



Edgeboro Moravian Church's Newsletter

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Doubts, we all have them don't we? We question many things...serious things and silly things. Will my medical test results come back ok or is there something really wrong with me? Will my child/grandchild have a successful future? Will the Phillies ever really have a winning streak this season? Is God really with me at all times and in all places? Why do bad things happen to good people? We ask these questions because as humans we are naturally curious about many things. We want answers to all of our inquiries and we think that we should get our answers right away. Luckily for us, God works not on our time frame or by our will, but by God's.

Yes, there are times in our lives when so many things are going wrong that it is really hard to believe that God is nearby, caring for us, loving us, protecting us. We feel as if we are fighting the battles of our lives all by ourselves. When in reality, those of us who are followers of Christ know that we are not alone. In fact, it should be next to impossible to think that God would ever leave us to our own devices to survive in this world. Scripture tells us that we are not alone, doesn't it? I believe that comes into our readings when Jesus is talking with his disciples in the Gospel of John, chapter 14...

¹⁸ 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

So by now you might be thinking, why has she chosen this to be the topic of her ponderings for July...well, have no fear, I'll explain. I think too often when summer rolls around we fall into the mindset that it's vacation time. That it's time to slow down and relax, time to enjoy the calm that comes with the heat and humidity. And I will be the first to admit, I used to fall into that way of thinking too. But that changed, and no it didn't change because I became the Pastor and my presence was expected. That way of thinking changed when I realized that my relationship with God was not what it could be. That way of thinking changed when I realized that being part of a worshipping community was an important element in helping me stay connected to God as well as to my brothers and sisters in Christ.

While we are all enjoying the slower pace of summer, I would encourage you to make time on your Sunday mornings to attend worship. Come to church...enjoy the company of your fellow believers.

Come to church...worship the Lord who creates, redeems and sustains us. Come to church...and financially support the work that we are doing. Come to church...feel the love the God and the grace that is so freely given. Come to church...and just be! Enjoy the warmth of the season and thank God for the sunshine instead of snow!

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing!

Pastor Jodie

Sunday Schedule and Volunteers



July 5

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

Elder: Sue Testa
Sacristans: Ron & Carol Freyman
Ushers: Bob & Elley Silfies
Lawn: Jon Terry (7.6-7.12)



July 12

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

Elder: Spencer Smith
Sacristans: Heath & Val Hoff
Ushers: John & Rosie Bauman
Lawn: Joe Testa (7.13-7.19)



July 19

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

Elder: Val Hoff
Sacristans: John & Paula Horn
Ushers: Carol Saeger &
 Nancy Bartleman
Lawn: John & Paula Horn (7.20-26)



July 26

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 10:30am Worship- *Outdoor*

Elder: Kyle Borowski
Sacristans: Michael & Myra Jones
Ushers: Art Sergent
Lawn: Art Sergent (7.27-8.02)



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.
- **July’s Joyful Noise Offering**—This month’s Joyful Noise Offering will support NorthEast Community Center . 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	2025 in person	2025 online	2026 in person	2026 online	KEY
May week 5	NA	NA	54	30	C: Communion
June week 1	76 (OW)	37	67	30	
June week 2	51 (C)	36	56 (OW)	34	OW: Outdoor
June week 3	30	48	49	17	Worship
June week 4	58	43	54	3	

- **As you enjoy your summer**, remember that the church's ministries & expenses continue throughout the summer. Please consider mailing or submitting online your tithes and offerings each week, or come to worship!!!
- **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.
- **Giving statements.** Statements of giving through the second quarter, June 30, will be arriving via email UNLESS the church does not have an email address for you, in which case it will be delivered via USPS.



Monthly Financial Update			
		Total Revenue Year-to-Date	
		through May 30	
May Budgeted Revenue	\$20,599		
May Actual Revenue	\$15,656	2025	\$82,724
Over (Under) Budget	(\$4,943)	2026	\$88,897
Year-To-Date Difference	\$1,767	Percent Change	7.50%

Church News & Events

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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 .
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
- **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



7.05-7.11 Primary Conference	Grades 3-5 Kerrian Simpson, dean
7.19-7.25 Junior High Conference	Grades 6-8 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**

- **Join Manna for Dinner Church in the Park on Friday, July 3 at 5:00pm Wayne Grube Park 1200 Willowbrook Rd. Northampton PA 18067** Rain or Shine RSVP to Pastor Byrnes here: tinyurl.com/y8jkhync
- **Ice Cream Festival** Save the date, **Monday, August 17th**, and start thinking about how YOU can help make the festival a success this year. We will need donations of food, volunteers to help serve, cashiers, and runners. Contact Blake Messman if you can help this year!
- **Psalm of Joy** If you didn't catch the Unitas chorale singing Johann F. Peter's composition at the Bach Festival, you have three more chances to hear this piece. The first two are on **Saturday, July 11th**, as part of Easton Heritage Day, at **Trinity Episcopal Church, 234 Spring Garden St, Easton** at either **1:00pm OR 2:00pm**, following the reading of the Declaration of Independence in Easton's Centre Square. The third opportunity to hear it is on **Tuesday, July 14th** as a part of the Bach@Noon series at **St. John's Lutheran Church , 37 South 5th Street, Allentown** at **12:10pm**.
- **America 250: Bethlehem Block Party, July 12th, 12:00-5:00pm** Come celebrate history, community and summer with your neighbors in the heart of Historic Bethlehem. Held in partnership with Northside Alive, the City of Bethlehem, and in honor of Central Moravian Church's 275th anniversary, the event will highlight Bethlehem's rich heritage while celebrating America's semiquincentennial. **Main Street** will come alive with a lively street fair, entertainment, shopping, food, and family-friendly fun. Performing on the stage in front of Central Moravian Church (sponsored by BAM) will be bands from Edgeboro, East Hills, and the Gate Moravian Churches, all warming up the crowd for the headlining band, The Stank Factory, 5 piece band inspired by the jazz, funk, soul, and blues sounds of New Orleans and led by recent Moravian University graduate Patrick Kerssen. Nearby, BAM volunteers will be handing out free cotton candy and water. The Old Chapel and Sanctuary will be available for tours during this time as well. Join in the celebration for the two year anniversary of Bethlehem's recognition as a UNESCO World heritage Site and honor centuries of history that make Bethlehem so special.

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-  **Blankets & Beanies for Teenies** Calling all knitters, crocheters, quilters, and sewers! Make blankets and beanies for our smallest citizens. On the **fourth Saturday of the month**, 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
- 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. Call the LEPOCO office to check availability. For more information, call the LEPOCO office at **610.691-8730**
-  **Church Community Yard Sales:**
 - Advent Moravian Church, August 22, 8:00am-2:00pm, 3730 Jacksonville Rd.** Food and live music Basket Raffle. Interested in a space/table? Contact Rita Litner: ritafoogle1209@yahoo.com OR Carol Miller at 484.547-3809. Spaces/tables are available for a \$10 suggested donation.
For more information about the basket raffle contact Sue Rice at 412.499-2309.
 - East Hills Moravian Church, August 29, 9:00am -2:00pm, 1830 Butztown Rd.** Yard, cafe and bake sale. 8'x6' space rental available for \$25. Call Sue at 610.737-0012 Set up Fri. Aug 28 5-8pm and Sat. Aug 29 8-9am Contact Louise at 610.865-4118 for more information about the sale.
- MMF Newsletter** To read the current newsletter from MMF, direct your browser to: tinyurl.com/3cabuwph
- June Faith Formation Newsletter:** To read the June newsletter, websurf to tinyurl.com/3excwese
- Compass Preparing leaders for ministry and service Learn Lead, Serve: Summer Courses for Lay Leaders** Have you thought about taking an online course this summer? Two engaging 6-week classes begin in July, via zoom, designed with congregational ministry in mind and open to anyone looking to grow in faith, leadership, and learning. Each district will provide \$300 toward the cost of a course making the remaining student fee only \$40. If you're interested in registering for one or more classes, please send an email to Melissa Johnson: melissa@mcnp.org
 - Adaptive Leadership for Ministry** taught by Rev. Dr Mandy Mastros **Mondays, Jul 13-Aug 17, 7:00-8:30pm.** What basic leadership skills are needed for parish ministry? Focus on pastoral authority, congregational systems, conflict, communication, change, and boundaries.
 - Liturgy and Sacraments** taught by Rev. Dr. Marty Kuhma **Wednesdays, Jul 15-Aug 19, 7:00-8:30pm.** How to preside over rituals of grace Participants plan, prepare, and practice versions of rites and rituals tailored to their own denominational and cultural contexts, including leading Sunday worship, baptisms, child dedications, weddings/union services, as well as funeral/memorial/homegoing services. Register for Classes Today! <https://learn.moravian.edu/browse/compass>
- 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.

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.

- **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: July 11: Jon Terry; August 8: Tom Pheiffer; September 12: Carole Burkhardt

- **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.



Andrew & Amanda David
(Reilly, Declan)
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Monthly Highlights

Elders

- The Elders last met on Wednesday, June 17th. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, August 6th.
- 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.
- Building use approved for Carver House meeting June 30th and New Phila. Moravian Church layover July 18/19.
- Tom Pheiffer delivered the snacks to NECC on June 15th.
- Our next outdoor worship will be July 26th.

Trustees

- The Trustees last met on Thursday, June 18th. The Trustees will meet next on Thursday, August 18th.
- Reports from CEC & Youth, Evangelism, Fellowship & house, Finance & Audit, Stewardship, Pastor, and Treasurer.
- The 2025 Audit Report was submitted by Jane Nagle Martin and Mike Jones. We are happy to report that we had a clean audit. Many thanks to Jane & Mike for their hours of dedication and their expertise!
- Thanks to Carole Burkhardt & Ryan Beller for figuring out how to send quarterly statements to members electronically. This is time & money saving.
- A new lease is being signed for continuing the parsonage rental to Charlie McDonald.
- Procedures for the Counters were approved. A Policy Review Committee was formed to determine & document other important financial procedures.
- The trustees discussed finances and the importance of contributions continuing during the summer months.

Fellowship

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



July Adult Birthdays

- 2) Gabriel Baer
Jamie Batson
Louie Velez
- 3) Karen Check
- 4) Jacob Kindt
- 7) Michael Long
Gary Rohn
- 8) Laura Bannon
Gilda Pheiffer
- 11) Scott Jones
- 12) Andrew Morgan
Elley Silfies
- 15) Matthew Hosterman
- 16) Debra Weikert
Jane Williamson
- 17) Carol Saeger
- 18) Jeremiah Beller
Ryan Beller
Kelly DiGiacinto
Samantha Madison
- 19) Benjamin Harney
Neil Kovaleski
Penny Miller
Ronald Aker
- 20) Ruby Miller
- 21) Hollie Langkamer
- 23) Susan Becker
- 24) Jessie Bucchin
Logan Drust
Peggy Leith

Adults cont.

- 25) Cheryl Kindt
- 26) Jon Terry
- 27) Megan Terry
- 28) Linda Baum
- 29) Michele Townsend
- 30) Scott Harney
Kathie Klein
- 31) Leah Hosterman
Jason Zulli

July Children Birthdays

- 13) Adam Rumble
- 15) Michael Mertz
- 18) Jackson Lauderman
- 26) Amelia Bannon
- 28) Rylan Harkom
Declan Podhyski



July Anniversaries

- 6) Dale & Linda Baum
Andy & Season Pagano
- 10) Bill & Barb Burkhardt
- 11) Andrew & Jamie Batson
- 18) Jamie & Krissy Scalise
- 20) Louis & Ellen Pagano
- 23) Bruce & Holly Haines
Sean & Kelly Harkom
- 31) Jeffrey & Robyn Balsai
Mike & Terri Long
Joseph & Michelle Volkert



SAVE THE DATE
for

Edgeboro's Annual

Ice Cream Festival

August 17, 2026



did you know... In July we get to celebrate National Ice Cream Month! July was officially proclaimed National Ice Cream Month by President Ronald Reagan in 1984 to promote the ice cream industry and celebrate the joy of ice cream. So, Ice Cream gets a month, Sharks get a week, and Moms get a day...



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Beef Barbecue

- 1 lb. ground beef
- ½ c. chopped onion
- ¼ c. chopped celery
- ¼ c. chopped green peppers
- 1 can tomato paste
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

Mrs. Richard Grebs

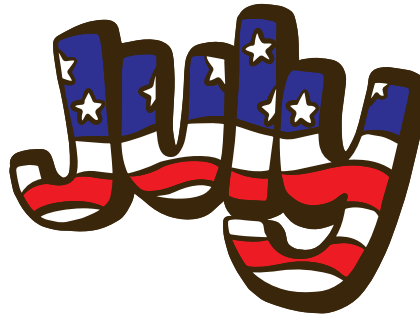


- 1 can water
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 Tbsp. vinegar
- ½ c. catsup
- salt & pepper

Saute onions, celery, peppers until clear. Brown ground beef and mix with other ingredients. Simmer for 1 hour.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship	29	30 6:00pm Carver House Meeting	1 Canada Day	2	3 Office Closed	4 God Bless America
5 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship- Communion, John Hus Sunday, Joyful Noise, Birthday Sunday	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship	13 9:30am Palette Club Board	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship 1:30pm Palette Club	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Outdoor	27	28	29	30	31	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 Summer Schedule

9:15am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship

Pastor: Rev. Jodie Harney

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Find us at: *edgeboromoravian.org* or 610.866-8793

Office Administrator: Carole Burkhardt

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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

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