



Edgeboro Moravian Church's Newsletter

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It is that time again. Actually, if you've been out shopping in the past month or so you could think that it has been that time since the end of July. Back to school, school buses back on the roads, crossing guards at the intersections and children carrying bags full of school supplies entering the building just down the street from our church. I had mixed feelings about going back to school. I enjoyed shopping for new notebooks and pencils and couldn't wait to see my friends...but I also enjoyed the lazy days of summer. As I reflect back on my life...I have spent at about 198 months in school. You could assume that I had learned all that I need to learn and that I can be done with learning now. But you would be wrong. In fact, for any of us to think that we are done learning just because we are not in a classroom is a bit silly. We do tend to think that once we have our diploma or certificate or degree that we are done learning or studying, but Henry L. Doherty had something to say about that,

“Get over the idea that only children should spend their time in study.
Be a student so long as you still have something to learn,
and this will mean all your life.”

In the world that we live in, we are constantly bombarded with things that we can learn about. Sure, some of it is pretty useless, but for the most part there is always something new that we can learn. As our children are returning to the world of academia, I would invite you or maybe challenge you to think of something that you have always wanted to know more about and start learning. Go to the library and check out books on a subject that interests you. Check out all of the fun learning opportunities that are offered at the Community College. Read a book on a new to you subject. Never stop learning.

To all of our children, youth and adults who are returning to the classroom, may you feel God's presence with you every step of the way. To those who are not returning to classrooms, I would ask that you would uphold all who are going to school in your prayers. To all of us, remember this, God is at work in our lives in ways that we are not even aware of yet. Let us all open our eyes, ears and hearts to see and hear and feel where God is calling us to go and what God is calling us to learn. Take time to talk with God...then and more importantly, take time to be quiet and to listen for that still small voice that is offering us guidance.

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing!

Pastor Jodie

Sunday Schedule and Volunteers

September 6

9:15am Adult Sunday School
10:30am Worship – *Birthday Sunday*

Elder: Spencer Smith

Sacristans: Ron & Carol Freyman

Ushers: Rodney Sergent

Lawn: Ellen & Tim Murphyt (9.7-9.13)

Plastics: Carole Burkhardt (9.12)



September 13

9:15am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Youth Sunday School
10:30am Worship -*Rally Day; Children's Lovefeast; Joyful Noise*

Elder: Val Hoff

Sacristans: Heath & Val Hoff

Ushers: Bob & Elley Silfies

Lawn: Tyler Long (9.14-9.20)



September 20

9:15am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Benevolence Breakfast
9:30am Youth Sunday School
10:30am Worship - *Moravian Day of Service*

Sacristans: John & Paula Horn

Lawn: Art Sergent (9.21-9.27)



September 27

9:15am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Youth Sunday School
10:30am Worship
11:30am Potluck Luncheon & Scam Prevention presentation

Elder: Sue Testa

Sacristans: Michael & Myra Jones

Ushers: Heath & Val Hoff

Lawn: Joe Testa (9.28-10.4)

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.
- **September's Joyful Noise Offering**—This month's Joyful Noise Offering will support Manna. Place your offerings in the Joyful Noise can in the sanctuary or make a gift to Edgeboro online, designating your gift for "Joyful Noise."
- **Special Sundays** — Please note that **Sunday, September 13** is Rally Day, the date we begin the new Sunday School year for our youth. We also install our Sunday School teachers and celebrate Children's Lovefeast during worship that day. **Sunday, September 20**, there will be a Benevolence Breakfast at 9:00am before we begin Moravian Day of Service. There will be several projects to choose from.

August Attendance

	2025	2025	2026	2026	
	in person	online	in person	online	KEY:
week 1	46	52	45	23	
week 2	53 (C)	42	50	26	C: Communion
week 3	55	41	67(C)	35	OW: Outdoor Worship
week 4	75 (OW)	43	58	28	

The last week of August attendance will be reported in the October newsletter.

- **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			
		Total Revenue Year-to-Date through July 31	
July Budgeted Revenue	\$ 20,451		
July Actual Revenue	\$ 16,384	2025	\$ 113,127
Over (Under) Budget	\$ (4,067)	2026	\$ 124,304
Year-to-Date Difference	\$ (2,330)	Percent Change:	9.9%

Church News & Events

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

- **Youth Sunday School Begins September 13th.** Join us for Children's Lovefeast and Sunday School Installation during the 10:30am worship.
- **Sunday School Amazon Wishlist** The Sunday school teachers need quite a few items for their classrooms, which they have been covering the expense of themselves. We're providing an Amazon wish list in the event that members are inclined to purchase some of the items for them. We thank you in advance. To view the list, scan the QR code to the right. or visit: tinyurl.com/59kmrp2m
- **Moravian Day of Service** will be held **Sunday, September 20th**. There will be several projects in which to participate in lieu of the worship service that morning. There will also be a benevolence breakfast that morning at 9:00am.
- **Scam Alert Presentation** Everyone is invited to stay after worship on **September 27th** for a potluck luncheon followed by a presentation **Be Scam Smart: Practical ways to avoid fraud** No one wants to admit that they've been scammed, but it is happening far more frequently than we think. Whether it's through phone calls, text messages, emails or the mail, everyone, of any age, can be the victim. Come learn about what the most common scams are and how to protect yourself and your assets.
- **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.
- **Seniors and Friends September 3, 11:30am. West Side Moravian, 402 3rd Ave, Bethlehem.** 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.
- Church Community Yard Sales:
First Moravian Church of Easton, 225 N. 10th St., Easton. September 12, 8:00am-1:00pm Clothing & Wearable Items (Rummage) 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 register: applications can be downloaded from www.westsidemoravian.org, email westsidemoravian@gmail.com. or call [610.865-0256](tel:610.865-0256)
- **BAM Unpicnic:** September 13, 3-5 p.m. East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem. What's Unpicnic? Does it have food? YES (and good food too!). Will it have a chance to get to know other Moravians from our Bethlehem Moravian churches? YES (and games too!) But there is more A chance to help out other people in a BIG way; making hygiene kits to be distributed across the world with Church World Service. So it is food, new friends AND service - all in one afternoon! Join us as we start with this exciting service project - and ambitious goal; making 720 hygiene kits as we put together supplies like toothbrushes, soap, washcloths, into a bag that can easily be given to survivors of a natural disasters. We will have all the supplies ready for you to pack and share with Church World Service who connects them to places in need. After our service project is finished, we'll enjoy a pizza dinner together! We are grateful for BAM Ministries for sponsoring all supplies necessary for this project, and grateful to our hosts at East Hills Moravian Church.



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- **Local Moravian Churches' Fall Festivals:**

Advent Moravian Church September 19, 12noon- 3:00pm, 3720 Jacksonville Rd, Bethlehem. They are looking for teen volunteers to help with the arts & crafts and yard games for community service hours. Three hours towards your high school Community Service Requirement will be awarded for helping during the festival. More hours available if you come help set up and clean up! Free hot dogs and snow cones for volunteers too!

Feel free to email Wendy (wendywinslow156@yahoo.com), or contact the church [610.866-1402](tel:610.866-1402) with any questions.

Palmer Moravian Church October 10, 12noon-3:00pm, 2901 John St. Easton.

- **Faith In Formation July Newsletter can be found at:** tinyurl.com/4v99n89s

- **Moravian Monthly August Newsletter can be found at:** mailchi.mp/mcnp/august2026

- **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

- **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.



NEW EMAIL:

Paula Horn pkhbuddy@ptd.net



THEY'VE MOVED!
NEW ADDRESSES FOR:

Ann Amidon

4005 Green Pond Rd
Country Meadows Bldg 4
Apt. 58B
Bethlehem PA 18020

Helene Boyle

2021 Westgate Dr
Room 241B
Bethlehem PA 18017

If you've moved or have a phone or email change, please contact the church office, [610.866-8793](tel:610.866-8793) or churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org, so that we can keep our records updated. Many thanks!



Thank you from the Ice Cream Festival

A HUGE THANKS to all who donated food and money, baked, helped serve, and attended the Ice Cream Festival to make this fundraiser at Edgeboro a success. You are all greatly appreciated as none of it would be possible without your help.

Special thanks to Blake Messman for her tireless work in organizing the event & reaching out to everyone and to Bill Burkhardt for his ice cream donation. (otherwise it would just be a summer festival!!!!)

Together, our Edgeboro family helps make our church a successful, loving community for all peoples.

This year's festival netted \$3112.46



Please, keep a watchful eye out for school children entering and exiting buses and crossing at intersections to avoid accidents.

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: September 12 and October 10: Carole Burkhardt; November 14: Blake Messman

- **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.



Commemorate the victims of 9/11, honor the first responders, and reaffirm our promise to never forget by leaving a personal tribute on [the digital Blue Sky Remembrance Wall](#)

Monthly Highlights

Elders

- The Elders last met on Thursday, August 6th. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, September 3rd.
- Anniversary, birthday, condolence and thank you cards were sent.
- Reports from CEC & Youth, Fellowship, House, Membership, Trustees, and Pastor.
- Worship planning was discussed.
- The baptism of Bennett Lieberman was approved.

Trustees

- The Trustees last met on Thursday, August 20th. The Trustees will meet next on Thursday, September 17th.
- Reports from CEC & Youth (see below), Elders, Evangelism & Outreach, Fellowship & House, Putz (see below), Finance & Audit, Stewardship & Financial Communications, Pastor Jodie, and the Treasurer.
- Beginning Sept 13 all regular Sunday School will begin promptly at 9:30 with all classes gathering in the preschool hallway are for 5-7 min. Kyle Borowski will lead a post-confirmation class. Sunday School Amazon wish list has been set-up. QR code in bulletin announcements, Eblast, and Envoy
- The Ice Cream Festival had another successful year with profits surpassing \$3000.00
- The new risers for the Putz have arrived.
- The church now has Venmo possibilities. Carole Schachter will be explaining it to the congregation soon.
- New system for streaming services is almost ready and under budget!

Fellowship

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



September Adult Birthdays

- 4) Nicole Dotta
Nelson Hoff
- 6) Thomas Balsai
Deborah Hepler
LaRue Jones
- 7) Karlie Harrell
Andrew Miller
- 9) Brent Sergent, II
- 10) Paul Messman
- 11) Nikole Raskovic
- 12) Bill Burkhardt
Stephen Kish
Marty Talpas
- 15) Veronica Campanella
- 16) Peter Deringer
- 19) Anne Hosterman
Tyler Rohn
- 23) Andrew Schwepfnger
Wiley Aker
- 24) Todd Schwepfnger
- 27) Joseph Scalise
Laurie Schwepfnger
- 28) Myra Jones
- 29) Renee Shelbo
- 30) Benjamin Miller
Eric Smith



Dear Friends,

On behalf of Northeast Community Center, I'd like to extend my most sincere gratitude for your donation of \$137.00 from your July Joyful Noise to support our 2026 General Operations Fund.

For decades, Northeast Community Center has been a steady presence for our neighbors. Bethlehem has changed in many ways over the years, but NECC's purpose has remained the same: to show up for families and individuals with care, dignity, and consistency. From sharing resources through our food and hygiene pantries, to making memories at Summer Camp, to our end of year distributions that ensure no family goes without during the holidays, our work has always been about meeting people where they are and walking alongside them.

What sustains this work is the community behind it. Time and again, we've seen what's possible when neighbors, donors, volunteers, and partners come together to rally during times of increased need, or support us with the programs that families return to and deeply depend on.

Your generosity continues to be the tread that connects all of this work. **Because of you, NECC remains a place of connection, stability, and hope for thousands of people across Bethlehem and beyond.**

We are deeply grateful for your generosity and look forward to the impact we will create together in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Paula Johnson, *Executive Director NECC*



did you know... the Cookie Monster's real name is Sidney?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September Children Birthdays

- 8) Ruthie Ammon
- 9) Lucy Kempinksi
Thea Bannon
- 14) Asher Koren
- 22) Reilley David
- 24) Daniel Borowski
Lachlan Burkhardt-McGoff
Quinn Burkhardt-McGoff
- 26) Declan David



September Anniversaries

- 1) Jeremiah & Jessica Beller
- 4) Rick & Cynthia Grebs
- 5) Stephen & Sheryl Moller
Robin & Louis Zsilavetz
- 8) John & Marcia Madison
Grant & Kathryn Podhyski
- 17) Ron & Carol Freyman
- 20) Christopher & Nicole Dotta
- 25) Jim & Jessie Bucchin



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Eggplant Casserole

¼ c. onion
1 clove garlic
2 Tbsp. margarine
½ loaf bread (diced)

Mrs Merritt B. Deysher

1 large (#2) can tomatoes
1 medium size eggplant, diced
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
Parmesan cheese

Saute onion and garlic, cut fine, in margarine. Add diced eggplant, tomatoes, bread and Worcestershire. Arrange in a 2.5 quart casserole. Sprinkle grated cheese on top of each layer and end with cheese on top. Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Serves 6.

September

Edgeboro Moravian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship	31	1	2	3 7:00pm Elders meeting	4 	5
6 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship- Baptism	7 OFFICE CLOSED  9:30am Palette Club Board Meeting	8 International Literacy Day 	9 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 8417	10	11 	12
13 Grandparent's Day  9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Children's Lovefeast; Joyful Noise; Sunday School Installation 1:30pm Palette Club Group	14	15 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	16 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 8417	17 7:00pm Trustees Meeting	18	19  World Clean-Up Day
20 9:00am Benevolence Breakfast 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Moravian Day of Service 1:00pm Private Event	21	22 	23 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 8417	24	25	26
27 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Be Scam Smart Workshop and Potluck Lunch	28 National Family Day 	29	30 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 8417	1 7:00pm Elders meeting	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
9:30am Youth Sunday School
10:30am Worship

Pastor: Rev. Jodie Harney
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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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