



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

November 2019

FROM A PASTOR'S DESK

As a Lutheran Interloper looking on, I can say it was a delight to read the results of the recent “Charting Our Future” forums. Not one to be accused of being shy, I feel compelled to present some observations that are informed by not just a few years of parish ministry. First, it speaks well of the congregation to have had so many participants at the meetings. If you take the number present as a percentage of the average Sunday morning worship attendance, the result is very striking. Though it's a fluid measurement that is influenced by multiple factors, the average Sunday attendance is essentially the number of active members in the congregation.

Though there aren't many surprises in the responses recorded, it must be said that the attendees provided a snapshot of what Ephraim Moravian Church is in the present moment. The results present an unvarnished view into what's working, as well as what might work better. It's very clear that there is a healthy balance of ministry that is done within the congregation itself and that which is provided to the larger community. In addition, I believe it's good to think that a suggestion offered not be considered a criticism in a negative sense.

No doubt the spirit of cooperation and hopefulness was very evident at the meetings. It wouldn't surprise me if the groups even had fun.

But now comes the time to put on the full armor of God! Now it's time for nitty gritty stuff. It is my prayer that the congregation doesn't think it can tackle everything at once. That's a set-up for certain failure. Good conversation, prayer, discernment and sometimes a battle of strong opinions will lead you to carve out the best and most reasonable goals. Then, go after those things as though your life depended on it. Which, in fact, it does. Start tomorrow!! No, Start today!!

Successes and setbacks will likely abound. Certainly, there will be times when you seem to be only groping your way along. As Paul says in 1 Corinthians, “for now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.” It's true that “Without a vision the people perish” but Ephraim Moravian Church clearly has been given the gift of energizing sight!

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.

Bible Study Continues through Nov. 8!



The Gospel of John
Fridays, 11 a.m.
All are welcome!
Good refreshments, as always



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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#### ELDERS

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair |              |
| Hugh Mulliken, V. Chair  | 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:  
 November...Hugh Mulliken

Sacristan for the month of  
 November...Hugh Mulliken

### Sunday Services in November 2019

|          |           |                                                  |
|----------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Nov 3 —  | 9 a.m.    | Choir/Sunday School                              |
|          | 10 a.m.   | Worship and Communion                            |
| Nov 10 - | 9 a.m.    | Choir/Sunday School                              |
|          | 10 a.m.   | Worship & Joyful Noise Offering<br>(Door CANcer) |
| Nov 17 - | 9:00 a.m. | Choir/Sunday School                              |
|          | 10 a.m.   | Worship                                          |
| Nov 24 - | 9 a.m.    | Choir/Sunday School                              |
|          | 10 a.m.   | Worship                                          |
| Nov 27 - | 7:00 pm   | Interfaith Thanksgiving<br>At Meadows/Scand      |

# Give Thanks

.....for those who offered Fellowship after church in October: Kathy Zehner, Barbara Ziegler, the Vitses, and Dawn Volpe in honor of her sister, Linda Gibson Taylor

....for those who ushered or acted as Sacristan in October.

....for those who served as lay readers or provided flowers in the sanctuary: Tiggy Shields, Linda Gibson-Taylor, Betty Chomeau, Marilyn Cushing, the Moores, Claire Bierman, Cici Mulliken, Kris and Ranny Nelson

...for those who brought baked goods or helped at the Continental Breakfast for Uganda's piggeries.

...for those who helped at Dick Bierman's memorial service.

## For November's Feed My People

Suggested Donations for this month:



**Feminine Hygiene Products** (the first thing to run out at Feed My People)



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



**REMEMBER! TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ON SATURDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 2!**



Remember  
the date!

Saturday, December 7, 2010

**Christmas in the Village**

and

the big **ADVENTure** here at  
church!

11 a.m.—2 p.m. **ADVENTure**  
(tour until 3 p.m.)

There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall if you can bring items for the bake sale, help with the wreath-making or candle-wrapping, etc.!



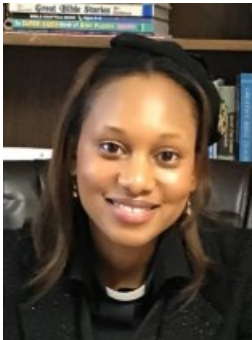
## November birthdays

Laurel Cox Ciohan...1  
 Gary Vitse.... 5  
 Robert Forsberg...6  
 Erin Bristol...8  
 Jeffrey Jacobson...9  
 John Koehler...9  
 Charles Paschke...9  
 Judy Flottman...10  
 Norma Larson...10  
 David Nelson...10  
 Merikay Heim...11  
 Hayley Heim... 16  
 Mathilda Bristol... 18  
 Harald T. Halvorsen...23  
 Bruce Olson...27  
 Jim Gelhaar...30

## November Anniversaries

Alicia and Hugh Mulliken – Nov 12, 1982  
 Kathy and Chuck Zehner – Nov 24, 1973

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



For those in the congregation who remember Sanette's wonderful preaching here:

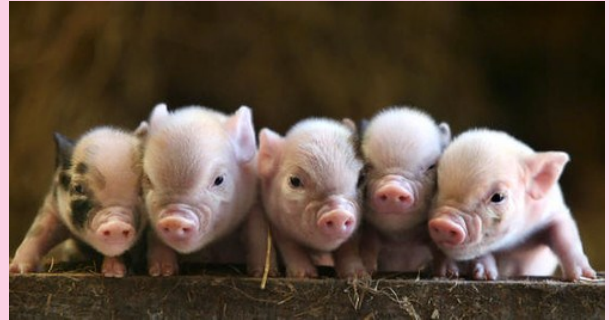
Br. Garritt and Sr. Sanette Fleming, pastors at the Schoeneck Moravian Church in Nazareth, PA, write: *"We would like to share the joyous news with everyone that Sanette is pregnant with an expected due date in late*

*April. We appreciate your prayers for a safe and healthy pregnancy. "*



**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 find out more about it.



Thanks to all who participated in our Oct 12 Free Continental Breakfast and Bake Sale!  
**We raised over \$1,500 for Uganda's Piggery!**



## Our Open Door Luncheons start this month!

They will be held here at noon on the third Wednesday of each month through April.

We will continue to provide the main lunch items through local vendors, but we still need desserts and helpers to set up, help through the luncheons and clean up. Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall if you can help during one of these six months!

**November 20-filled!**  
**December 18**  
**January 15**  
**February 19**  
**March 18**  
**April 15**



**Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**  
 at Scand on **Wednesday, November 27,**  
**7 p.m.** at The Meadows  
 Gathering Room at Scandia Village



*For an offering that evening, please bring canned goods and cash, which will be split among our local food pantries.*

***IT'S TIME...***

**.... to get your order in for a poinsettia at Christmas!**



***The deadline is November 19!***

The cost is \$13 per poinsettia, and the choice of colors is: red, white, pink, burgundy or marbled. Please get this information to us ASAP (Place in collection plate or put in office with your check)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_

Color(s): \_\_\_\_\_

In honor/memory of (<circle one--if you are ordering more than one, you can submit separately):

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## Voices from the Past

From the Diary of Rev. David Jones  
November 1961

Nov. 17- Invited to the Women's Circle meeting at the church. Explored need of stranded migrants from Florida at Roen's Orchard, Ellison Bay. Detained because of a murder of one of their number, these people reported suffering from winter weather. Took some warm things over to them.

Nov. 19- Installed Sunday School Staff. Holy Communion in commemoration of Chief Eldership of Christ. Announced predicament of migrants and a generous response came from many sources. Mrs. Valentine and my wife came along and we delivered a good carload of clothing and some staples.

Nov. 20 - Another trip to Roen's orchard with clothes. Went to Radio Station WDOR to record 2 devotionals.



## Together in Mission!

Sunday, November 10, 2019—4-6 p.m.

Kress Pavillion, 7845 Church Street, Egg Harbor

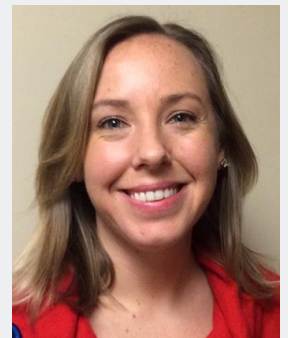
Join the Moravian Churches of Door County  
to hear about the ongoing work of the Ahuas

Clinic in Honduras (**Andrew Starr** and **Rick Nelson**) and the

newly formed Door County Homeless-  
ness Initiative (**Lauren Daoust**).

Free to attend, all are welcome—

Refreshments!





### Prayers for...

- Valerie Billington
- Judy Jackson (Volpes' friend, Maryland)
- Nancy Bontempo
- Charlie Burton
- Marge Hassler
- Liz Opitz, recovering from a broken foot
- Jay Bowen
- Steve Gibson (Pastor Dawn's brother)
- Claire and the Bierman family on Dick's passing
- Naomi Carlson recovering from knee surgery

Things always have a way of working out. Never underestimate the power of prayer, faith, and love.

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## Treasurer's Report

### Member giving

through Sept 2019: \$84,156

2018: \$93,114

2017: \$93,527

### Visitor giving

through Sept 2019: \$41,746

2018: \$38,111

2017: \$45,318

### Income

Budget for 2019 is \$166,700

Actual thru Sept: \$129,396

(not including memorials)

### Expenses

Budget for 2019 is \$198,534

Actual thru Sept: \$165,464

For our General Operations budget of \$198,534, we need an average of \$3,818 per week. Here's how we're doing:

July weeks: \$2,753, \$3052, \$1,260, \$8,845, electronic \$1,780 = average of \$4,423

August weeks: \$3,025, \$1,568, \$2,506, \$2,601, electronic \$1,500 = average of \$2,800

September weeks: \$1,370, \$2,797, \$1,722, \$2,046, electronic \$2,080 = average of \$2,504



## *Northern Door Community Thanksgiving Meals*

Take-home meals, fully-prepared and ready to re-heat

**Available for pick-up (or delivery) on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019  
between 4 and 6 pm at First Baptist Church, Sister Bay**

**OUR MISSION:** to reach out to people in Northern Door for whom it would be difficult to prepare such a meal at home on their own. This need may arise from issues of mobility, health, finances, or isolation. **Meals are available for individuals, families, or small group gatherings.**

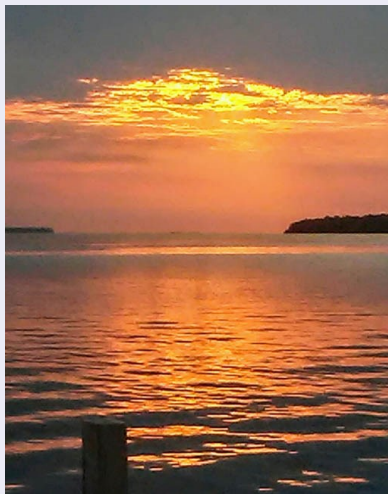
**NO CHARGE FOR THESE MEALS.** **Reservation deadline: Mon. Nov. 18** Please notify your home church of your interest, or call First Baptist Church, Sister Bay, (920) 854-2544. FBC office hours are Tues.-Thursday, 9 am-4 pm. You may leave a message with your name and phone number. We will call you back to confirm.

Oven roasted turkey (white and dark meat), Sage and apple bread stuffing, potatoes, gravy, Cranberry sauce, Waldorf salad, green vegetable, Homemade rolls and pumpkin pie

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## November 2019 Newsletter



**Our November  
nonagenarian,  
Bruce Olson**

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# November 2019

| Sunday                                                                                                                                           | Monday                                                                            | Tuesday                                        | Wednesday                                        | Thursday                    | Friday                                         | Saturday                                                                              |
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|                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                |                                                  |                             | 1<br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg.<br>10 am Bible Study | 2                                                                                     |
| 3<br>9 a.m.<br>Choir/<br>Sunday School<br>10 a.m.<br>Worship/<br>Communion                                                                       | 4                                                                                 | 5<br>3:30 p.m.<br>Elders                       | 6                                                | 7                           | 8<br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg.<br>10 am Bible Study | 9                                                                                     |
| 10<br>9 a.m.<br>Choir/<br>Sunday School<br>10 a.m.<br>Worship<br>Joyful Noise<br>(Door CANcer)<br>Together in Mission!<br>Kress Center<br>4-6 pm | 11                                                                                | 12                                             | 13<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Caring Hands                  | 14                          | 15<br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg.                     | 16                                                                                    |
| 17<br>9 a.m.<br>Choir/<br>Sunday School<br>10 a.m.<br>Worship                                                                                    | 18                                                                                | 19                                             | 20                                               | 21<br>4:15 p.m.<br>Trustees | 22<br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg.                     | 22                                                                                    |
| 24<br>9 a.m. Choir/<br>Sunday School<br>10 a.m.<br>Worship                                                                                       | 25                                                                                | 26<br>5 p.m.<br>Loaves & Fishes, St. Rosalia's | 27<br>7 p.m. Interfaith Service at Meadows/Scand | 28                          | 29<br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg.                     |  |