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Edgeboro's Mission

is to love God, grow in Christ, and share the Holy Spirit through worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism.

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

July 12, 2026 || 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Arriving for Worship (*A moment to center ourselves and listen to the Spirit.*)

Watchword for the Week

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (*Romans 8:1*)

Prelude & Reflection

Call To Worship

*Hymn *Blessed Jesus, at your Word* #558 MBW

*Celebration Liturgy p. 43 MBW

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology & *Prayer of Dedication #817 MBW

Scripture Reading – Psalm 65: 1-13 Insert

Romans 8:1-11 (pg. 157; Lg. 224)

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (pg. 13; Lg. 19)

Hymn *When Seed Falls on Good Soil* #501 MBW

Sermon

***Hymn**

In the Bulb There is a Flower

#797 MBW

Benediction & Postlude

*Those that are able and comfortable, please stand.
MBW: Moravian Book of Worship || SttL: Sing to the Lord a New Song

Visiting? If you are looking here for a church home in which to nurture your faith, please speak with the Pastor following the service.

Young children? There's a nursery downstairs.

Need Large Print? Please speak with an usher.

Guest Preacher	Rev. Patricia Honszer
Guest Organist	Johanna Heft
Elder of the Day	Spencer Smith
Sacristans	John & Paula Horn
Ushers	John & Rosie Bauman
Ministers	YOU!

Notes:

July's **Joyful Noise Offering** will support North East Community Center. Please place your offerings in the joyful noise can or give online(QR code) to the right.

Label your gift for "Joyful Noise."



Make a Gift to Edgeboro Online! Scan the QR code to make a gift to Edgeboro online using a credit card or bank account.

A Familiar Parable

The parable of the sower is a familiar one within the Gospels. It is also one of a few parables in which the Lord Jesus actually comes out and gives the interpretation. The seed is the Word of God. The ground is the human heart. The first ground is a heart who does not receive the Word. The second heart is one who receives the Word with joy but when testing or temptation comes, they fall away. The third is a heart who receives the Word but the worries and cares of this life choke the fruitfulness of the Word. The fourth is a heart who receives the Word with joy, believes fully the gospel, and bears much fruit for the kingdom of God.

In my work as a chaplain with Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries, I see this parable played out on a weekly basis. Men who refuse to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and continue in their lives of self-destruction. Men who receive the gospel with joy, but when temptation comes along their way, relapse and fall away, many times in a worse state than they were before they heard the gospel. Men who believe the gospel but worry too much about making money, having cars and the things of the world when they get released from prison, and in this way choke the work of the Spirit in their lives.

Then there are those few men who hear the gospel, receive it with joy, and live lives that bear the fruit of the Spirit. They become reconciled to loved ones who had written them off. They understand the necessity of integrity and character and honesty. They understand that life is more than a quick fix, fast money, and another one-night stand. They go on to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with other lost sheep.

*Jeff Carter, chaplain, Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries,
Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

The Moravian Church

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026



Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we are gath - ered
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part! Light of light, from



all to hear you; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night
 God pro - ceed - ing, o - pen now our ears and heart,



now to seek and love and fear you; by your teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; you a - lone to
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing; hear the cry that



true and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
 God can win us; you must work all good with - in us.
 we are rais - ing; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - ing.



GENERAL LITURGY 7

Celebration

(Standing)

In the beginning was God — creating, giving birth to the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and in darkness. But God spoke into the emptiness, and light appeared: the dawn of our beginnings. God kept creating — flowers, trees, seeds, and fruit: things that blossom and things that grow. God created more — life that crawled and life that swam, life that sprang on hooves, and life that soared on wings!

The sun, the moon, the stars burst forth as light; the skies and the earth were filled with life — plants, creatures, and birds of every kind. And God rejoiced saying: It is good!

From the midst of this earth came yet another creature, created in God's image. There in the bounty of the garden God crafted humanity — male and female. God breathed into them life-giving breath. God looked upon these creatures with love and said: It is good! Then God rested, seeing and loving what had been done, setting free this creation with all its potential for good and evil.

Gracious God, thank you for the goodness of creation — for the variety, the beauty, and the delicate complexity of life, your creation! Forgive us for the times we have not appreciated or cared for all you have given to us. Open our eyes; restore our hearts; and bring us back into relationship with you, the earth, and all of life.

O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y

thun-der, thy power through-out the un-i-verse dis-played.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God to

thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

(Sitting)

The diversity of life is nowhere more profound than among human beings. We are many colors, shapes, and ages. Language, music, culture, and custom vary among us. We are a great tapestry woven from God's love.

Artful Weaver, you ask that we share your love with others, just as Jesus reached out and loved those most different from himself. Too often we fall short of this call, seeing differences as cause for fear rather than for celebration. Instead of caring for the tapestry, we unravel the fabric of your design. We perpetuate divisions by race and color, culture, class, and gender.

We give you thanks and praise that Jesus reveals your boundless love. Teach us this love, that the world may be one. Through your healing love, help us to break down the boundaries dividing the human family.

ST. PETER (14 T)

Join hands dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.

All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.

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Jesus healed the sick, fed the hungry, gave hope to the hopeless. Jesus challenges his followers to continue his ministry, asking us to feed, clothe, and give shelter, saying: As you do these things for the least of these, you do them for me.

We pray that we will hear the cries of need, and that we will not only hear, but join with others who respond in loving action.

We are the hands and feet of Christ, serv - ing by

grace each oth - er's need. We dare to risk and

sac - ri - fice with truth - ful word and faith - ful deed.

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We remember the birthing of the church: when the people who had gathered for prayer and praise were filled with the Holy Spirit.

We remember how the Spirit came upon them like fire, like wind — surrounding them, exciting them, opening their eyes and hearts to the power and presence of God. The Spirit-filled church could not stop — singing praises to God, reaching out to each other's need, spreading the word of God's power and God's love. We remember this beginning and pray that the church will be infused with new life through the Spirit — calling us, claiming us, summoning us to the excitement and joy of faith.

**Come, Holy Spirit, ignite our hearts and impart your gifts again to the church.
Blow through us and within us like a renewing, powerful wind.**

(Standing)

CASCADE

Unison

O Breath of Life, come sweep - ing through us, re - vive your
 O Wind of God, come, bend us, break us, till hum - bly
 O Breath of Love, come, breathe with - in us, re - new - ing

church with life and power. O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, re -
 we con - fess our need. Then in your ten - der - ness re -
 thought and will and heart. Come, love of Christ, a - fresh to

new us, and fit your church to meet this hour.
 make us; re - vive, re - store, for this we plead.
 win us; re - vive your church in ev - 'ry part.

As God created the heavens, the earth, and life itself, may God give birth to new life in us. May God's love be known to us today through Jesus Christ. And as tiny pebbles thrown into a pond cause ripples to move outward in ever-widening circles, may our love move from this place outward—expanding to embrace our neighbors, our community, our human family, and our world.

May all that we do and say and live be a witness, be a prayer, and be a celebration!

Psalm 65:1-13
Thanksgiving for Earth's Bounty

¹ Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,

² O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

³ **When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.**

⁴ Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

⁵ **By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

⁶ By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

⁷ **You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.**

⁸ Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

⁹ **You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.**

Romans 8:1-11 NRSVUE

Life in the Spirit

8 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 NRSVUE

The Parable of the Sower

¹³ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!”

The Parable of the Sower Explained

¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

501 When Seed Falls on Good Soil

Unison

1 When seed falls on good soil, it's born through qui - et toil;
 2 God's word in Christ is seed; good soil its ur - gent need;
 3 Plow up the trod - den way, and clear the stone a - way;

where soil re - ceives, the earth con - ceives the blade, the stem, the fruit, the leaves.
 for it must find in hu - man - kind the fer - tile soil in heart and mind.
 tear out the weed, and sow the seed. Pre - pare our hearts your word to heed,

Good soil, O moth - er earth, the womb, where seed takes birth.
 Good soil! A hu - man field! A hun - dred - fold to yield.
 that we good soil may be. Be - gin, O Lord, with me!

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 WALHOF

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Unison



1 In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev-'ry si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin-ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid-den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark-ness bring-ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys-ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec-tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
 un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
 un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.



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 PROMISE

Announcements

Edgeboro's 2026 Watchword: For whoever would approach God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.
(*Hebrews 11:6*)

This week's flowers are given by George & Linda Moller in loving memory of Clara Moller.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 12 9:15am Adult Sunday School
 10:30am Worship

Saturday, July 18 New Philadelphia Moravian Youth Group
 overnight layover

Sunday, July 19 9:15am Adult Sunday School
 10:30am Worship
 Elder: Val Hoff
 Sacristans: Heath & Val Hoff
 Ushers: Carol Saeger & Nancy Bartleman
 Lawn (7.20-7.26): The Horns

THANK YOU to both Rev. Patricia Honszer and Johanna Heft for leading us in worship today in their respective areas.

Edgeboro's Annual Ice Cream Festival Monday, August 17th, 4:30-7:00pm Bring your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to our festival. Enjoy the fellowship as we gather together and enjoy *Gayle Justice's* famous turkey bbq, *Caren Hogen's* delicious homemade meatball sandwiches and the always popular freshly grilled burgers and hot dogs. There are also plenty of opportunities to **volunteer** (*set up, serving, clean up*) and **donate** (*drinks, salads, fruits, hotdogs, buns*). **Sign-ups are in the Narthex.** Call the church office to sign up remotely! Monetary donations also accepted - cash, checks to Edgeboro, or Venmo through Blake Messman. 484.894-3295.

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 at: tinyurl.com/fmhpfvbu.

2026 Camp Hope summer schedule

7.19-7.25 Junior High Conference Grades 6-8

7.26-8.01 Senior High Conference Grades 9-12

8.02-8.05 Pre-Primary Conference Grades 1&2

8.02-8.08 *Junior Park Ranger Camp Grades 3-6

* limited to 30 enrollees

All Edgeboro members are eligible for scholarships totaling \$500 toward camp. \$100.00 from the Church, \$100.00 from the Nagle Camp Scholarship and \$300.00 from BAM.

Visit tinyurl.com/4zevuse4 to read the latest Camp Hope Newsletter.

Collections We are still collecting individually packaged snacks for Summerbridge at Moravian Academy.

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.

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: 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

Prayer Requests

Use this prayer list creatively in whatever way that will help you remember these names in prayer. Take it home, Place this list in a certain place. Pray while doing certain things. Pray for a different group of people each day. Download an app on your phone that will help you keep your prayers organized. Do what works for you to remain connected in prayer. Here are those we are praying for now:

Sally Abruzzese	Pat Mills (Sharon Hollowell)
Sharon Bond	David Nagle
Kyle Borowski	Irene Nora (Sally Abruzzese)
Helene Boyle	Kiera Pheiffer (Tom Pheiffer)
Lori Burns (Johanna Heft)	Pete Raskovic (Anne Hosterman)
Billy Christman (Sherri Hoff)	Ed Reed (Nancy Remaly)
Kay Gariepy	Rev. Dick Seigfried (Helene Boyle)
Anna Gehret	Brent Sergent, II
Tim & Fatima Gilman (Robyn Balsai)	
Glenn Gemzlinger (Blake Messman)	
Jim Grebs (Rick Grebs)	J'neane Smith (Robyn Balsai)
Eric Hollowell	Pat Strohl
Sharon Hollowell	Megan Weikert
Peg Heimbrook	Allison (Kathie Klein)
Leah Hosterman	JoAnn (Carol Saeger)
Hriniak family (Myra Jones)	Louie & family (Pastor Jodie)
LaRue Jones	Nora (Sally Abruzzese)
Logan Lipsky (Jenny Minnich)	Rosie (Nancy Remaly)
Kathy Loch (Sharon Hollowell)	Tracy (Carol Saeger)

Homebound

Ann Amidon (Jessie Bucchin)
Joyce LeWando

Military Service

Allison Hoff
Kole Koch (Parker Hoff)

Guidance

Janice Bourdage
Jeffrey Boyle (Helene Boyle)
Gareth Messman (Messmans)
Ryan Zaun (Sharon Zaun)
Julie (Marcia)

This list will be refreshed regularly. If you would like a name added or removed from the list, please fill out a blue prayer request card found in the pews or contact the church office.

Celebration of America 250: Opportunities with the Bethlehem Area Moravians, World Heritage Council and Galore! Sunday July 12th starting at 12 noon

America 250 celebrations happen through Main & Broad Sts. with many outdoor vendors, food options, children's activities, etc. The Bethlehem Area Moravian churches are joining together to provide music, and a welcoming presence on Main Street with the schedule below:

12 - 5 pm: Main St. (by church sign). Bethlehem Area Moravians and UNESCO World Heritage Moravian Church Settlements offer free cotton candy and water, as well as a welcoming presence and info tables. Learn more about our World Heritage Designation as we celebrate 2 years as a Site as well as all our 7 Bethlehem Moravian Churches!

12 - 5 pm: Music on the lower green as part of America 250. Seating will be provided or bring your own lawn chair.

12:00 pm: The Edge Band (Edgeboro Moravian)

1:00 pm: East Hills Praise Band

2:00 pm: The Gate Band

3:00 pm: The Stank Factory led by Patrick Kerssen

12 - 4 p.m: Old Chapel and Sanctuary will be open for tours and the Moravian Museum (Gemeinhouse) will be free to all guests with thanks to HBMS.