

Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

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

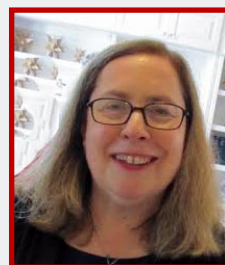
Congregational Watchword for 2017

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.” - Colossians 3:16

November 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Terrified, Mortified & Excited” - Rob Volpe's words concerning his move away from home.



It is terrifying, isn't it, to step into an unknown future. We all experience it- whether leaving home for the first time, getting married, interviewing for work, moving across the state or country, dealing with changes in our relationships or in our own bodies. It can be quite terrifying.

It is mortifying, isn't it, to find that we're not as self sufficient as we had hoped... To know that we might very well fail at whatever challenge awaits us. It can be quite mortifying.

And it's exciting- the exhilaration of discovery in spite of our misgivings. Knowing that the future is wide open to us. It is rather exciting if we can get passed the other 2 emotions!

Can you imagine how Joseph and Mary felt?

They had to be terrified at the daunting challenge of bringing God's child into the world. The logistics alone were incredible- traveling rough terrain in the last month of pregnancy, trying to find a safe, private place to give birth, and fleeing in terror at the news of King Herod's murderous plot.

They had to be mortified at the whispers and questions regarding the conception of their boy.

They were certainly excited by the discovery that awaited them- I can only imagine their profound awe, knowing that God trusted them with his most prized possession.

As we peer into the darkness for a glimpse of our future, may we be reminded of 2 remarkable people, who bore Immanuel- God With Us in their arms as a gift to a world in darkness. Let us, in spite of our fear, embrace Immanuel and walk into our future in faith and anticipation.

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.



**Welcome to
the world**

**Brooks Wilson
Burkemper**



**Son of
Erika and Mark**

**Grandson of
Gunilla & Tom Wilson**

**Brother of Bryn and
James**

From Sadie Nelson...

Thank you so much for choosing me to receive your generous scholarship. I appreciate your support towards my education and the opportunities that this education will provide for me. I look forward to applying this scholarship as I pursue this new chapter of my life at UW-Madison.

Thank you again, Sadie



Services in December 2017

Dec 3— 9 a.m. Choir/Sunday School, 10 a.m. Communion
Dec 10 - 9 a.m. Choir/Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship and Joyful Noise offering, Secret Santa
Dec 17 — 9 a.m. Choir/Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship
Dec 24— 10 a.m.—“Lessons & Carols” Worship Service
new > 3 p.m. Family Candle Service Katie Dahl
5 p.m. Traditional Candle Service - Cynthia Stiehl
Dec 31 —9 a.m. Choir, 10 a.m. Worship
11:15 p.m. Watchnight Service - come pick your 2018 Watchword and have pancakes at midnight!

**There are three ways to
ultimate success:**

**The first way is to be kind.
The second way is to be kind.
The third way is to be kind.”**

—Mr. Fred Rogers

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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Elder for the month of:
December....Betty Chomeau

News from the Board of World Missions:

The Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church in America is pleased to announce that Justin Rabbach has been named the Board's new Executive Director. He replaces the Rev. Judy Ganz, who is retiring at the end of 2017.

Justin currently serves as the Director of Mission Engagement, a position he has held since it was created in 2014. In that role, he facilitated mission education and discernment within our congregations to promote engagement with BWM initiatives and programs. Justin has also been active in helping ministries within both the Northern and Southern Provinces.

A lifelong Moravian, Justin was born and raised in the Ebenezer Moravian congregation in Wisconsin. He holds Bachelors of Arts degrees in Economics and Social Welfare from the University of Wisconsin-Madison as well as a Masters Degree in International Public Affairs from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He served as an intern with the U.S. State Department in Honduras and worked with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's World Hunger program prior to his service with the Board of World Mission.

Justin will assume his new role on November 11, 2017 and work directly with Judy to fully transition into the role by the end of this year.

For December's Feed My People

Suggested Donations for this month:

Things for making
Christmas treats:
Flour, sugar, frosting,
cookie mixes



Place in any of the
"Feed My People"
baskets we have in the
church. Thanks!!

Prayers

...for Linda Lorenz. Earl died on Sunday, Nov. 19. A memorial service is planned for December 8. Further details will be sent closer to the date. Cards and prayers appreciated:
9196 Hidden Blossom Lane, Unit 502, Fish Creek, WI 54212.

...for the family of Chris Farmer, who died at home last week.

...for the Axelsons' son-in-law, Ron and his wife Liz. He is awaiting test results for chronic pain.



.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in November: Mary Wilson, Kris & Ranny Nelson, Dave & Stacy Holst, Karen Ekberg.

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

...those who are helping next Saturday with the ADVENTure during Christmas in the Village.



Join us
for
Watchnight

Sunday, December 31
11:15 p.m.

Followed by
pancakes at Midnight

Inspirational message for the New Year, a chance to reflect and fellowship with our brothers and sisters.

December Birthdays

Carly Mulliken....1
Tim Nelson....2
Paul Burton....7
Jack Opitz....7
Barbara Classen....9
Robert Anderson....10
Amanda Mittermann....12
Toby Wilson....12
Henry Everett Bristol....13
Don Nelson....15
Andrew Phillips....18
Mary Wilson....23
Joan Fitzpatrick....27
Linda Carey....27

December Anniversaries

Amanda & Mike Mittermann...15, 2012
Joyce & Glenn Gerdman...23, 1951
Joan Fitzpatrick & Walt Fisher...24
Pat & Arps Horvath...30, 1972

If we have missed you or someone you know
in the lists above, please let us know in the
church office!

Chuck Mead & Carrie Mead Burton



"My dad and I went on the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight on November 4. It was an amazing experience. My dad served in the Korean War as a military policeman from 1951-1953. On our trip we traveled to Washington DC with 150 other veterans from 3 different wars, including a 98-year-old woman from WWII. We visited 9 different memorials during the day and the veterans were treated to a hero's welcome upon arriving back in Milwaukee. It was wonderful!
Thank you, Carrie Mead Burton"

The Monthly Memory Café

continues

4th Wednesday of each Month

2:00-3:30, Meadows Solarium

RSVPs encouraged

854-7221 Kathy Wagner

Anyone who is experiencing mild to moderate level of memory loss is encouraged to attend with family, friend, or care partner. Much like your neighborhood café, it's not a place for supervision or respite. It's a place to laugh, learn, and love that old feeling of normalcy.

Mingling among café clientele are dementia-trained professionals and volunteers, to support conversations and attend to any specific questions. Coffee and refreshments provided.



Gibraltar High Senior Dinner

Free Christmas dinner to all seniors on Wednesday, December 6 at 11 a.m. Full turkey dinner. Reservations required—call 868-3284 x244 to leave name, phone and number of guests.

Open Door Lunches

Sign-up sheet for the five remaining Open Door Lunches is in the Fellowship Hall. We need leaders and those who can make the food, serve/clean up. We have coverage for January. We need hosts for December 20.



Dear Friends.... Thank you so very much for remembering me while I have been a "shut in" for the past five months. The prayers, food, flowers, calls and visits were all greatly appreciated. Hope to be back in church soon!
Love, Lucille Sohns



Open Door Lunch November 15—thank you Cici Mulliken, Mary Wilson, Rosie Klein, Jody Thiell!

Banana cake and apple-nut cake!



Brats to go!

BULLETIN BACKS!!

Since we are using our own personalized bulletin covers now, we have space on the back for our own personalized missives. If you've been enjoying the writings, you may want to try your hand at writing one for us! We'll need them for all bulletins onward.

Check with Pastor Dawn for the scriptures of the week you're thinking about so you can coordinate your writings. Thank you!!



TREASURER's REPORT

Member giving through Oct: \$106,141
2016 through Oct: \$76,171
2015 through Oct: \$87,516

Visitor giving through Oct: \$47,854
2016 through Oct: \$44,178
2015 through Oct: \$51,424

Income

Budget for 2017 is \$163,700
Actual through Oct 2017: \$220,655
(\$ 59,929 of our income this year is memorials)

Expenses

Budget for 2017 is \$188,103
Actual through Oct 2017: \$150,413

Three Services on Christmas Eve This Year!

Since Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, we'll have our regular 10 a.m. service. This year, we are also adding a service at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve:

10:00 a.m.—Lessons and Carols

***3:00 p.m.—Family-Friendly Service**, featuring familiar carols, a shorter service, an inspirational message, singing of the Morning Star AND CANDLES! It will be for young and old alike. So if you need to get to an early Christmas dinner, this is the service for you. **SPECIAL GUEST: Katie Dahl !** (choir will not be participating in this service)



5:00 p.m.—Traditional Service with Choir, Morning Star and Candles. Cynthia Stiehl !

*Our ADVENTure is
next Saturday, December 2
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

*- Make a wreath
to take*



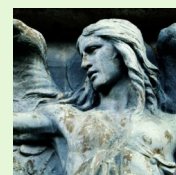
- Wrap Christmas Eve candles

- Take a tour of the church



*- Huge Sweets for the
Holidays Bake Sale!*

*- Christmas Gifts
Sale!*



- Angel Collections

Merry Christmas



Children's Party and Christmas Program

All the Children of the Church are invited to a 'Happy Birthday Jesus Party' on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 1 p.m. We'll enjoy birthday cake, treats and gifts. We'll rehearse a simple Christmas program.

The Christmas Program will be during the 10 a.m. worship Service on Sunday, December 10.



December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:30 a.m. OA Meeting	2 ADVENTure 11 am—2 pm
3 9 a.m. Sunday School/Choir 10 a.m. Worship Communion	4	5 5:30 p.m. Elders	6	7	8 8:30 a.m. OA Meeting	9 Happy Birthday Jesus Party & Rehearsal 1 p.m.
10 9 a.m. Sunday School/Choir 10 a.m. Worship— Children's program Joyful Noise	11	12	13 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands	14 12 noon Trustees	15 8:30 a.m. OA Meeting	16
17 9 a.m. Sunday School/Choir 10 a.m. Worship	18	19	20 12 noon OPEN DOOR LUNCH	21	22 8:30 a.m. OA Meeting	23
24 10 a.m. Lessons & Carols 3 p.m. Family Candle Service—with Katie Dahl 5 p.m. Traditional Candle Service - with Cynthia Stiehl	25	26 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes St. Rosalia's	27	28	29 8:30 a.m. OA Meeting	30
31 9 a.m. Sunday School/Choir 10 a.m. Worship 11:45 p.m. Watchnight Midnight— Pancakes!			7			

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POSTAL WORKER: Thank you for delivering this to:

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Our church on Christmas Eve

—photo by Tad Dukehart

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