

Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News 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

January 2019

FROM A PASTOR'S DESK

Well, we've celebrated another Christmas, or survived it, depending on your point of view. We've received the gift of Jesus, the most precious gift of all time and eternity. But, also, we've given and received a lot of "stuff" as evidenced by all of the sales before Christmas and all the gifts under the tree. We are all talented at doing "stuff."

Have you ever counted the number of storage units between Ephraim and Sturgeon Bay? Some years back we seldom saw such things. Now they are ubiquitous. They are proof that we acquire, keep and store an obscene amount of possessions. These days we have so many possessions that selling them off would be a full time job, if we could even find buyers. Most of these things are disposable or cheap. Folks would rather buy a new thing from Target than a used thing from someone else. More often, we fill garbage bags to rid ourselves of possessions by throwing them in the trash or throwing our clutter into landfills and lakes and oceans thus weighing down soils, waters, and our fellow creatures with our overabundance.

Gladly, we do listen occasionally to the voice of our better natures and give of our plenty to such places as the thrift store at Scand, or "Clothe My People" or Goodwill in Sturgeon Bay. These are, of course, worthy causes.

It is clear, nevertheless, that we need a course correction. The finest way to start is to listen to the words of Jesus when he references our possessions and what perhaps we should do with them. He shares a parable by saying "The land of the rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do for I have nowhere to store my crops?' He said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

If we make the effort to clean house, so to speak, it will inevitably leave an empty space. What should we do about that? Well, the solution is obvious: as Jesus said "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms; provide yourself with purses that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail."

As we enter this new year I invite you to consider what is at the core of our existence. What gives life its meaning is the Good News of the child born at Christmas, Jesus our Lord, who comes to provide eternal and abiding existence. Jesus is our priceless treasure.

Pastor Dan G. Olson

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.

Services next week!

December 24 - 3 p.m. Family Candlelight



Service with Katie Dahl

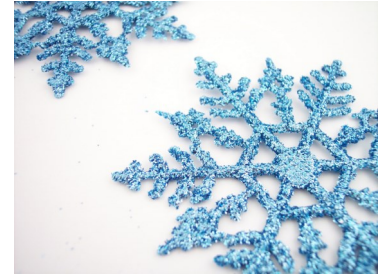
***An Offering box will be set out in the
Narthex for Door CANcer Contributions**

**5 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service
with our Choir, Cynthia Stiehl,
Pamela Johnson and Kent Moraga**

December 30 - 10 a.m. Lessons & Carols



**December 31 - 11:15 p.m. Watchnight
Service, Watch Words &
Pancakes!**



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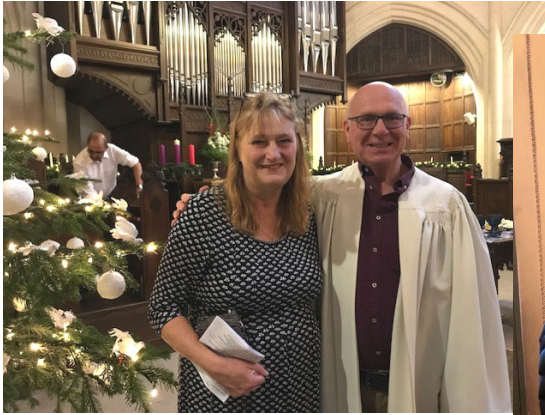
Elder for the month of:
 January....Liz Opitz

Sacristan for the month of
 January...tbd

Sunday Services in January 2019

January 6 -	9 a.m.	Sunday School
	10 a.m.	Worship and Communion
January 13 -	9 a.m.	Sunday School
	10 a.m.	Worship and Joyful Noise Coin offering for Loaves & Fishes
January 20 -	9 a.m.	Sunday School
	10 a.m.	Worship
January 27 -	9 a.m.	Sunday School
	10 a.m.	Worship

Faces in Places



^ Kathy & Chuck Zehner visited Hal Halvorsen In Paris



^ Jim & Marilyn Cushing in Italy with daughter Laura Geis



< All the Crowe boys came home to roost in California for Thanksgiving

Marilyn and Hugh Whiteley visiting a Mayan Village >

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in December: Diane & Kathy Kirkland, Kay & Paul Wilson, Elfi Johnson, Doug & Penny Schultz, Paul & Judy Flottman, and B.D. & Mary Thorp

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

....to those who served as lay readers or provided flowers in the sanctuary.



For January's Feed My People

Suggested Donations for this month:

Kitchen Staples—aluminum foil, paper towels, napkins, plastic wrap



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



January birthdays

Hugh Mulliken...1
Kristin Wilson...2
Bob Volpe...7
Karen Ekberg...14
John Cox...17
James Nelson...19
Hedy Heise...22
Quinnley Sophia Campbell...24

January Anniversaries

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

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

New Bible Study Begins January 11!

Join us every Friday

January 11 - March 1

10:00 a.m.

We'll be looking at the

Great Hymns of the Church

Their authors, inspiration and timelessness
Refreshments will be served.



We will be celebrating
January birthdays for the
Scandia Village Care
Center on **Jan. 24 at 2 p.m.**
We need someone to pick
up the cake and we need
people to interact with the
residents If you can
assist, please contact the
church office.

*The Annual Church Council will be held on Sunday,
January 27, 11:00 a.m. following lunch. All reports
should be in the church office no later than
January 13.*



**The Northern Door
Visually Impaired Support
Group** is meeting monthly
(second Tuesday from 1-3
p.m.) at First Baptist
Church in Sister Bay. No cost to attend; call
Angie at 920-241-2641 if you'd like to go.

Welcome to the world, Enzo Sherman!
**Shown here with big brothers Mylo and
Theo, Dad and Mom**



Brrrrrrrrr !!

Another cold winter ahead?

Come to the Ephraim Moravian Church for a
FREE hot meal once a month through
April of 2019! Food and fellowship at noon.
Bring a friend!

It's the third Wednesday
each month:

November 21
December 19
January 16
February 20
March 20
April 17

P.S. Sister Bay Moravian
serves at noon on the first
Wednesday each month!



Voices from the Past

Excerpts from the January 1929
Diary of Rev. George Westphal
(pastor from 1926 - 1931)

Jan. 12, 1929

In the morning had considerable trouble making arrangements to go to the funeral of Mr. Walter Moses in Fish Creek. At last set off with H.D. Hogenson in Otto Staver's Open Sleigh- about 10 below zero. Home about 5 p.m. A day like this cripples the preparation of the heart and mind for Sunday.

Jan. 13, 1929

Today was very cold and drifting snow. No fire was made in the church but the bells were rung and 12 persons met in the parsonage for a service. It was a pleasant meeting. In the afternoon I listened in on the radio at Wilsons' and in the evening we were at Valentines' and heard some good messages on the Radio.

Bystander/Upstander Workshop

Save
the
Date

Witnessed acts of discrimination?

- Not known what to do?
- What to say?

Learn about the "bystander effect" and how to respond safely & effectively.

To receive registration information,
email dccivilityproject@gmail.com

Tuesday
April 30
2019

Kress Pavilion
Egg Harbor

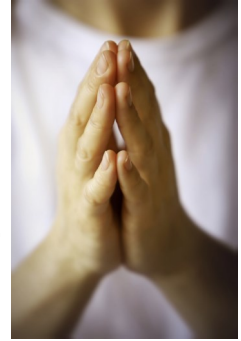
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Remembering in our Prayers

- Charlie Burton during his cancer treatments
- Those recuperating: Rosie Klein, Daryl Larson, Donna Nelson, Sara Pellerin
- Toby Wilson as we approach the holiday season. Her address is c/o Harbor Chase, 1111 E Capitol Drive, #7 Memory Unit, Sherwood, WI 53211.



Open Door Lunches

The Elders are looking for helpers for our Open Door Lunches—we will order the main food for each (unless you have something special in mind, in which case, *go for it* and let us know), but we'd still like home-made desserts for each month.

So for January, March & April, we still need someone to pick up the ordered food (and deliver back empty containers, if needed), someone to set up and clean up afterwards, two helpers during the lunch for serving and refreshing the food, and someone to make desserts for about 40 people...five helpers per lunch.

Sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall!
Thank you! This is an important ministry of the church!



JUNE 20-23, 2019

Embassy Suites by Hilton | Winston-Salem, North Carolina

More info at

Moravian.Online/Women

REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 1, 2018.

Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all we can ask or imagine, by his power at work within us. Ephesians 3:20

Member giving through November: \$105,669
2017 through November: \$112,251
2016 through November: \$ 49,390

Visitor giving through November: \$39,614
2017 through November: \$89,653
2016 through November: \$59,143

Income

Budget for 2018 is \$177,500
Actual through November: \$147,488
(not including memorials)

Treasurer's Report



Expenses

Budget for 2018 is \$186,641
Actual through November: \$216,595
(of which about \$36,000 will be reimbursed from Moravian Ministries Foundation at year's end)



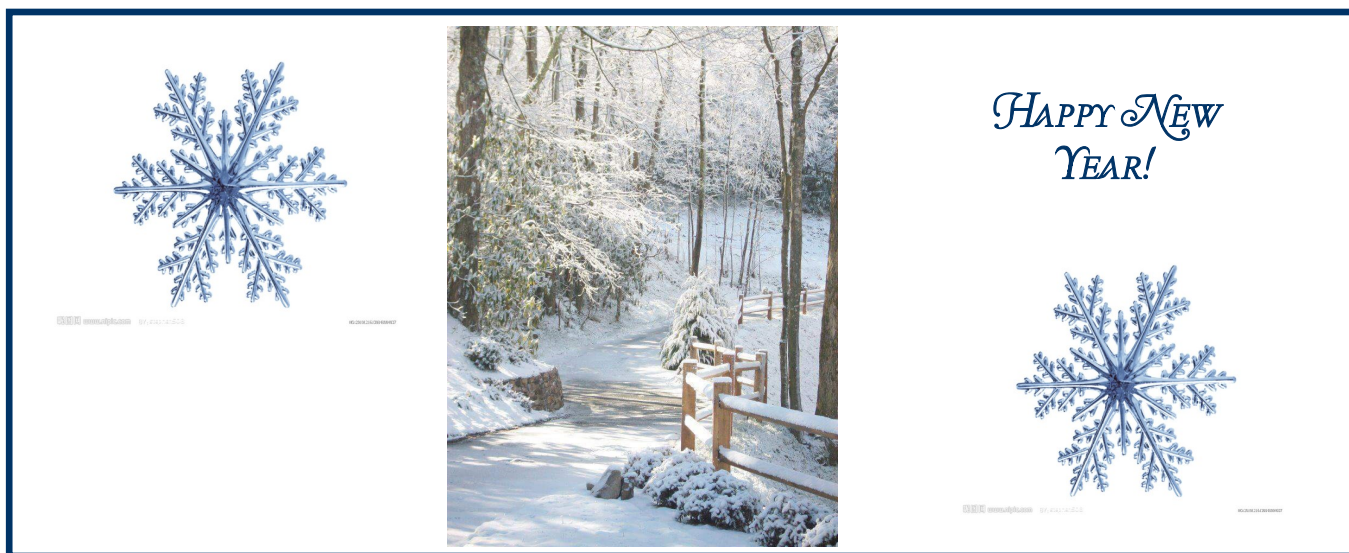
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Watchnight 11:15 p.m. Dec 31	1	2 Noon—Sister Bay Lunch	3	4 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg	5
6 9 am Sunday School 10 am Service/ Communion	7	8 10 a.m. Elders	9 9:30 am Caring Hands	10	11 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg 10 a.m. Bible Study	12
13 9 am Sunday School 10 am Service/ Joyful Noise/ Loaves & Fishes	14	15	16 Noon - Open Door Lunch	17	18 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg 10 am Bible Study	19
20 9 am Sunday School 10 am Service	21	22 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes, St. Rosalia's	23	24 Scand birthday party 2 p.m.	25 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg 10 am Bible Study	26
27 9 am Sunday School 10 am Service 11 a.m. Lunch & Church Council	28	29	30	31		
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