



Edgeboro Moravian Church's Newsletter

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Do you have a favorite number? Yes, I know, super random question, but do you? I do. My favorite number is 12. Why is that my favorite number, well, the easy answer is because my birthday is the 12th and to add to that, both of my boys have 12s in their birthdays. Another answer is because some good things come in 12 – eggs, donuts, cans of coke. A third answer would be because 12 is super divisible. You can make groups of 2, 3, 4, or 6 and not have anything or anyone left over. So, do you have a favorite number?

I have long thought that the number three must be God's favorite number since so many parts of the bible seem to come in threes. Here are a few examples....

- The Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Ghost or Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
- Jonah spent three days inside the great fish
- The Lord called out to Samuel three times before Samuel answered
- Three patriarchs are highlighted in the bible – Abel, Enoch and Noah
- Three Wisemen arrived to meet Jesus
- Satan tempted Jesus three times
- Jesus took his three closest disciples with him to witness the Transfiguration and to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane
- Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved him and Peter answered yes all three time
- Jesus spent three days in the grave before his resurrection
- Peter denied Jesus three times before the rooster crowed.

And that is just a few examples of the presence of the number three in the bible and I'm sure we could all come up with examples of things happening in sets of three if we thought about it. We are about to enter the tenth month of the year and the last day of the month and the first two days of the next month lead us to another time with something happens in threes. On October 31st, we celebrate Halloween or as it was previously known, All Hallows' Eve, November 1st we celebrate All Saints Day and November 2nd is All Souls Day. This Christian triduum (Latin word meaning period of three days) is a time dedicated to remember all who have died. On All Saints' Day we commemorate the saints of the Christian church who have died and are seated at the right hand of God. On All Souls' Day, we are to pray for the souls of all the faithful departed individuals.

So, while stores and society as a whole, want us to believe that Halloween is all about getting the most candy and wearing the most creative costumes, let us remember all who we know and love that have entered the nearer presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us tell stories and share memories, let us speak their names and allow whatever tears might fall to fall. There is no handbook for grief, no right or wrong way to grieve. Grieving a loved one, whether they died last week, last year or a number of years ago, is not a sign of weakness. Grieving a loved one is a constant reminder of the love that we have for them and the important role that they played in our life. Join me in praying for all who are grieving.

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing!

Pastor Jodie

Sunday Schedule & Volunteers

October 4

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

Elder: Season Pagano

Sacristans: Mike & Terri Long

Ushers: Carol Saeger & Nancy Bartleman

Lawn: Art Sergent (9.28-10.4)



October 11

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

Elder: Tim Jones

Sacristans: Thomas & Gilda

Pheiffer; Peggy Leith

Ushers: Brent & Kyle Sergent

Lawn: Ellen & Tim Murphy(10.5-10.11)



October 18

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:00 am Benevolence Breakfast
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 10:30am Worship
 1:30pm Palette Club

Elder: Spencer Smith

Sacristans: Bob & Elley Silfies

Ushers: John & Rosie Bauman

Lawn: Tyler Long (10.12-10.18)



October 25

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 10:30am Worship-*Anniversary Lovefeast*

Elder: Lynn Terry

Sacristans: Jon & Lynn Terry

Ushers: Eric Smith & Family

Lawn: Jon Terry (10.19-10.25)



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.
- **October's Joyful Noise Offering**—This month's Joyful Noise Offering will support **Family Promise of the Lehigh Valley**. Place your offerings in the Joyful Noise can in the sanctuary or make a gift to Edgeboro online, designating your gift for "Joyful Noise."
- **Edgeboro's Anniversary** On Sunday October 25th, we will be celebrating our congregation's 112th anniversary. In addition to the lovefeast, we are asking everyone to wear their Sunday best!! Word on the street is some women are considering wearing fancy church hats and the pastor will not be wearing flip flops that day! Come join the fun as we celebrate our past and look towards the future!

Worship Attendance

	2025 in person	2025 online	2026 in person	2026 online	KEY:
AUG week 5	73	42	68	39	CL: Children's Lovefeast
SEPT					DOS: Day of Service
week 1	125 (RD, CL, IP, NM)	123	82	35	IP: Installation of Pastor
week 2	73	67	68(RD, CL)	35	NM: New Members
week 3	61	55	52(DOS)	NA	RD: Rally Day
week 4	55 (DOS)	NA	69	34	

- **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.



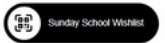
Monthly Financial Update

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August Budgeted Revenue	\$ 22,121	Total Revenue Year-to-Date through August 31	
August Actual Revenue	\$ 29,008	2025	\$ 133,792
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 6,887	2026	\$ 153,312
Year-to-Date Difference	\$ 4,557	Percent Change:	14.6%

Church News & Events

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- **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
- **Halloween Open House** We are seeking volunteers to help with this community outreach held Friday, October 30th. We are also collecting hot dogs, chip, soda and lots of candy to hand out at the open house. Hot dogs should be labeled Halloween Open House put in the kitchen refrigerator. You can place chips, soda, and candy in the collection room. Thanks for keeping this outreach alive!
- **2026 PUTZ:** The calendar says it's October, but the Putz Committee has been thinking 'Putz' since August! We hope you can join us in the fun!
 - October 4:** first day to bring attic treasures to the stage in Fellowship Hall
 - October 25:** last day to bring attic treasures to the stage in Fellowship Hall
 - October 19 and 26:** attic treasure pricing starting at 10am
 - October 31:** Mossing (lunch in the woods)
 - November 1:** Mossing rain date (lunch in church before leaving)
 - November 1:** last day to bring handmade crafts to church unless you plan to sell them yourself
 - November 5 and 6:** starting at 10 am Extravaganza set-up
 - November 7: 10:00am-1:00pm – Extravaganza!**
 - November 9 through 13:** set up the Christmas Room
 - November 14: 10:00 am – Putz Raising**
 - November 22 and 29:** volunteer training in Fellowship Hall after worship
 - Putz Dates: December 1-22**
 - Walk-in Times: Thursday-Saturday 6-8 pm; Sunday 12noon-3pm**
 - December 13:** Congregational Shopping Day beginning at 9:30am
- Putz Committee: Robyn Balsai, Shannon Balsai, Ron Freyman, Holly Haines, Deb Hepler, Peggy Leith, Terri Long, Blake Messman, Tom Pheiffer, Art Sergeant, Megan Weikert
- **Candle Pouring** will take place in Edgeboro's Kitchen, **October 13th, 14th and 15th, from 9am-3pm.** If you are interested in helping, contact Bill Burkhardt!
- **Sugar Cakes** - be on the lookout for sugar cake sales this month. Questions? Contact Becky Miller.
- **112th Church Anniversary!** Edgeboro will be celebrating its 112th anniversary on **Sunday, October 25th.** Please plan to join us in worship!
- **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.
- **Save the Date! Sunday, November 8, 2026** Church Council Meeting. Please plan to attend. Let your voice be heard!
- **Seniors and Friends October 1, 11:30am. West Side Moravian, 402 3rd Ave, Bethlehem.** Bring a Friend & a Sandwich, beverage and dessert will be provided! **“Great Photographs & the Stories they Tell” by Tom Repasch** Since the beginning of the photographic era, certain images have captured the attention and admiration of people all around the world. Tom tells the stories behind a selection of photographs that experts generally regard as among the most memorable and influential, from the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima” to the photo of the moon from Apollo 8.



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- **Everyone Wants a Better World** is a new Bible study curriculum developed by The Board of World Mission with contributions from many Moravian congregations, agencies, ministries, and individuals. The study explores the UN Sustainable Development Goals through 3 units: Care for Creation, Care of Each Other, and Care for Right Relationships, with additional introductory sessions on the Moravian Guidelines for Biblical Interpretation and the Sermon on the Mount. Each session includes Biblical reflection, a note on our Moravian identity, several ministry examples from congregations in North America and around the world, & questions for discussion. This curriculum is designed to be 'a la carte' - use all 22 sessions as written, select just a few to focus on, or break sessions up into multiple gatherings. A complementary children's book will be available soon in the IBOC store. Find the Bible study, as well as supplementary resources at moravian.org/mission/BetterWorld

This program is made possible through a Vital Worship, Vital Preaching Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan, with funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.

- **Explore Moravian Church's Radical Roots** with a 3 part seminar led by Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood via zoom on Mondays October 5, 12 and 19 at 7:00pm CENTRAL time. Join the meeting: us02web.zoom.us/j/82122354247
- **Palmer Moravian Church Fall Festival** October 10, 12noon-3:00pm, 2901 John St. Easton.
- **Faith In Formation** September Newsletter can be found at: tinyurl.com/4bt8x9h9
- **Latest Moravian Monthly** Newsletter can be found at: mailchi.mp/mcnp/september2026
- **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.
- **NECC Designer Purse Bingo**. To purchase advance tickets, visit: tinyurl.com/38buc3vh



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.

- **Candy Donations** for the Halloween Open House are greatly appreciated. Individually wrapped servings are best. Please place your donations in the donation room (old office).
- **Thanksgiving Collection for NECC** - This year NECC has asked us to collect cranberry sauce and brownie mix (150 each) for their Thanksgiving food distribution. Please drop off your donation by **November 15th**.
- **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: October 10: Carole Burkhardt; November 14: Blake Messman;
December 12: Jon Terry
- **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.

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

Monthly Highlights Elders

- The Elders last met on Thursday, September 3rd. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, October 8th.
- Anniversary, birthday, and thank you cards were sent.
- Reports from CEC & Youth, Fellowship, House, Membership, Trustees, and Pastor.
- Worship planning was discussed.

Trustees

- The Trustees last met on Thursday, September 17th. The Trustees will meet next on Thursday, October 15th .
- Reports from CEC & Youth (see below), Elders, Evangelism & Outreach, Fellowship & House, Putz, Stewardship & Financial Communications, Pastor Jodie, and the Treasurer.
- Kyle Borowski will be leading the Post Confirmation Sunday School Class

Fellowship

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



Adult Birthdays

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| 1) Kay Gariepy | 23) Robert Frank |
| 2) Lacey Bacon | Chase Hudson |
| Harmony Hoff | Rachel Schachter |
| 4) Tammy Baer | 24) Patrick O'Brien |
| Joyce Lewando | 25) Joseph Courtade |
| Joellyn Meehan | Daniel Terry |
| Art Sergent | 26) Terry Smyser |
| Brent Sergent | 27) Faith Batson |
| 5) James Buss | Bradley Miller |
| Jennifer Minnich | 28) Penny Sergent |
| 6) Dennis Wilson | Michelle Volkert |
| 7) Namelia Duro | 29) Brittany Lilly |
| David Seifert | 30) Jameson Gillen |
| 8) Robert Engelbrecht, II | 31) Aleace Walrath |
| Callen Walrath | |
| Hailey Walrath | |



Children Birthdays

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| 9) Jessica Beller | 22) Aubrey Rohn |
| 10) Helene Boyle | Jane Rumble |
| 12) Casey Gilvary | |
| Christopher Shelbo | |
| 13) Beth Behrend | |
| Dane Mohap | |
| Spencer Smith | |



October Anniversaries

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| 14) Erik Gross | 1) Tom & Chrissie Shafer |
| Aiden Sergent | 2) Luke & Katlyn Maritch |
| 16) Andrew Giesler | 7) Stephen & Katy Kish |
| 18) Donna Traves | 12) John & Diane Knox |
| Karen Werner | 13) Peter & Jennifer Maugle |
| 20) Sophie Terry | 16) Chris & Amy Dreisbach |
| 21) Kyle Borowski | 19) Scott & Anita Jones |
| Paula Horn | 24) Hope & Tim Harrell |
| Paulette Moll | 26) Thomas & Gilda Pheiffer, Jr. |
| 22) Anita Fazakas | 30) David & Sharon Bond |
| Peter Raskovic | |
| Carole Schachter | |

New address for Jane Williamson

To visit:

Arden Courts of Old Orchard
Room 58
4098 Freemansburg Ave
Easton PA 18045

For mail:

2125 Haller Ave
Bethlehem PA
18020



did you know...
when making Jack-O-Lanterns people did not use pumpkins, but large turnips or other vegetables?



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Golden Corn Bread

Mrs. Stuart Gross

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|------------------------|--|
| 1 c. yellow corn meal | $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt |
| 1c. flour | 1 egg |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ c. sugar | 1 c. milk |
| 4 tsp. baking powder | $\frac{1}{4}$ c. melted shortening/oil |

Sift together cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder into bowl. Add egg, milk and shortening. Beat until smooth. Bake in greased 8 inch square pan in pre-heated oven (425 degrees Fahrenheit) for 20-25 minutes.

October

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Edgeboro Moravian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Orange Shirt Day -honoring Indigenous children sent away to residential schools in CA 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 8417	1	2	3
4 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Confirmation Mentor gathering 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Communion; Joyful Noise; Birthday Sunday	5	6 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	7 6:15pm Reunion Meeting 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 8417	8 7:00pm Elders meeting	9	10 10:00am set up for candle pour
11  9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship	12 9:30am Palette Club Board Meeting	13 9:00am candle making	14 9:00am candle making 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 8417	15 9:00am candle making 7:00pm Trustees Meeting	16	17
18 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship 1:30pm Palette Club Group	19 9:00am Extravaganza pricing	20 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	21 6:15pm Reunion Meeting 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 8417	22	23 Sugar Cake Bakers	24 Sugar Cake Bakers
25 Edgeboro's 112th Anniversary 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Anniversary Lovefeast	26 9:00am Extravaganza pricing	27	28 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 8417	29	30 6:00pm Halloween Open House	31  8:30am Mossing



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
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

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- 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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