



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

September 2015

From the Pastor's Desk:

WHAT I LEARNED ON MY SUMMER VACATION

Do you remember that old assignment from school? I groaned and complained every year when our new teacher would introduce herself and tell us we had to write an essay for homework on this topic. I couldn't believe that every teacher I encountered had an unhealthy preoccupation with my life outside of school. I certainly could not write the truth about my summers! They were studies in boredom. We did not take vacations, there were no day camps. We watched summer re-runs and bickered until the parents came home. The highlight of a long summer day was listening for the ice cream truck. What I 'learned' was to embellish these summer days into something that could pass for reality- providing the teacher was gullible.

Now that I'm older and wiser, I find value in looking back to see what I can learn from the periods of my life, whether filled with activity or idle. Here is what I learned this summer:

- From my friend, Sue, who died on August 2- I learned how important words of blessing can be. The last clear words Sue said to me were: "Thank you, Pastor Dawn, have a beautiful day." Each day, even when she had very little strength, she blessed those around her. I shall endeavor to bless those around me.

- From my new young friend, James, who is entering Seminary in the Fall. I learned that I must keep putting on my 'running shoes'. I learned that God will provide all the resources I need to do his will.

- From my old friend, Delmar, who is in a wheelchair... Temporarily. -That the gospel can be lived and preached regardless of one's circumstances.

- From the members of this congregation, who, like me, are constantly in motion in the summer time- I'm learning to show grace, hospitality and kindness, even when I'm dog-tired.

May God continue to lead and enlighten us all!

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.



Where do our visitors come from? When they sign the guest book, we get to find out. This year we've had visitors from Wisconsin, of course, but also Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Colorado, Washington, Minnesota, Texas, Arkansas, Michigan, California.... and Germany!

FEED MY PEOPLE for September



This month is SOUP month here at church. Bring a can or two for the Feed My People bins, which are located at the front entrance, and also in the downstairs hallway.

Services in September

Sept 6 - 8 a.m. early service, 9 a.m. Choir and Sunday School,
10 a.m. Worship/Communion

Sept 13 - 8 a.m. early service, 9 a.m. Choir and Sunday School,
10 a.m. Worship—Joyful Noise Offering for Loaves & Fishes

Sept 20 - 8 a.m. early service, 9 a.m. Choir and Sunday School,
10 a.m. Worship

Sept 27 - 8 a.m. early service, 9 a.m. Choir and Sunday School,
10 a.m. Worship

Early Birds! Worker Bees!

Continuing through September:
Pastor Dawn will hold **8 a.m. services** (somewhat less formal and shorter) in addition to the 10 a.m. services. If your schedule makes it hard to attend at 10 a.m., this is your time to worship!



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEES

Funds: Investment Committee
Building Exterior and Trustee

President:

Paul Burton 854-9506

Grounds:

Kay Wilson 854-4612

Cemetery:

Linda Carey 854-9253

Marilyn Cushing 854-5230

Chuck Mead 854-3357

ELDERS

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair

Paul Flottman, Vice Chair

854-4780

Diane Jacobson 854-2871

Cici Mulliken 854-2018

Doug Schultz 854-2153

Theresa Weborg, Sect'y
421-0032

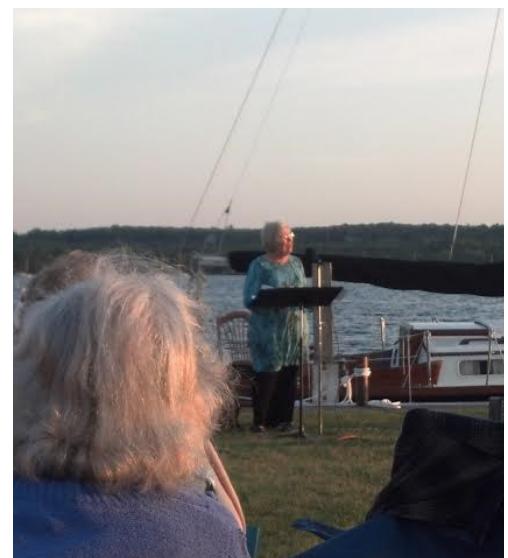
Elder for the month of:
September - Theresa Weborg



Picnic with Spirit of Peace members
On August 1 at Doug & Penny Schultz'
home...



Another successful Anderson Docks-
ology season,
capped by Pastor Dawn,
Rev. Cynthia BarnesJohnson and
mezzo-soprano Cynthia Stiehl!



The Ephraim Historical Foundation and Moravian Church
PRESENT

DEARLY DEPARTED

A Living Portrayal of People Who Were Part of Ephraim



Inger Knudson
1843 - 1886



Fordel Hogenson
1849 - 1927



Anders Petterson
1858 - 1938



Anna Valentine
1861 - 1930



Matilda Valentine Anderson
1865 - 1936



Edgar Goodlett
1884 - 1970

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Cemetery Corner of S. Norway & Willow

Rain or Shine, 1:30 to 3:30

Ample parking at the church, Bethany Lutheran Church, and the parking lot behind the Fire Station on Norway.

A trolley will run continuously between these points and the cemetery, 1:30 to 3:30.

Come to the church to see many photos and artifacts of these six Ephraimites! Refreshments.



Matilda Valentine Anderson	portrayed by Angela Sherman
Inger Knudson	portrayed by Linda Carey
Edgar Goodlett	portrayed by Leif Erickson
Anna Valentine	portrayed by Ellie McCullin
Anders Petterson	portrayed by Walt Fisher
Fordel Hogenson	portrayed by Paul Flottman

....to those who offered Fellowship after church in

August: Diane Kirkland and Ellie McCullen, Kathy Zehner, Betty Chomeau and Susie Samson, Joan Heelan and Carol Shalla.

...The folks involved in the set-up/clean-up and those who provided potluck dishes when the Sunday Spirit of Peace joined us.

...to those who ushered or acted as Sacristan in August.

...to those who served at Sue Sherman's visitation.



Do you get those nonstop address stickers from charities hoping you'll contribute?



Name _____
Address _____
City State Zip Code _____

Name _____
Address _____
City State Zip Code _____

Name _____
Address _____
City State Zip Code _____

Bring them to church—the kids in the nursery LOVE stickers of any kind; they don't care if your address is on them. What a great way to recycle them!

Prayers for...

..Anne Spooner Crowe as she deals with health issues back in California.

...those we know who are dealing with cancer and other health issues.

Sympathies for...

...the Sherman family dealing with the loss of Sue.

...Donette and David Hatch on the loss of their mother, Audrey, at age 98.

Need a computer or printer?

Now that we have upgraded our office computers, we have two towers "left over" that we'd like to offer to our members who have NO computer or need a better one. Originally they were over \$1,000 each - first \$75 takes your choice, another \$25 if you want the Acer 21" monitor which works with either computer. Here are their statistics:

Dell Optiplex 170L, keyboard & mouse

Intel processor, Pentium 4 CPU 2.8 GHz, 2G RAM—Windows XP

Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, Outlook), McAfee virus software, Corel Draw 10, Adobe Photoshop 3.0, Adobe Reader and Acrobat 5, CD and floppy drive

Dell Optiplex 360 with keyboard (you supply a mouse)

218 Gigs of space, 4 Gigs memory

Intel processor 2.8 GHz 2Duo CPU, 32-bit operating system

Windows Vista with Microsoft Office 2007 (Word, Excel, Outlook, Power Point)

Miscrosoft Publisher, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Acrobat, Windows Movie Maker, Google Earth, McAfee virus software, CD and floppy drive

We also have two extra color printers, both of which work well:

Canon iP4700— 9,600 x 2,400 color dpi, 2 paper trays—originally \$500+

Canon iP560— 4,800 x 1,200 color dpi—originally \$350

Canon 4700 is \$25; Canon 560 is \$15. We have some ink cartridges to go with them.

George Carey says has some Canon #8 ink cartridges—if you need them for your current printer, they're yours!

TREA\$URER's REPORT

Member giving through July: \$63,742
Visitor giving through July: \$33,178



Income

Budget is \$144,900
Actual through July: \$99,853
(69% of budget)

Expenses

Budget is \$182,826
Actual through July: \$128,233
(70% of budget)



The Bestowing of Blessings Western District Women's Retreat

Mark your calendars now for the **Western District Women's Retreat** to be held at Mt. Morris September 25-27. Bishop Kay Ward will be leading us as we explore "The Bestowing of Blessings".

Using scripture, story and song, we will explore the essentials of our Moravian faith – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – Faith, Love, and Hope.

Our lives are showered with blessings and during our time together, we will stop to appreciate those blessings and learn how we might become blessings to each other. In addition to a great program there will also be plenty of time for fellowship, sharing, laughter, creativity, and delicious meals. There will also be an optional time to join together with western region Moravian women to connect, elect officers, and vision for the future. The cost will be \$115 for housing in Black Oak or \$87 for housing in one of the cabins. Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast meals are included. If you are only able to come for part of the weekend, that can be accommodated as well. Registration materials are available in the church office. The retreat is being hosted by the Lake Mills Moravian Women. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Nan Nelson (Nancy.Nelson10@gmail.com/920-253-9040) or Cindy Fahney (cifahney@yahoo.com/920-648-5744).

Art Classes will continue this fall at Ephraim Moravian Church!

Marcia Carey Ellis had arranged for Marcia Nickols, an Ephraim artist, to instruct classes in our Fellowship Hall. Some are doing watercolor, some oils, some pastels. They will be continuing through fall and invite others to join them! Don't feel you have to commit to every class... it's just \$10 per class, Wednesdays from 11-3 p.m. Bring a bag lunch!

September 30
October 7, 14, 21, and 28

If interested, call Marcia Ellis at 920-857-7852 for the particulars.



September birthdays

Glenore Paschke...2
Randall Nelson...3
Samantha Phillips...5
Marvin Staver...6
Don Fundingsland... 7
Walter Fisher...8
Brian Larson...10
Eunice Rutherford...11
Nicholas Weborg...13
Eileen Jacobson...18
Larry Jacobson...30

September anniversaries

Ryan and Angela Sherman – Sept 6, 2008
Mary Ann and Tom Schuder – Sept 15, 1973
Dawn & Bob Volpe – Sept 22, 1991
Kay and Paul Wilson – Sept 25, 1971

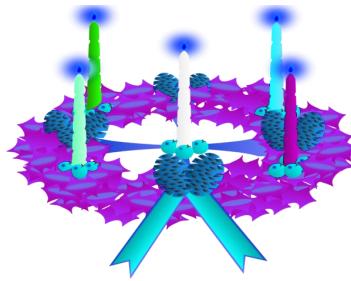
If your name, or the name of a loved one is not listed in our birthday and anniversary listings, please let us know by email or phone!

Bridges' "Thanksgiving Meal" for the international students is on September 15



Bars and apple or pumpkin pies, helpers will be needed for this special season-ending meal. Jane Olson will again coordinate; the meal will be at Sister Bay Baptist Church.

If you can help, please call Jane! 854-7952



Hope, Love, Joy, Peace

The Spiritual Writers Guild (sponsored by Sister Bay Moravian Church) is compiling a booklet especially for the Advent season, and everyone from Northern Door is invited to participate!

The booklet will be divided into four sections (hope, love, joy, peace) with writings for each day that week. You could write a poem, an anecdote, a prayer, an experience you've had, or a short essay. We are also soliciting photos (or photos of artwork) that can be given appropriate accompanying scripture or titles. Once finished, the booklets will be available to those who'd like to use them in church services, their own Advent reflections, or can be posted online to a church website, etc.

You can be listed as anonymous or be named as the author. Finished booklets will be sent out in October (first Sunday of Advent is November 29).

The *ADVENTures in Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace* booklet is not specific to Moravians, and our hope is that everyone can use this booklet to celebrate the coming Christmas season – searching, anticipating, and then the joy of Christ's birth!

**Deadline for submissions is
September 30!**

Questions? Contact Naomi Thomas
(854-1841, lsnone8@gmail.com)

Our intern **James Heroux** is now in classes at Moravian Seminary!

If you'd like to send him a note of encouragement (or cookies), here is his address:

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53 West Church Street, Apt. 7
Bethlehem, PA 18018
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jhero274@gmail.com

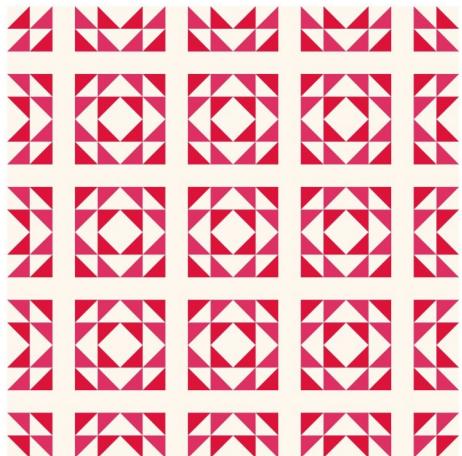
Save the Date!



Whether you're a faith leader, community leader, or just an "ordinary" citizen, this forum is for you!

- Overview and context of poverty in our areas
- What can an individual do about poverty? What can a group do?
- What can WE do?

The Quilting Group is going strong and always looking for more people to join in.



Our next meeting is at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 22. If you're a quilter, bring your current project. If you want to learn, Judy Turner will give you some ideas! All are welcome.



FELLOWSHIP

When you sign up for Fellowship duties, remember that in the lower kitchen cupboard we have many items you can use to (1) simplify the Fellowship and (2) save on the cost! Feel free to use them—that's why they're there!



Sept 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 12 p.m. Community Lunch, Sister Bay Moravian	3 7 p.m. AA meeting	4 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	5
6 8 am service, 9 am Choir 10 am Worship/ Communion	7	8 5:30 p.m. Elders	9 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands 4p.m. Trustees	10 7 p.m. AA meeting	11 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	12
13 8 am service, 9 am Choir 10 am Worship/ Joyful Noise for Loaves & Fishes	14	15 7 p.m. Bridges Thanksgiving Dinner Sister Bay Baptist	16	17 7 p.m. AA meeting	18 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	19
20 8 am service, 9 am Choir 10 am Worship	21	22 10 a.m. Quilters 5 p.m. - Loaves & Fishes	23	24 7 p.m. AA meeting	25 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	26
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