
- 5) Robin Zsilavetz
- 7) Perry Emig
- 8) Callen Messman  
Joan Shaffer
- 10) Ethan Drust  
Tyler Langkamer
- 11) Tim Jones
- 16) George Moller
- 18) Braden Drust
- 20) Tara McGoff
- 21) Daniel Miller  
Samuel Swanson
- 22) Matt Ammon  
Madison Hoff  
Michael Jankiewicz
- 24) Karen Gehret  
Mary Rader
- 27) PamElla Nagle
- 29) Season Pagano
- 30) Marcia Horning  
Joshua Volkert



## April Anniversaries

- 6) Evan & Julie Groner
- 7) Dan & Barb Heimbrook
- 12) Glen & Perry Emig
- 15) Marty & Diane Talpas
- 21) David & PamElla Nagle
- 23) Matt & Martha Ammon
- 24) Matthew & Anne Hosterman
- 26) John & Paula Horn
- 30) Ron & Diane Aker-Vought

Dear Edgeboro Moravian Church,

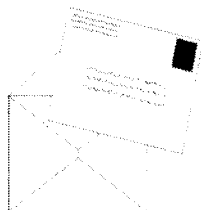


Thank you so much for your donation of \$165.00 to Essentials Café. As the cost of food continues to rise, we will be using these funds to help cover the cost for those that are unable to donate towards their meal.

It is only because of the generosity of so many people, like yourselves, who extend their love and support in helping others, that we are able to help fulfill our mission in helping alleviate food insecurity and help build a community where all are welcome to have a seat at a table and enjoy a homemade meal regardless of the ability to pay.

Thank you for your support of this ministry!

Best Regards,  
Dawn Fenner, Executive Director Essentials Café



Please extend my thanks and gratitude to the board and congregation for the prayers and cards after my Anterior Cervical Fusion surgery on February 4th. I'm happy to report that the surgery was successful, and I am finally on the road to recovery. It was a rough couple of weeks, but it was comforting to know that I had some extra prayers and support from the Edgeboro Church community.

Peace and Blessings,  
Deb Swanson



## A BLAST FROM THE PAST

### Stuffed Manicotta

- |                 |               |              |                       |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 4 eggs          | 4 Tbsp. flour | 4 Tbsp. milk | Ricotta cheese        |
| Parmesan cheese | Salt          | Pepper       | Spaghetti sauce- thin |

### Homemade Manicotta:

Mix together 2 eggs, flour and mix. Put spoonful of batter in small frying pan, fry like very thin pancakes on one side only!. Makes approximately 8. Then fill with filling given below.

### Filling:

Mix Ricotta cheese with 2 eggs, parmesan cheese, salt and pepper, Fill and roll. Place in casserole with fold underneath. Put spaghetti sauce and some cheese under and over filled manicotti.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1/2 hour



## April Children's Birthdays

- 14) Ellie Walrath
- 20) Christian George
- 22) Zane Kish
- 24) Luke Borowski

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship	31 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Darts vs Bethany UCC	1 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	2 6:00pm Lenten Dinner & Series 6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8417	3	4	5 8:00am King's Daughters Convention PA Branch	
6 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship	7 9:30am Palette Club Board Meeting 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Darts @ First UCC	8 6:00pm Lenten Dinner & Series 6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8417	9	10 7:00pm Elders meeting	11	12	
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20 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Easter	21 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Darts @ Fritz Wesleyan	22 Earth Day	23 6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8417	24 7:00pm Trustees Meeting	25 8:30am MMF Board meeting	26 8:30am MMF Board meeting	
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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

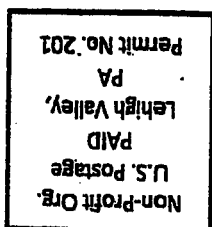
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**Sexton:** Greg Clugston

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