

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

January 2016

From the Pastor's Desk:

It's always good to look back to our pasts, not with nostalgia, but with 20/20 hindsight, in order to apply what we have learned to the present and future. This past year, I lost a dear friend and mentor, Bishop Jay Hughes. I met Jay and his wife, Rita (who died in 2014), when I was 25 years old and serving in Lititz, Pennsylvania as the Director of Christian Education. Jay was the Senior Pastor of the church and Rita, much like my Bob, took care of Jay and any 'behind the scenes' work that needed attention. Jay and Rita took very good care of me. They provided guidance, friendship and a lovely Sunday dinner every week. Rita extended a standing invitation to me, telling me that if I had a better offer, she would not be insulted if I declined. I never had a better offer. So I accepted their gracious invitation each and every Sunday. It was my only decent meal of the week!

One year into my work at Lititz, Jay announced he had accepted a call to a church in the Southern Province. I was devastated. Those Sunday meals were much more than food. They had become my spiritual and emotional haven. Being born and raised in the city, it was very hard for me to assimilate into small town life. Jay and Rita's friendship eased this difficult transition. And now they were leaving. As Jay and I spoke about my distress over his departure, I blurted out, "I feel like a pawn on the Divine's Chess-board!" Jay's answer surprised me. He said, 'yes, we are, but don't be too angry with the Divine Chess-master.' Before they left, Rita gave me a gift- a small dish that has traveled with every move the 'Divine Chess-master' has arranged for me. The dish is in my office and is inscribed with these words: "To a friend's house, the road is never long."

I share 2 important lessons I learned from Jay and Rita that I hope will take you into this new year. The first is to rely on the "Divine Chess-master." The moves that I was pushed to make have given me many gifts- family, friendships and joy. They weren't always happy or stress free, but each one enriched my life. The second lesson is on the little dish given to me by Rita. Friendships are not lost with location changes. Jay & Rita kept in touch with me over the years. They shall remain a part of me until that day when faith is turned to sight. May each of us look to our past for understanding and to the God of our future for guidance and hope!

- Pastor Dawn Volpe

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.

THANK YOU!

We can't say thank you enough to the Ephraim Moravian Church for all of your support for Sue Sherman and her family during her long journey with cancer. Sue loved this church and all those who are a part of it. Sue found comfort in Sunday services and the caring nature of members. You all made a huge difference during the two and a half years Sue battled and helped her feel more at ease in her final days, as the cards, visits, and food reminded her that her family would still be taken care of once she returned Home to God.



We appreciate your generosity in giving donations to the Sue Sherman Memorial Fund, which will be put toward college funds for her grandchildren, and your donations to the Ephraim Moravian Church. We would also like to thank the Board of Trustees for approving a bench to be built and placed on the hill outside of church in Sue's memory.

Sue was blessed to find such a wonderful church family and we are blessed to continue to be a part of it.

With deepest gratitude,
The Family of Sue Sherman



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Elder for the month of:

January.....Doug Schultz

Services in January

January 3- 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m.

Worship/Communion

January 10— 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m.

Worship— Joyful Noise for Loaves & Fishes

January 17 - 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m.

Worship

January 24— 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m.

Worship

January 31— 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m.

Worship



Member prices at the cemetery will be going up (from \$150 to \$500 per 4'x10' plot) beginning in January, 2016! If you do not already have your space, uh, *reserved*, email or call Kathy Kirkland, our Cemetery Superintendent, and make arrangements to select and purchase your plot: ephkathy@charter.net or 920-854-6174.

Scandia Village Birthday Party
Thursday, January 28, 2016 2:00 p.m.

For years our Moravian Women provided the cake, beverages, gifts & entertainment for one of the monthly birthday parties at Scandia Village. Our late sister, Betty Ann Knudson played a pivotal role in this endeavor. Our church, for the last 2 years, has been asked to provide the party on January 28. We are in need of someone to chair this responsibility. It is a wonderful ministry, which brings much cheer to the residents. If you are interested, we will contact the head of activities, who will supply the information and contacts needed to make this a truly festive event!



Glory Lou
Mittermann

Baptized Sunday,
November 28,
2015





What will YOUR Watchword be for 2016?

***Come to the Watch Night Service—December 31, 2015
at 11:15 p.m.***

***Pick the watchword that will guide you through the next
year and stay for pancakes at midnight!***

An inspirational service and breakfast, too.

**For January's
Feed My People**

***Suggested Donations for
this month:
Cans of Hearty Stews
and Soups!***

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



CALL TO CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday, January 31

11:00 a.m.

Followed by Lunch

**All Committee & Board Reports
need to be emailed to the Church
Office by January 10.**

Condolences

To Jim Gelhaar and family on their loss of
Cathie to cancer

Prayers

For Anne Crowe as she finishes her cancer
treatment cycle.



**Come in Out of the Cold
Opportunities for Free Lunch & Conversation**

1st Wednesdays at noon—Sister Bay Moravian

3rd Wednesdays at noon—Ephraim Moravian

**Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to help at one of
our lunches:**

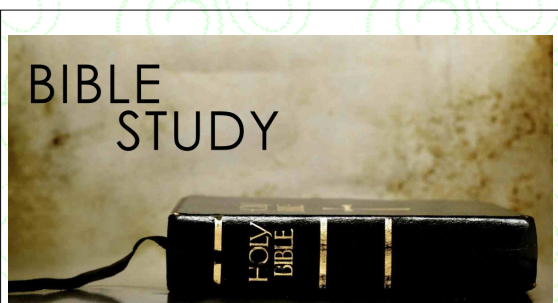
**January 20
March 16**

**February 17
April 20**

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church
in December: The Burtons and Carlsons, Elfi Johnson, the
Biermans, and Kris Husby-Nelson.

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

...to those who served at the ADVENTure and those who are
helping with the Watchnight service!



Begins again on Friday,
January 8, at 10 a.m.

**“Jesus through
Middle Eastern
Eyes”**

**A fascinating study of Jesus’ life
and teachings by a Christian
scholar who spent many years in
the middle east. Come out to hear
the familiar stories from the part of
the world where the Story
first began!**

**Refreshments and great
conversations!**

January birthdays

Hugh Mulliken...1
Kristin Wilson...2
Bob Volpe...7
Karen Ekberg...14
John Cox...17
James Nelson...19
Hedy Heise...22

January anniversaries

Liz and Bob Schroeder – January 12, 1951– 65 years!
Anne and Larry Crowe –January 16, 1988

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



TREA\$URER's REPORT

Member giving through Nov.: \$94,600.59

Visitor giving through Nov.: \$64,090.00



Income

Budget is \$144,900

Actual through Nov.: \$169,837

Expenses

Budget is \$182,826

Actual through Nov.: \$192,038



The two official new logos of the Tricklebee Café in Milwaukee. The one at the left will be the restaurant logo, and both will be available on 4" stickers and t-shirts!

They are making good headway in preparing the space for the opening—sealing the

mosaic floor, cleaning and sealing the interior brick wall, painting the exterior.



Follow Tricklebee Café on Facebook!



REMEMBER OUR COLLEGE KIDS

They're back at school after Christmas, studying hard! Send a note of encouragement.

Mr. James Heroux (summer intern)
53 West Church Street, Apt. 7
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Samantha Phillips
Luther College
700 College Drive, SPO 2384
Decorah, IA 52101

Rob Volpe
Coe College GMU #1278
1220—1st Ave NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Ainsley Nelson
344 W. Dayton St., #211
Madison, WI 53703

Andrea Nelson
900 Washington Ave SE
Apt. 205
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Mike Weborg
347 Smith Hall
409 Reserve Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

**MEDICAL MISSIONS in
AHUAS, HONDURAS
Presented by RICK NELSON**

TUESDAY, DEC. 22, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

MORAVIAN CHURCH BASEMENT—Sturgeon Bay Moravian



Rick Nelson, former Executive Director of Door County Habitat for Humanity, and presently a Missionary Administrative Consultant to the *Clínica Evangélica Morava* in Ahuas Honduras, will describe the important work of the 70 year old Moravian medical facility.

Starting at 7:00 p.m., guests will be welcomed and encouraged to review items on the “Show and Tell” Table.

Light snacks and beverages will be served.

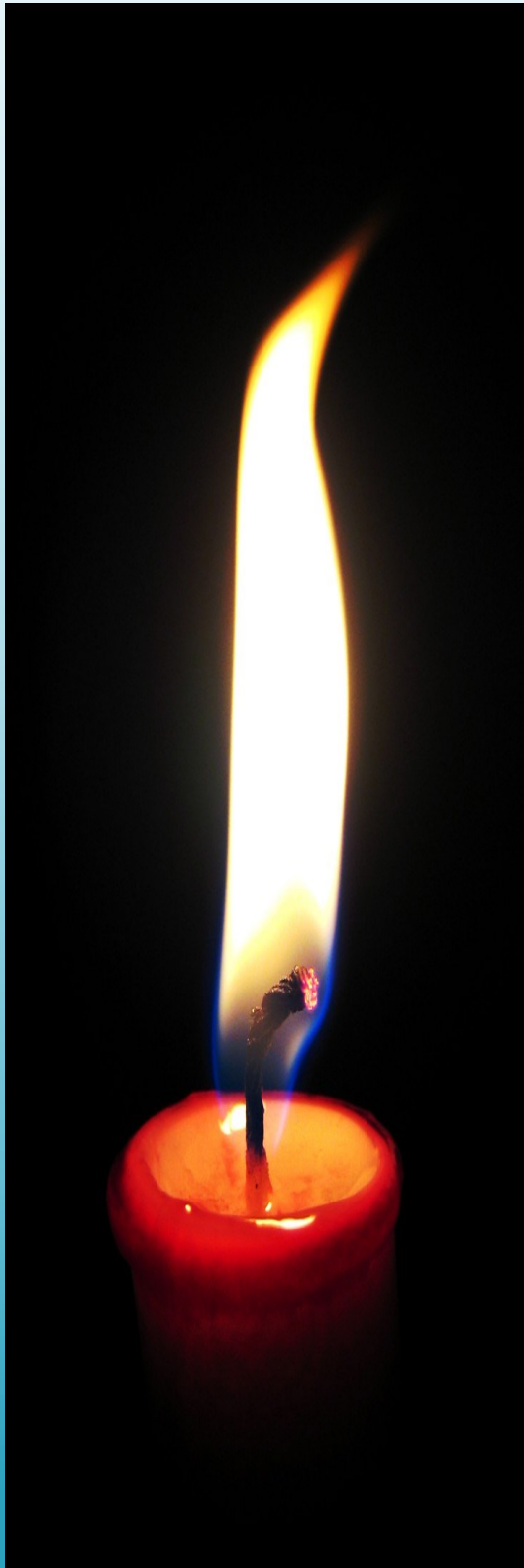
A Power Point presentation will describe the Moravian Medical Work among the isolated and underserved indigenous population of *Miskito* People.

Opportunities to join 2016 work crews and otherwise support the work will be discussed.

COME TO LEARN, TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE *MÍSKITO* culture, to say “hello” to Rick, or just to dream of palm trees, mangos and sunshine!

Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord

-1st Peter 2:9



Service of Christian Unity Sunday, February 14, 2016

3:00 p.m.

Stella Maris – Sister Bay

*You are invited to an
Inspirational Ecumenical
Service!*

Congregational Singing
Bethel Baptist Praise Team
Pastor Joel Rose, Preaching


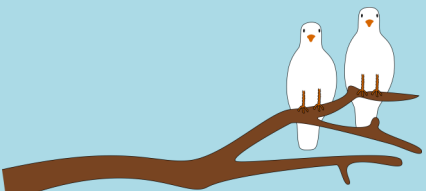
All participants will be joining in
the Hallelujah Chorus!

Reception following, featuring
Valentine's Day refreshments
and the bestowing of the Uni award for
the church that has the highest
average attendance!

Non-Perishable Food and Free-Will
Offerings will go to
Stella Maris, Door of Life and
Sister Bay Baptist Food Pantries



January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 OA—8:30 a.m.	2
3 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service And Communion	4	5	6 Noon - Sister Bay Community Lunch	7 AA meeting—7 p.m.	8 OA—8:30 a.m. 10 a.m. Bible Study	9
10 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service Joyful Noise for Loaves & Fishes	11	12 5:30 p.m. Elders	13 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands	14 1 p.m. Trustees AA meeting—7 p.m.	15 OA—8:30 a.m. 10 a.m. Bible Study	16
17 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service	18	19	20 Noon - Open Door Lunch here	21 AA meeting—7 p.m.	22 OA—8:30 a.m. 10 a.m. Bible Study	23
24 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service	25	26 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes at St. Rosalia's, Stella Maris, Sister Bay	27	28 2 p.m. Scandia Nursing home birthday party AA meeting—7 p.m.	29 OA—8:30 a.m. 10 a.m. Bible Study	30
31 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. CHURCH COUNCIL & LUNCH						

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*This is
why we
live here*



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