

Ephraim Moravian MessengerNews from the Open Door

"In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love"

Congregational Watchword for 2018

"You were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls." 1 Peter 2:25

August 2018

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Pastor's Page: This month's message is brought to you by my friend, Cory Kemp. Cory is a native of Sturgeon Bay and an ordained Moravian pastor. Her current ministry is with people like me, coaching, encouraging and challenging us to strive for God's best, within ourselves and in partnership with others. May the message inspire you with God's peace:



"Fear, Or Not"

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. Isaiah 43:1 While journaling earlier today, something I do each morning while enjoying my coffee, I felt fear join me at the table. Does that ever happen to you? When I notice that feeling, its familiarity, I also pay attention to how easy it can become to let it latch on to whatever my next thought is – and run with it. And fear can be very fast on its feet. Fear does help us along the way, pointing out pitfalls we can avoid, protecting us when we need safety. But fear becomes a very tiny, airless space, like living in a fallout shelter awaiting nuclear destruction.

But I have options.

Not wanting to waste my day feeling disconnected, worried or anxious, I've begun to recognize this cycle and redirect myself to a more spacious place. And I do this by remembering who I am, all of me, and how each part that makes up my wholeness serves me in the best way possible. Instead of subdividing myself into little bits and pieces that are easy targets for limiting beliefs, a dismissal of my strength, resiliency and creative agency, I remember that peace, my peace, equals holding space to breathe and focus on more than that snagging fear.

So, I breathe in, and breathe out, and mentally step into a part of me that knows more than fear, that sees the bigger picture and lays it out for me. An example? If I get hooked on the idea that I don't have enough time to do everything I want to get done that day, I recognize what I'm doing, and I take a good, conscious breath in and exhale. Then I remember who I am, Whose I am, and call on my resourcefulness to guide me through my moment; the next right thing I want to do reveals itself, and I follow through on it, and the rest of my day as it unfolds in like manner.

God hasn't been at all stingy with me. I am more than capable to complete my work, do what needs to get done, and actually enjoy myself, because faith is far more spacious a place from which to live. God is Generous, and focusing on that generosity in my life allows me to help others do so too, in faith.

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.



Early Services continue!

8:00 a.m. For those who work on Sundays or have full schedules, we offer a 1/2 hour devotional service accompanied by piano.

A time of fellowship with breakfast treats is available.

The message from the pastor is repeated at the 10 a.m. Traditional Worship hour.

Sunday Services in August 2018

August 1 - 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology with

Father Dave Ruby, Stella Maris Parish & Musicians

August 5-8 a.m. Early Service

9 a.m. Choir

10 a.m. Worship and Joyful Noise Coin

offering for Secret Santa

August 8— 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology with Rev.

Jim Honig, Shepherd of the Bay

August 12 -8 a.m. Early Service

9 a.m. Choir

10 a.m. Worship and Communion

August 15—7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology with Pastor

Dawn Volpe and Cynthia Stiehl

August 19 - 8 a.m. Early Service

9 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship

August 26 -8 a.m. Early Service

9 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

<u>Funds: Investment Committee</u> of John Turner, George Carey, Pete Classen

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Elder for the month of: August.....Tiggy Shields

Sacristan for the month of August....Tiggy Shields

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in July: Caring Hands (for Quinnley's shower)



Cici Mulliken & family, Betty Chomeau & Susie Samson, Marilyn Cushing, the Tschannens

...to those who helped at our "100 Dresses, 100 Memories" Quilt Show and Program—\$1,000 to Bookfriends International!

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

For August's Feed My People

Suggested Donations for this month:

Tooth Care



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

Moravian 2018 Northern Province Synod

The theme of the 2018 43rd synod was "Gather, Grow, Go." It was held at Moravian College, Bethlehem PA from June 21 to June 25. The delegates gathered as the highest decision making body in our Province. I felt honored to be the delegate to this legislative assembly of our Moravian Church.

The delegates were divided into thirteen committees with twenty delegates each. I participated in the committee named "Spiritual Formation," which considers Christian education and nurture of all ages, youth through senior adult. We also discussed ways to provide resources to congregations. Our committee wrote proposals which were presented and voted on in plenary sessions in Johnson Hall. Additionally, elections were held for various board positions.

Synod requires a good deal of concentration from every delegate as we set policies for the member churches for the years ahead.

Respectively submitted, Joyce Gerdman

Synod Highlights:

We are now in full communion with the United Methodist Church. Along with the United Methodists, we are in full communion with the Lutheran Church (ELCA), the Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church.

The Synod revised the clergy health care and benefits programs for more cost effective outcomes

The Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller was re-elected to a third term as president of the Northern Province PEC. Lay members elected include Susan Dreydoppel from Nazareth, Pa.; Holly Heffernan from Calgary, Alberta; Valerie Bean Wagner from Waconia, MN; and Ralph Wanamaker, Jr. from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. They join District Presidents the Rev. David Bennett (Eastern), the Rev. Bruce Nelson (Western) and Greg Weir (Canadian). They will serve until the Northern Province Synod in 2022.

August Birthdays

Ava Neddersen Engberg ...9 Jackie Larson ...11 Lucille Sohns...12 Mary Koehler...13 Angela Sherman ...13 Scott Anderson...15 Kaye Maher...15 Mary Ann Schuder...15 Britta Jacobson Hansen...16 Gary Carlson...17 Arps Horvath...20 Marcia Dorfman - 22 Amanda Larson...24 Linda Lorenz...27 Joshua Opitz...28 Jody Thiell...28 Robert Volpe...31

August Anniversaries

Nancy & Tim Christofferson – Aug 5, 1972

Don and Donna Nelson – Aug 9, 1958 Marilyn and Jim Cushing – Aug 15, 1979

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

AMERICAN CONNECTION

If you can befriend a student from another country, please send us an email worship@ephraimmoravian.org and we'll give you more info, or sign up on the sheet located in fellowship hall





Dear Friends, From the bottom of my heart, I thank all of you who had a part in helping out at the recently "100 Dresses" program!

You worked so well getting the word out, preparing tasty treats for the guests, welcoming the visitors and

making me feel comfortable as a presenter!

It's very evident that you all work to spread the Good News and practice being the Hands and Feet of Jesus!

> Blessings to you, Deb (Lindahl)

New Ephraim Moravian Church Photo Directory!

We need YOU to make our new directory complete! To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our congregation, we welcome you to be a part of our upcoming new directory.

A new directory:

- Preserves this time in the life our church (165 yrs!)
- Becomes a lasting record of our current membership
- Helps us connect faces with names

Once again, we are partnering with Lifetouch for this directory. Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait. You can sign up for photography online at our church website at **www.ephraimmoravian.org**, (look for the "Current Happenings" tab and click-through to the sign-up sheet online)...or there is also a sign-up sheet at Fellowship Hour, call our office at 854-2804 **or** call Lifetouch at **1-866-756-0281**.

PHOTOGRAPHY DATES and HOURS:

Thursday August 2 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday August 3 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday August 4 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All photography and portrait viewing will take place at our church with NO sitting fee. You will have a variety of poses taken. One pose will be selected for the directory. In addition to your complimentary 8x10, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits on the day of your portrait session. Lifetouch's portrait price lists are available in the church office for those would like them prior to photography. Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to be professionally photographed. We are looking forward to seeing you in our directory and are encouraging 100% participation! If you have family in town, bring them along for a group portrait or of the separate families.

P.S. Your photography session will take about an hour, during which time you will check-in, be photographed and view your portraits.

Check the Church Directory sheets at Fellowship Hour to make sure we have your contact information up-to-date, too!



A very special study at Ephraim Moravian Church

Discover Islam is an award-winning documentary series which partnered with several church denominations nationwide, including the Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), The United Church of Christ, The Episcopal Church, The Moravian Church Northern Province and the Disciples of Christ. The intent of this project is to give people a basic understanding of Islam and to respond to the questions and perceptions of non-Muslims.

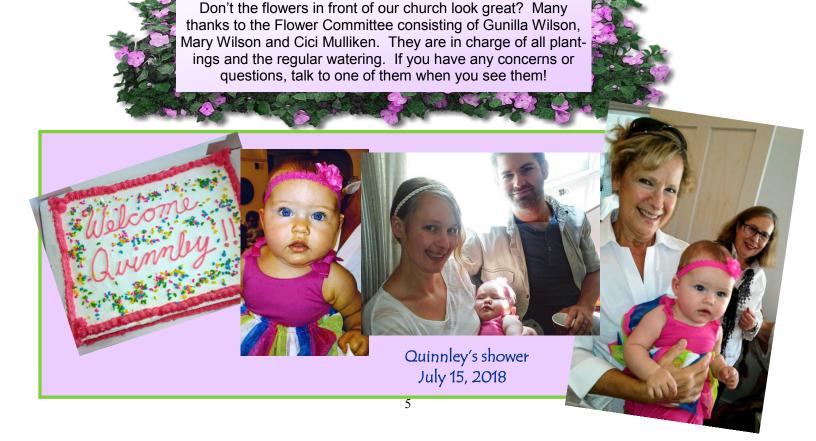
Discover Islam will be presented at Ephraim Moravian Church every Thursday in August at 8:00 a.m. Each session is one hour in length (film & discussion) with a continental breakfast provided. All sessions are free and open to the public.

RSVP at worship@ephraimmoravian.org

August 2 Islam: Faith and History
August 9 Islam: an American Faith

August 16 Women in Islam

August 23 Islam a Faith Hijacked August 30 Christians and Islam







Fundraiser for Bookfriends, International, supplying sanitary supplies for girls in Africa so they can stay in school—raised \$1,000!



Anderson Docks-ology Schedule:

August 1 Father Dave Ruby Stella Maris Parish Musicians led by Katrina Wellborne



August 8
Rev. Jim Honig
Shepherd of the Bay
Special Music



August 15
Pastor Dawn Volpe
Ephraim Moravian
Cynthia Stiehl



Dearest EMC family,

Thank you all <u>so</u> <u>much</u> for being a part of, and participating in, Quinnley's baby shower!

We are blown away by such an incredible outpouring of love and support and feel so blessed and



thankful to have you all in our lives! How amazing it is to feel so welcomed and so cherished! We are absolutely amazed by how many of you joined us and "showered" our daughter with gifts and love \heartsuit and hope to see much more of you all before her baptism in October!

Thank you all <u>so much again!!</u> Love, Jackie, Seth and Quinnley Campbell This is an original Gerhard Miller painting, probably from the 1960s, of our church. A local estate has offered it for \$700 and it is available for purchase for yourself or to donate to the church. See it Sunday in the Fellowship Hall, and If you have interest, tell Pastor Dawn:. It's a quarter-sheet in painting lingo.

A few of us are involved in **Bookfriends.org**, which was started by Jendean's college roommate 14 years ago based in Wauconda, II.

We make sanitary pads and pouches to hold them, and they are shipped with books to

areas in Africa to allow the girls to stay in school.

While you're spring cleaning we can use:
100% cotton fabric, and fabric that doesn't ravel
(knit, felt, etc), thread, and 1/2 -5/8" buttons.
There is a box at church to place them in.
They can also use cotton, sturdy briefs
(girls 12, 14, 16, and women's 6, 7).
Any questions, see Barbara Classen
or Vicki Maynard.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Member giving through June: \$57,561

2017 through June: \$64,600 2016 through June: \$37,920

Visitor giving through June: \$14,426

2017 through June: \$33,273 2016 through June: \$19,698

In<u>come</u>
Budget for 2018 is \$177,500
Actual through June: \$72,886



Expenses
Budget for 2018 is \$186,641
Actual through June: \$112,508

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		(no Elders meeting in August)	1 7:30 pm Anderson Docks-ology Fr. Dave Ruby	2 8 am "Discover Islam" study / breakfast	3 8:30 am OA Mtg	4
5 8 am Worship 9 am Choir 10 am Worship Joyful Noise	6	7	8 9:30 am Caring Hands 7:30 pm Anderson Docks-ology Rev Jim Honig	9 8 am "Discover Islam" study / breakfast	10 8:30 am OA Mtg	11
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