

The Envoy

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The Mission of the Edgeboro Moravian Church Family is to Love God, Grow in Christ and Share the Holy Spirit through worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism.

**Edgeboro
Moravian
Congregation**

Pastor's Page

Dear Members and Friends:

We have arrived at that time of year again...the New Year! A good many of my friends have told me that they no longer make new year's resolutions. Over the course of their lives they have discovered that more often than not by February they can't even remember what resolutions they made, and even if they do remember them they have long since given up on keeping them. You know the usual list: lose 10 pounds, give up french fries, read more, watch less TV.....on and on.

So this year I am not asking you to make any sort of resolution that you are not comfortable in making, but as we begin the new year, allow me to place this scripture verse before you.

***"O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides."
Psalm 26:8***

It is my prayer that you will spend a couple of minutes, for a few days in a row, reflecting about what this text might mean for your life. Perhaps you might ask yourself the following questions:

1. Is God truly what I love most in the world?
2. Do I take advantage of as many opportunities as I can to deepen my relationship with God?
3. Do I love to visit the place where I know that God dwells so that I can be influenced by God's love, mercy, and grace?

At Edgeboro we have a truly wonderful community of faith that is vibrant and growing. But if each of us could take this text to heart I believe that miraculous things will happen in our midst. In this "New Year" let us each look to deepen our love for God, for one another, and for the mission that God has for us together.

Peace in Christ,

In this section you will find information about special offerings, services and activities for the communal worship of our congregation.

Worship

It Just Might Snow Again Sometime Soon!

Because we have many folks who live close by the church even if it snows we will almost always have our a Sunday morning worship experience. But please note that if the weather is bad, we might adjust our Sunday morning schedule by only having one service. We will always post the schedule changes on WFMZ - Channel 69. You will also find the information on-line at www.wfmz.com. We will also try to update the church's phone message as well as the website and Facebook page to reflect any changes. The bottom line is that each person should keep their own safety in mind when deciding on whether or not to come.

Joyful Noise Offering

The Joyful Noise Offering for December for the "No Room at the Inn" program at the Moravian Open Door in NYC was \$180.00.



Thank you for your generosity!

The Joyful Noise Offering for January will be for Nikole Raskovic's trip to Nepal. A Fund Raising Spaghetti Dinner will be held on January 14th to raise money for Nikole's trip.

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS!

**Don't Miss Church Council
Sunday, January 8, 2012
Immediately following the
10:30 worship**

We will have only one service on that Sunday.

Potluck lunch followed by the Church Council

Christmas Eve Worship Attendance

3:00 p.m.	168
5:30 p.m.	173
8:00 p.m.	203

SESSION PLANNING MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

**Wednesday, January 18th
at 7 p.m.**

All groups and ministries of the congregation should plan to be represented as we plan events throughout the year!

Servants in January

Elders

- 1. Darlene Borst (10:00 AM)
- 8. Debbie Smith (10:30 AM)
- 15. Val Hoff (9:00 AM)
Debbie Smith (11:15 AM)
- 22. Randy Graser (9 & 11:15 AM)
- 29. Ann Amidon (9:00 AM)
Brian Lauderman (11:15 AM)

Sacristans

- 1 Jones (10:00)
- 8 Lindemuth (10:30) (Communion)
- 15 Meka
- 22 Silfies
- 29 Williamson

Ushers— 9:00

- 1 Kovaleski Family (10:00)
- 8 Knox Family (10:30)
- 15 LaRue Jones & Ruth Zaun
- 22 Dave Bond & Linda Lindemuth
- 29 Jack Nagle & Rod Sergent

Ushers—11:15

- 15 Graser Family
- 22 Brent Sergent Family
- 29 Art Sergent & Family

Greeters

- 1 Deea & Randy Graser (10:00)
- 8 Joyce LeWando (10:30)
- 15 Rita Gambler (9:00)
- 22 LaRue Jones (9:00)
- 29 Bucchin family (9:00)

Greeters—11:15

- 15 Van & Hollie Langkamer
- 22 Holly Haines
- 29 Sally Abruzzese

Lay Readers

- 1 Elder of the Day
- 8 Terri Long
- 15 Eric Smith
- 22 Jessie Bucchin
- 29 Cheryl Kindt

Sunday Worship Schedule (Please note the Changes in the Schedule)

January 1

Joyful Noise Offering

10:00 AM Worship (One service)
We select our Watchwords for the Year

January 8

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM One Worship Service with
Epiphany Communion &
Installation of Officers
11:30 AM Brunch followed
by Church Council

January 15

9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM S.S. /Congregational Breakfast
11:15 AM The EDGE

January 22

9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM The EDGE

January 29

9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School



Nursery Schedule

Date	Toddler Room	Infant Room
January 8	Sherri Hoff Teddy Messman	Karen & Woody Werner
January 15	Melissa & Jarret Hoff	Karen and Woody Werner
January 22	Jenny Minnich	Karen and Woody Werner
January 29	Robyn Balsai	Karen and Woody Werner

Our Worship Attendance for December		
2010		2011
168	Week 1	172
175	Week 2	183 (CM)
189(CM)	Week 3	172
105	Week 4	75

(CM) = Christmas
Musical

Fellowship

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3) Kayleigh Gross
Sherri Hoff
- 5) Lori Eutsler
- 6) Daniel Bucchin
- 8) Elizabeth Bucchin
Tayte Messman
- 9) James Harry Clause
- 10) William Horwath
- 15) Jocelyn Perkins
- 16) Gayle Justice
Earl Kunsman, Jr.
Rodney Sergent
- 17) Doris George
Sara Saeger
- 20) Richard Grebs
- 21) Peter Maugle
Debra Swanson
- 22) Sally Abruzzese
- 23) Linda Lindemuth
- 24) Elizabeth Rader
- 26) Maria "Ri" Kulp
- 27) Cheryl Baker
- 30) Elizabeth Boyle
Justin Hoff
Chester Kulp



Children

- 5) Jace Hoff
- 14) Allison Hoff
- 15) Camryn Hoff
- 16) Treyton Messman
- 22) Benjamin Courtade
- 27) Louis Pagano

Save the Date...

Snow Tubing

At

Blue Mountain

With Edgeboro Moravian

Friday, March 2nd

4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. come when you can

Cost: \$17 + waiver by 2/26
\$21 at the door
(must be 36" tall)

To come and watch is free/small donation!!!!
Hot dogs, soda, water, and desserts provided.
Bring other munchies to share.

Contact Blake Messman
610-954-5173

Bring your friends!

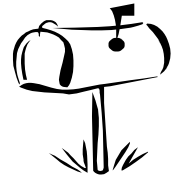
JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 18) Barbara & Richard Peters
- 20) Chet & Ri Kulp
- 20) Nelson & Sherri Hoff



Church News

We extend our deepest sympathy to David and Connie Bennett on the death of Dave's father, Leland Evans. He passed into the nearer presence of our Savior on December 16.



Letter of Thanks from Alex's Lemonade Stand.

On behalf of all childhood cancer families, thank you for your donation of \$266.95 and support of Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Every penny counts. Together we can make a difference. Together we will find a cure for childhood cancer!

Study Buster Kits for our College Students!

Attention shoppers and Bakers!!! We are now accepting donations for our Valentine's Day Study Buster kits for our college age members. As you are doing your Christmas shopping and you see a great deal on some small fun items, please think of picking up another one for our college students. Things like mini hand sanitizers and their plastic cases, small toys, pencils and stickers are usually on sale at Christmas time. If you love to bake but you just can't eat all those cookies, bring some to the church freezer. Please pack them in freezer proof zip lock bags in quantities of two dozen. There is a box in the Narthex labeled "Study Buster Kits". If you have questions please contact Jenny Minnich at [610-759-8551](tel:610-759-8551) or by email at jejn98@gmail.com.

Discipleship

In this section you will find information about Bible studies, classes, board meeting highlights, and other opportunities for discipleship.

Communications Committee Update

The pastor, Ryan Beller, Deb Smith, and Carole Schachter have been meeting to strategize a method of keeping all of our community informed of church news not only by newsletter, but email and phone as well. We are very hopeful that by the new year we will have a number of ways to let each of you know of important news on short notice. If have not already given the church office your email address. Please do so soon.

Wednesday Evening Bible Studies

As we enter the New Year we will continue to meet each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM for a Bible Study and prayer time led by Pastor Chris. Please come and join us.

Elders' December Meeting Highlights

- In December we welcomed new Elder, Brian Lauderman.
- Joyful Noise: December—No Room at the Inn (Moravian Open Door)
January—Nikole Raskovic's trip to Nepal
February—St. Luke's Mothering Program (more info. coming).
- Reviewed schedule of services for December/January



Board of Trustees' December Meeting Highlights

- The elevator and freezer have both been fixed!
- Thanks to John and Rosie Bauman for donating fuel oil to the church! Ryan is still working on getting more information about natural gas conversion.
- **Don't forget to sign up for e-giving!** If you have any questions about this - please see Ryan Beller. He will be more than happy to assist you.
- We are still accepting Financial Pledge Cards. Just drop them in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail them to the office.
- We discussed winter/spring cleaning of the pews and clearing off the stage in Fellowship Hall. We know the bathrooms need attention, too, and we are looking into that as well.
- We'd like to remind everyone to continue with their faithful giving! We understand that due to work, vacation, inclement weather and sickness it may not be possible to attend church every Sunday. The work of the church continues even when you can't be here. Thanks!

Serving in leadership in 2012

Elders: Val Hoff, Debbie Smith, Ann Amidon, Darlene Borst, Myra Jones, Brian Lauderman, Randy Graser, Glen Emig

Trustees: Bill Burkhardt, Terri Long, Ryan Beller, Andrew Pagano, Sherri Hoff, Jean Batt, Tim Jones, Chet Kulp, Steve Kish

Ministry

PUTZ WATCH

Another season has come and gone. Thank you to all who helped to get this year's Putz up and running. To the mossers, and especially Jim and Jessie Bucchin for all the years they lead our mossaing team, thank you. The paper crumplers, the dunkers, the assemblers, the decorators, and this year a special thanks to our star makers. The stars were a great hit with the children and their teachers. I believe it will now be a tradition of Edgeboro Moravian Church Putz to give an Advent Star to the children attending the Putz with their group.

If you haven't been told, or haven't seen it, the program taped by RCN, aired on RCN during the month of December. If you have access to Facebook we have a 45 second version of the Putz rising on there also, check it out.

As this is being written before we actually wrap up the Putz season, the details will follow in the next edition of the Putz Watch.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., please come and join us.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY ROAD TO RECOVERY

Help a Neighbor in Need

Drive a cancer patient to treatment

Volunteer for the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program

Use your own vehicle or one of the Society's two vehicles

More and more cancer patients need a ride!

For more information, please contact
Pat Long at 610-921-2329 or
Pat.long@cancer.org

THANK YOU!

Evangelism

In this section you will find information about outreach activities, evangelism tools, and opportunities to share Christ's love in action, both locally and globally.

Edgeboro Moravian and friends Cheer on the Iron Pigs

- ◆ Sunday—August 26th
- ◆ \$10/ticket and you receive a \$2 concession credit
- ◆ Edgeboro is recognized on the big screen.
- ◆ Someone can throw out the first pitch
- ◆ If you would like wheelchair seating, call me by February!!
- ◆ Our seats are rows WXY—only one, two, or three steps

Call/email Blake Messman
610-954-5173
bpmessman@verizon.net

In Concert

The

Rooke Chapel Ringers

Of Bucknell University

Monday, January 9, 2012—7:30 p.m.

Palmer Moravian Church
2901 John Street
Easton, PA

Christmas in Bethlehem

We received an email in the Church office from local writer Jason Rehm who is putting together a book about Christmas in Bethlehem from the 1940's through the 60's. In his invitation to us he writes the following:

I'd love to hear about Christmas in Bethlehem during the Great Depression, WWII, and also the 50s and 60s. What was Christmas like on the Southside or at the Steel? You might remember a special gift, tradition, or program at church. Maybe Bethlehem's lights and decorations or shopping downtown holds a special place in your heart. Can you recall playing in the snow or ice skating? Can you remember how your parents or grandparents celebrated?

Also, please look through your family albums and send me your old Christmas or winter photos. All photos will be returned. Please include a return address with each photograph.

Please write your memories and send your photos to me at

Jason Rehm
1428 Shelbourne Drive
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Confirmation Classes in January

While we normally hold our Confirmation classes on the first and third Sundays of the month, during January we are going to move that to the 2nd and 3rd Sundays due to the New Year's holiday. We will be back on our regular schedule in February.

So we will see you on January 8th and 15th. We will begin at 5:00 PM with dinner, and be done by 7:00 PM. Please contact Pastor Chris if you have any questions.

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Gayle Justice, Organist & Senior Choir Director