

Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

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

Congregational Watchword for 2020: “Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Ephesians 3:20-21”

October 2020

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

There were many tears when I accepted the call to serve as your pastor. It was in July of last year. The Volpe family, after Pastor Dawn said Yes to God's call, returned to the hotel room, sat down on the bed and wept. The reality that we were about to leave the only home Robert knew, the place where Bob and I had spent our entire married life, the place where we laid my parents to rest, a place that was comfortable and familiar - all came down on us that day. We were embarking on a life that was completely different in culture, lifestyle and outlook. And now, a year has past. Within a very short time, God turned our mourning into dancing. That's what happens when we obey the voice of God. We may have to travel far from the familiar, but what we have waiting for us is wonderful and life affirming. – October 2011



Ten years have passed since arriving here in Ephraim. Our family is grateful for the love, kindness and support. You embraced our son as your own. You encouraged him in his artistic gifts and continue to pray for him. My husband Bob has had the privilege of greeting each newborn into the nursery, welcoming each child as beloved. His work in the community, responding to emergencies has been life-affirming. I look back on the tremendous work our congregation has done to promote God's kingdom- taking the lead in ecumenical outreach, in providing economic assistance to those in need, in reaching out in mission, not only locally, but also in urban areas and throughout the world.

Last year, we embarked on a visioning process to look toward future ministries. Then everything seemed to come to a screeching halt. But... God was in that visioning process. In that meeting (seems like it was forever ago!), someone said that we needed to boost our Social Media presence... to use it as another means of ministry. I was intrigued but woefully ignorant as to how that might be accomplished. In those months leading up to the pandemic, one of our younger members taught me how to make podcasts and post them on Facebook, how to maximize our reach. By the time of the shut-down, I was comfortable with this new way of ministry- what a gift! “*That's what happens when we obey the voice of God. We may have to travel far from the familiar, but what we have waiting for us, is wonderful and life affirming.*” – What I said in 2011 resonates today. All of us are in an unfamiliar place. We are constantly having to adjust our life-style, our ways of being, our interactions. It can be overwhelming. But, we can be assured that the God who has led us in the past, is still leading today. We may not see the end result, but we know that something wonderful and life-affirming will emerge.

I am so fortunate to be your Pastor. Thank you for your generosity of spirit, your good humor, your compassion and your fortitude. May God continue to bless our ministry together!

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.



Congratulations to Josh and Emily Opitz on the birth of their son Arlo James Opitz, born 9/16/2020.

He joins big sister Shayla, and his grandparents are Jack & Liz Opitz.



"I appreciate the many condolences and prayers on the passing of my mother, Marian Harris. Many thanks."

—Kathleen Harris



If you don't have a computer, can't watch the Facebook service or find our web page with the audio of the service, we will be more than happy to send you a CD of the services at no charge. Just call 920-854-2804 and leave word that you'd like a CD of each week's service!



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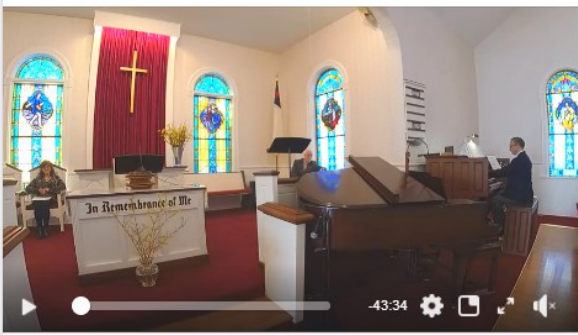
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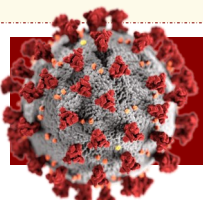
Sunday Services in October on Facebook *LIVE* STREAMING

If you are on Facebook, search for "Ephraim Moravian Church"

Live from Mevo at Ephraim Moravian Church in Door County, Wisconsin!



If you are not on Facebook, let Pastor Dawn know and she can add you to the list of those who receive a link to the service and don't need to belong to Facebook.



During this time of isolation and COVID-19, don't forget to reach out to those you may be thinking about, either with a phone call or a quick 'thinking of you' note. Many are lonely or fearful and could use some outside contact from YOU.

Parking Lot Bible Study—Ephesians

Thursdays through October 15, 1 p.m.

(rain dates on the following Fridays)



In our first two studies, we got 16 people and 12 people, spaced safely and wearing masks! With coffee and snacks! Join us for the last four sessions!

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### **VIRTUAL COFFEE**

**Okay, so it's getting colder and maybe you can't meet outside anymore with friends and still maintain safe practices.**

**If you want to meet up in a virtual coffee break, the church has a GoToMeeting subscription, and we'd be happy to help you set up a virtual meeting with friends.**

**We would set up the day and time through GoToMeeting, send you (as the Moderator of your session) the link information to send to your friends, and you would log on and off. Please make it a reasonable time of day so we can do the initial log-on here at the office (no 6 a.m. or midnight!!). Let us know if you'd like to give it a try.**





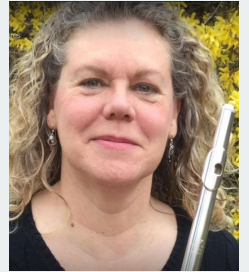
## October Church Services LIVE on Facebook

**October 4 — 10 a.m.—Worship—Pastor Dawn, Music Director Colin Welford, Lay Reader Betty Chomeau, Guest Musician Cynthia Stiehl**

**October 11 - 10 a.m. Worship/Communion with Pastor Dawn, Music Director Colin Welford, Lay Reader Tiggy Shields, and Guest Musician Pamela Johnson**

**October 18 — 10 a.m. Worship— Worship with Pastor Dawn, Music Director Colin Welford, Lay Reader Karen Ekberg**

**October 25 —10 a.m. Worship with Pastor Dawn, Music Director Colin Welford, and the baptism of Keelan Campbell!**



**Playing the organ and building stone walls** have been two very different activities that I've been up to and which have kept me sane (?) during our recent trying times. Whereas building walls tends to make one think of barriers and separations, playing the organ should be all about sharing and coming together - to experience marvelous sounds, a phenomenon so fragile and magical that almost the very moment a sound is created it disappears forever.

So I've a new idea for this autumn and winter season, whereby small groups of people might come together at the church from time to time to hear a very quick blast of interesting or famous organ music, played on our marvelous instrument...and I'll talk about the organ and the music, and you can hear the music played in real space as it was intended to be heard....and well, it might just be a fun thing for all! Details to follow. - Colin Welford, Music Director

### September Reports from the Board of Elders & Trustees

**Elders-** Creativity continues as we move from Summer to Fall and into Winter planning.

- As long as weather permits, outdoor gatherings will continue, but inside meetings (less than 10 people) will be held with participants masked and socially distanced.
- With the goal of keeping with Christmas traditions as much as possible, Pastor Dawn and Colin Welford will be planning a video montage of the singing of "Morning Star", a podcast of candle wrapping, a video of "safety tips" for lighting candles and Advent candle lighting.

- Pastor Dawn presided over 2 weddings this month, both venues were held outside.

Four new members were welcomed into membership: Chuck & Marcia Ellis; Tad & Andy Dukehart

**Trustees**— The Trustees met on the church lawn on September 17.

- They approved an Ionization system for the church, an "air cleaner" system from Johnson Controls that does not produce ozone. Their products are UL and CE approved. The system purifies the air by eliminating airborne particulates, odors and pathogens. The process lowers our facility's carbon footprint and saves 30% by reducing outdoor air intake by up to 75%, thus reducing energy consumption.
- HVAC units will be ordered for the parsonage (heat and A/C).
- A hard-wired fire alarm system has been installed in the church.
- Routine maintenance has continued, including painting touch-up, garbage disposal repair, replacing burned out bulbs, pressure washing and bug spraying, siding repair, and landscaping plans.

## October Birthdays

Robert Schroeder...7  
Jendean Olson...7  
Erika Wilson Burkemper...8  
Lonnie Vitse.... 11  
John Turner...13  
Kyle Nelson...15  
Rosie Klein ....16  
Hunter Penchoff... 18  
Diane Kirkland...18  
Kathy Kirkland...18  
Maggie Schnackenberg... 18 (she's 90!)  
Andrea Nelson...20  
Lisa Carlson...22  
Paul Flottman...24

Shayla Opitz - 24  
Betty Overbeck...27  
Tad Dukehart... 27  
Chuck Ellis.... 29

## October Anniversaries

Priscilla and Keith Krist – Oct 1, 1966  
Ranny and Kris Husby-Nelson Oct 11, 2006

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

....to those who continue to help with our on-line services on  
Sunday mornings.

...to those who are attending our latest Bible Study on Ephesians

...to those who have continued their offerings through the mail or their  
bank! You can donate (PO Box 73, Ephraim) and through the Moravian Ministries Foundation  
for donations to EMC:

<https://mmfa.info/ephrain-moravian-church-donation-form/>

And if you'd like to begin electronic giving through your bank, give them information for our  
bank account, which you can get through the church office.

*many  
thanks*

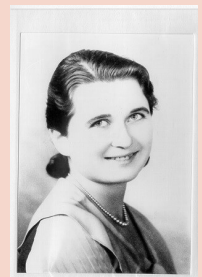
## *Dearly Departed Cemetery Walk*



There WILL be a Cemetery Walk this year... although, as are many things  
these days, it will be virtual. The four historical figures will appear by video,  
telling you their life stories here in Ephraim. Here's the line-up this year:

Everett Valentine, portrayed by  
Bob Ziegler

Marion Olson,  
portrayed by  
Kathleen Harris



Augusta Olson,  
portrayed  
by Linda Carey



William  
Wedepohl,  
portrayed by  
Tom Birmingham

***Look for the video in early November!***

## ...MEMBERS OF THE MONTH...



Beginning this month, we will be highlighting some of our members each month (and their familial connections to others in our church). This month we're featuring two of our newest members, **Marcia and Chuck Ellis** and **Tad and Andy Dukehart**! From Marcia:

Once upon a time, I was a little girl who longed to live in Ephraim! My ancestors came here from Norway and Germany (Seilers/Knudsons) and I spent a lot of time here growing up. I met the love of my life in college, **Chuck Ellis**, and he joined the Navy, so our arrival to Ephraim was delayed. It was a condition of marriage that he love Ephraim, which he does! We were married in 1986 and moved to Chicago. I worked and Chuck went to Dental School. The Navy then moved us to Lindenhurst Illinois, Yuma, Arizona and Washington DC, where Chuck went to Georgetown Medical School and Oral Surgery Residency. By then we had 2 wonderful children, Katie and Kevin. From there we were sent to Yokosuka, Japan, outside of Tokyo. We lived there for 5 years, and I taught English in an all girls Catholic school. Our children attended American school on the Navy base there. We then moved to Chesapeake, Va. where Chuck finished out his 20 years of service and I worked for United Through Reading, a non profit that supports family connection during deployments. Chuck retired from the Navy in 2010 and we moved to Raleigh, NC. A few years later, a Navy friend of Chuck's in Green Bay called him to invite him to become a partner in an Oral Surgery practice there. Our house sold in 9 days and we moved. I was appointed to the Little Suamico Plan Board a few years ago and was elected to a 2-year term as Oconto County Board Supervisor, District 2 in April. I serve on the County Board of Health and the Zoning committees. In 2017, we were able to buy back part of the Knudson House, which my great grandfather built in 1905. We will retire here at some point. Our children are now married. Katie and Zach live in Grand Rapids with their beautiful family. Kevin and his wife Cynthia now live in Nevada. Cynthia is an Air Force doctor And Kevin is a computer programmer. All the kids and grandchildren love coming "home" to Ephraim and even managed to come this summer. It is so meaningful to be able to spend a lot of time with Mom and Dad, we used to have to fly across the ocean to see them, now it's only 84 miles. We have enjoyed the summer services outside and look forward to seeing everyone as soon as it is safe to meet again.

You already know Marcia's parents—**Linda and George Carey**! Linda says: I was born in Milwaukee, WI to Tom and Mally (Knudson) Mayhew. but within a year, we had moved permanently to Ephraim. Since Mom had grown up in the Ephraim Moravian Church, they immediately joined. I was baptized, confirmed, and married in this church. My parents purchased the Knudson House from my Grandpa Pete, and began to run it as their full time job, even though it was not open in the winter. (During the winters of WWII, most of Ephraim's men (and probably most of Door County) worked in the Sturgeon Bay shipyards. Dad kept building cottages and even a motel building, so the Knudson House kept growing. I started "helping out" when I was 10, and by 16 I was working there full time, often as a waitress and one summer as the office girl. I met George Carey on the porch of the Knudson House, and we hit it off immediately. We attended different colleges, but we managed to visit back and forth. We were married 9/10/1960. Our first home was Denver, CO, where we both took classes at DU, then moved to San Antonio TX, where George started his time as a lieutenant in the Army. We were in TX for 1 1/2 years, during the time of the building of the Berlin Wall. Then we moved to Evanston, IL and George began his first job at the Orrington Hotel as Assistant Mgr. Shortly after that, he went to work for the Conrad Hilton in Chicago, in Convention Sales. While living in Illinois, we had 3 wonderful children, Marcia, Laura, and Andy. I became a full-time mom, and George became the facility manager of the American Management Association's Chicago office for several years. We then took a big step...we bought a resort motel in Ft. Myers Beach, FL. We owned this for about 14 years, and then sold it to another family. After that, George was in Real Estate for a while, then retired and became the full time manager of both sets of our parents needs. We built our Ephraim home in 1998, and finally began living full time in Ephraim about 6 years ago.





## ...MEMBERS OF THE MONTH.. (CONTINUED)

**Tad and Andy Dukehart** are our other newest members. **Tad** grew up in Baltimore, Maryland where he began working as a newsreel photographer for the local ABC television station. He then moved to Washington, DC and continued his career as a news photographer with CBS.



**Andy** grew up in the suburbs of New York City. She spent every summer in Ephraim with her grandparents, Ruth and David Stevens, who were members of The Ephraim Moravian Church. Andy and Tad were married on the campus of Sarah Lawrence College and then settled down in Washington, DC where they lived for 35 years. They continued the tradition of summering in Ephraim, finally settling here permanently in 2010. They raised 2 daughters, the older of whom was baptized by Reverend Johansen the Moravian minister in 1976. Andy's mother and **Diane and Kathy Kirkland's** father were first cousins thus making Andy, Diane, and Kathy second cousins!

The Kirkland/Stevenses have been in Ephraim for more than 100 years, and many of them have come back to retire here, including the Dukeharts, McCutcheons, Brestins, Rocks, Harts, and Monroes. Born in Evanston and living in Winnetka, IL, until age 10, their mother then took Kathy and Diane to California. At age 18, **Diane** was a legal secretary in downtown L.A. At 19, she and Kathy moved to New York City and she worked in many layers of the music industry in New York City and back in Los Angeles—as a secretary, then Office Manager, then Promotion Manager and Conference Director at Billboard. She was Vice-President of Meeting Planners International for Southern California for 8 years. After leaving the music industry, she owned a walkie-talkie rental business, then moved in 1983 to Ephraim. She was made Clerk three weeks later. She owned a gift shop in Ephraim and baked for four years at Second Story Restaurant, until the Village of Ephraim hired her full time in 1989. She worked for the Village for 26 years as Clerk/Administrator/Zoning Administrator (and sometimes Treasurer), took early retirement in 2009 and now works just two days a week at church. She has created handmade jewelry since 2009, having shown at the Hardy Gallery and in several Door County galleries. She wrote a weekly Ephraim column for the Advocate for 35 years.



**Kathy** says: This October, I will have been an Ephraim resident for 19 years...how could it be that soon? We were still in our mother's womb the first time we came to Ephraim. Six weeks every summer, we came from Chicago or Los Angeles to meet up with relatives. We put on plays, played bocce, went on treasure hunts, rode horseback, and ate lots of perch and Wilson's ice cream. My professional life started at 19 in New York. Diane went the music route, and I worked on magazines about 4 years with *National Lampoon* and *Weight Watcher*, then back in LA for 7 years as Editor of *Tiger Beat* (Osmond era). When the publisher moved to the East Coast, I worked "temp" for actor Ed Asner, who was starting a stint as Screen Actors Guild president. He hired me full time, and the next 18 years were great fun (writing speeches, meeting celebs/members of Congress, watching Ed work in LA/on location)...and at my peril since Ed's politics prompted bombs and death threats. Ed is nearly 91, but we keep in touch. When he closed his office, I went back to publishing as Editor of *Nailpro*, a trade industry magazine. That led to editing books, medical journal articles (some of the first COVID editorials), and working locally at four churches (I won't name my favorite!), Pipka's, Pamida, and producing newsletters for local businesses.



I married twice (once at 21 and once in mid-30s), still friends with my ex-es, and childless by choice. Instead of children, I've had cats. Probably nearly 30, from bottle-fed newborns to sweet seniors whose owners felt they were "too much trouble." I'm now down to three great cats (ages 15 to 20) and vow not to add more since Scandia Village will likely be home in a few years. Cats aside, the highlights of my life have been cruising (about 20 trips) with Diane and friends: Italy, Alaska, the Mediterranean, the Caribbean and beyond. And, of course, living in Ephraim, which feels so familiar and safe (despite COVID-19). I'm blessed to live here!



If anyone would like to donate flowers for the sanctuary in memory or in honor of someone, please contact Mary Wilson (854-4277, marywilson54211@yahoo.com) or Sherry Moore (854-3046, skmoore524@gmail.com) with the date.

Thank you!

### Baptism and Baby Shower!

On October 25, we'll be celebrating the baptism of little Keelan Michael Campbell, baby brother to Quinnley and son of Jackie and Seth Campbell, who was born July 12. We will have a consumables baby shower for Keelan, and here is what Jackie feels they need the most:

- Any brand of "sensitive skin" diapers—size 2 or bigger
- Any brand of "sensitive skin" wipes
- Gerber pro-Soothe formula
- healthy toddler snacks for big sister Quinnley



There will be a basket inside the back church door (by Pastor Dawn's office) for you to bring items for the baptism anytime from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### PRAYERS FOR...

- Valerie Billington
- Jayden Michael
- Kathleen Harris
- Kaye Maher
- Rhea Vytlačil
- Our nurses, doctors, grocery workers, pharmacists, postal and delivery people, and all essential workers during this COVID-19 pandemic.

- Jay Bowen
- Marge Hassler
- Nancy Bontempo



### Treasurer's Report

#### Member giving

through Aug 2020: \$67,121

2019: \$73,744

2018: \$87,337

#### Visitor giving

through Aug 2020: \$26,163

2019: \$38,535

2018: \$34,987

#### Income

Budget for 2020 is: \$ 171,700

Actual thru Aug: \$97,635 (57%)  
(not including memorials)

#### Expenses

Budget for 2020 is \$ 224,949

Actual thru Aug: \$140,616 (63%)



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