


# EDGEBORO MORAVIAN E-BLAST

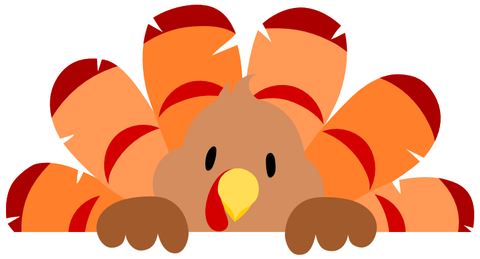
*November 23-29, 2026*

# THIS WEEK AT EDGEBORO

**Tuesday, November 24**
7:00pm Choir rehearsal

**Wednesday, November 25**
6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 8417

**Thursday, November 26**
**Happy Thanksgiving** Church Office Closed



**Friday, November 27**
Church Office Closed

**Sunday, November 29**
9:15am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Youth Sunday School
10:30am Worship
11:30am Putz Volunteer Training
4:00pm Advent Vespers

## VOLUNTEERS

**Worship:**
**Sunday, November 29**
**Elder:** 10:30am only Sue Testa
**Sacristans:** 10:30am & 4:00pmMichael & Myra Jones
**Ushers:** 10:30am Carol Saeger & Nancy Bartleman
4:00pm Brent & Kyle Sergent
**Nursery:** 10:30am only Madison Hoff

# A Service of Advent Communion

## November 29th
## 4:00 pm



Join us as we enter this season of waiting, expectation, and hope.
Come gather for worship, reflection, and the celebration of Holy Communion
as we prepare the way for the coming of Christ.
All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

645 Hamilton Avenue
Bethlehem, PA 18017

# We have a unique fundraising opportunity for Edgeboro!

PayPal has committed $1 million to match eligible donations to support charities. Beginning on December 1st, eligible donations can be matched up to $250 USD per donor, with each charity eligible to receive up to $10,000 USD in additional matching funds. Terms and conditions apply.

Visit: https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/12834793794025143 3
Then search for Edgeboro and click on the Donate button.

## Important Details

Each individual can give up to $250, and it's matched *only* until the $1 million is spent. The opportunity begins December 1, 12:00 AM Pacific Time, which translates to 3:00 AM Eastern Time, December 1.

Some folks are setting their alarm clocks!



# EDGEBORO ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NECC CHRISTMAS GIFTS** Please read the announcement on the collections page

**GIFT CARD ORDER FORM** A gift card to your loved one's favorite place is a great present for Christmas. Edgeboro can reap some reward without any additional expense to your wallet if you order gift cards through raiseright.com (enrollment code 5LAE8D3317346) Please email/call Heath Hoff, heathhoff1974@hotmail.com/484.903-9271 before you create an online account, OR fill out the form found in your bulletin or online **AT THIS LINK**



**SNOW REMOVAL** If you are able and willing to help the snow removal team this winter, please contact Art Sergent or the church office, We have 2 snowblowers here to use and plenty of shovels, or you can BYOS (bring your own shovel)
Many hands make light work!

**2026 PUTZ DATES:**

**November 29:** volunteer training in Fellowship Hall after worship

**Putz Dates: December 1–22** call church office, **610.866-8793**, for group appt.
Walk-in Times: Thursday–Saturday 6-8pm; Sunday 12noon–3pm

**December 13:** Congregational Shopping Day beginning at 9:30am



Putz Committee: Robyn Balsai, Shannon Balsai, Lisa Courtade, Ron Freyman, Holly Haines, Deb Hepler, Peggy Leith, Terri Long, Blake Messman, Tom Pheiffer, Art Sergent, Megan Weikert

# EDGEBORO ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.

**LUMINARIA NIGHT** Once again, Edgeboro will be joining to support New Bethany in lighting up the pathways in Bethlehem to support those in need. On **December 12**, Edgeboro will line the sidewalks around the church with 100 luminaria  lights. If you can support this beautiful event, please send in your donation to Edgeboro Moravian church with luminaria in the memo.

**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

Sunday School Wishlist

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** If you wish to include something in the bulletin announcement, please submit it to the church office by 9am on Wednesdays. If you wish to include something in the monthly Envoy, please submit it to the church office  by the 20th of the month.

**CLICK HERE** to read the November Faith Formation newsletter.

# COLLECTIONS

**Please bring items to the donation room or place in the outside shed**

**NECC CHRISTMAS GIFTS** - Edgeboro is sponsoring 75 children for gifts for Christmas this year. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please choose a tag (gingerbread person, ornament or stocking) from the garland hanging in the sanctuary. All needed information is on the back of the tag. After you select the tag, be sure to fill out the information on the clipboard on the piano, so we can keep track of who is buying the gifts. The tags are hanging by family, if you want to purchase gifts for siblings, take tags that look alike & confirm that the numbers on the back are the same. When returning the gifts, please use the tag that you selected as the gift tag to help us keep track. **Gifts should be returned to the church by Sunday, December 6th**. Thank you for your generosity to these children.

(**ONGOING) TREX PLASTIC RECYCLING**
Accepted plastics include: pallet wrap & stretch film, grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry-cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, zip-lock bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, air pillows, salt bags, and cereal bags. Please do NOT send frozen food bags, chips, dried fruit or nut bags, material that doesn't stretch easily, tears like paper, or is shiny & crinkles or crunches. (Note: All plastic must be clean dry, and free of food residue.)

(**ONGOING) PULL TABS** – We are once again collecting pop tabs. There is a jar in the collection room.



# 2026 Poinsettia Order

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

## Orders are due by December 6, 2026

- **Fill in the order form to the right** and place in the offering plate or call the church office, **610.866-8793**.
- **When writing a check**, please make payable to Edgeboro Moravian Church with ‘poinsettia’ in the memo line.
- **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 transaction.

## 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.**

Edgeboro Moravian Congregation

@EdgeboroMoravian

venmo

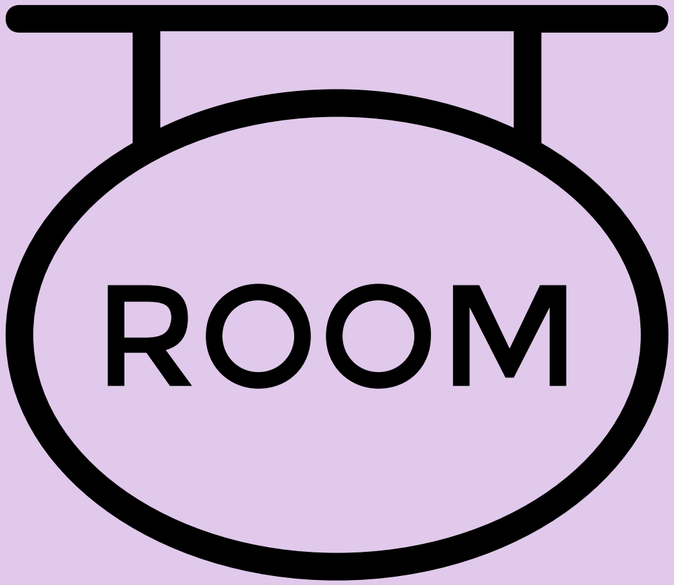
Edgeboro now has a Venmo account! You can donate with your mobile device. Please make sure to include what your payment is for in the note section. We also ask that you consider padding your donation to help cover the 1.9% + $0.10 fee for each donation. Thank you!!

Every gift helps Edgeboro fulfill our mission to love God, grow in Christ, and share the Holy Spirit. Give today through MMFA using the button below.

# Give to Edgeboro ONLINE

## JOYFUL NOISE

**November Joyful Noise** will support **Calvary Baptist Food Bank**




# In search of  a room to rent

Have a spare bedroom? Would you like household company? Need some extra cash? Circumstances have forced a 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.

Call the church office for more information.



# Help strengthen Men's Ministry in the Eastern District

*Share your thoughts and help shape future opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth, and connection among men across our district*

**The Eastern District Executive Board is seeking input on men's ministry across our congregations.** Whether you currently participate in a men's group or are simply interested in future opportunities, we invite you to share your ideas and experiences. Your feedback will help us explore ways to encourage fellowship, spiritual growth, service, and connections among Moravian men.

Please respond to the survey found here, **surveymonkey.com/r/G2YW5Q2**, by November 27.

Thank  you for sharing your perspective! For questions, email **amy@mcnp.org**

# Collect Leaves for Our Garden and Compost Efforts



We need about 20 bags of leaves a year to dress our garden beds at the end of the season and to use throughout the year in our compost operation at the Café. You can help! If you have trees at home and are going to rake leaves anyway, how about bagging them up and bringing them to the Café?If you don't have a yard with trees, you can always bag leaves piled up along the side of most residential streets.

We use paper leaf bags and stuff them tightly with dry leaves. Soft leaves like maple and dogwood work the best. Please, no leaves from evergreen trees or lots of sticks. Please press the leaves down so the bag is fully packed.

If you need leaf bags, you can pick up some at the Café. You can leave your leaf bags on the wall behind the Café. After you deliver your leaves, stay for a tasty meal!

For questions and to offer your help, please call, **Lynnette Delbridge** at **347.549-6423**, our Compost and Garden Coordinator.

# Calling Cookie Makers & Bakers

The Holiday Season is fast approaching. The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers along with Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering are again hosting a Hut on Main (in downtown Bethlehem) starting Nov. 27 and running Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until Dec. 20, 2026. Handing out cookies and bars at our Hut has been a great success. They are shared with guests and musical performers alike. This is a great way of attracting people to our cause to fight homelessness and hunger.

It is expected that a total of 6,000 – 7,000 cookies or bars will be needed this year to be handed out along with Hot or Cold Apple Cider. Cookie Makers / Bakers are needed for medium sized cookies or bars, each packed in a clear snack size bag. To avoid allergy issues, please no nuts or peanut butter.



You can start baking, as cookies and bars are being accepted NOW.
If interested or have questions, please contact **Blake Messman**,
Huts on Main Cookie Coordinator at **484.894-3295**.



# Bethlehem City Christmas Huts

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce has graciously offered one of the Huts to Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering and The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers to help us spread the word about the important work that both groups do to address homelessness and hunger in our area. We will be open four weekends this year and will be offering complimentary hot & cold apple cider and fresh-made cookies to our visitors on Main Street, as well as providing them with information about our organizations and an opportunity to donate to our causes. Those that helped last year served over 6,000 individuals. This year we expect the numbers could top that. The Huts are located in the Sun Inn Courtyard and ours will be the gateway to all others, next to the Sun Inn on Main St.

In addition, musicians will be providing live seasonal music. This is such a plus to draw people to our Hut and help our causes. It is a joy to everyone who helps at the hut. To see dates and times when a musician is performing , or to sign up a group to perform **CLICK HERE**.

**Our Hut will be open the following dates: Nov. 27, 28, 29 and Dec. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20.**

We will be staffing the Hut - **Fridays & Saturdays 1:00-7:00pm, and Sundays 1:00-5:00pm.**

We are asking for help at our Hut for representatives to hand out hot and cold apple cider and cookies while educating the public about both organizations in efforts to gain donations. There will be 6 slots available at each time. We are hoping to fill each slot with representatives from both groups. Consider signing up for more than one shift.

A Sign-Up Genius has been set-up again this year to make it easier for you to see the opportunities and to register for a time slot. **CLICK HERE** to sign up. Your time at the Hut will help keep our community aware of the ever-present needs of our homeless and our hungry neighbors. If you would like more details, please contact Bob Wingrove at: **robert.wingrove@rcn.com** or **610.730-3929**.

# FAITH FORMATION

Moravian Church - Lehigh Valley

**Moravian Lehigh Valley Faith Formation is on social media!**
**Please like, friend and follow us on Facebook and Instagram!**

**We can be found at "Moravian Faith Formation LV" on Facebook**

**"moravianfaithformationlv" on Instagram**

**We will share posts about faith formation events happening in our local churches. This is a great way to stay connected with other local Moravians and maybe get inspired by something happening in another congregation.**

Moravian Music Foundation

**Free online music class** Taught by Christopher Ogburn, PhD,Executive Director & Staff Musicologist

**Music Theory: How Chords Work** What makes a chord major or minor? What is the difference between a triad and a seventh chord? What even is a seventh chord?! In this three-week series we will look at how chords are constructed and their importance for the music we know and love.
Time: Tuesdays, 12:00 pm (EST) Dates: 11/17, 11/24, 12/1
Sign-up here: https://forms.gle/U7qieA9pafvAvd1NA

**Read the MMF October E-News HERE**



**Welcome new Unitas Director Benjamin Wallace**

# Advent Lovefeast
# Candlelight Worship Service with Special Music

November 29 at 7:00 P.M.

West Side Moravian Church
402 Third Avenue
Bethlehem, PA 18018
610-865-0256

# Breakfast with Santa

Children's Christmas carol sing along, visit from Santa, and a small gift for each child to take home.

SATURDAY | DEC 12 9AM - 10:30 AM

Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee, tea, and etc.

West Side Moravian Church
402Third Ave BethlehemPA 18018



Suggested Donation $6- $8 per adult
RSVP by December 5 @610-865-0256
or email westsidemoravian@gmail.com



St Luke's Hospice

## 14th Annual Luminaria Lighting

**Thursday, December 3, 2026**

**6-7:30pm**

**St. Luke's Anderson Campus**

**Walking Path & Pond**

**1872 St. Luke's Blvd, Easton PA 18045**

**This is an outdoor event, please dress accordingly.**

The luminaria is a time to reflect on the light and love that those we have lost brought into our lives. You can honor & remember those important to you, by donating to light the path with Luminaria Lights. Memorial Luminaria Bundles will be placed along the walkway and lit by our volunteers.

Each donation includes a memorial signs that will be placed along the lighted path.
All proceeds benefit St. Luke's Hospice. Luminaria Bundles (5 bags) are $25 each

To donate Luminaria Bundles, please visit: slhn.org/development/ways-to-give/luminaria-lighting
For more information, please call 484.526-2499
Please join us to stroll through the lighted path and enjoy cookies & cocoa.



# MESSIAH SING-ALONG

**Christmas Portion with soloists**

**Nazareth Moravian Church, 4 South Main St**

**December 9, 7:30pm**

Come sing or listen!

Singers, register your name and voice part with Rev. Todd Fennell: tnjfnl@gmail.com by Wednesday, November 25th. Free will offering; Social to follow.



# QUIP: Lay Leadership & Adaptive Change - Two-Part Series

**Click this Link to Register**

We're excited to share the next EQUIP series, Lay Leadership & Adaptive Change, featuring two online sessions focused on leadership, congregational life, and navigating change in ministry.

The sessions build on one another, but participants are welcome to attend either or both. Recordings will also be available for those who cannot attend live.

What are the leadership skills needed to navigate change in parish ministry? This two-part EQUIP series introduces core concepts of adaptive leadership within a ministry context. Drawing on contemporary leadership theory and the Moravian understanding that we are one body, participants will learn how to read their congregation as a system, distinguish technical problems from adaptive challenges, and lead through conflict and change with patience rather than panic.

Led by: Rev. Dr. Mandy Mastros, LSW & Rev. Dan Miller

**Part 2:** Conflict and Change
Monday, November 30, 2026
7:00 p.m. Eastern, 90 minutes, Online via Zoom

MORAVIAN ARCHIVES
BETHLEHEM

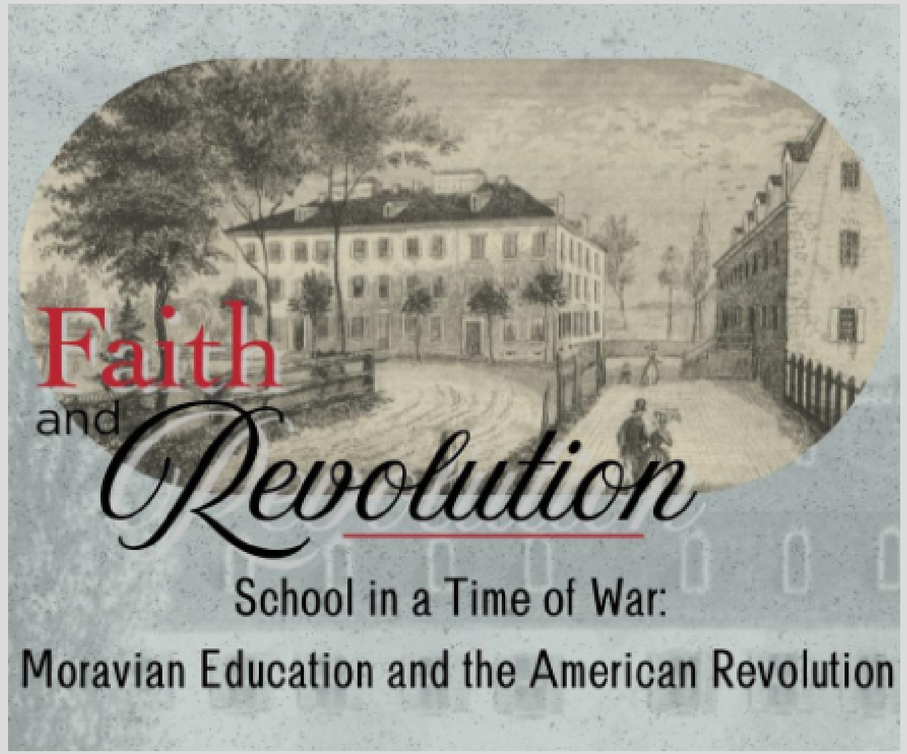
**Discussions of the American Revolution are often focused on the soldiers and political and military leaders involved on both sides, but the conflict greatly affected everyone living in the region. In this eleventh in a series of posts on the Moravians and the Revolutionary War we look at the Moravian schools in Lititz and Nazareth and the impact of the war on these institutions.**

Read the post **here**!

Read previous Faith and Revolution posts **here**!

**New Blog: Faith and Revolution #11**
**School in a Time of War:**
Moravian Eduation &
the American Revolution

**Our continuing blog series highlighting Moravians and the Revolutionary War.**



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BETHLEHEM

Missed out on our latest presentation or looking for an encore? Dr. Scott Paul Gordon's lecture Moravians in the American Revolution is now available to stream! Click on the picture to the right.

Interested in other recorded events? Check out videos of past events here!



# Stars of the Lehigh Valley
## Holiday Concert & Reception

Fundraiser for The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers Inc. a 501(c)(3)

**December 8, 2026**

$100 includes concert and reception

Concert – The Historic Chapel of Central Moravian Church,

Reception - Hotel Bethlehem – Mural Room  hors d'oeuvres and beverages

w/music by Emmitt Harris trio

Limited to 150 per concert

Concert #1  3:00 – 4:00 pm

- South Side Brass – Double brass quintet
- Chet Brown with Lou Czechoski – "Soul for the season"
- Southside Singers Chamber Choir – BASD Broughal MS
  Amy Putlock, Director

Reception  Following concert 4:30 – 5:30pm
hors d'oeuvres and beverages
Music by Emmitt Harris Trio

Concert #2  7:00 – 8:00 pm

- Back In Time – A Lehigh Valley Collective Big Band Dectet
  Ernie Stadler, Leader
- Bel Canto Youth Chorus of the Bach Choir of Bethlehem .
  Kelly Rocchi, Director
- Kristen Morgenstern - award winning Lehigh Valley talent

Reception *Preceeding concert* 5:30 – 6:30pm
hors d'oeuvres and beverages
Music by Emmitt Harris Trio

**Tickets available at 610.867-0537**

MORAVIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

214 E. Center St. Nazareth, PA 18064
(610) 759-5070 | Email




## Moravian Historical Society Christmas in Nazareth

Christmas in Nazareth is a town-wide celebration, which takes place at various locations in Nazareth.

The Moravian Historical Society will feature FREE family-friendly activities, including:

- Holiday market with local artisans
- Food trucks
- Free crafts for kids
- Annual putz display
- Historic Nazareth Walking Tours
- Music in the Museum

Join as a Vendor!

Apply online using the secure and convenient portal using the linked buttons below

**Craft Vendor application**

**Food Vendor application**

**Festival Policies**

**Volunteer sign-up**

# Silvery & BRASS Trombone Quartet

Andrew Bauer ✷ Bryan Hay ✷ Caitlin Heckman ✷ Michael Moran

## Sunday, December 20 at 4:00 PM

A unique, stylized holiday program
including a new collection of Moravian hymns
for Advent and Christmas by Michael Moran

**College Hill Moravian Church**
**72 West Laurel Street**
**Bethlehem, PA 18018**
**FREE-WILL OFFERING**

# Moravian Music Foundation

**Monday Morning Music** Join Kyle Johnston, at the keyboard, **Mondays at 10am** on the **MMF** You Tube Channel as he plays through a variety of hymns from multiple sources. Hear old favorites, discover new favorites, and relax to the sound of classic hymns at home, in your office or on your commute. Recordings are also available.

**Monthly Shape-Note Sing** (Lehigh Valley Shape-Note Singers) 6:00-8:00pm Every 4th Tuesday, come join Kyle Johnston and the Lehigh Valley Shape Note Singers in learning to sing an authentic, historic American style of singing. Singers of all ages and skill levels are welcome. **Godfrey Daniels, 7 E. 4th St. Bethlehem**.

MMF Bluesky social account: @moravianmusic.bsky.social

MORAVIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Open 7 days a week, 1:00–4:00 p.m.
214 E. Center St. Nazareth, PA 18064
(610) 759-5070 | Email

Admission includes a docent-led guided Museum tour and access to special exhibitions.

**Museum Admission:**

**Adults: $10**
**Students (Under 18): $8**
**Seniors (65+): $8**
**Children (Under 5): Free**

Member of “Museums for All” providing free admission to households receiving food assistance (SNAP benefits).




How did the Revolutionary War affect the lives of the everyday people living in the Lehigh Valley? The Special Exhibition, paints a picture of the Moravian pacifist community that found itself caught up in a conflict that would ultimately transform its way of life. The exhibition is open every day through January 17, 2017.

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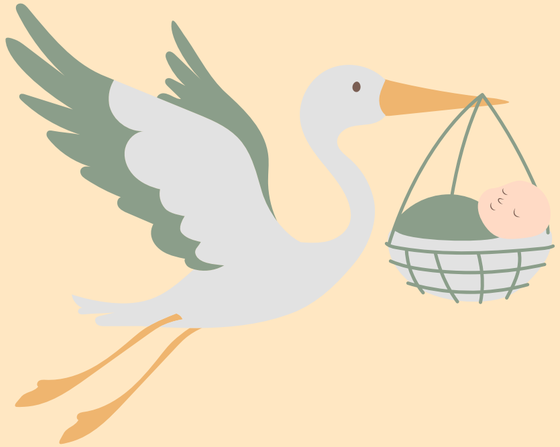
**Registration for our**
**2027 German Script course**
**is now open!**

In this intensive two-week course, students learn how to read and write German Script allowing them to read German manuscripts from the 17th through the mid-20th centuries.
This in-person course takes place on site at the Moravian Archives in Bethlehem.

**Visit our website to learn more!**
**Register Today!**





# Blankets & Beanies for Teenies



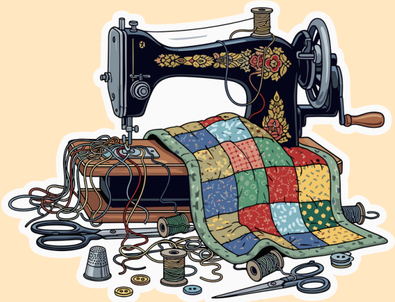
## Calling all knitters, crocheters, quilters, and sewers!

Make blankets and beanies for our smallest citizens. In the **fourth Saturday** of **the month**, beginning in June, **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 (LVHN & St. Luke's locations).



For more information or to get involved,
email Sarah Lathrop at sarah.lathrop97@gmail.com







# ONGOING COMMUNITY EVENTS



**COMMUNITY YOGA** at West Side Moravian 402 3rd Ave, Bethlehem, Saturdays 9:00am-10:00am $10 Donation. Bring a yoga mat and water. Some mats & props are available to borrow. Contact Angela Baio at: Angelabaio86@gmail.com She also is starting Wed. night classes at 7pm and a slow rock yoga with live music! Best to email her before going to a class to make sure that there is a class. Sometimes she is not available for yoga on a Saturday due to her schedule.



**BETHLEHEM PALETTE CLUB** invites you to join them. “All passion becomes strength when it has an outlet.” The Palette Club’s goal is to form a community of area artists, who come together socially, exhibit their artwork, do a little networking, and stimulate their creative energy through art presentations and workshops. Programs include: monthly meetings with a visiting artist demo, juried and non-juried art exhibits, art workshops, winter portrait paint-ins, summer & fall landscape paint-outs, spring art museum bus trip and a monthly newsletter. Membership is $25.00/year. For more information, visit: BethlehemPaletteClub.org or follow them on Facebook: The Bethlehem Palette Club

# OTHER LINKS

**MORAVIAN NEWSLETTERS** To view the Moravian Monthly, MMFA Communique, the Board of World Mission's Mission Minute, Camp Hope newsletter, and current and past Envoy issues, visit the Newsletter Box on our homepage. If you wish to have the Moravian Monthly sent to your e-mail, contact Sylvie Hauser at: sylvie@mcnp.org to begin receiving this newsletter by email.

**BWM PRAYER DAYS** The Board of World Mission invites you to pray for Moravian global partners and their ministries. CLICK HERE to view a complete calendar and list of Prayer days for Moravians around the world.

**BULLETIN BACKS** Each week, a short message written by a Moravian in North America is shared on the back of each week's bulletin. CLICK HERE to read the message from this and prior weeks, as well as the daily text.

# PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES TO YOUR EMAIL CONTACT LIST

to ensure that you receive important mailings
from Pastor Jodie and the church office

pastorjodie@edgeboromoravian.org

churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org

# CONTACT INFORMATION

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Bethlehem PA 18017
610.866-8793

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pastorjodie@edgeboromoravian.org

Office Administrator
Carole Burkhardt
(Office Hours: M-F 9:00am-1:00pm)
churchoffice@edgeboromoravian.org

Organist & Senior Choir Director
Gayle Justice

Sexton
Greg Clugston

Know someone who would like to receive Edgeboro emails?
Forward them this email and have them email the office
to add their email to our list!
(Please don't add other people without their permission)

# SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

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