



Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

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

Congregational Watchword for 2019

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February 2019

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WATCHWORD FOR 2019: “Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands- O prosper the work of our hands! - Psalm 90:17

Every year, a watchword is chosen for our church which we hope will inspire us throughout the year. Our watchword is taken from Psalm 90, which begins, ‘A prayer of Moses, the man of God’. The Psalm is a poignant reminder of our fragile existence. We are told that our days are short and then we ‘fly away.’ This verse is the conclusion of the Psalm - a plea to God to prosper ‘the work of our hands.’ In other words, make our work count for something. I doubt if Moses prayed this at the beginning of his work on God’s behalf. I doubt if he prayed this when crossing the Red Sea - that prayer would have been an urgent cry for rescue from certain death. We have prayers recorded in the wilderness, when things got tough - the people yelled at Moses and Moses yelled at God. I believe this prayer came after decades of wilderness wandering. It’s a prayer that implies a covenant- that we will continue to work, even when we see no results, with the assurance that our work will count for something.

So what is the ‘work of our hands’ here at Ephraim? One of the works of our hands is to raise up the next generation. We know that our children will someday leave this peninsula in order to pursue higher education and careers. Our work is to give them the absolute assurance that they are beloved children of God, that they were placed on earth for a purpose, and their purpose is to be agents of grace wherever life takes them. Another work is to help those who are suffering in Door County - to visit the sick, help those in economic distress, comfort the troubled in whatever way we are able - and if we cannot help, we will work with other churches and organizations that have the expertise to assist. Another work is to be a haven for the tourists who enter our building - that they may encounter God’s peace and rest for world-weary souls.

May we swing the doors of our church wide open this year! As we are faithful to the work, we trust that God will indeed look with favor on all work that is worthy, holy and grace-filled.

—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.

Update from Church Council

- We welcome new board members. Elders: Kathleen Harris and Lonnie Vitse. Trustees: Brent Bristol, David Chomeau and BD Thorp.
- A new charity was selected for our Joyful Noise offerings. This year we will be sending our offerings to Door CANcer and Secret Santa
- We received an oral report from Jody Thiell, who represented us at Moravian gatherings. She encouraged us to reach out to the wider Moravian Church.
- We accepted, with gratitude, the report from Kay Wilson, who has provided leadership for the community Loaves & Fishes ministry for 13 years. This will be her last year serving in that capacity. If you or someone you know would like to step into this leadership position, please contact Kay.
- A committee will be formed after the February Trustee meeting to make recommendations concerning preservation of our cemetery. Upon completion of the committee's work, a Special Church Council will be called to discuss and vote on the committee's findings.



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

Funds: Investment Committee
 of John Turner, George Carey,
 Pete Classen

TRUSTEES

George Carey, President of
 the Trustees 854-9253
 Carol Sandstrom 854-9580
 B.D. Thorp 854-7212
 Dave Chomeau 854-2203
 Brent Bristol 421-3626

ELDER

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair
 Hugh Mulliken 854-2336
 Kathy Kirkland, Sect'y 854-6174
 Liz Opitz 854-5949
 Kathleen Harris 421-2941
 Lonnie Vitse 608-628-7545

Elder for the month of:
 February.. Betty Chomeau

Sacristan for the month of
 February....Jody Thiell

Sunday Services in February 2019

February 3 -	9 a.m.	Sunday School
	10 a.m.	Worship and Communion
February 10 -	9 a.m.	Sunday School
	10 a.m.	Worship and Joyful Noise Coin offering for Secret Santa
February 17 -	9 a.m.	Sunday School
	10 a.m.	Worship
February 24 -	9 a.m.	Sunday School
	10 a.m.	Worship



.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in January:
Karen Ekberg & friends; Joan Lewis, Chuck Mead, Barb & Bob Ziegler; Dawn Volpe for Bob's birthday; Liz Opitz and Co. for Church Council

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

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



Flowers!

We love to see them in the sanctuary each week, and our Flower Committee does a great job of supplying the church with flowers there and in the church entrance.

If you'd like to provide flowers for one week or more, to celebrate someone's life, an anniversary or birthday, or *just because*, they can be wildflowers from your own garden or from a nursery. We have a calendar in the Fellowship Hall with the weeks of the year. Sign up and let either Mary Wilson or Sherry Moore know you'll be providing flowers that week.

For February's Feed My People

Suggested Donations for this month:

Canned Good Staples



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



Bystander/Upstander Workshop

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

Sponsored by Door County Civility Project, HELP of Door County, Inc, Hope United Church of Christ, JUST Door County, Inc., PFLAG Door County, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door County



Tuesday
April 30
2019

Kress Pavilion
Egg Harbor

Presented by



^Just a few short months away! 😊

February birthdays

Paul Wilson...2
 Chuck Zehner...2
 Dale Jacobson...3
 Betty Wolf...5
 Dick Bierman... 5
 Rob Moore... 5
 Diane Jacobson...6
 Brie Lapolla... 8
 Tim Christofferson... 10
 Betty Anderson...15
 Keith Tschannen...17
 Shelley Cox...18
 B. D. Thorp...18
 Pat Horvath...20
 Natalie Neddersen ...20
 Theresa Weborg...26
 Marilyn Cushing - 26
 Karin Jacobson Tourmo...28
 Niles Weborg...29

February Anniversaries

Norma and Roger Larson – Feb 13, 1971

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



The Northern Door Visually Impaired Support Group is meeting monthly (second Tuesday from 1-3 p.m.) at First Baptist Church in Sister Bay.

There is no cost to attend; call Angie at 920-241-2641 if you'd like to go.



Bible Study continues Fridays, Feb. 8 through March 1
Join us at 10:00 a.m.

We are looking at the Great Hymns of the Church - their authors, inspiration and timelessness. Refreshments are served.



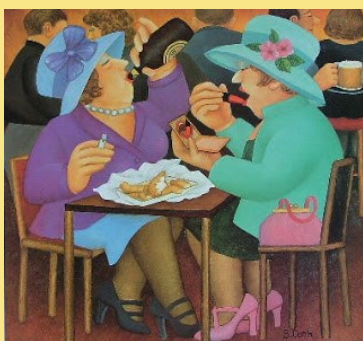
BULLETIN BACKS!!

Since we are using our own personalized bulletin covers now, we have had space on the back for our own personalized missives. If you've been enjoying the writings of our "regulars," you may want to try your hand at writing one or more for us!

It's a ministry of our church.

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

Thank you!!



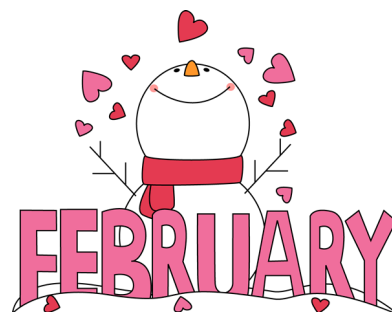
Ladies Who Lunch

**Friday, Feb 8
 12 noon**

Ladies, treat yourself to lunch and fellowship with friends at Al Johnson's in Sister Bay!

All are welcome!

RSVP in Fellowship Hall, with Jody Thiell, or at 854-2804



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:

February 20
March 20
April 17

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



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 homemade desserts for each month.

So for **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...so, five helpers per lunch.

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

Voices from the Past

Feb. 17, 1914

A letter to the Congregation
from the Board of Trustees:

"After long deliberation, the Church Council of the Ephraim Moravian Church, has finally decided to make substantial improvements and repairs on our cemetery. The need of such repairs is imperative. We cannot let it go any longer.

Among the first things needed is a new suitable and dignified fence around the grounds. Some work must also be done to improve the appearance of graves, which no one seems to care for. The ground must be seeded in with new grass seed, etc.

Now, all this takes funds. We wish to start this work as soon as the necessary funds are subscribed. We are at this work now in the Congregation. Since you have dear ones resting here on this little spot, you cannot be otherwise, than interested in these improvements, which will do honor and credit to the living. We owe it to our departed ones, to ourselves and to our God, to keep our 'God's Acre' as dignified as our means permit. We therefore appeal to your kind liberality for a helping hand in this undertaking in the hope that you will do gladly, what you can to make it a success. All gifts should be forwarded to the Church Treasurer, Mr. H. Adolph Anderson."



Remembering in our Prayers

-Charlie Burton during his cancer treatments

-Lewis (Buddy) Gibson

-Anne Glabe - Anne is residing at Scandia Village Care Center, Room 103. She enjoys receiving company, especially later afternoons and weekends. If you know how to play Canasta, that's a bonus! She can be reached at: 920-854-5112



Feeding the Community

Please Support Our Local Food Pantries

The Door County Department of Health and Human Services reports that due to the federal government shutdown, current FoodShare recipients will have their February FoodShare benefits put on their QUEST electronic benefits cards earlier than usual (as soon as January 20, 2019). The amount will be the normal February monthly benefit amount. FoodShare benefits will not be put on QUEST cards in February, so FoodShare members are advised to budget and plan accordingly.

In the event that the government shutdown is not resolved before the end of February, the status of March FoodShare benefits is unclear at this time. We could potentially have roughly 1000 Door County households (approximately 2000 individuals) without access to funds to purchase food.

This comes during the most difficult time of year for our tourism-based economy.

Please help our neighbors in need by donating to your community food pantries today. They need your support year-round, but potentially now more than ever!

Lakeshore CAP 131 South 3rd Ave, PO Box 791, Sturgeon Bay: 920-743-0192 (Note: Cash donations are preferred as they can buy food at a greatly reduced rate!)

Feed My People 204 N 14th Ave, Sturgeon Bay: 920-743-9053

CHURCHES WITH FOOD PANTRIES

First Baptist Church of Sister Bay 954 S. Bay Shore Drive: 920-854-2544

Holy Name of Mary Parish 7491 County Road H: 920-856-6440

Stella Maris Parish 4019 Hwy 42, Fish Creek: Open 24/7

Member giving in 2018: \$127,440

2017 : \$124,606

2016 : \$108,618

Visitor giving in 2018: \$47,101

2017: \$59,564

2016: \$64,171

Income

Budget for 2018 was \$177,500

Actual Jan-Dec: \$177,209
(not including memorials)

Treasurer's Report



Expenses

Budget for 2018 was \$186,641

Actual Jan-Dec: \$227,849



February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:30 am OA Mtg	2
3 9 am Sun- day School 10 am Worship & Communion	4	5	6 Noon— Sister Bay Lunch	7	8 8:30 am OA Mtg 10 am Bible Study 12 noon La- dies Lunch	9
10 9 am Sun- day School 10 am Worship & Joyful Noise for Secret Santa	11	12 10:15 am Elders	13 9:30 am- Caring Hands	14 	15 8:30 am OA Mtg 10 am Bible Study	16
17 9 am Sun- day School 10 am Worship	18	19	20 Noon— Open Door Lunch	21 4:15 pm Trustees	22 8:30 am OA Mtg 10 am Bible Study	23
24 9 am Sun- day School 10 am Worship	25	26 5 pm Loaves & Fishes St. Rosalia's	27	28		

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