



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

December 2019

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Suitable Gifts”

My friend, Cory, is a strong, independent woman. She faces every challenge with a spirit of optimism, utilizing her resources to find creative solutions. She happens to be partially sighted and knows how to describe her condition so that she can obtain the assistance she needs, especially in unfamiliar surroundings. A few months ago, I picked her up from the airport and found her quite frustrated. On three separate occasions, while requesting specific directions, rather than listening to what she actually needed, airline personnel offered her a wheelchair. Being quite capable of carrying her own person and luggage, she took offense. Wheelchairs are marvelous conveyances for people with mobility issues. But a gift offered when not needed is tactless. What she required was someone to help her with landmarks so that she could ‘see’ her way to the gate.



On her return trip, the first plane arrived late and she had very little time to board her flight home. As the first flight landed, she spoke to the other passengers about her dilemma. In her own words... *I shared my concern, that being partially sighted I needed a map in my head, good directions and a clear path to make a run for my gate through the airport construction, carrying about thirty pounds of luggage. As long as I knew where I needed to go, I believed I could make it in time. It was then that Alexa, the woman in the seat in front of me, said, “I’ll run with you.” And so she did. We raced straight out of the causeway, into the corridor, headed left and didn’t slow down for a good block and a half, weaving our way through the crowds, before I needed to notch down to a really fast walk. Alexa checked her watch: I had four minutes to make the gate before they shut the door. Then, she grabbed a wheelchair. I hopped in, threw my bags on my lap and grabbed her bag to pull alongside as she pushed and ran. Throughout our journey she chanted; “Running, running! Walking fast, walking fast! Wheelie chair, wheelie chair! Excuse us, excuse us!” We moved; people eased out of our way. And because of her support, I made my connecting flight home with time to spare.*

In one story, the wheelchair was an insult, in the other... a Godsend. In this season of giving, let us remember that the most valuable thing we can give to another is a listening ear. It is only then that we can offer suitable gifts of time, material goods, conveyances and friendship. We are blessed in this season to receive the most suitable gift of all, Immanuel... God with Us.

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.

Unity Prayer Day

We are scheduled, along with Daggett, Freedom, Sister Bay and Sturgeon Bay, for Unity Prayer Day on Monday, December 9!



A sign-up sheet for your prayer time is in the Fellowship Hall (any 1/2 hour of the day or night is fine), along with prayer topics.



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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Elder for the month of:  
 December...Kathy Kirkland

Sacristan for the month of  
 December....Kathy Kirkland

### Sunday Services in December 2019

|          |            |                                                   |
|----------|------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Dec 1 —  | 9 a.m.     | Choir/Sunday School                               |
|          | 10 a.m.    | Worship and Communion                             |
| Dec 8 -  | 9 a.m.     | Choir/Sunday School                               |
|          | 10 a.m.    | Worship & Joyful Noise Offering<br>(Secret Santa) |
| Dec 15 - | 9:00 a.m.  | Choir/Sunday School                               |
|          | 10 a.m.    | Worship                                           |
| Dec 22 - | 9 a.m.     | Choir/Sunday School                               |
|          | 10 a.m.    | Worship                                           |
| Dec 24 - | 3:00 p.m.  | Family Candlelight Service                        |
|          | 5:00 p.m.  | Traditional Candlelight Service                   |
| Dec 29 - | 10 a.m.    | Worship/Lessons & Carols                          |
| Dec 31 - | 11:15 p.m. | Watchnight Service                                |
|          | Midnight   | Pancakes!                                         |

.....for those who offered Fellowship after church in November: Kathy Zehner, Linda Carey, John & Judy Turner, B.D. & Mary Thorp, Betty Chomeau and Susie Samson

....for those who ushered or acted as Sacristan in November: Hugh Mulliken, Rob Davis and Ram Rojas, Betty and Dave Chomeau

....for those who served as lay readers or provided flowers in the sanctuary: Hugh Mulliken, Alicia Mulliken, Angela Sherman, Kathleen Harris, Rob Davis for Nancy Davis' birthday, Marilyn Cushing



## For December's Feed My People

Suggested Donations for this month:



Pasta, sauces,  
Parmesan cheese,  
Fixings



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



Saturday, December 7, 2019

Christmas in the Village

and

the big ADVENTure here at church!

11 a.m.—2 p.m. ADVENTURE  
(tours until 3 p.m.)

## Chrismons

*A devotional booklet for Advent*



Contributors include: Door County and Kewaunee County Pastors

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We have Advent devotional booklets available if you'd like to expand your devotions during Advent!

They are in the Fellowship Hall—one per family, please.

Sweets for the Holidays Sale!

Candle-Wrapping

Wreath-Making

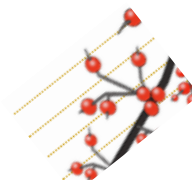
Refreshments

Christmas Star Display

Moravian Traditions

Gifts, Vintage, Decorations

All Proceeds to Secret Santa,  
helping with heating needs





## December birthdays

Carly Mulliken...1  
Timothy Nelson...2  
Enzo Sherman... 3  
Paul Burton...7  
Jack Opitz...7  
Barbara Classen...9  
Charlie Weborg... 9  
Robert Anderson...10  
Amanda Flottman...12  
Henry Bristol...13  
Don Nelson.....15  
Andrew Phillips...18  
Walt Shields...18  
Mary Wilson...23  
Joan Fitzpatrick... 27  
Linda Carey...27

## December Anniversaries

Joyce and Glenn Gerdman – Dec 23, 1951  
Arts & Pat Horvath – Dec 30, 1972

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



Thank you all for your kind  
Expressions of Sympathy  
On the loss of our  
Beloved Sushi

She 'adopted' us in 2014.  
We are grateful for her life.

The Volpe Family



The Cabins  
of Jack Opitz

Look in the Winter issue of Door County Living for this article on Jack Opitz! It's posted on our upper bulletin board.



WELCOME to  
Avery Jane  
Christofferson,  
born  
November 16,  
at 8 lbs 4 oz.  
Matt and Kayla —  
and grandparents  
Tim and Nancy—are  
thrilled!



## Our Open Door Luncheons need Your support!

They are 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 five remaining months!

**December 18**  
**January 15**  
**February 19**

**March 18**  
**April 15**



# LOAVES



# & FISHES

**Northern Door Loaves & Fishes** is looking for an “in charge” person to plan, shop and prepare a meal (with a group of volunteers). Our monthly meal is served on the 4th Tuesday of each month at St. Rosalia’s in Sister Bay from 5-6 p.m. This “in charge” person has been a volunteer position for the past 14 years, but it can also be a paid hourly position with rates negotiable. Please contact Kay Wilson at 920-328-4428 or [kwilson54211@gmail.com](mailto:kwilson54211@gmail.com) with any questions or interest.

## ***Please Support Our Local Food Pantries***

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
- ◇ Door of Life, Sister Bay (Open 24/7) **NOTE:** Door of Life provides **pet food** through donations from Peninsula Pet Pantry, now in their second year.
- ◇ **420 bags of pet food to dogs & cats in 2018!** If you’d like to donate toward pet food, the Pantry’s address is: PO Box 577, Fish Creek, WI 54212.

**Voices from the Past**  
**From A. Iverson's Diary, p. 126**

*So here we are Christmas Eve, 1861. The Christmas tree was more beautiful, the gifts more numerous and more expensive than ever before, for all of which we could thank faithful Sister P. Johnson, her efforts being untiring. The church bell chimes called softly the dear little ones and the young people to the Lord's house. And to be sure they were not tardy in coming and they were ready and willing to sing most wonderfully the Christmas verses.*

*At a fixed hour, I found a large number of children and young people, as well as parents, present. The Christmas tree seemed to smile with its many lights and gifts and to beckon to the dear little children's sparkling eyes and every child must have realized that this was their festival and their celebration.*

*The clear voices of the children rendered most beautifully the introductory song. Then followed prayer, a great many kneeling, after which the fascinating and ever new story of Christmas was read in Luke 2: 1 - 20; and then another song and the declamation of many precious quotations (and none of them made a mistake). A peculiar holy mood seemed to come over all of us. A few verses were sung and then I began my Christmas story to the children and the young people, all the while feeling as if my heart was melted within me...It followed, therefore, that the children, young people as well as grownups, each and everyone, prayed to the dear and precious Christ-child and unreservedly surrendered their hearts for all eternity.*



**Christmas Eve Services**

**3 p.m. Family-Friendly Candlelight  
Service**

With Katie Dahl and Rich Higdon

"Morning Star" featuring Mylo and Theo Sherman

**We are encouraging your participation at this 3 p.m.  
service due to the more crowded conditions  
at the 5 p.m. service**



**5 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service**

With Cynthia Stiehl, Pamela Johnson and  
Kent Moraga

"Morning Star" featuring Henry and Mathilda Bristol and  
Cana and Glory Lou Mittermann



**(an offering box for DOOR CANcer will be in the narthex  
for donations)**



## Prayers for...

- Valerie Billington
- Nancy Bontempo
- Jay Bowen
- Charlie Burton
- Jim Cushing
- Marge Hassler
- Rosie Klein
- Liz Opitz

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 Oct 2019: \$90,870

2018: \$102,912

2017: \$106,141

### Visitor giving

through Oct 2019: \$69,317

2018: \$41,982

2017: \$47,854

### Income

Budget for 2019 is \$166,700

Actual thru Oct: \$163,536

(not including memorials)

### Expenses

Budget for 2019 is \$198,534

Actual thru Oct: \$179,455

### Step-up Giving

Think about your giving for 2020... could you go one percent higher next year?

Annual Income/Monthly Giving:

| Annual    | Lower Range Giving |       |       | Middle Range Giving |         |         | Upper Range Giving |         |         | Tithe   | Beyond a Tithe |         |
|-----------|--------------------|-------|-------|---------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Income    | 1%                 | 2%    | 3%    | 4%                  | 5%      | 6%      | 7%                 | 8%      | 9%      | 10%     | 12%            | 15%     |
| \$15,000  | \$13               | \$25  | \$38  | \$50                | \$63    | \$75    | \$88               | \$100   | \$113   | \$125   | \$150          | \$188   |
| \$20,000  | \$17               | \$33  | \$50  | \$67                | \$83    | \$100   | \$117              | \$133   | \$150   | \$167   | \$200          | \$250   |
| \$40,000  | \$33               | \$67  | \$100 | \$133               | \$167   | \$200   | \$233              | \$267   | \$300   | \$333   | \$400          | \$500   |
| \$60,000  | \$50               | \$100 | \$150 | \$200               | \$250   | \$300   | \$350              | \$400   | \$450   | \$500   | \$600          | \$750   |
| \$80,000  | \$67               | \$133 | \$200 | \$267               | \$333   | \$400   | \$467              | \$533   | \$600   | \$667   | \$800          | \$1,000 |
| \$100,000 | \$83               | \$167 | \$250 | \$333               | \$417   | \$500   | \$583              | \$667   | \$750   | \$833   | \$1,000        | \$1,250 |
| \$125,000 | \$104              | \$208 | \$313 | \$417               | \$521   | \$625   | \$729              | \$833   | \$938   | \$1,042 | \$1,250        | \$1,563 |
| \$150,000 | \$125              | \$250 | \$375 | \$500               | \$625   | \$750   | \$875              | \$1,000 | \$1,125 | \$1,250 | \$1,500        | \$1,875 |
| \$175,000 | \$146              | \$292 | \$438 | \$583               | \$729   | \$875   | \$1,021            | \$1,167 | \$1,313 | \$1,458 | \$1,750        | \$2,188 |
| \$200,000 | \$167              | \$333 | \$500 | \$667               | \$833   | \$1,000 | \$1,167            | \$1,333 | \$1,500 | \$1,667 | \$2,000        | \$2,500 |
| \$250,000 | \$208              | \$417 | \$625 | \$833               | \$1,042 | \$1,250 | \$1,458            | \$1,667 | \$1,875 | \$2,083 | \$2,500        | \$3,125 |
| \$300,000 | \$250              | \$500 | \$750 | \$1,000             | \$1,250 | \$1,500 | \$1,750            | \$2,000 | \$2,250 | \$2,500 | \$3,000        | \$3,750 |

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## December 2019 Newsletter



*Peace*

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# December 2019

| Sunday                                                                                                   | Monday    | Tuesday                                                        | Wednesday                                                                                        | Thursday                           | Friday                            | Saturday  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>1</b><br>9 a.m.<br>Choir/<br>Sunday<br>School<br>10 a.m.<br>Worship/<br>Communion                     | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>10 a.m.<br>Elders                                  | <b>4</b>                                                                                         | <b>5</b>                           | <b>6</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg.  | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b><br>9 a.m.<br>Choir/<br>Sunday<br>School<br>10 a.m.<br>Worship<br>Joyful Noise<br>(Secret Santa) | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>                                                      | <b>11</b><br>9:30 a.m.<br>Caring<br>Hands                                                        | <b>12</b>                          | <b>13</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg. | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b><br>9 a.m.<br>Choir/<br>Sunday<br>School<br>10 a.m.<br>Worship                                  | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>                                                      | <b>18</b><br>12 noon<br>Open Door<br>Lunch                                                       | <b>19</b><br>4:15 p.m.<br>Trustees | <b>20</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg. | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b><br>9 a.m.<br>Choir/<br>Sunday<br>School<br>10 a.m.<br>Worship                                  | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b><br>3 pm & 5 pm<br>Candlelight<br>Services            | <b>25</b><br> | <b>26</b>                          | <b>27</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg. | <b>28</b> |
| <b>29</b><br>10 a.m.<br>Worship<br>Lessons &<br>Carols                                                   | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b><br>11:15 pm<br>Watchnight<br>Midnight -<br>Pancakes! |                                                                                                  |                                    |                                   |           |