

# The Envoy

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A few weeks or so ago I told my boys that I was making mac and cheese, Nate did not hear me and Ben's response was to say that he was also going to make mac and cheese, just not that box kind. Then his grand plan was that we should have a taste test to see which batch had better flavor, texture, consistency, etc. This is not something new, my enjoy having taste tests and comparing flavors and such. So, we both made our own mac and cheese, mine was Kraft with spiral noodles and Ben's was cavatappi noodles with milk, butter, and whatever shredded and sliced cheese he could find. I greatly enjoyed my Kraft brand delight and he very much enjoyed his homemade. The final decision was there are very few times when mac and cheese is not good.

So, what does this have to do with a church newsletter? Well, I'll explain. I enjoy writing the newsletter article. I enjoyed writing one every month that I served my last congregation and I especially enjoyed writing them during the Covid shutdown as a way of helping us all stay connected. Sure, sometimes I struggle with coming up with a topic to focus on but other times the words just flow. Occasionally I will ask people what I should write about and they have never failed to come up with topics that seem like they would have zero connection to God and after a bit of pondering, I come up with a connection that at least makes sense to me and I hoping it will with you as well. As you may have figured out by now, December's topic is Mac and Cheese. The fun part of mac and cheese is that when someone says they are making it or bringing it to an event, we never fully know what's going to show up. Some people, like Ben (who I think is channeling my mom), will create their mac and cheese from scratch. Others will heat up frozen mac and cheese and put it in a crock pot and be done. Some restaurants try to fancy it up by adding some type of meat or vegetables. But when it all comes down to it, a nice warm bowl of mac and cheese provides comfort and nourishment.

And so it is with God. God provides us with so much more than just comfort and nourishment when we take time to think about it. God, our Creator, gave us the gift of life. Jesus, our Redeemer, taught us many things in many ways and then made the ultimate sacrifice to save us all from our sins and ourselves. The Holy Spirit, our sustainer, is with us at all times and in all places, providing us with guidance, comfort, and a sense of calm. The Triune God has every area of our life from our first breath to our final breath under their watchful eye. No, every moment is not planned because we are not puppets in some great cosmic show. Our Triune God loves us in such a way that even in the darkest of times, we are able to find some sort of peace. I know that turning on the news is overwhelming and exhausting, take a few minutes after reading or listening and ask God to be with whatever situation you just heard about. The holidays are approaching and that means time with family and friends which can be both great and maybe a little hard. Take some time and talk to God either as you are driving to whoever's house you are going to visit or as people are arriving at your house. When everything gets to be too much, remember that you are not alone. Our God - the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, is with you at all times and in all ways and all you need to do is quiet your mind just enough to hear the still small voice of God calling out to you.

Be blessed this holiday season and be a blessing to others as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior once again.

*Pastor Jodie*

## December topics to pray for....

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|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 - Hope for the future                               | 17 - patience                                                    |
| 2 - peace for our community                           | 18 - wise leadership in all areas of our lives                   |
| 3 - an open heart to share God's love                 | 19 - a safe winter break for all school children                 |
| 4 - teachers and administrators                       | 20 - those who are grieving                                      |
| 5 - medical professionals                             | 21 - Love - in ALL things                                        |
| 6 - healing for those who are hurting                 | 22 - time to accomplish what needs to be done                    |
| 7 - Peace in our souls                                | 23 - all retail workers who are dealing with customers           |
| 8 - reconciliation for those separated from loved one | 24 - gratitude as we celebrate our Lord and Savior               |
| 9 - understanding of others and their situations      | 25 - families everywhere - and everyone we consider to be family |
| 10 - the end to violence                              | 26 - rest for those who have done a lot                          |
| 11 - willingness to listen to others                  | 27 - joyful singing that fills our hearts and souls              |
| 12 - a generous spirit to help those in need          | 28 - reflecting on the year that is ending                       |
| 13 - children with difficult home lives               | 29 - trust the God will be with us in the new year               |
| 14 - Joy to share with those we love                  | 30 - the blessings of lessons learned                            |
| 15 - those struggling with addiction                  | 31 - safe celebrations as 2026 begins                            |
| 16 - cures for illnesses                              |                                                                  |

# Sunday Schedule & Volunteers

## December 7

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

**Elder:** Season Pagano  
**Sacristans:** Jon & Lynn Terry  
**Ushers:** John & Rosie Bauman  
**Nursery:** Jenny Minnich

## December 14

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

**Elder:** Jon & Lynn Terry  
**Sacristans:** Mike & Terri Long  
**Ushers:** Heath & Val Hoff  
**Nursery:** Val Hoff

## December 21

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

**Elder:** Sue Testa  
**Sacristans:** Thomas & Gilda Pheiffer; Peggy Leith  
**Ushers:** Bob & Elley Silfies  
**Nursery:** Madison Hoff

## December 24

3:00pm Christmas Eve (*Lovefeast*)  
**Sacristans:** Bob & Elley Silfies  
 5:00pm Christmas Eve (*Lovefeast*)  
**Sacristans:** Mike & Myra Jones  
 7:00pm Christmas Eve  
**Sacristans:** John & Rosie Bauman

## December 28

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

**Elder:** Val Hoff  
**Sacristans:** Ron & Carol Freyman  
**Ushers:** Joe & Sue Testa

## December 30

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

**Elder:** Valorie Hoff  
**Sacristans:** Ron & Carol Freymoan  
**Ushers:** Joe & Sue Testa

# 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.
- **December's Joyful Noise Offering**—This month's Joyful Noise Offering will support Moravian Open Door. Place your offerings in the Joyful Noise can in the sanctuary or make a gift to Edgeboro online, designating your gift for "Joyful Noise."
- **Christmas Eve Service Time Changes**—Lovefeast and Candle Vigil Services will be held at 3:00pm and 5:00pm. The 7:00pm Service will be Candle Vigil only.
- **Church Council Reporting**—If you head up a ministry at Edgeboro and would like to include it in the report to Church Council, please submit it to the church office, no later than January 12th. Drop off or e-mail: [churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org](mailto:churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org).
- **Directory Updates**—The church office is continually collecting updates for the directory. If any of your contact information has changed (address, phone, email, etc.), let us know at [churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org](mailto:churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org).

## 6 | Worship Attendance (In-Person + Online)

Nov.	2024 in person	2024 online	2025 in person	2025 online	<b>Key:</b> C: Communion ONLINE Includes YouTube & Facebook views
<b>Week 1</b>	79	61	87	204	
<b>Week 2</b>	70 (C)	62	81	183	
<b>Week 3</b>	72	51	90	122	
<b>Week 4</b>	85	85	111	181	
<b>Week 5</b>	NA	NA	76	228	

## Monthly Financial Update

	October	Total Revenue Year to Date	
		Through October 31, 2025	
Monthly Budgeted Revenue	\$27,443		
Total Income	\$14,104	2024	\$177,244
Over (Under) Budget	\$(13,399)	2025	\$158,416
Year to Date Shortfall	\$(34,317)	% Change	-10.6%

- **Make a Gift to Edgeboro Online**—Scan the QR code to the right to make a gift to Edgeboro online using a credit card or bank account. Go to [edgeboromoravian.org/give](http://edgeboromoravian.org/give) for more options and details about giving to Edgeboro.



# Church News & Events

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

**THIS IS THE LAST PAPER COPY OF THE ENVOY YOU WILL RECEIVE UNLESS YOU HAVE CONTACTED THE CHURCH OFFICE THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS TO RECEIVE THE ENVOY VIA E-MAIL.** If you wish to still receive the Envoy, please call the church office at: 610.866-8793 to subscribe either by email or request a paper copy be sent to you through USPS.

- **Edgeboro Ensemble Rehearsals & Worship Service**—Do you have some experience with an instrument? Instrument in the closet? Dust it off and come join us! Students, we need you! Adults and students, with at least one year of lessons are welcome to play. The Edgeboro Ensemble will rehearse 12:00pm–1:00 pm on Sunday November 23rd in the choir room and Sunday, December 7th in the sanctuary (snacks provided) to prepare to play during the worship service on Sunday, December 14th (meet in choir room at 10:00am on December 14th)  
Please call or text director Megan Weikert (610) 392-0910, if you plan on playing or have questions.
- **NECC Christmas Gifts**—Edgeboro has pledged to provide gifts for up to 50 children. We appreciate your help in this outreach program. The sign up sheet can be found at: [tinyurl.com/32asxpv9](https://tinyurl.com/32asxpv9) Type your name in column F on the row for which you are supplying the gift. Please do NOT change anything else in the document. Wrapped gifts should be labeled and dropped off in the Parlor by Sunday, December 7th. Thank you for your generosity!
- **Edgeboro's Gift Card Fundraiser** form is included in the Envoy on page 6. Please follow the instructions on the bottom of the form. Please call or email Heath Hoff before you create an account online. PAYMENT: Cash or Check made payable to Edgeboro Moravian Church (Gift Cards in MEMO). Orders are due December 7th.  
Heath, Val or Sherri will give you your gift cards at Church on Sunday December 14, 2025.
- **Poinsettia orders are due December 7th.** The cost is \$9.50 /plant. Call the church office by December 5th, if you need to place an order, 610.866-8793. You can send a check to the church for payment or pay online using a credit card or bank account. Go to [edgeboromoravian.org/give](https://edgeboromoravian.org/give) for more options and details or use the QR code on page 2. Be sure to denote poinsettia in the memo line or on your one-time MMFA payment.
- **December 13 is Bethlehem's Luminaria Night** with the proceeds going to New Bethany Ministries. Edgeboro will be participating in this beautiful event that . If you would like to help offset the cost, please include your donation earmarked LUMINARIA either in the collection plate, online or sent to the church office.
- **Volunteer to help with dinners at Bethlehem Emergency Shelter** The second Monday of each month, Edgeboro provides dinner for the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter. There is an eclectic group of folks who help but new volunteers are always welcome. If you feel called to do this, please contact Blake Messman, the volunteer coordinator for the dinners supplied by Edgeboro Moravian. Upcoming dates of the dinners are: December 8, January 12, February 9, March 9, and April 13.
- **Edgeboro Putz and Christmas Room 2025**  
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!  
PUTZ MAINTENANCE TRAINING SESSION will be Wednesday, December 3rd, 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.  
See Art Sergent for more information.  
CONGREGATIONAL SHOPPING in the Christmas Room – Sunday, December 14th  
WALK-INS PUTZ SCHEDULE: Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 6:00pm - 8:00pm and  
Sundays from 12:00noon - 3:00pm beginning December 1st.  
The final day for walk-ins is December 21st.
- **Snow Removal Team** is preparing ahead for the upcoming season. If you can help, please contact Art Sergent. The church owns 2 snowblowers and plenty of shovels. Many hands make light work!
- **Christmas Eve Tickets** are now available. Call the Church office, (610. 866-8793), to reserve yours or pick them up Sunday mornings at the church service.

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- **Altar Flowers** If anyone is interested in sponsoring the altar flowers, \$40 cost, for a Sunday morning service, please contact Carole Schachter, [cdtschachter@gmail.com](mailto:cdtschachter@gmail.com) or (610) 657-7079.
- **Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers, Inc.**  
Stars of Bethlehem Holiday Concert & Reception December 16th Two different concerts will be held at the Central Moravian Historic Chapel with the reception at the Hotel Bethlehem Mural room & Veranda.  
\$100.00 tickets include both a concert and reception. To purchase tickets, call 610.867-0537. or visit links added below.  
Concert #1: 3:00-4:00pm Reception following 4:30-5:30pm <https://tinyurl.com/yvb47st6>
  - BASD Northeast Singers—young voices celebrate the season, Denise Parker, Director
  - Kristen Morganstern—award winning Lehigh Valley Talent
  - Bethlehem Trombone choir—amazing seasonal soundsConcert #2: 7:00-8:00pm Reception preceding 5:50- 6:30 <https://tinyurl.com/yjbbtth>
  - Mosaic Youth Chorus—Youth with a gift to perform, Joy Hirokawa, Director
  - Valley Collective—voices from around the Valley bringing joy to the season, Tom Remaley, Director
  - Bethlehem Trombone choir—amazing seasonal soundsChristmas Hut in Downtown Bethlehem, serving hot chocolate and home-baked cookies. Cookie Bakers, please contact Blake Messman. When baking cookies please keep them nut free.  
Sign up to work the hut at: <https://tinyurl.com/yc2zavxc>  
Hut hours: **Fridays:** Dec, 5, 12, & 19, 2:00-7:30pm  
**Saturdays:** Dec, 6, 13, & 20, 1:30-7:30pm  
**Sundays:** Dec. 7, 14, & 21, 1:00-5:00pm
- **Seniors & Friends**—Christmas Party at West Side Moravian 402 3rd Ave, Thursday December 4, 11:30am 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 our meetings. Guitar music and sing along with Bishop Chris Giesler. Please bring a gift to exchange, approximate value of \$10.00 .
- **Moravian Music Foundation Opportunities**  
Monday Morning Music: Join Kyle Johnston, at the keyboard, Mondays at 10am on the MMF You Tube Channel as he plays through a variety of hymns from multiple sources. Hear old favorites, discover new favorites, and relax to the sound of classic hymns at home, in your office or on your commute. Recordings are also available.  
Monthly Shape-Note Sing: (Lehigh Valley Shape-Note Singers) 6:00-8:00pm Every 4th Tuesday, Come join Kyle Johnston and the Lehigh valley Shape Note Singers in learning to sing an authentic, historic American style of singing. Singers of all ages and skill levels are welcome. **Godfrey Daniels, 7 E. 4th St.** in Bethlehem.  
For more information, please contact Corinne Serfass at [c.e.serfass@gmail.com](mailto:c.e.serfass@gmail.com)
- **Bethlehem Moravian Archives Volunteers Needed** Throughout the years, the Archives has relied on volunteers to help in carrying out our mission of service to the Church and community. Volunteers, staff, our reception area, work with genealogy researchers, assist in the digitization of our print and photo resources, generate searchable typescript documents from our manuscript collections, and remind us daily with their enthusiasm and dedication just what a joy it is to work here. To learn more and apply, visit: [moravianarchives.org/volunteers/](http://moravianarchives.org/volunteers/)
- **Volunteers Needed** for Chapel Services at Moravian Hall Square. Sister Byrnesse Craig, Interim Chaplain at Morningstar Living in Nazareth, PA is looking for volunteers for chapel services at Moravian Hall Square. If you are someone you know would be willing to run a service or provide music for a service please contact her via cell at [425-539-2510](tel:425-539-2510) or call Moravian Hall Square ex. 1017. Clergy volunteers would be especially appreciated for communion services. Services typically include two hymns, and a short message, with **volunteers needed to play music**. A grand piano is available therefor chapel service use, but anyone is welcome to bring their own instrument if they would like to do so.

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- **Essentials Café** Monday evenings are food prep nights for the café 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. The café is always in need of additional volunteers. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and sign up to volunteer. The café is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 8:00am-2:00pm. **Pay It Forward Wooden Nickels** - Wooden Nickels offer an opportunity to provide a meal for someone else. Stop by the café and pick up wooden nickels for the suggested price of \$12.00 each. Each wooden nickel can be redeemed for a nourishing meal. There are two ways to provide meals to others: 1. Place a wooden nickel in our jar, kept on the counter. paying it forward for our guest that may not be able to make a donation for their meal. 2. Purchase a wooden nickel and give it to a friend in need, or a neighbor who may be working hard and simply too tired to cook, or give it as a gift to someone who gave you a helping hand, sharing with them your experience at Essentials Café.
- **Community Yoga at West Side Moravian** 402 3rd Ave, Bethlehem, Saturdays 9:00am-10:00am \$5 Donation. Drop in or register online at [linktr.ee@jennrehillyoga](mailto:linktr.ee@jennrehillyoga). Bring a yoga mat and water. Some mats & props are available to borrow Contact Jen Rehill: 717.903-9663 or [jenrehillyoga@gmail.com](mailto:jenrehillyoga@gmail.com)
- **Reverse Advent Calendar** What is a reverse Advent Calendar you ask? Well, it is a way of collecting one item a day during Advent to donate to the Northeast Community Center because as we read in the Book of Acts 20:35:  
*It is better to give than to receive.*

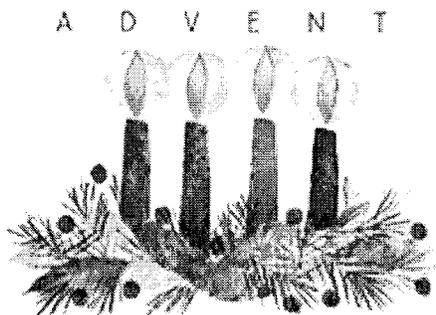
November 30 - A box of cereal  
December 1 - Pasta  
December 2 - Canned Vegetables  
December 3 - Applesauce  
December 4 - Can of Tuna fish  
December 5 - Pancake Mix  
December 6 - Peanut Butter  
December 7 - Oatmeal  
December 8 - Canned Fruit  
December 9 - Ketchup  
December 10 - Maple Syrup  
December 11 - Soup

December 12- Crackers  
December 13 - Rice  
December 14 - Spam  
December 15 - Jelly  
December 16 - Muffin Mix  
December 17 - Canned Ravioli/SpaghettiOs  
December 18 - Another box of cereal  
December 19 - Pop Tarts  
December 20 - Can of Chicken  
December 21 - Pasta Sauce  
December 22 - Cooking Oil  
December 23 - Macaroni & Cheese

December 24 - Cake Mix

Please bring your donations to church anytime during Advent or when you come on Christmas Eve for worship at 3pm, 5pm, or 7pm.

- **EHMC Kids Club "BLAST"** East Hills Moravian Church is excited to announce the launch of "B.L.A.S.T. - Fourth Friday Fun Nights". This is a brand new free after school kids' program for children in 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. It will run January - June 2026 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month from 3:45-5:30 pm. For more information, visit



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## Edgeboro Moravian Church Gift Card Fundraiser

Merchant	Amount	Profit	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware	\$25	4%		
Aeropostale	\$25	10%		
Amazon.com	\$25	2%		
Amazon.com	\$100	2%		
American Eagle	\$25	10%		
Apple iTunes	\$25	5%		
Applebee's	\$25	8%		
Applebee's	\$50	8%		
Arby's	\$10	8%		
Auto Zone	\$25	8%		
Barnes & Noble	\$10	8%		
Barnes & Noble	\$25	8%		
Bath & Body Works	\$10	12%		
Bath & Body Works	\$25	12%		
Best Buy	\$25	4%		
Best Buy	\$100	4%		
Bonefish Grill	\$25	10%		
Boscov's	\$25	8%		
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$25	8%		
Burger King	\$10	4%		
Burlington	\$25	8%		
Cabela's	\$25	9%		
Cabela's	\$100	9%		
Carrabba's Italian Grill	\$25	10%		
Chewy	\$25	5%		
Children's Place	\$25	12%		
Chili's	\$25	11%		
Chipotle	\$10	10%		
Cracker Barrel	\$25	8%		
Crumbi Cookie	\$25	7%		
CVS pharmacy	\$25	6%		
Dairy Queen	\$10	3%		
Dick's Sporting Goods	\$25	8%		
Disney	\$25	3%		
Disney	\$100	3%		
Domino's Pizza	\$10	8%		
Dunkin Donuts	\$10	3%		
Dunkin Donuts	\$25	3%		
Famous Footwear	\$25	8%		
Fanatics	\$25	7%		
Five Below	\$25	2.5%		
Foot Locker	\$25	8%		
Game Stop	\$25	3%		
Gap	\$25	14%		
Giant Foods	\$25	5%		
Giant Foods	\$50	5%		
Giant Foods	\$100	5%		
Guitar Center	\$25	4%		
Home Depot	\$25	4%		
Home Depot	\$100	4%		
HomeGoods	\$25	7%		
IHOP	\$25	8%		
JCPenney	\$25	5%		
Jiffy Lube	\$30	8%		
Kentucky Fried Chicken	\$25	6%		
Kohl's Department Store	\$25	4%		
Subtotal				

Merchant	Amount	Profit	QTY	Total
Kohl's Department Store	\$100	4%		
L.L. Bean	\$25	16.0%		
Lady Foot Locker	\$25	8.0%		
Lands' End	\$25	15.0%		
Lane Bryant	\$25	8.0%		
Little Caesars Pizza	\$20	8.0%		
Longhorn Steakhouse	\$25	8.0%		
Lowe's Home Improvement	\$25	4.0%		
Lowe's Home Improvement	\$100	4.0%		
Macy's	\$25	10.0%		
Macy's	\$100	10.0%		
Marshalls	\$25	7.0%		
McDonald's	\$10	2.0%		
McDonald's	\$25	2.0%		
Michaels	\$25	4.0%		
Moe's Southwest Grill	\$25	6.0%		
Nike	\$25	12.0%		
Old Navy	\$25	14.0%		
Olive Garden	\$25	8.0%		
On The Border	\$25	11.0%		
Outback	\$25	10.0%		
Panera Bread	\$10	8.0%		
Panera Bread	\$25	8.0%		
Papa John's	\$10	8.0%		
Petco	\$25	9.0%		
PetSmart	\$25	5.0%		
Red Lobster	\$25	8.0%		
Red Robin	\$25	8.0%		
Regal Theatres	\$25	8.0%		
Ross	\$25	8.0%		
Sephora	\$25	5.0%		
Shake Shack	\$25	5.0%		
Sheetz Gasoline	\$25	3.0%		
ShopRite	\$25	4.0%		
Speedway Gasoline	\$25	4.0%		
Staples	\$25	5.0%		
Starbucks	\$25	4.5%		
Subway	\$10	4.5%		
Taco Bell	\$25	5.0%		
Talbots	\$25	13.0%		
Target	\$25	2.5%		
Target	\$50	2.5%		
T.J. Maxx	\$25	7.0%		
Texas Roadhouse	\$25	8.0%		
Tractor Supply	\$25	4.5%		
ULTA	\$25	6.0%		
Under Armour	\$25	11.0%		
Visa Gift Card	\$50	1.25%		
Walgreens	\$25	5.0%		
Walmart	\$25	2.5%		
Walmart	\$50	2.5%		
Walmart	\$100	2.5%		
Wawa	\$25	1.0%		
Weis Markets	\$25	5.0%		
Weis Markets	\$100	5.0%		
Wendy's	\$25	6.5%		
Subtotal				
Grand Total				

You Can Order Online @ [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) (Enrollment Code is 5LAE8D3317346).

Please call or email me before you create an account online. PAYMENT: Cash or Check made payable to Edgeboro Moravian Church

All orders due by 6pm Sunday Dec. 7th, 2025 to Heath Hoff ([heathhoff1974@hotmail.com](mailto:heathhoff1974@hotmail.com)) 484-903-9271 or to Val Hoff or Sherri Hoff

Heath, Val or Sherri will give you your gift cards at Church on Sunday Dec. 14, 2025

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF EDGEBORO**

**NAME:**

# 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.

- **NECC Christmas Gifts**—Edgeboro has pledged to provide gifts for up to 50 children. We appreciate your help in this outreach program. The sign up sheet can be found at: [tinyurl.com/32asxpv9](https://tinyurl.com/32asxpv9) Type your name in column F on the row for which you are supplying the gift. Please do NOT change anything else in the document. **Wrapped gifts should be dropped off in the parlor or donation room by Sunday, December 7th. Please include a tag to name the gift recipient.**
- **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: December 13- Carole Burkhardt*
- **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, November 6th. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, December 4th (Hybrid).
- Cards were sent for birthday, thanks and condolences.
- Reports from CEC & Youth, Fellowship, House, Outreach & Collections, Sacristans, Membership, Trustees, & Pastor Jodie were given.
- The Halloween Open House was a huge success. We ran out of food, gave away all the candy, and created a welcoming safe space for youth of all ages.
- Edgeboro is sponsoring gifts for 50 children through Northeast Community Center.
- Sacristans will be decorated the Sanctuary November 23rd.

### Trustees

- The Trustees last met on Wednesday, November 12th. The Trustees will meet next on Thursday, December 18th (Hybrid).
- Committee reports were given from CEC & Youth, Elders, Evangelism & Outreach, Fellowship & House, Putz, Finance & Audit, and the Stewardship & Financial Communications Committees, as well as Pastor, Treasurer and Ministry Maintenance & Updates.
- Looking for people to host Birthday Sunday Fellowship Hour (the first Sunday of each month).
- We are looking for a new representative for the BAM Almoners Fund as Tim Jones has stepped down from this position.
- MMFA reports were shared that show the money that was recently moved is already growing.
- We received a grant from the Larger Life Foundation of the Moravian Church toward the project of updating the streaming system for worship.

### Church Council

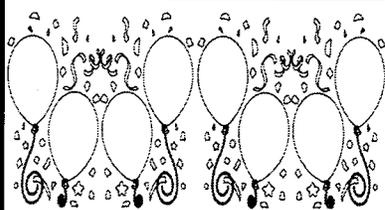
- The Fall church council meeting was held Sunday, November 9th. The next meeting will be held Sunday, January 18, 2026 after the worship service. Please do your best to attend.
- Representatives to Elders were elected: Lynn Terry first term, Season Pagano and Sue Testa for second term. Trustees elected for first term were Cheryl Kindt, Stephanie Smith and Dr. Becky Miller. Many thanks to outgoing board members Abiel Solitario, Lacey Bacon, Peggy Leith, and Joseph Testa for your many years of work on the Joint Board!
- The 2026 church budget was presented. It will be voted on at the January meeting.

# Fellowship

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

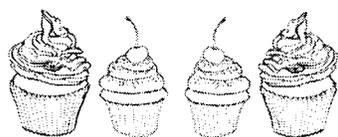
## December Birthdays

- 1) Cortney Rohn
- 2) Parker Hoff  
Katherine Kendall
- 3) Hannah Bucchin  
Barb Heimbrook  
Joseph Miller  
Joshua Testa
- 4) Amy Giesler
- 6) David Bond
- 7) Earl Kunsman, IV  
Rebecca Miller
- 8) Martha Ammon
- 9) Noemi Gonzalez
- 10) Jane Martin
- 13) Janet Muse-Burke
- 18) Melissa Hoff
- 20) Edward Fotta
- 21) Dana Grubb  
Ellen Pagano  
Diane Talpas
- 24) Barbara Burkhardt  
Holly Haines  
Dylan Perkins
- 25) Ann Amidon
- 27) Anthony Emig
- 28) Kristen Scalise
- 29) Alice Durner  
Joseph Roy
- 31) Linda Moller



## December Anniversaries

- 2) Terry & Kathie Smyser
- 7) Bob & Elley Silfies
- 21) Jennifer & Justin Hoff
- 27) Scott & Jodie Harney
- 29) Ryan & Becky Beller
- 30) Tim & Jill Jones
- 31) Jerry & Gaye Eldridge



## December Children Birthdays

- 6) Paige Beller
- 14) Austin Lilly
- 19) Cayden Rader
- 21) Mika Dreisbach
- 25) Riley Giesler
- 26) Elyse Breiner
- 27) Callyann Butz

## A BLAST FROM THE PAST

### Nut Tassies

Mrs. Robert Stewart

3 oz. cream cheese  
1 stick oleo

1 c flour  
Dash of salt

Combine and make 24 small balls. Press into bon-bon pans or mini cupcake pan.

### Filling:

3/4 c. light brown sugar  
1 egg  
1 tsp. melted oleo

1 tsp. vanilla  
Chopped nuts—1/2 tsp in each cup of pan

Fill with 1 tsp. batter and top with 1/2 tsp. nuts.  
Bake in 350 degree Fahrenheit oven for about 12 minutes.



Dear Edgeboro Church boards & friends,

I finally have the energy to send a thank you note to thank you all for the get well cards and the cards to help me celebrate my 96th birthday.

I miss coming to Sunday morning services in our lovely sanctuary. However, I attend the service every Sunday on the T.V.

Sincerely,  
Joyce LeWando

## Church Directory

### UPDATE

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115 Covey Dr.  
Warner Robins, GA 31088

Megan Weikert  
526 Wood St. Apt. 408  
Bethlehem PA 18018



A traditional Moravian star has 26 points, which are made from 18 square and 8 triangular faces. While the 26-point star is the most traditional, modern versions can range from as few as 6 points to over 100 points.



Happy New Year

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <p>9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Sunday School Advent Program 10:30am Worship 11:30am Putz Volunteer Training 4:00pm Advent Vespers - Communion</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:00pm Darts @ First UCC</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00pm Putz Maintanance Training</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00pm Elders meeting</p>	5	6
<p>7</p>  <p>9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Confirmation Mentor Gathering 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Confirmation class</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00pm Darts @ East Hills</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00pm Girl Scouts troop 81139</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 8417</p>	11	12	<p>13</p>  <p>Unity Prayer Day for Edgeboro</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:00am Congregatinal Shopping in Christmas Room 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00pm Darts @ College Hill</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p>7:00pm Trustees Meeting</p>	19	20
<p>21</p> <p>9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Confirmation class</p>	22	<p>23</p> <p>6:00pm Girl Scouts troop 81139</p>	<p>24</p> <p>3:00pm Candlelight Service (Lovefeast) 5:00pm Candlelight Service (Lovefeast) 7:00pm Candlelight Service</p>	<p>25</p> 	26	27
<p>28</p> <p>9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship</p>	29	30	31	<p>1</p> 	2	3



### 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 Sunday School

9:30 Youth Sunday School

10:30am Worship

**Pastor:** Rev. Jodie Harney

*[pastorjodie@edgeboromoravian.org](mailto:pastorjodie@edgeboromoravian.org)*

Find us at [edgeboromoravian.org](http://edgeboromoravian.org) or 610.866-8793

**Office Administrator:** Carole Burkhardt  
*[churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org](mailto:churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org)*

**Office Hours:** Mon.- Fri. 9:00am-1:00pm

**Organist & Choir Director:** Gayle Justice

**Sexton:** Greg Clugston

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