



Edgeboro Moravian Church's Newsletter

The Envoy

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For the past 12 or so years, we have been waiting for the day that Ben would join the Liberty High School Grenadier Band. From sitting at Friday night football games as a little kid and marching in step with the band on the field, to dressing up like a Grenadier for the Bethlehem Halloween parade when his elementary school's theme was what do you want to be when you grow up, we knew this day was coming. And now as the month of August begins, so does LHSGB Band camp! Three weeks of learning what it takes to be in the band, how to do a field show, memorizing lots of music....it's finally here! Sure, as a Moravian pastor, maybe having a kid who played a brass instrument would have been nice, but percussion makes him happy so here we are! And maybe the most exciting part (at least for me as the mom) getting a real uniform not just a long sleeve shirt that his mom, ok, let's be honest, his Grammy, sewed buttons and ribbon onto, but a real uniform! To say that we have been anticipating this moment would be quite accurate. To say that we are excited and nervous would also be accurate. It's crazy how something that we have waited for, for so long, is now here and if history has taught me anything, the next four years will fly by and I'll find myself writing a newsletter article about sending my kid off to college. Time just keeps on chugging along doesn't it!

Now, I don't know about you, but I'm pretty sure I've shared during at least one sermon, that I am the recipient of the worry gene, passed down to me from my mom, who got it from her mom, who I can only assume got it from her mom, and that pattern repeated for generations. So while I am super excited to that Ben will be in The Band, just like I was, I am a little worried. I just deleted all of the possibly scenarios that I am worried about, but trust me, they are there. Thankfully, in this situation along with every other situation in my life, there is a scripture passage that I repeat to myself quite frequently! I do not have all ten verses memorized of Matthew 6:25-34, but I do know that it starts off with....

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing"?

And ends with.....

³⁴"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

I'm sure if we all took a few minutes to sit and think about it, we would come up with plenty of things that we are worried about. It's just the nature of life isn't it? How fortunate are we that we do not have to worry about tomorrow or next week or next year, because God is already there waiting for us!

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing!

Pastor Jodie

Sunday Schedule and Volunteers

Aug 2

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

Elder: Tammy Baer

Sacristans: Tom & Gilda Pheiffer and
Peggy Leith

Ushers: Brent & Kyle Sergeant

Lawn: Art Sergeant (8.3-8.9)

Plastics: Tom Pheiffer (8.8)

Aug 9

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

Elder: Tammy Baer

Sacristans: Michael & Terri Long

Ushers: Heath & Val Hoff

Lawn: Ellen & Tim Murphy (8.10-8.16)

Aug 16

9:15am Adult Sunday School
10:30am Worship- Outdoor;
Communion, Edge Band

Elder: Season Pagano

Sacristans: Bob & Elley Silfies

Ushers: Eric Smith & Family

Lawn: Joe Testa (8.17-8.23)

Aug 23

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

Elder: Sue Testa

Sacristans: Jon & Lynn Terry

Ushers: Joe & Sue Testa

Lawn: John & Paula Horn (8.24-8.30)

Aug 30

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

Elder: Tim Jones

Sacristans: John & Rosie Bauman

Ushers: Art Sergeant

Lawn: Patrick O'Brien (8.31-9.6)

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.
- **August's Joyful Noise Offering**—This month's Joyful Noise Offering will support Valley Youth House. Place your offerings in the Joyful Noise can in the sanctuary or make a gift to Edgeboro online, designating your gift for "Joyful Noise."

JULY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	2025 in person	2025 online	2026 in person	2026 online
Week 1	52	61	57	29
Week 2	48	37	56	26
Week 3	36	39	41	38
Week 4	58	50	55	18

- **As you enjoy your summer**, remember that the church's ministries & expenses continue throughout the summer. If you cannot be with us in person, please consider mailing your tithes and offerings or submitting them online by using the QR code to the right.
- **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, 2026 were sent via email UNLESS the church does not have an email address for you, in which case it was mailed via USPS.

Monthly Financial Update				
		Total Revenue Year-to-Date through June 30		
June Budgeted Revenue	\$	19,053		
June Actual Revenue	\$	19,023	2025	\$ 95,499
Over (Under) Budget	\$	(30)	2026	\$ 107,920
Year-to-Date Difference	\$	1,737	Percent Change:	13.0%

Church News & Events

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

- **Camp Hope** Want to go to Camp Hope this summer. There is scholarship money available to church members. \$100 from Edgeboro, \$100 for the Donald & Shirley Nagle Memorial Camp Scholarship fund, and \$300 from BAM. That is \$500 toward your week of summer camp! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!

Remaining Summer Schedule

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**

Camp Hope 80th Anniversary Celebration

Join on Saturday, August 8, 2026, as Camp Hope celebrates 80 years of Camp Hope! Enjoy a day of outdoor worship, fellowship, family activities, swimming, games, and a community picnic. Whether you're reconnecting with camp or visiting for the first time, everyone is welcome! Attendance is free. Picnic dinner is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child with advance registration.

Register here: www.camphope.org.

- **PRE-ORDER YOUR 2027 MORAVIAN DAILY TEXT THROUGH EDGEBORO** Save 10% on your order plus shipping and state tax by pre-ordering through Edgeboro. Pre-orders for the Moravian Daily Text are due to the Edgeboro Office by **AUGUST 9, 2026!** If you would like to pre-order, call: **610.866-8793** or email: churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org to notify the church office of your order. Edgeboro will be sending in a large order Aug 10th. The office will notify you when your order has arrived and **you must pick-up your order at the church.** Orders will be ready beginning in November, 2026

ITEM	Regular price	Pre-order price	Quantity	Total Price
	(after 8.13)			
Journal Edition Moravian Daily Text 2027	\$19.50	\$17.55		
Hardcover Edition Moravian Daily Texts 2027	\$17.50	\$15.75		
Large Print Edition Moravian Daily Texts 2027	\$16.95	\$15.75		
Paperback Edition Moravian Daily Texts 2027	\$14.50	\$13.05		
Spanish Daily Texts 2027 (Dias Lecturias)	\$15.95	\$14.35		
German Daily Texts 2027 (Die Losungen)	\$15.95	\$14.35		
Large Print German Daily Texts 2027 (Die Losungen)	\$15.95	\$14.35		
Directory & Statists 2027 (purchased alone)	\$11.50	\$10.35		
Directory & Statists 2027 (purchased with any daily text)	\$9.50	\$9.50		
Moravian Desk Calendar & Plan Book 2027	\$12.00	\$12.00		
		Merchandise Total		

- **Edgeboro Hospitality** On Saturday, July 18 the church welcomed youth, from New Philadelphia Moravian Church for an overnight layover, as they traveled from their home church in NC to Boston, Mass. for a week's mission trip with Next Step. Pastor Jodie met with them to pray for safe travels and a successful week before they left Sunday morning, July 19.
- **Seniors and Friends September 3, 11:30am.** Bring a Friend & a Sandwich, beverage and dessert will be provided! Glass Garden Art by Martha will be helping us make our own Glass Garden Flower. We are asking for a donation of \$5.00 to be used toward the cost of the supplies.
- **Faith In Formation** July Newsletter can be found at: tinyurl.com/4v99n89s

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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
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- **Arts Fest** a good fit for more artsy-minded kids ages 3 and up. Offered by Rev. Sue Koenig at **First Moravian Church, Easton, 225 N. 10th St., Easton, August 13 & 14 9:30-11:30am** Using the book "God's Paintbrush" by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso and illustrated Annette Compton as the guiding story, children and youth will have the opportunity to paint God's world in a variety of mediums - watercolors, pastels, tempera, and acrylics- and experiment with different techniques. There will even be the opportunity to paint upside down, like Michelangelo. Registration forms are available by calling **610.258-6317**. Children ages 3 and up are invited to attend. **Deadline for registration is AUGUST 10.**
 - **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: ritafole1209@yahoo.com OR Carol Miller: **484.547-3809**. Spaces/tables are available for a \$10 suggested donation. For more information about the basket raffle contact Sue Rice: **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: **610.737-0012** Set up Fri. Aug 28 5-8pm and Sat. Aug 29 8-9am Contact Louise: **610.865-4118** for more information about the sale.
 - West Side Moravian Church 402 3rd Ave. Bethlehem September 12 8:00am- 12:00 noon.** Set-up 7:00am. Tables are free with a \$10.00 deposit per table, which is refunded upon return. Outdoor event held in the church parking lot. Restrictions on items for sale apply. To registrar: applications can be downloaded from www.westsidemoravian.org, email westsidemoravian@gmail.com or call **610.865-0256**
 - **Lehigh Valley Pride at Arts Quest 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem, August 30, 1:00-7:00pm.** Pre-Pride Interfaith Gathering: 12:00 PM, inside ArtsQuest in the Blast Furnace Room. Festival begins at 1:00pm. Admission Adults \$5.00, Youth 13-18 \$3.00, Youth 12 and under are free. Lehigh Valley Pride is a vibrant celebration of the LGBTQ+ community in the Lehigh Valley. The festival features live entertainment, vendors, community organizations, sponsors, and more. The event at the SteelStacks will include accessibility features such as ASL interpreters, ADA restrooms, large-print Pride guides, alcohol-free experiences, indoor air conditioned spaces, accessible seating for those with disabilities, indoor sensory-friendly area, spirituality space, and reserved parking near the festival entrances. Purchase tickets online here: zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-lehigh-valley-pride
 - **Please remember** if you have graciously sponsored flowers for Sunday to send a check into the church office with the word flowers in the memo line. As you enjoy your summer, remember that the church's ministries & expenses continue throughout the summer. If you cannot be with us in person, please consider mailing your tithes and offerings or submit them online by using the QR code on page 2 of the Envoy.
 - **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.
 - **County of Northampton Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council** 12th annual **Centenarian Luncheon!** **October 1, 2026, 11:30am Green Pond Country Club 3604 Farmersville Road Bethlehem** **RSVP by August 15th to Melissa Titus 610.829-4509 or centenarian@norcopa.gov.** All Centenarians in the county (100+ or turning 100 in 2026) and 1 guest are invited to attend for free. Additional guests are \$36/person.

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: August 8: Tom Pheiffer; September 12 and October 10: 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.



PHONE CHANGE

Noemi Gonzalez

484.767-1968

THEY'VE MOVED! NEW ADDRESSES FOR:

Michael & Terry Long
1051 Resolution Drive
Bethlehem, Pa 18017

John and Paula Horn
4114 Rochelle Drive
Allentown, PA 18104

Margaret Heimbrook
175 W. North St., Apt . 2007
Nazareth, PA 18064-1410
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Monthly Highlights

Elders

- The Elders last met on Wednesday, June 17th. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, August 6th.
- Updates from the June meeting can be found in the July Envoy.

Trustees

- The Trustees last met on Thursday, June 18th. The Trustees will meet next on Thursday, August 20th.
- Updates from the June meeting can be found in the July Envoy.

Fellowship

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



August Adult Birthdays

- 1) Theodore Messman
- 2) Sharon Hallowell
- 4) Cynthia Grebs
- 5) Charles McDonald
- 6) Jack Nagle
- 8) Rachel Sine
- 9) Robert Gross
Johanna Heft
- 12) Kevin Knox
- 15) Marcia Madison
Chrissie Shafer
- 18) Julie Groner
Emily Sergent
Makenzi Williamson
- 19) Vanceen Langkamer
Olivia Lieberman
Henry Minnich
David Nagle
Jamie Scalise
- 21) Robyn Balsai
Jillian Emig
- 22) Ross Groner
- 24) Sherrie Rohn
- 25) Kay Black
- 28) Luke DiGiacinto



August Children Birthdays

- 10) Raiden Brinker

Dear Edgeboro Moravian Church Family,

thank you

On behalf of my siblings and the entire Silwamba family, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for your generous financial contribution and the love, prayers, and support you have shown us following the passing of our beloved father, Rev. A. Paul Silwamba. Your kindness and compassion during this difficult time have been a great source of comfort and strength to our family. We are truly humbled by your generosity and by the care you have extended to us. Your support reminds us that we are surrounded by a loving family of faith, and for that we are sincerely thankful.

May God richly bless each one of you and the entire Edgeboro Moravian Church congregation for your generosity, your prayers, and your continued encouragement. We will always remember your love and support during this season of grief.

Blessings,
Dalley Silwamba



Edgeboro Moravian Church,
Thank you for your recent donation of \$190.00 to the Trickle Bee Cafe.
This supports our mission of providing healthy meals on a pay what you can basis.

Thank you
Trickle Bee Cafe
Nancy Fennell, volunteer



August Anniversaries

- 1) Brittany & Daniel Lilly
- 3) James & Beverly Clause
- 5) Steve & Donna Henning
- 13) Eric & Stephanie Smith
- 21) Dustin & Nancy Duro
Art & Penny Sergent
- 24) Michael & Susan Becker
Peter & Susan Deringer
Terry & Linda Kunsman
- 25) John & Rosie Bauman
- 27) Mike & Myra Jones



did you know.. that in a regular year, no other month starts on the same day of the week as August. In a leap year, that quirky month, February, will start on the same day of the week as August.



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Hawai'ian Chicken Salad

Mrs. Palmer Eby

2 c cooked chicken
2c. chunk pineapple

$\frac{3}{4}$ c. slivered dried apricots
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. toasted slivered almonds

Mix with your favorite salad dressing.
Serve with coconut and chopped green pepper.
Serves 6.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Outdoor	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 National Day Prayer Day for World Peace and Nuclear Disarmament 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship	3	4	5	6 7:00pm Elders meeting	7	8
9 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Outdoor, Communion	17  4:30pm Ice Cream Festival	18	19	20 7:00pm Trustees Meeting	21	22
23 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship	31	1	2	3 7:00pm Elders meeting	4	5



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

pastorjodie@edgeboromoravian.org

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

Office Administrator: Carole Burkhardt

churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org

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

Organist & Choir Director: Gayle Justice

Sexton: Greg Clugston

Want More Edgeboro News?

- Access the church calendar online & worship online at edgeboromoravian.org
- Click on the Contact Us dropdown to enroll in weekly email announcements & phone blasts.
- Join Edgeboro's Facebook Group



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