



Edgeboro Moravian Church's Newsletter

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During a children's chat in May, I talked to the kids about how everyone is weird in their own way. There is just something odd or quirky about everyone and that's part of what makes life interesting. I shared with them that one time I paid a ridiculous amount of money for 1 pair of socks. What I did not tell them is that the one pair of socks was just one of the two hundred pairs of socks that I owned. Why did I have two hundred pairs of socks? I don't know. I just did. All kind of designs and patterns and logos.....so many pairs of socks. This was before flip flops became my footwear of choice for 6 or so months out of the year. I'm now down to one simple drawer of socks and they are just fun patterns and crazy designs.

The other thing I didn't tell them about me is that I love the rain, like I will take a rainy day over a super bright sunny day, any day! Now obviously, I'd prefer that it not rain when I have an outdoor event that I want to attend, but in general, I love the rain. I mostly love sitting on my porch wrapped up in a blanket and listening to the rain hit the roof. I'll enjoy watching a good thunderstorm on the porch too. The one thing that will almost always get me in the house and away from windows is the wind. There is just something about the wind that is uncontrollable and unpredictable that makes me a little nervous. This past winter several of our inflatables were destroyed by the wind and one of them blew into our neighbor's yard. The wind is powerful and causes me to pay attention. And then the word tornado is mentioned, then I really pay attention.

We are kind of in tornado season right not. We have seen news coverage of the funnel-shaped clouds and of the destruction that is left once the tornado has moved on. Our hearts break for people who have lost their loved ones, their homes and all of their possessions. And then, maybe just maybe, we thank God for keeping us safe. If we stop and think about it, wind really can be a terrifying thing.

Sure, during the day when it is really humid, the breeze feels really nice, but at night when a thunderstorm rolls in and lawn chairs and trashcans are blowing all over the neighborhood, the wind can be pretty scary. I think the scariest wind ever, is when you are about 12 or so years old and home alone for maybe the first time and the wind causes a tree to knock against the house or maybe the swing on the front porch to creak just a little too much! Yes, I am speaking from personal experience!

But what about another kind of wind that is truly amazing and refreshing? How about the wind that comes out of nowhere and you can't explain? Like everything around you is completely calm and then either a gentle breeze passes you or just a quick gust of wind. It's like a fun little surprise. Maybe something like the wind that the disciples all felt on that first Pentecost day?

Acts 2:1-4

¹The Coming of the Holy Spirit 1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

God's Holy Spirit is all around us, we just need to be able to recognize it. That gentle breeze that you feel when sitting outside, God is there. That crazy unexplainable rush of wind that causes you to pause in wonder, God is there. That huge destructive wind that scares you half to death, God is there. God doesn't cause these winds to happen, but if we stop just long enough in the midst of them, we can feel the Holy Spirit resting upon us. During this Season of Pentecost, take time to notice God's presence through the breeze that is all around you.

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing,
Pastor Jodie

Sunday Schedule & Volunteers

June 7

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 10:30am Worship - *Joyful Noise*;
Birthday Sunday

Elder: Sue Testa

Sacristans: Tom & Gilda Pheiffer;
 Peggy Leith

Ushers: Eric Smith & Family

Lawn: Jon Terry (6.1-6.7)



June 14

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 10:30am Worship- *Outdoor*; *Edge Band*
 11:30am Church Picnic

Elder: Val Hoff

Sacristans: Bob & Elley Silfies

Ushers: Art Sergent

Lawn: Joe Testa (6.8-6.14)



June 21

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 10:30am Worship -*Father's Day*
 1:30pm Palette Club Group

Elder: Kyle Borowski

Sacristans: John & Rosie Bauman

Ushers: Joe & Sue Testa

Lawn: John & Paula Horn (6.15- 21)



June 28

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

Elder: Spencer Smith

Sacristans: Jon & Lynn Terry

Ushers: Rodney Sergent

Lawn: Art Sergent (6.22-6.28)

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 YouTube each Sunday. We also livestream on our Facebook page. If you cannot join live, recordings of past services can be accessed in the same way.
- **June's Joyful Noise Offering**—This month's Joyful Noise Offering will support Nepal Mission Outreach . Place your offerings in the Joyful Noise can in the sanctuary or make a gift to Edgeboro online, designating your gift for "Joyful Noise."

Worship Attendance (In-Person + Online)

MAY	2025 in person	2025 online	2026 in person	2026 online	Key: ONLINE Includes YouTube views only C: Communion CFL: Christian Family Lovefeast MMS: Moravian Music Sunday
Week 1	84	44	69 (MMS)	22	
Week 2	93 (CFL)	54	129(CFL)	31	
Week 3	104 (MMS)	27	50	36	
Week 4	77	47	62 (C)	37	

- **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 for more options and details about giving to Edgeboro.



Monthly Financial Update

April Budgeted Revenue	\$21,482	Total Revenue Year to Date through April 30	
April Actual Revenue	\$22,356	2025	\$68,234
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 874	2026	\$73,241
Year to Date Difference	\$ 6,710	% Change	7.3%



Join us for Edgeboro's Church picnic, **June 14th**, after the outdoor worship service. Plan on staying after worship for lunch, games, and a time of fellowship. Church members are asked to bring sides, snacks, and desserts to share with everyone. Drinks and the main course will be provided.

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Please join us in congratulating the following students for their achievements:

Francesca Pagano will be graduating from Freedom High school. She will be attending St. Joseph's University studying Speech and language pathology

Makenzie Shimko, granddaughter of Judie Johnson, graduated this year from UVA.

Abiel Solitario received her Masters degree from Moravian University.

Treyton Messman graduated from Lafayette College and will beginning his career with Bankers Life in Nashville Tennessee.

- **A Presentation on Christian Nationalism** At the 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province, the Committee on Church and Society resolved that the MCNP rejects Christian Nationalism, which supports racism and white supremacy, and in the fall of 2024, the Moravian Church Northern Province joined our ecumenical partners in endorsing Christians Against Nationalism (CNC), and the Provincial Elders' Conference added their own statement against Christian Nationalism to the CAC website as an endorser of Christians Against Christian Nationalism. What is Christian Nationalism, and in particular, how has the Moravian Church responded to the development of Christian Nationalism? What does our theology speak to this topic? Becky Lepore did extensive study on this topic during her seminary classes and created and presented a talk on Christian Nationalism in February 2025 to 120 interested congregation and community members. Becky will give an updated presentation on **Sunday afternoon, May 31 at 1 p.m. in the Christian Education Building**. All are welcome.
- **Geneva Moravian Fellowship: A Warm Home in a Global City** presented by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts, June 3, 1:30-2:30pm. Central Moravian Church's CE Building (lower level) **On Zoom Meeting ID: 711 795 2607 Password: 891206** . Come and hear Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts, founding Pastor of the Geneva Moravian Fellowship, share the journey of this unique 21st-century Moravian mission from its inception in 2019 to the present. With the historic strength of Moravian missions, the evolving work of the GMF has become a formidable presence and influence in Global and Ecumenical spaces. How could this help us to reimagine God's call for us today as Moravians? All are invited to this special presentation! Sister Winelle is visiting Bethlehem to do research, as she tells the story of this unique fellowship. A native of Barbados, Sr. Winelle moved to Geneva, Switzerland, when her spouse began work with the World Council of Churches. She has written extensively on Moravians.
- **Basket Social Fundraiser** Hosted by NECC **Saturday June 6th 10:00am—1:00pm \$5 for 20 tickets 1161 Fritz Drive, Bethlehem** Winners selected at 1:00pm . You do not need to be present to win. Baked goods available for purchase
- **Rose Fest** Celebrating the historic West Side, **Saturday, June 13th 11:00am-2:00pm, Bethlehem Rose Garden 8th and Broad**. Rain or shine Farmers Market, Bike Raffle, History.
- **Camp Hope** Want to go to Camp Hope this summer. There is scholarship money available to church members. \$100 from Edgeboro, \$100 for the Nagle Scholarship fund, and \$300 from BAM. That is \$500 toward your week of summer camp! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!

Summer Schedule

6.28-7.04 *Music Theater Camp (<i>Godspell, Jr.</i>)	Grades 5-9	Sarah Hriniaak, dean
7.05-7.11 Primary Conference	Grades 3-4	Kerrian Simpson, dean
7.12-7.18 Middler Conference	Grades 5-6	Amy DeLong, dean
7.19-7.25 Junior High Conference	Grades 7-8	Rev. Jodie Harney, dean
7.26-8.01 Senior High Conference	Grades 9-12	Andrea Peart, dean
8.02-8.05 Pre-Primary Conference	Grades 1-2	Shannon Swingle Balsai, dean
8.02-8.08 *Junior Park Ranger Camp	Grades 3-6	Lisa & Rob Baker, deans

*Limit 30 campers

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- **Moravian Churches with Summer Vacation Bible School** Spread the word around the Valley. Open to all. For details, pricing and to register, contact individual churches at phone numbers given .
East Hills: June 22-25, 9:00am-12:00pm VBS Snowball Challenge; Lunch; 1:00-4:00pm Powerballers 610.868-6481
Easton First: July 9-10, 6:15-8:30 VBS; August 13-14, 9:30-11:30am ArtFest 610.258-6317
Emmaus: July 20-24, 9:00am-12:00pm VBS Road Trip- On the Go with God 610.965-5420
Palmer: July 20-24, 9:00am-12:00pm VBS Mission Camp (Grades 6-12) 610.253-2510
Schoeneck: July 20-24, VBS Go Fish Guys Kicking it Old School 80s Style 610.759-0376
- **MUCHF Administrator Position available** The Moravian Cultural Heritage Foundation (MUCHF) invites applications for the position of Administrator to support the establishment and development of its Unity-wide cultural heritage work. This role focuses on building the Foundation's operational systems, supporting governance, coordinating research and documentation, assisting with grants and reporting, and strengthening collaboration across Moravian communities. While initially administrative and coordinating in nature, the position is expected to evolve into a broader cultural heritage role as funding and programs expand. Should any questions have remained unanswered, please do not hesitate to ask the UBA at: boytler@ebu.de For job description and requirements, visit: tinyurl.com/482uvmzx
To apply, visit: tinyurl.com/2p9mwd97
Applications to be forwarded to the Unity Office: boytler@ebu.de no later than 15th of June 2026.
Moravian Unity Cultural Heritage Foundation MUCHF is an entity of the Unity, established by the Unity Synod 2016, whose task is to look after the historical physical structures around the unity. This foundation has gained importance in the Unity as an entity established to help raising funds outside the Moravian Church to repair and renovate historic building around the Unity.
- **Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern (LEPOCO)** is hosting Young People Making Peace Summer Day Camp (Peace Camp) July 27-31. Founded in 1990, this one-week camp involves children (Kindergarten through 7th grade) and teen and adult volunteers in fun and creative songs, games, stories, craft projects, mostly in small groups, with a focus on peace and justice themes. Register here: tinyurl.com/5e4fzuxh by July 1st. After that date call the LEPOCO office to check availability. For more information, call the LEPOCO office at 610-691-8730
- **Blankets & Beanies for Teenies** Calling all knitters, crocheters, quilters, and sewers! Make blankets and beanies for our smallest citizens. In the fourth Saturday of the month, beginning in June, bring your creations to the parking lot of College Hill Moravian Church from 2:00-4:00pm. All blankets and hats will be divided before being taken to hospitals in the Lehigh Valley area. For more information or to get involved, email: sarah.lathrop97@gmail.com
- **Moravian Music Foundation Opportunities**
Wanted: Director for Unitas! If you are or know of anyone who might be interested in applying, visit Indeed at: tinyurl.com/msvfycct The current plan is to accept applications through the end of June, hold interviews during July, and bring finalists in for "auditions" with Unitas singers sometime in early-mid August. If you, or any potential applicants have any questions, they can contact Kyle Johnston at: kyle@moravianmusic.org or Chris Ogburn at: christopher@moravianmusic.org
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
- **Community Yoga at West Side Moravian** 402 3rd Ave, Bethlehem, Saturdays 9:00am-10:00am \$10 Donation. Bring a yoga mat and water. Contact Angela Baio: angelobaio86@gmail.com for more information.
- **Moravian Monthly May Issue** To read the newsletter visit: mailchi.mp/mcnp/april2026

Item Collections & Drives

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

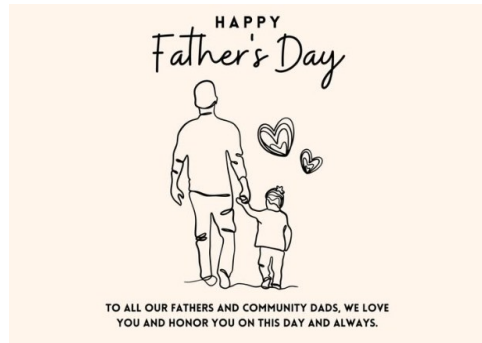
INDOOR DROP-OFF—Bring all items to the donation room (“Old office”).

OUTDOOR DROP-OFF—Place your items in the donation drop-off shed located at the corner of the building right off the parking lot.



Snacks for NECC We started a collection Mid-May and will **continue until June 7** of snacks for NECC Summer Camp that serves 25 youth each day.

- **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: June 13: Blake Messman; July 11: Jon Terry; August 8: Tom Pheiffer
- **ONGOING: Hygiene Items for Northeast Community Center (NECC)**—NECC has a 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.



Monthly Highlights

Elders

- The Elders last met on Thursday, May 7th. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, .
- Anniversary, birthday, condolence, get well, congratulations and thank you cards were sent.
- Reports from CEC & Youth, Fellowship, House, Outreach & Collections, Sacristans, Membership, Trustees and Pastor.
- New collections for NECC were discussed. Summer Camp snacks to be collected 5.17 through 6.7 and back-to-school collections (more to come on that next month)
- There will be a goodies at the outdoor worship on 6.14 from Wesley United Methodist Church for Edgeboro's win with Lenten Madness.
- Leah Hosterman was happy with the turnout for her book signing. She sold 12 copies.
- Outdoor worship will be June 14th, with Rt Rev Chris Giesler preaching.

Trustees

- The Trustees last met on Thursday, May 14th. The Trustees will meet next on Thursday, June 18th.
- Reports from CEC & Youth, Evangelism, Fellowship & house, Finance & Audit, Stewardship, Pastor, and Treasurer.
- Pastor Jodie is looking for someone to lead a high school Sunday School class. The Grades 1-6 Sunday School class will be split into two groups beginning in September.
- Jane Martine and Mike Jones are wrapping up the audit.
- The purchase of the new freezer was completely covered by a BAM grant and the teddy bear fundraiser led by Robyn Balsai.
- Carole Schachter had someone come in to fix the parking lot door to the church, which was not working properly.

Fellowship

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

happy birthday



Dear Edgeboro Moravian Church,

Thank you for your support of Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering.

BES is here for our neighbors all year long. During the shelter season, as many as 70 men and women a night come to us for a safe place to sleep, a hot meal, and a warm shower. When the season ends, we keep going – providing weekend bagged lunches, preparing for the neighbors who will need us come November, and working alongside the Bethlehem Area Public Library to offer a Resource navigator who helps unhoused neighbors cut through complex systems and connect with the support they deserve.

We treat everyone who walks through our doors with compassion and respect. Your ongoing support makes our mission possible.

Sincerely,

June Birthdays

- 1) Joseph Testa
Kim Zaun
- 2) Clara Ihle
Abigail James
Carson James
Michael Jones
- 4) Craig Baer
Heath Hoff
- 5) Craig Ihle
Hallie Smith
- 8) John Cunningham
- 9) Heather James
- 10) Matthew Cusatis
Jerry Eldridge, Jr.
- 11) LouAnn Fotta
Wyatt Hoff
Allison Lauderman
- 13) Leah Borowski
Sharon Woomeer
- 15) Jarrett Hoff
Amy Tashner
- 16) Jody Gilvary
Michael Muse-Burke
- 17) Owen Minnich
- 18) Jaylynn Holdermann
Madelyn Roy
- 19) Tim Gilman
William Terry
- 20) Rebecca Beller
Briar Weikert
- 24) Katy Kish
Timothy Rumble
- 26) Amy Dreisbach
Stephanie Smith
- 27) Keaton Zaun
- 28) Loretta Reinhard
- 30) Glen Emig

June Children Birthdays

- 3) Benson Koren
- 10) Isabelle Durnin
- 13) Callen Long
- 18) Elijah Giesler
- 22) Abigail Batson



June is National Dairy Month in the U.S., a time to appreciate the contributions of dairy farmers and enjoy delicious treats like milk, cheese, and ice cream. It's the perfect excuse for an extra scoop!



Church Directory

UPDATE



Phone number changes: Please delete the following home phone numbers: Robyn Balsai, the Freymans, Johanna Heft, and Krissy Scalise.

Please add the following cell numbers: Carol Freyman: 610.428-1714; Rick Grebs: 484.894-6463; Johanna Heft: 610.349-8778; Krissy Scalise : 610.417-8800

Please change: Jane Martin's cell to: 610.553.3864

New address: Ann Amidon, 4005 Green Pond Rd, Country Meadows Building 4, Apt 58B, Bethlehem 18020

New email: Deea Graser: deeagrser@gmail.com



June Anniversaries

- 1) Brian & Allison Lauderman
- 4) David & Debra Swanson
- 6) Andrew & Amy Giesler
- 7) Brian & Amy Tashner
- 19) Rodney & Elaine Sergent
- 22) Tyler & Kelsey Long
- 23) PJ O'Brien
- 27) Dana Grubb
- 28) Jon & Lynn Terry
- 29) Paul & Blake Messman

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Orange Sponge Cake Mrs. Robert C. Stewart

6 eggs 2 c. sugar 1 c. orange juice rind of orange

2 c. flour 1/2 tsp. salt 2 tsp. baking powder

Beat eggs with half of sugar until thick. Add orange juice, remaining sugar and rind. Beat together.

Fold in gently, flour sifted with salt and baking powder.

Bake in large tube pan 45-50 min. at 350 degrees

Invert pan over rack or bottle until cool. Icing recipe below

Orange Icing

2 c. sifted 10x sugar 1/8 tsp. salt

1/4 c. soft butter orange juice

Beat together with enough orange juice to spread.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31</p> <p>9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship</p>	1	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>7:00pm Elders meeting</p>	5	6
<p>7</p> <p>9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Joyful Noise; Birthday Sunday</p>	8	9	<p>10</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 8417</p>	11	12	13
<p>14</p> <p>9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Outdoor; Edge Band</p>	<p>15</p> 	16	17	<p>18</p> <p>7:00pm Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> 	20
<p>21</p>   <p>9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship</p>	22	23	<p>24</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 8417</p>	25	26	27
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Bethlehem, PA 18017

ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED



Sunday Summer Schedule

9:15am Adult Sun. School

10:30am Worship

Edgeboro Moravian Church's Mission

To love God, grow in Christ, and share the Holy Spirit through
Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, and Evangelism

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

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