



Edgeboro Moravian Church's Newsletter

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If you are anything like me, I'm guessing you might be struggling with believing that we are already entering the 11th month of the year. Didn't we just celebrate Christmas a few months ago and Easter was only a few weeks ago, wasn't it?!? I guess that saying, though often said in reference to raising children, really is true, the days are long but the years are short.

So, what does the upcoming month hold for us? Will we be super busy doing all of the things that we miss the beauty of the changing leaves? Will our high school football team go on to the playoffs? Will it be Thanksgiving break before we know it and then we will blink and it will be Christmas? Here's a brief rundown of the next few weeks. We will join for worship on November 1st, as we celebrate a baptism. The choir will be rehearsing every Tuesday at 7pm and new members are always welcome! Elders meet on November 5th. November 7th will be our Edgeboro Extravaganza, where you can purchase some amazing Christmas items and crafts as well as soup and turkey bbq. On November 8th, we gather for worship and then stay for a while afterwards to have our church council meeting to vote for new board members and to present the proposed budget for 2027! Christmas Room set-up begins November 9th and Putz Raising is November 14th. The Sacristans annual meeting is on November 15th after worship. Trustees meet on November 19th. November 21st will be baking day for Pumpkin Rolls (be sure to place your order - form is page 8 of the newsletter, and ask your family and friends if they want to order any as well!) On November 22nd, we gather for worship as we celebrate Reign of Christ Sunday. Then, a few days later it is Thanksgiving. Don't forget that there is Sunday School every Sunday at 9:15am for adults and 9:30am for kids in preschool through post-confirmation class! Plus, November 8th and 22nd are the evening classes for Confirmands. Finally, the new church year begins on November 29th, as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent during worship at 10:30am and Advent Communion at 4:30pm.

And that is just the church calendar. Take a moment to look at your own calendar. I don't know about you, but when I add all of my personal stuff to the church stuff, I have 2 days with nothing on them for the month of November. I'm already tired just thinking about it! So, what can we do to counter the tiring effects of the upcoming month, let me honest, upcoming 2 months? Well, here are a few ideas that I hope to engage in....

- Breathe.....take a few minutes every day and just sit in silence and breathe
- Pray....whether it is when you wake up or go to sleep, or any and every moment in between the two, pray. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate, just a simply "Thank you God for...." or "God be with....." or "God, I need your help" really, whatever it is, just pray.
- Enjoy nature. Take a few moments and enjoy the changing colors of the leaves and the crispness of the air.
- Read a book, watch a favorite show, spend time with people who bring you peace.

As the days and week fly by, take time to be with God. Listen for God's still small voice over the clamoring distractions of the world. Be thankful and rejoice that you are a beloved child of God!

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing!

Pastor Jodie

Sunday Schedule & Volunteers

November 1

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

Elder: Tammy Baer

Sacristans: John & Rosie Bauman

Ushers: Joe & Sue Testa

Nursery: Carole Schachter

Lawn: Art Sergeant (10.26-11.1)



November 8

9:15am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Youth Sunday School
10:30am Worship
11:30am Church Council Meeting
5:00pm Confirmation Class

Elder: Kyle Borowski

Sacristans: Ron & Carol Freyman

Ushers: Rodney Sargent

Nursery: Lynn Terry



November 15

9:15am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Youth Sunday School
10:30am Worship - *Communion*
11:30am Sacristan Meeting
1:30pm Palette Club

Elder: Season Pagano

Sacristans: Heath & Val Hoff

Ushers: Bob & Elley Silfies

Nursery: Jenny Minnich



November 22

9:15am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Youth Sunday School
10:30am Worship- *Reign of Christ*

Elder: Val Hoff

Sacristans: John & Paula Horn

Ushers: Heath & Val Hoff

Nursery: Madison Hoff



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.
- **November's Joyful Noise Offering**—This month's Joyful Noise Offering will support **Calvary Baptist Food Bank**. Place your offerings in the Joyful Noise can in the sanctuary or make a gift to Edgeboro online, designating your gift for "Joyful Noise."
-  **Fall Back** Don't forget to change your clocks to be on time for church on November 1st.

Worship Attendance

	2025	2025	2026	2026	KEY: ANN: Anniversary Lovefeast C: Communion
OCT	in person	online	in person	online	
week 1	70 (C)	52	75 (C)	30	
week 2	55	47	74	32	
week 3	53	29	74	40	
week 4	75 (ANN)	63	76	46 (ANN)	

- **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 September 30	
September Budgeted Revenue	\$ 12,726		
September Actual Revenue	\$ 10,760	2025	\$ 144,313
Over (Under) Budget	\$ (1,966)	2026	\$ 166,038
Year-to-Date Difference	\$ 6,523	Percent Change:	15.1%

November 29

Elder: Sue Testa

Sacristans: Michael & Myra Jones

Ushers 10:30: Carol Saeger & Nancy Bartleman

4:00: Brent & Kyle Sargent

Nursery 10:30 only: Lynn Terry

Church News & Events

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

- **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/59kmp2m
- **Unity Office of the Moravian Church** sent a news report. To read it, point your browser to: linkly.link/2xn92. To read how you can help Star Mountain, visit: linkly.link/2xnBK.
- **2026 PUTZ Schedule:**
 - 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
- **NECC Thanksgiving Food Drive** This year NECC has requested 150 boxes of brownie mix and 150 cans of cranberry Sauce. Deadline to drop your donations to the church is **November 7**. Thank you for your generosity!
- **Save the Date! Sunday, November 8, 2026 Church Council Meeting.** Please plan to attend. Let your voice be heard!
- **Pumpkin Roll** order form is on [page 8](#) of the newsletter. Deadline to order is **Sunday, November 8th**.
- **Christmas Poinsettia** order form is on [page 9](#) of the newsletter. Deadline to order is **Sunday, December 6th**.
- **NECC Christmas Sponsors** This year Edgeboro has agreed to sponsor gifts for 75 children through NECC. Pick up a gingerbread person or ornament to be found strung under the windows in the sanctuary to participate. The flip side of the gingerbread person/ornament has all the information needed for gift purchase. When wrapping your gift, please use the gingerbread person/ornament as the gift tag!
- **In search of a room to rent** Have a spare bedroom? Would you like household company? Need some extra cash? Circumstances have forced an Edgeboro congregation member to find a place to live. She is looking for a room to rent in a house in town within walking distance to LANTA routes. Kitchen privileges greatly appreciated. If you can help, please call Edgeboro Moravian church office, [610.866-8793](tel:610.866.8793) for more information.
- **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.
- **Edgeboro now has a Venmo account!** You can donate with your mobile device. Please make sure to include what your payment is for in the note section. We also ask that you consider padding your donation to help cover the 1.9% + \$0.10 fee for each donation. Thank you!!
- **The church office will be closed November 26th and 27th** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



Edgeboro Moravian Congregation
@EdgeboroMoravian



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- **2026 Harvest Dinner Saturday, November 14 4:00-6:30pm, East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Rd** Eat in or take out. Advanced reservations required. Tickets: Adults (eat in): \$18.00; Adults (take out): \$20.00 Children 6-12: \$ 8.00; Children under 5: free **Reservation deadline: Friday, November 6.** To reserve, contact Bob or Kathy Wingrove: [610.867-0537](tel:610.867-0537) Visit: tinyurl.com/2s3av3ch for more information and menu.
- **Seniors and Friends November 5, 11:30am, West Side Moravian, 402 3rd Ave, Bethlehem.** Bring a Sandwich & Friend, beverage and dessert will be provided! Christmas stencil wood craft with Barbara Morgan-Hatley, who will be instructing on making our own personalized wood craft with stencils for the holidays. If anyone has stencils and wishes to share, bring them with you.
- **Fire Pit Ministry, Schoeneck Moravian Church, 316 N Broad St Ext, Nazareth, November 22nd, 6:00pm** Join for informal worship, singing, and snacks around Schoeneck's fire pit, Bring a chair. Weather permitting, in case of rain worship will be cancelled.
- **Handel's Messiah** Come sing or listen. **Wednesday, December 9, 7:30pm** Nazareth Moravian Church, 4 S. Main St. All who are singing should register with Todd Fennell (name & voice part), 6njfnl@gmail.com, by Thanksgiving. \$10 donation appreciated. Social hour after.
- **Silver & Brass**, the Lehigh Valley's only professional trombone quartet, will present a concert **December 20, 2026 at 4:00 PM, College Hill Moravian Church.** The group will share a unique, stylized holiday program that will include a new collection of Moravian hymns for Advent and Christmas by the group's own Michael Moran. Step away from the bustle of the season and enjoy the sounds of the season, as only trombones can deliver, as we prepare for Christmas Day. Proceeds from the free-will offering will support the College Hill Moravian Organ Fund.
- **Moravian Monthly [October Issue](#)** Click the link or point your browser to: mailchi.mp/mcnp/october2026-64228
- **MMF E-Newsletter** can be found at tinyurl.com/4a84aarx
- **Faith In Formation** October Newsletter can be found at: tinyurl.com/4phrsv7b
- **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.



We celebrate November 11th Veteran's Day as a day to honor all who have served. Thank you to all our veterans for your willingness and bravery defending our country. Words cannot express enough gratitude for your selfless sacrifice for the country's safety and freedom. God bless you and God bless America!



The official birthstone of November is the topaz. This orange-yellow gemstone is said to represent friendship. The Greeks also believed that Topaz had the power to turn you invisible.

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.

- **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 7th.**
- **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: 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.



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Nazareth PA 18064-1410
meheimbrook@outlook.com
phone: 610.746-1407 Cell: 970.222-0192

If you've moved, 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!

Monthly Highlights

Elders

- The Elders last met on Thursday, October 8th. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, November 5th.
- Anniversary, birthday, and thank you cards were sent.
- Reports were given from CEC & Youth, Fellowship, House, Membership, Trustees, and Pastor.
- Worship planning was discussed.
- Christmas gift planning for NECC was discussed. It was decided Edgeboro would sponsor gifts for 75 children.

Trustees

- The Trustees last met on Thursday, October 15th. The Trustees will meet next on Thursday, November 21st.
- Reports were given from CEC & Youth, Elders, Evangelism & Outreach, Putz, Finance & Audit, Stewardship & Financial Communications, Pastor, Treasurer, Ministry, Maintenance & updates.
- There was discussion about beginning a Bible study.
- The parsonage will be vacated at the end of the year. Looking for prospective tenant for the new year.

Joint Board

- The Joint Board last met on Wednesday, October 21st.
- They voted in the Eastern District Executive Board Special Election: Lehigh Valley North Board Member!
- Discussions included staff evaluations, pew removal, flowers/bulletin sponsorship, and the budget.

Fellowship

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



Adult Birthdays

- 1) Liza Engelbrecht
- 2) Susan Deringer
- 4) Bonnie Peters
Bob Silfies
- 6) Jerrah Eldridge
Jocelyn Snyder
- 7) Jay Engelbrecht
- 10) Michael Horn
- 14) Wyatt Aker
- 16) Dan Heimbrook
- 17) Dorothea Graser
Katlyn Maritch
- 18) Thomas Pheiffer
- 20) Darryl Bacon
Dawn Hudson
Rebecca Miller
Eric Sargent
- 21) Stephen Moller
- 25) Garrett Eldridge
Megan Weikert
- 26) John Knox
- 27) John Madison
- 29) Elyse Borowski
John Horn
- 30) Chris Giesler
Robert Rohn

Children Birthdays

- 1) Alexis Beller
Hailey Beller
- 12) Nathaniel Harney
- 13) Korden Sousa
- 17) Rowan Wieller

October Anniversaries

- 1) Brad & Rebekah Miller
George & Linda Moller
- 3) Andrew & Amanda David
Joe & Sue Testa
- 5) Jay & Liza Engelbrecht
- 17) Daniel & Megan Terry
Brad & Mary Williamson
- 21) Jeffrey & Jennifer Minnich
- 29) Dan Miller & Beth Behrend

A BLAST FROM THE PAST



Mrs. Robert Stewart

Date & Nut Pinwheels

Dough

- ½ c butter
- ½ c brown sugar, firmly packed
- ½ c. granulated sugar
- 1 egg, well beaten
- 2 c. sifted flour
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- ¼ tsp. salt

Filling

- ½ lb. pitted dates, finely cut
- ¼ c. sugar
- ¼ c. water
- few grains of salt
- ¼ c. finely chopped
almonds or pecans

Dough: Work butter until creamy. Stir in the sugars gradually, then beat until fluffy. Beat in egg. Sift together flour, soda, and salt. Stir into batter mixture. Chill 30 minutes.

Filling: Combine dates, sugar, water, and salt in a small pan. Cook 5 minutes over low heat, stirring frequently. Cool and add nuts.

Roll dough into a rectangle 10"x16". Spread with date mixture. Roll up like jelly roll, starting with a wide side. Wrap in waxed paper and chill overnight.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Remove paper and cut roll in thin slices with a sharp knife.

Place on a greased baking sheet.

Bake 10-12 minutes until lightly browned. Makes about 9 dz.

Dear Edgeboro Church,

We are very thankful for your congregation's generosity! Thank you! You can rest assured the food will bless many families when it is distributed in the coming months.

Your gracious generosity is appreciated. Your support is a blessing and encouragement to all the volunteers and to the folks that receive food. Anyone from the church is welcome to stop by during one of our distributions which take place on the first Monday and Tuesday of each month (except holidays) from 9:00-11:00am at the rear of 111 Dewberry Avenue, in Bethlehem. A visit will allow you to see the Food Pantry in operation. The next distributions will be November 2nd & 3rd. Our distributions are drive-through (many volunteers work outside regardless of the weather), with about 150-180 families being served in the two days each month. Mondays are usually much busier than Tuesdays, so that is the time to really see how things work.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Sincerely,

Hal & Joyce Mante, Co-coordinators, Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

♦Thank You♦

Dear Edgeboro congregation,
Thank you for your generous
September Joyful Noise gift
to support Manna ministry.
Rev. Byrnesse Craig



Edgeboro Moravian Church

Come
Shop With
Us!

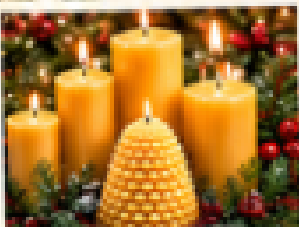
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Christmas EXTRAVAGANZA

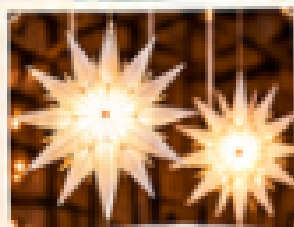
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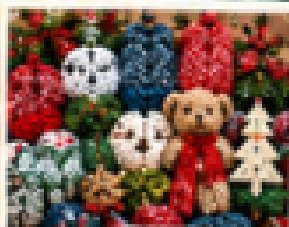
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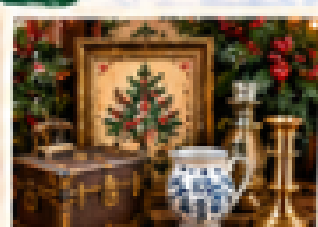
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12-inch and 24-inch
Moravian Stars



Handmade
Crafts



Attic Treasures



Turkey BBQ



Soup



Baked Goods

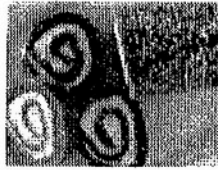
FREE TO ATTEND!

Come shop, eat & enjoy the holiday fun!

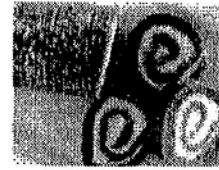
All items & food available for purchase • CASH ONLY

SUPPORT
LOCAL
• SHOP
SMALL •





Pumpkin Roll Sale



Cost: \$15.00 each

Order and money are due by Sunday, November 8th.

Make checks payable to "Edgeboro Moravian Church"

In memo line on check, please indicate "Pumpkin Roll"

Please return orders and money to Sherri Hoff

Quantity: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Thank you for supporting Edgeboro Moravian Church

Pick up: Saturday, November 21st 3:00pm - 5:00pm OR
Sunday, November 22nd 10:00am to noon

All pumpkin rolls will be labeled with your name.

Any not picked up by noon will be placed in the kitchen freezer to be picked up at your convenience.

Any questions, please call Sherri Hoff at 484.867-5791

Or sherrihoff@hotmail.com



Order Your Poinsettia

The poinsettias will be displayed in church through the Christmas Eve Services: 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 pm.

Please place your order by December 6th.

Fill in the order form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 610-866-8793. When writing a check, please make payable to Edgeboro Moravian Church, marked "Poinsettia". If using Venmo (@EdgeboroMoravian), please write "Poinsettia" in the note section. We also ask that you consider padding your donation to help cover the 1.9% + \$0.10 fee for each donation.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

6" pot - \$9.50

Name _____

Number of Plants _____ Amount owed _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

_____ I will pick up my plant(s) after the 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service.

_____ I will pick up my plant(s) after Christmas.

_____ I wish to donate my plants(s) to a shut-in.

November 2026

Edgeboro Moravian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Confirmation Mentor gathering 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship - All Saints; Joyful Noise; Birthday Sunday 11:30am Mossing Rain Date	2	3 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	4 4:00pm Reunion Meeting 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 8417	5 10:00am Extravaganza set-up 7:00pm Elders meeting	6 10:00am Extravaganza set-up	7 10:00am Extravaganza
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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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