

Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

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

Congregational Watchword for 2014

“May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 15: 5-6

November 2014

Pastor's Page:

**“Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s,
and to God, the things that are God’s”- Matthew 22:21**

I spoke on this passage a few weeks back and asked the rhetorical question, “what are the ‘things that are God’s’?” Of course, the answer is, ‘everything’! I then challenged you to live at least one day giving everything back to God, since it’s God’s anyway.



The problem with issuing challenges is that I really ought to practice what I preach. So, after some nudging from above and complaining on my part, I begrudgingly gave my day to God. I figured it was a silly exercise for me- after all, I was doing stuff that the Bible talks about: visiting the sick, encouraging those in distress, being helpful, etc. But as I was driving to my destination, mentally preparing the schedule for the week ahead, fretting about time constraints, I had an epiphany: ‘Everything’ not only encompasses my life and my stuff, it also encompasses my time.

Ever since arriving here 4 years ago, I have been determined to use time wisely and efficiently. I work ahead on many projects. I try to minimize wasteful activities. And I fret... about the time that I lose while driving, about the time I need to do things well, about the need for more hours in my day!

God has given me time and that day I gave it back to God. Something wonderful happened. I stopped fretting. I enjoyed the drive on that beautiful, crisp autumn day. I had a wonderful time doing errands, visiting with people and even waiting on lines. It wasn’t my time any more, it was God’s. I learned that even ‘time wasters’ have special significance when we are aware of the God who created it all. What a wonderful gift God gave me that day.

I believe that learning is circular (meaning it needs constant repetition), so I hope that you and I will continue this exercise in handing ‘everything’ over to God. Who knows what we might experience!

--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.

Pastor Dawn will be on vacation from Nov 3-8 and 13-18. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please call on one of the Elders. The Pastor will be available in the event of emergencies.

Wednesday, November 12 - 6 p.m. potluck and the Ephraim Moravian Church budget!

Running a church is like running a household--you can't get away from certain bills like electric, heat, phone, internet, repairs and maintenance. It's not just a matter of buying worship supplies and paying the pastor.

Come to this potluck and ask all the questions you want. We're going to email/send informational packets out prior to the meeting so you have a chance to look them over.



Women's Christmas Luncheon



Each year the women of the church have gathered for a Christmas lunch on the 2nd Wednesday in December. Since we no longer have an official Women's Fellowship, would anyone want to take on the assignment of setting up a luncheon this year? The last several years it has been at White Gull, but it wouldn't necessarily have to be in a restaurant or have the same format as in the past. If you would be willing to head up the event, call the church office and we will help with invitations, etc..... 854-2804

Services in November

Nov 2 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship,

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

Nov 16 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

Nov 23 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship
6:45 p.m. - Thanksgiving service/Meadows

Nov 30 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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President:

Hugh Mulliken 854-2336

Building Exterior:

Paul Burton 854-9506

Grounds:

Kay Wilson 854-4612

Cemetery:

Linda Carey 854-9253

Marilyn Cushing 854-5230

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Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair

Paul Flottman, Vice Chair

854-4780

Shelley Cox 854-2548

Ellie McCullin 854-3398

Cici Mulliken 854-2018

Doug Schultz 854-2153

Elder for the month of:

November....Cici Mulliken

December...Ellie McCullin

Sacristan for November
to be determined



.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in
**October: Caring Hands in honor of Theo Sherman, the Volpes,
Kathy and Chuck Zehner, Kaye Maher and Hedy Heise.**

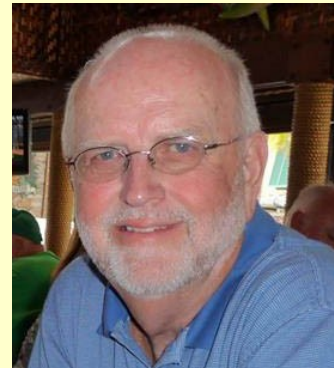
.....to those who ushered in October

**...to Dee Brestin and Pamela Johnson, who
will lead us in worship on November 2**

**...to Linda Taylor (Pastor Dawn's sister) for
joining us as Liturgist on November 9**



**...to Ken Carlson, who will
lead us in worship on
November 16**



..MISSION NEWS....MISSION NEWS....MISSION NEWS....MISSION NEWS...MISSION NEWS...

Board of World Mission reports they are currently providing help for HIV/AIDS patients in Honduras And support in Tanzania where 11 groups have formed to establish a micro-loan process for developing small businesses.

BOWM is working with Moravian churches in Cuba, Peru and Sierra Leone to develop a structure and process for church that is sustainable. They are working with Cuba to raise resources to finally purchase their own building. The Moravian Church in Sierra Leone continues to grow both in the church and the school. They will be putting solar panels on their building to allow for night study hours and more opportunities with computer technology.

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***Our College Kids!*****Ainsley Nelson**

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Andrea Nelson

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Minneapolis, MN 5414-3469

TREA\$URER's REPORT

Member giving through October 15 - \$77,227

Visitor giving through October 15 - \$37,245



Income through September: 2014 Budget of \$148,250, Actual \$121,357

Expenses through September: 2014 Budget of \$173,444, Actual \$137,639



Come to the Budget Potluck on Wednesday, November 12 at 6 p.m.! Eat some good food, share in fellowship, and learn everything you'd ever want to know about the Ephraim Moravian Church budget. Get all your questions answered!

LOOKING AHEAD....

Thanksgiving Service, Nov. 23, 6:30 p.m. Scandia Village Nursing Home - music by the joint choir, Pastor Dawn is preaching. The offering is for Sister Bay Moravian's Thanksgiving basket project.

Our ADVENT-ure will be on Saturday, December 6, as part of the Village's Christmas in the Village celebration. G.G. Paschke will again head up the wonderful **Sweets for the Holidays sale**, so bakers: plan to bring wonderful goodies in gaily wrapped packages!

After church on **Sunday, December 7,** we will have our annual "**calendar meeting**" where we book ahead for all the events in the coming year. Plan to stay!

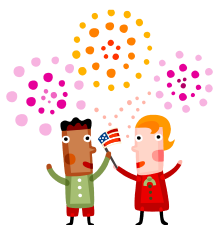


*Our Harvest
Table Supper and
Fundraiser was a
success!*

We raised \$ 830 from the Bead for Life sales (as of 10/19) and \$610 from the Harvest supper itself. \$664 will go to the women who participate in Bead for Life, and \$776 will go to our Moravian Church in Uganda! Thanks to all who participated in this fundraiser!



November Birthdays



Laurel Cox Ciohon...1
Robert Forsberg...6
Betty Staver...6
Erin Bristol...8
Jeffrey Jacobson...9
John Koehler...9
Charles Paschke...9
Judy Flottman...10
Norma Larson...10
David Nelson...10
Merikay Heim...11
Harald T. Halvorsen...23
Bruce Olson...27
Susan Sherman...29
Jim Gelhaar...30

November Anniversaries

Alicia and Hugh Mulliken – Nov 12, 1982
Betty and Marv Staver – Nov 29, 1947

NEW ADDRESSES:

Spencer Gould
Bethesda Dilworth
9645 Big Bend Blvd, #421
St. Louis, MO 63122

Barbara Gould
Bethesda Gardens
420 S Kirkwood Road, #405
Kirkwood, Mo 63122
(they hope to be back to Ephraim next summer!)

Maggie Schnackenberg
Vi at The Glen
2500 Indigo Lane, Apt. 272
Glenview, IL 60026-8302

(still Box 406 in Ephraim in the summers)



The Mystery of the Disappearing Boxes...

About 9 years ago, Pete Classen, Tim Nelson and Kathy Kirkland gathered old records into bankers boxes and put them in the attic storage above the kitchen. Thanks to Wes Maynard who crawled up there recently to retrieve them recently....but he found only old carpeting, insulation, etc.

Does anyone have any knowledge as to what happened to these boxes?

It was a wonderful day for a dedication ceremony at the old fire station museum on Saturday, October 18. The station was dedicated to Bill Weborg, who died ten years ago in the line of duty as a firefighter.



Our Open Door Lunches begin in November! The third Wednesday of each month through April, we will again provide a hot lunch to anyone in the community who wants to come... for free!

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you can head up one month, help provide food for one month, or help with set-up and clean-up. We usually get about 40 people for each lunch, and it's a wonderful outreach ministry. Get involved!



November 19
December 17
January 21

February 18
March 18
April 15





MORAVIAN YOUNG ADULT CONVO 2015 NEXT SUMMER!

JULY 5 – 13, 2015

CZECH REPUBLIC AND GERMANY!

Every four years Moravian young adults in North America have the opportunity to come together for a Moravian Young Adult Convocation. The next Young Adult Convo is this summer as participants will travel to the Czech Republic and Germany to see many of the historic Moravian sites and to find inspiration and vision for current ministry. In the Czech Republic the trip includes visiting Prague (where John Hus preached), Kunwald (where the Unitas Fratrum, the early Moravian Church, first settled), and the Chalice Rocks (where members of the Unitas Fratrum met during their time of persecution). In Germany the trip includes visiting Herrnhut (where the Unitas Fratrum experienced a great spiritual renewal).

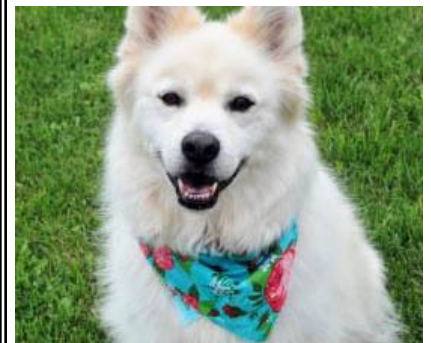
All Moravian young adults ages 18 through 26 are invited to attend this summer's Moravian Youth Adult Convo 2015. The dates for the trip are July 5–13, 2015. The theme for the trip is "Make the Moravian Journey Home and Catch a Vision for Our Future!" The cost is \$2,450, which includes all travel (air and land), accommodations, and museum entrance fees. There is a \$500 deposit required.

For more information about Convo 2015, please check its website at <http://convo2015.wordpress.com/> or its Facebook page at "Moravian Young Adult Convo 2015". You can register online at <http://www.planetreg.com/MoravianYoungAdultConvo2015>. There is a limited number of spaces for this trip, and registrations need to be in by January 15, 2015. If you have questions, please contact Doug Rights, Director of Youth, College and Young Adult Ministries, Southern Province, at drights@mcsp.org or call [\(336\) 722-8126](tel:3367228126).

HABITAT NEWS

The new Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity began his job with Habitat on October 13. His name is David Van Dyke, and he comes to Habitat from Girl Scouts of Northwestern Great Lakes where he was property and outdoor programs director. He has 20 years of experience with non-profit organizations and skills in construction, project planning and oversight, and marketing initiatives.

Former Executive Director Rick Nelson has left for Honduras to work with the hospital there for the next two years.



For those who haven't met her, this is SUSHI, the newest member of the Volpe family!

"Philanthropy is commendable, but it must not cause the philanthropist to overlook the circumstances which make philanthropy necessary."

— MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (1929-68)

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**The Park and
Horseshoe Island
October 2014**

Photo by Phil Berndt

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November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Communion	3	4 5 p.m. Elders	5 Noon – Sister Bay Luncheon	6 7 p.m. AA meeting	7 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	8
9 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Joyful Noise	10	11 Veterans Day	12 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands 1 p.m. Trustees 6 p.m. Budget Potluck/Mtg	13 7 p.m. AA meeting	14 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	15
16 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship	17	18 7:00 p.m. Mothers' mtg Nursery	19 12 noon - Open Door Lunch - first of the season!	20 7 p.m. AA meeting	21 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	22
23 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Service at The Meadows	24	25 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes at St. Rosalia's	26	27 Thanksgiving Day 7 p.m. AA meeting	28 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	29
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