

Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

“In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love”

Congregational Watchword for 2015

“Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some.” - Hebrews 10:: 24, 25

May 2015

Pastor’s Page: “SISTERS”

I met my sister, Victoria Adewole in 1992, when she was visiting her children who had settled in Maryland. Victoria and her husband, Banji, frequently came to the U.S. from Nigeria, to visit their children and assist with grandchildren. On this visit, Victoria was concerned that her sons had not found a church home. She made it clear that this was not acceptable and, since our church was in the neighborhood, she insisted that her son accompany her. He was not enthusiastic. He had no idea what ‘Moravian’ was and had not seen many people of color walking into the church. But, as her children (8 of them!) will tell you, Victoria is not one to be disobeyed. So one Sunday, with her son Wilson in tow, she joined in worship. This was the beginning of a wonderful friendship. Her sons and wives, Tunde and Fadeke, Wilson & Adetoun, and Olu became members and brought in their families and friends. I baptized children, attended celebrations, enjoyed new cultural experiences and, of course, wonderful Nigerian food!



On one occasion, in 1994, Bob prepared a meal for the entire Adewole family. My parents were visiting and we had a grand time of fellowship. Banji rose up after dinner to bless the home. In his blessing he prayed fervently for a child to come into our lives. One month later, I was pregnant with Robert. Whenever Victoria called one of her family members after Robert’s birth, she would ask, ‘how’s my boy?’ They knew that ‘her boy’ was Robert. Banji was called to the nearer presence of our Lord in 2006. I am grateful for his life, witness and fervent prayer.

Just recently, Victoria was visiting one of her children in Onalaska. I drove across the state to see her. We had a wonderful reunion. I call Victoria my sister, because our bond is deeper than our culture, our race and our nations of origin. She is my sister because of the love and mercy of Jesus. She celebrated her 80th birthday recently. When her children called to wish her a happy birthday, she answered the phone with, “HALLELUJAH, THANK YOU JESUS.” She told me that she was overwhelmed with gratitude for the life God had given her.

I am so grateful that my family extends beyond the borders of my hometown. I am so grateful that my family extends beyond the culture of my country. I am so grateful that my family extends beyond those who speak the English language. I am so grateful that everywhere I go, I meet my family. I have relatives that I have yet to meet in every nation on earth. Everywhere I go, because of Jesus, I am with family. What a joy it is to be a part of this wonderful, extended family! - Pastor Dawn

Ephraim Moravian Church Office Hours

PASTOR: TUES - FRI 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 MONDAY Pastor's Day Off
 SECRETARY: WED. - THURS. 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
 CELL NUMBER: 920-421-4042 The Church Phone does NOT ring in the parsonage. Please keep the Pastor's Cell Phone handy for after hours.



BOOK OF JOB BIBLE STUDY

Fridays 10:00 a.m.
 May 8 - June 12

Join us as we look at the age old questions posed in the book of Job concerning tragedy, illness, the absence of God and the mark of true friendship.

Calling All Sacristans!

We need Sacristans to sign up for service from June through December. If you haven't been trained as a Sacristan, it's a wonderful ministry and it doesn't take long to learn. You'll be checking the sanctuary to make sure it's ready for service (including changing the paraments when the church season changes, getting Communion ready, checking the "prayers" box in the narthex, etc.). If you can sign up, the sheet and details of the job are in the Fellowship Hall. Want to learn? Talk to Pastor Dawn!



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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Elder for the month of:
 May....Cici Mulliken

Services in May

May 3 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship/Communion

May 10 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, Joyful Noise for Loaves & Fishes

May 17- 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

ROAD TRIP TO MILWAUKEE for a 4 p.m. Lovefeast

May 24 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

May 31 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

Congratulations to Pat Horvath, for receiving a Lifetime of Service award at the Golden Heart Volunteer Celebration, for her work with Habitat for Humanity!

And to Mike Mittermann, on his promotion at Hatco!



Ephraim Moravian Quilting Bee

If you are interested in learning how to quilt or getting inspiration to finish something you've started, or if you just want to find out what we're up to, please come to the first meeting of the Ephraim Moravian Quilting Bee (name subject to change!) We will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 10 am** in Fellowship Hall.

The purpose of this group is to learn and do, so there will be a demonstration of how to cut and put together a very popular beginning block. You may want to make one or just watch and work on your own project. I will have supplies and one sewing machine. We'll also be discussing what you'd like to work on and your ideas for this group.



.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in April: Ranny Nelson and Kris Husby-Nelson, Kay and Mary Wilson, Jim and Carol Sokolowski, and the Bristols and Flottmans on Tilly's baptism Sunday!



...for our Open Door Lunch crew in April: Eunice Rutherford, Ellie McCullin, Justine Zamback, Chuck Mead, Jock Whitacre, Hugh Mulliken, Pastor Dawn Volpe, Diane Kirkland-- Paul Wanish with soup from Czarnuska's, and sandwiches by the Piggly Wiggly.

.....to those who ushered in April.

Christian Sympathy is extended to

George Carey & Family, on the passing of his brother.

The family will be gathering soon and appreciate your prayers on their behalf.

Theresa Weborg, on the passing of her grandmother. Theresa was able to be with her grandmother in her last days of life, which was a great blessing!

Dolores Sessler, on the death of her daughter, Connie, after a long battle with cancer. May God's peace surround them all



High Tea



Sister Bay Moravian Church is holding an elegant High Tea this spring. Space is limited, so an RSVP is obliged **no later than Sunday, May 3**. Proceeds from the tea (\$12 per person) will benefit Northern Door Health & Wellness Ministry.

DATE: Wednesday, May 13

TIME: 1-3 pm

EVENT: Ladies' Spring High Tea

PLACE: Sister Bay Moravian Church
10924 Old Stage Rd (at Hill)

Ladies, search your attics and closets for a lovely, vintage, or unusual hat. Wear it...it could be a winner! There will be savories and sweets to delight you, good conversation, and some surprises in store..For more information, contact Cheryl Lubahn at 854-0007 or email your RSVP to sbmcoffice@dcwis.com.



Stella Maris Parish, Fish Creek Invites You!

Monday, May 4, 2015

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Hospice Nurses & Heaven

Featured speaker Tina Poppe, RN

Registration is free. Just email or call: sschaut@gbdioc.org, 920-272-8276, ext. 8276



Spring into Summer Breakfast
and Plant/Bake Sales
Saturday, May 30, 2015
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.



FREE Continental Breakfast,
Moravian Style
(Moravian Sugar Cake, Lovefeast Buns, coffee, juice)
GIANT Plant Sale and Bake Sale

Plants - If you have plants you'd like to donate, please talk to Vicki Maynard at 847-361-3684 or tmbers6@aol.com. If you have plants you'd like to bring, they can be brought all that week, no later than NOON on Friday, May 29--set them on the ground outside the accessible ramp door.

Bakery: We're looking for bakery for the big bake sale--so many people loved the Lovefeast buns and Moravian Sugar Cake last year, those would be big sellers. Make your specialty--cookies, bars, cakes, pies, candy, preserves, etc. ALL appreciated!

**All proceeds for the day will go to the "Tricklebee" Café ministry in Milwaukee
(see page 7 for details)**

TREASURER's REPORT

Member giving through March - \$31,993
Visitor giving through March - \$5,901



Income
Budget is \$144,900
Actual through March: \$37,587

Expenses
Budget is \$182,826
Actual through March: \$54,043

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

The well is new, the parsonage kitchen is done, and all the interior doors have been replaced by doors like those in our "upper wing" at church. Yard renovation in progress.

Still to be done: straightening of the parsonage basement wall, replacement of the Bilco doors leading to the basement, replacement of rails (and stoop?) on the parsonage, possible renovation of back porch at a later date

May birthdays

Jody Paschke...2
Gunilla Wilson...3
Elli Opitz...6
Cindy Phillips...11
Dave Chomeau - 11
Arnold Sohns...13
Doug Schultz...14
Mylo Sherman... 17
Pieta Horvath...18
Tiffany Ann Opitz 18
Anne Spooner Crowe.. 19
David Sohns...21
Nicolai Carlson...23
Earl Lorenz....23
Elaine Jacobson...26
Patti Bennett...30
Elizabeth Opitz...30

May anniversaries

Tim and Kristi Nelson – May 6, 1989
Judy and Paul Flottman – May 25, 1974
Erin and Brent Bristol – May 28, 2011

If your name, or the name of a loved one is not listed in our birthday and anniversary listings, please let us know by email or phone!



The Cemetery Walk Committee is planning an **acting workshop** for volunteers who do portrayals. It will be on Thursday May 14 at the church. 1:30 to 3 pm. Whether you are portraying a dearly departed Ephraimite or just interested in participating in this acting workshop, contact Lonnie Vitse at lonnie.vitse@yahoo.com

International students will be arriving in Door County in the next few weeks, giving us another opportunity to show them Christian love and friendship through **BRIDGES** while they work in our community during the summer. Please consider being an American Connection host to one or two students, help with transportation to events, be an English conversation partner, or provide food for an event.



Students do not live with their American Connection host. The host is simply identified as an American friend that the student can get to know, ask questions about things they encounter, and be an ambassador of American good will. *Information in the Fellowship Hall.*



Church Clean-Up is Saturday, May 16!

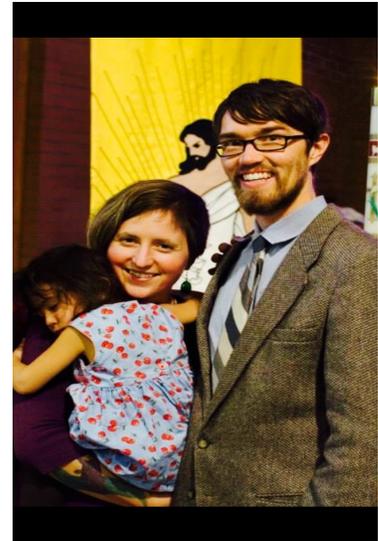
Come at 8 a.m. (or as you are able) to noon to help clean up the exterior and interior of the church! We will be washing windows, detailing the inside of the church, raking leaves at church and the cemetery, cleaning out dead flowers, etc.

Bring rakes, gloves, rags, buckets to help you in your chores! It concludes with a thank-you lunch at noon! Volunteers needed for bars/cookies.

WELCOME CHRISTIE MELBY-GIBBONS
TO MILWAUKEE!

Christie is a Moravian pastor whose first 5 years of ordained ministry were at the Moravian Church of Downey, near Los Angeles, CA, where she also co-founded an intentional Christian community called The GAPS Community. Friends describe her as "excessively creative and joyful," and the Moravian Church Northern Province (MCNP) describes her gifts for ministry as: "creativity in trying new things, starting from scratch, and imagining what others cannot yet see."

She and the family have recently relocated to Milwaukee, WI, where she is loosely based out of Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church. She was recently named as Emerging Ministry Developer of the MCNP, as well as a Synod-Approved Worshipping Community (SAWC) leader of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). The ministry she is currently developing is Tricklebee Cafe.



Christie Melby-Gibbons
husband David
daughter Debonne

The aim of Tricklebee Cafe is to be a place for people of all backgrounds to gather and enjoy delicious, nutritious, local, creatively-prepared, delightfully-named food and drink. As a member of the One World Everybody Eats (OWEE) Network, all items on the menu will be pay-what-you-will, which allows neighbors who cannot afford to pay much to pay little or barter, and neighbors who can afford to pay more to do just that. Tricklebee Cafe will be both a cafe and a chapel, to allow for continual feasting and sacred encounters with neighbors and the divine. The Tricklebee values are: Authenticity. Cheerfulness. Generosity. Gratitude. Hospitality. Sustainability. Tricklebee Cafe will strive to be a sustainable cafe, relying on the seasonal harvests of local farmers, beekeepers, and gardeners to compose its menu. It is so important to offer real food to all.

Christie is spending her days working to form partnerships with local gardeners, artists, and just neighbors in general, to begin visioning how to make Tricklebee Cafe a reality. This includes putting together a steering committee (aka: Board of Directors), submitting articles of incorporation, seeking out a physical space to occupy, and seeking various funding streams. "In an age of post-church sentiments, we--who still consider ourselves church--hear: *The trick'll be getting new church members.* We know, however, that the real trick'll be freeing ourselves up to follow where God's Spirit is already at work: in people's hearts, around the table, and where love is genuine. This is no easy task, but we do so remembering that the lifetime output of 12 bees is just 1 ounce of honey. The resulting sweetness trumps the smallness of the amount." To donate to the Tricklebee project: <http://www.gofundme.com/tricklebeecafe> or send to Moravian Church Northern Province, 1021 Center Street, P.O. Box 1245, Bethlehem, PA 18016-1245 with "Melby-Gibbons Emerging Ministry" in the memo line of your check.

**17
MAY
2015**

LOVEFEAST
CELEBRATING
MORAVIAN/LUTHERAN
COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY

JOIN THE FEAST.

LOVEFEAST (WORSHIP)
SUNDAY, MAY 17
4 PM

FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK
BRING SOME FOOD TO SHARE.
5-7 PM

LOCATION:
SPIRIT OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
6506 W. LLOYD ST.
MILWAUKEE, WI 53210
[CORNER OF 65TH & LLOYD]



ROAD TRIP! MAY 17 (after Church)
 We will be driving to Milwaukee to join the Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church Lovefeast! (A Free-will offering will be taken to support Spirit of Peace Urban Ministries Center & the new Moravian ministry: Tricklebee Café. If you can't attend please send an offering. Email us if you are attending and if you can drive- we will be carpooling.



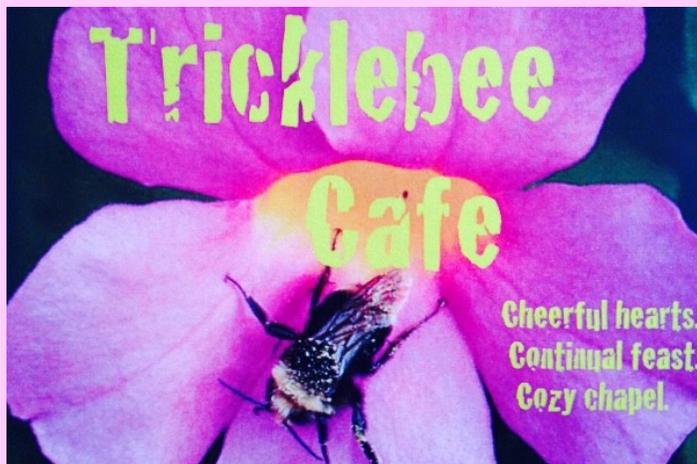
May 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 8:30 am OA Mtg | 2 |
| 3 9 am - Sunday School 10 am Worship w/Communion | 4 | 5 5:30 p.m. Elders | 6 12 noon Free Lunch at Sister Bay Moravian | 7 7 pm - AA Mtg | 8 8:30 am OA Mtg 10 a.m. Bible Study | 9 |
| 10 9 am - Sunday School 10 am Worship - Joyful Noise for Loaves & Fishes | 11 | 12 | 13 10 a.m. Trustees Meeting 1 - 3 pm Tea- Sis- ter Bay Moravian | 14 7 pm - AA Mtg | 15 8:30 am OA Mtg 10 a.m. Bible Study | 16 8 a.m. Clean up Day (ends with lunch) |
| 17 9 am - Sunday School 10 am Worship 4 pm Lovefeast Milwaukee | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 7 pm - AA Mtg | 22 8:30 am OA Mtg 10 a.m. Bible Study | 23 |
| 24 9 am - Sunday School 10 am Worship | 25 | 26 10 a.m. Quilt Class 5 pm - Loaves & Fishes St. Rosalia's | 27 | 28 7 pm - AA Mtg | 29 8:30 am OA Mtg 10 a.m. Bible Study | 30 8 a.m. Breakfast, Plant & Bake Sale |
| 31 9 am - Sunday School 10 am Worship | | | | | | |

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< The newest ministry of the Moravian Church in Milwaukee

Check it out on page 7 with
Rev. Christie Melby-Gibbons, who will
be participating in our Spirit of Peace
Lovefeast Celebration on
Sunday, May 17

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