



Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

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

Congregational 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

August 2019

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Running on Empty” and “Blowing a Gasket”

A Modern Parable

In my younger days, I had very bad luck with cars. Before the advent of the helpful ‘low fuel’ indicator, I ran out of gas on a busy Brooklyn street. I walked to a gas station to borrow a gas can. The can did not have a spout attached, so my friend and I improvised with paper cups, trying to get enough gas in the tank before the cup disintegrated. It was quite a feat! We did not realize that there was, indeed, a spout, which merely had to be pulled out of the rim, until we had spilled fuel all over ourselves. On another fateful day, my car blew its gasket on a highway, many miles from home. I learned the hard way that in order to avoid that particular catastrophe, one must regularly have the oil levels checked. Those are only 2 examples. There’s not enough space to talk about the shredded tires, alternator mishap, smoke billowing from the dashboard, getting stuck on the Verrazano Bridge during rush hour, etc.

My run of ‘bad luck’ continued until I met Bob. Since marrying Bob, our cars run like magic! And, at first, I thought it was some good ‘car karma’ that Bob possessed. After close observation over a period of time, I realized that a functioning car was not a matter of chance or luck. Bob is a zealot when it comes to car maintenance— oil changes are done at the prescribed time, he checks the pressure on the tires and has them changed before they go bald! It’s not magic, it’s a disciplined approach which pays dividends in reliable transportation.

Sometimes I approach my interior life with the same casual neglect that I once used on my cars. I have so many obligations and, in order to fit everything in, I skim on the one thing that is vital to my well-being. You know what I mean, don’t you? The constant work, needs of the family, obligations to the community – we rush to fulfill these demands disregarding our own need for the Spirit of God to speak, restore and heal us. It’s especially difficult in the height of tourist season, when the summer seems like an endless sprint. While our tourists are ‘restoring their souls’, watching the sunsets, enjoying good food at our restaurants, staying at beautiful hotels, we are at our busiest. It’s easy to neglect the important work of the soul... in prayer, in quiet meditation, in reading inspirational books, in soaking in the beauty of our surroundings.

I am not suggesting that we throw off responsibilities. I am saying that in order to meet all the clamoring needs that present themselves, we need to schedule some regular ‘soul maintenance’ - spending time in worship, in quiet reflection, in study, in the beauty of nature... in the things that will renew our spirits. I am reminded of the story in the gospel of Mark. Jesus had been healing and preaching all day. In the wee hours of the morning he went to an isolated place, so that he could be alone with God. If Jesus needed to spend time in restorative prayer, how much more do we!



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.



8 a.m. services continue through October

If you would normally miss the 10 a.m. service because of work, or just want an early start to your day, come to the **8 a.m. service!**



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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

Sacristan for the month of
 August...Tiggy Shields

Sunday Services in August 2019

Aug 4 —	8 a.m.	Worship
	9 a.m.	Choir
	10 a.m.	Worship and Communion
Aug 7 -	7:30 p.m.	Anderson Docks-ology Joel Rose & Bethel Praise Band
Aug 11 -	8 a.m.	Worship
	9 a.m.	Choir
	10:30 a.m.	Worship & Joyful Noise Offering (Secret Santa)
July 17 -	7:30 p.m.	Anderson Docks-ology Pastor Dawn, Cynthia Stiehl
Aug 18 -	8 a.m.	Worship
	9 a.m.	Choir
	10 a.m.	Worship
Aug 25 -	8 a.m.	Worship
	9 a.m.	Choir
	10 a.m.	Worship

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in July:

The Shermans for Enzo's baptism, Kris Husby-Nelson, Tiggy Shields and Dawn Volpe, and Kay Tschannen.

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

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

..to those who helped with the Timothy Botts program.



For August's Feed My People

Suggested Donations for this month:

Paper Goods

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



Lay Leadership Conference

November 8 - 10 * Mt. Morris, WI
"Answering God's Call"

Your Western District Executive Board is planning a lay leadership conference for November 8th – 10th. The theme of this year's conference is: *"Answering God's Call."*

Justin Rabbach and members of the Board of World Missions will speak on doing mission work outside your door and organizing a mission team to do short term mission work many miles from your home.


Marie Coutts will do presentations on discerning our spiritual gifts and joint board leadership.

This is a wonderful conference for all lay people who are involved in their church or want to be more involved!

Let Pastor Dawn know if you are interested in attending.

Women's Retreat

GREEK WORDS to LIVE BY



Guest Speaker:
The Reverend Dr. Amy Gohdes-Luhman

Location: Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center

Dates: September 20-22, 2019

Please contact the Church Office or Moravian Women's group for more details.

A weekend of fellowship, laughter and reflection to shape who we are with God and with one another.

Amy's topic will focus on 3 Greek words: Eleos (mercy), Chara (compassion) and Splanchnizomai (joy). She will explore these in the Bible, how they play out in her life, and ask you to share experiences in your life. See bulletin board for more information, or Contact Cindy Fahney at clfahney@yahoo.com or 920-648-5744.

August birthdays

Ava Neddersen ...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
Sadie Nelson... 30
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!



Welcome
**Emilia Lucia
Christofferson**
(grand-daughter of
Nancy & Tim) -
Eric and Joanna's
new baby !



Enzo Sherman baptism



July 14, 2019

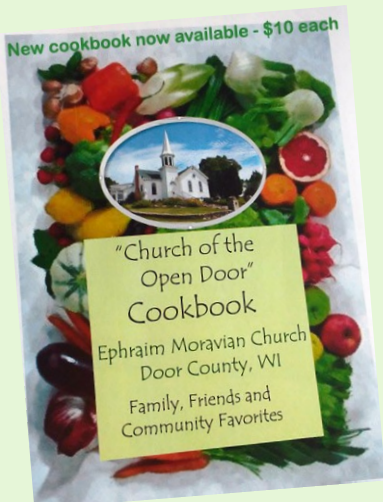


The newest church cookbook is here!

The "Church of the Open Door" Cookbook has some old favorites from previous cookbooks, as well as recipes from Loaves & Fishes and Tricklebee Café. All proceeds to Tricklebee.

There are recipes from your favorite restaurants in Door County, too: Chef's Hat, Czarnuska's, White Gull Inn...and even Bob Volpe's famous spaghetti sauce recipe.

Cookbooks are **\$10 each**, and copies are available in the Fellowship Hall. They make great gifts!





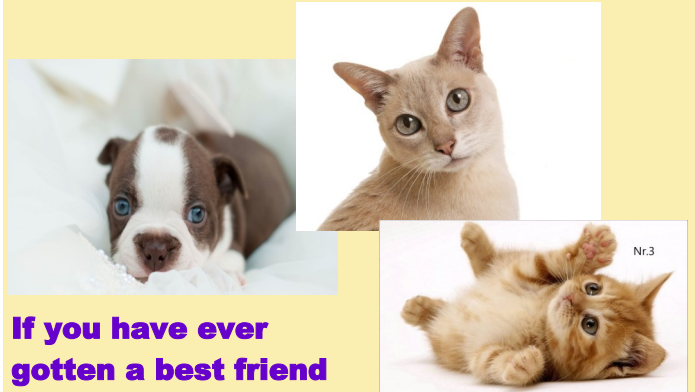
More on the above meeting: There will be preachers/speakers outside our tradition, some time for testimonials and a large group session led by Courtney Bauder, small groups to include issue breakouts on Housing, Economic Justice, Immigration, Racial Justice work. Participants can choose one of the groups to learn more on an issue of their choice.

Strategy sessions to help individuals and congregations move on justice work in their own contexts (how to start a justice ministry in your congregation, my individual work plan, advocacy 101, to name a few participants can choose from)

There will also be sessions for work group for those interested in planning for upcoming Synod resolutions, or bringing presentations to local congregations, or planning another conference.

Worship Friday eve, Sat eve and Sunday morning.

In an ongoing effort to support our Humane Society, we have a donation container in our Fellowship Hall.



If you have ever gotten a best friend from a shelter, consider giving to our Humane Society.

Dear members of the Moravian Church and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship:

My name is Charlotte Otto, and I attended the 2019 Percussion and Steel Band

session at Birch Creek's academic programs and students.



I will be a senior at Maine South High School in Park Ridge, Illinois, and everything I have learned here at camp will stay with me at school and the rest of my musical career. I plan to major in music in college, and these past weeks have helped me prepare for the future. The faculty was greatly influential, particularly my composition teacher, Pete Haughton. I was impressed how much I retained from spending time with him.

Thank you so much for donating for making these opportunities available to me and other music students.

Sincerely,
Charlotte

**Our contribution was from our joint choir concert in 2018—
\$2,400**

Tim Botts program July 8, 2019



Books, posters, Christmas cards and art prints by Tim Botts can be purchased at his Website: timbottscalligraphy.com

Voices from the Past

From the Joint Board records - August 13, 1939

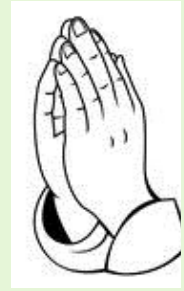
(Although names were recorded in the diary, I've chosen to refer to pastors only by initials. If you'd like to see the complete record, feel free to visit my office and I'll be happy to show you 'the rest of the story'- Pastor Dawn

A joint board meeting with Sister Bay Board present was held in the Ephraim Church for the purpose of deciding on the call of a pastor to take up the work here in September. Brother Loppnow opened the meeting with prayer. Seven members were present. After due deliberations a vote was taken and the unanimous result was as follows- First a call to be given to Rev. E.K. If not available then second choice be given to Rev. R.B. Rev. C.S. was considered, but not seriously, because he is still unmarried. H. Hogenson, secretary to communicate said requests to Bishop Mueller at once..
- H. D. Hogenson, Secretary

As with many attempts to call a pastor, this round of calls was met with rejection- which was fortuitous, for in the winter of 1940, someone accepted the call- Rev. Jimmy Weingarh, whose pastorate is remembered with much respect and appreciation.

Remembering in our Prayers

- Valerie Billington
- Judy Jackson (Volpes' friend, Maryland)
- Nancy Bontempo
- Keith Bridenhagen
- Dick and Claire Bierman
- Steve Gibson (Pastor Dawn's brother)
- Bob Schroeder
- Charlie Burton
- Marge Hassler
- Jay Bowen



Treasurer's Report

Member giving through June 2019: \$53,541
2018: \$44,846
2017: \$51,520

Visitor giving through June 2019: \$30,706
2018: \$12,169
2017: \$26,072

Income

Budget for 2019 is \$166,700
Actual thru June: \$85,481
(not including memorials)

Expenses

Budget for 2019 is \$198,534
Actual thru June: \$117,962

THE ANDERSON DOCKS-ODOLOGY Ecumenical Sunset Services

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. through August 14



July 31

Mother Barbara Sajna, St. Luke's Episcopal,
Stella Maris musicians



August 7

Rev. Joel Rose and the Bethel Baptist Praise
Band



August 14

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Ephraim Moravian Church
Soprano Cynthia Stiehl and Harald Halvorsen

**Bring a chair or blanket for your comfort. Rain location: Village
Hall, 9996 Highway 42**



**Thursday Morning Seminars
August 8 - 29
8:00 a.m.**

**Join Pastor Dawn for 1-hour
sessions exploring the topic
of Forgiveness (based on a
winter bible study done in
2016).**

**We'll cover handling toxic
relationships, destructive
people and other difficult
scenarios using biblical
stories and current events.
*Breakfast treats & Real
Coffee will be served!***



NAME TAGS

Remember, as the Church of the Open Door, we want to welcome our visitors each week! As part of that welcome, please wear your name tag and lanyard so that our visitors will know who you are. If you need a new name tag, please let us know!

Tricklebee Café Update



The church's Milwaukee pay-if-you-can restaurant ministry is doing very well! As always, they have a long **wish list** of items for donations to help them curb costs. In the Fellowship Hall, you'll see the current list of items we can order from Amazon to ship directly to Tricklebee. Just put your name next to the item you'd like to sponsor, put your check (made out to EMC) in the envelope behind the list, and we will order them.

UNLEASH THE POWER

The 13th Moravian Women's Conference was held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, June 20-23, 2019. There were about 430 women with 97 from other countries: Germany, Tobago, Guyana, Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, South Africa, and Suriname, to name a few. After check-in, registration and dinner at the Embassy Suites, we were shuttled to Calvary Moravian Church. The opening service included a communion service which was presided by Rev. Sanette Fleming. It was moving and filled us with faith and hope.

Friday morning at our Worship and General Session, we had the Rt. Rev. Kay Ward and Rev. Christy Melby-Gibbons as our keynote speakers. Dena Grilla Fortuzi, from Albania, spoke about the first Moravian church in her country.

Friday and Saturday, we went to our morning and afternoon Imagine Sessions that we had picked out. Keeping up with the Spirit, Be Completely Alive—Thrive, A Conversation with Sarah, Boost your Unity IQ, and Unleashing Your Power with Chair Yoga.

The best-selling author, Sarah Bessey, spoke to us about her evolving faith in her church life. She had her books for sale: *Out of Sorts*, *Peace with an Evolving Faith* and *Feminist Jesus*.

Saturday evening we were bussed to Home Moravian Church located at Salem College. We were served a traditional Love Feast by the women, who wore white, and men of the church. Following that, we had a Candlelight Service. It was beautiful! They ended with singing in the square of Old Salem. On Sunday, we left for the airport filled with a renewed Faith.

—Diane Jacobson & Joyce Gerdman



August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 OA Mtg 8:30 am	3
4 8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am Choir Communion	5	6 3:30 pm Elders	7 7:30 pm Anderson Docks- ology	8 8 a.m. Forgiveness study	9 OA Mtg 8:30 am	10
11 8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am Choir Joyful Noise (Secret Santa)	12	13	14 9:30 am Caring Hands 7:30 pm Anderson Docks- ology—	15 8 a.m. Forgiveness study	16 OA Mtg 8:30 am	17
18 8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am Choir	19	20	21	22 8 a.m. Forgiveness study	23 OA Mtg 8:30 am	24
25 8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am Choir	26	27 Loaves & Fishes 5 pm, St. Rosalia's	28	29 8 a.m. Forgiveness study	30 OA Mtg 8:30 am	31

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POSTAL WORKER: Thank you for delivering this to:

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Our
nonagenarians
with birthdays in
July!
Anne Glabe &
Liz Schroeder

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