



# Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

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

Congregational Watchword for 2021: “The Lord said, ‘I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go.’”

Psalms 32:8

June 2021

## From the Pastor's Desk

*‘God has so composed the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior part, that there may be no discord in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ...’ – 1 Corinthians 12: 24b – 27*



As many of you know, our family grew by one in March. We added Preston, a coonhound, to the Volpe household. We didn't know much about Preston when he came to us. We were told that ours was most likely the first loving home. He bears scars on his head and legs. Although skittish around some people, he took to our home, claiming all spaces as his own, and us as his humans. He learned very quickly how to walk on the leash, and all was going quite well... until a fateful day, when he lunged at a moving vehicle, dragging me with him. I surmise that the drag of my body is the only thing that saved his life. With the help of a friend, I limped home and tended to my injuries. Fortunately, x-rays and a sonogram revealed no broken bones, tears, or clots. Unfortunately, it will take weeks to heal. Bob and some very kind souls have taken over Preston's walks. I will assume that



Monday mornings at the Volpe household

responsibility once I'm healed and Preston and I are thoroughly trained!

I now possess a deeper understanding of Paul's words to the Corinthians. It is indeed true that when one part of the body suffers, the entire body reacts! I find my whole body is exhausted when I'm dealing with pain. Although my hand wasn't broken, 2 fingers received abrasions, which hamper my ability to write. I haven't been able to tie my own shoes since the incident. The smaller members of my body wield a great deal of responsibility. What this teaches me is that, when someone in our midst is broken—whether through heartache, trauma, or a major life change, it affects us all. We cannot ignore or patronize or dismiss someone else's pain. God designed us to be inter-dependent. The health of the entire body depends on the health of all our members.

Dear friends, this has been an exceedingly difficult season. We have all shared heartbreak as families have lost loved ones and isolation has weakened our bonds. Let us be gentle with each other, taking the time to listen, to pray and to extend grace. We look forward to the day when we can rejoice together! - Pastor Dawn

## Ephraim Moravian Church Hours

PASTOR: Monday Pastor's Day Off  
Tues-Fri 9 a.m. to Noon

SECRETARY: Wed-Thurs 9:30-4:30

Cell Number: 920-421-4042

(Church phone does NOT ring in the parsonage—please keep the Pastor's cell phone number handy for after hours.



### YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

#### TRUSTEES

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#### ELDERS

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair	
Lonnie Vitse, Vice-Chair	608-628-7545
Kathleen Harris, Sect'y	421-2941
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Linda Carey	854-9253
Sherry Moore	854-3046
Tiggy Shields	520-404-7512
(Summer Elder)	



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 can 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.

### Services in June on Facebook, LIVE STREAMING



If you are on Facebook, look for "Ephraim Moravian Church." 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 (you don't need to belong to Facebook).



Congratulations to Karin and Brian Tourmo, parents of new twins **Jaxson Levi** and **Brody Alexander**!



...and congrats to grandparents Diane & Larry Jacobson!





## June 2021 Services

**Sunday, June 6** - Pastor Dawn Volpe, Music Director Colin Welford, Amanda and Cana Mittermann



**Sunday, June 13** - Pastor Dan Olson, Music Director Colin Welford, Cyndy Stiehl and Scott Ramsey



**Sunday, June 20** - Pastor Dawn Volpe, Music Director Colin Welford

**Sunday, June 27** - Pastor Dawn Volpe, Music Director Colin Welford



### MEMORIAL SUNDAY! May 30

Two Opportunities:

**9:00 A.M. Outdoor Service:** We will conduct a Service on the Cemetery Grounds. Bring your family, let us know if you need seating. It will be an opportunity for us to come together as a church family, surrounded by the 'Church Triumphant'.

**Masks Required.**

**10:00 A.M. Pre-recorded Service** (may be accessed anytime on Facebook). Our Music Director, Colin Welford and Pastor Dawn will present a contemplative service featuring stirring, soulful music interwoven with scripture, meditation and prose.

Brit Wudel notified us that her mom, Betty Voelker, died on January 10th due to Covid. There will be a memorial service for Betty on June 6th and it will be Live Streaming it to a secure YouTube channel.

If you knew Betty and are interested in seeing her Memorial service, contact the church office directly for the link.



# BOARD OF WORLD MISSION

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## DID YOU KNOW.....

...in 2021 we are celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the work of the Ahuas Clinic in Honduras?

We would like to challenge you to donate \$75.00.....

A one-time donation of \$75.00 will pay for:

- \* 10 X-rays or 5 Ultrasounds, or
- \* 7-30 Labs, depending on the type of lab work performed, or
- \* 5 Nurses Salaries for 1 day.

Donations can be sent electronically to <https://moravianmission.org/give/> or by mail to Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

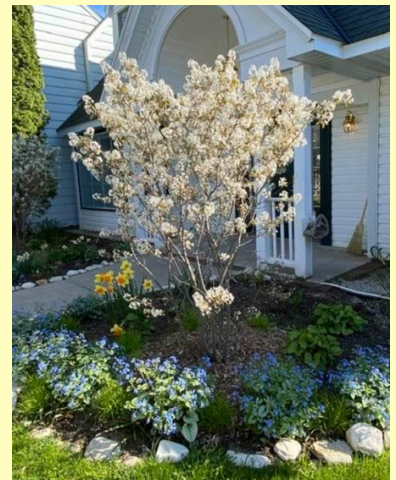
## Huge Weeding Opportunity Still Exists

Along with all the renovations at my Green Gables complex, my gardens have been really REALLY growing. I enlisted the help of two expert gardeners (one of whom was the head gardener at the Chicago Art Institute for 34 years) to help expand the existing award-winning gardens. One zillion perennials will be installed next week!

Last month I mentioned the need for any *volunteers*, primarily to water and weed around the 80 new trees, and I thank those who have come forward! This would be on a weekly basis, and I'd be very happy to hear from anyone else interested in joining the expanding team of locals and friends who are helping to create this beautiful space that we can all enjoy in the future. No experience necessary. Tools, directions, and encouragement will be provided, as well as coffee and the occasional tasty treat!

Thanks!

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## June Birthdays

Marcia Ellis..... 11  
Tiggy Shields.... 12  
Carol Sokolowski 13  
Denny Phillips...13  
Richard Carlson...18  
Steven Cox...20  
Jacklene Campbell...20  
Hollace Mulliken Alspach...22  
Kay Tschannen...23  
Betty Chomeau....27  
Susie Samson....27  
Alicia Mulliken...28  
Brian Wilson...30



## June Anniversaries



Marcia & Chuck Ellis.... 7, 1986  
Shelley and John Cox – 8, 1979  
Andy & Tad Dukehart – 10, 1972  
Gunilla and Tom Wilson – 15, 1974  
John & Judy Turner – 16, 1956  
Denny & Cindy Phillips – 16, 1990  
Rob & Sherry Moore – 19, 1971  
Betty and David Chomeau – 29, 1963

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

## BIBLE STUDIES!

*Masks will be worn. We will convene outdoors. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in designated pews in the sanctuary (with our HVAC system running). We urge all participants to get vaccinated when the opportunity arises.*

**THURSDAYS: 8:00 a.m. June 3 – July 29** Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Dawn...Discussions will include Pandemic Challenges & Silver Linings, Sharing our stories, both poignant and crazy from the year's shut downs, discussing how our lives have changed, etc. The pastor will bring in biblical and other sources, but will not provide 'Bible Study Notes'.

**FRIDAYS, 1:00 p.m. June 4 – 25** Getting 'Real' with God... The Psalms we don't recite on Sunday morning!

**July 2 – 23.** Minor Prophets/Major Impact - The voices of the prophets echoing through the centuries



## Treasurer's Report

### Member Giving \_

**Through Apr 2021: \$48,859**  
**2020: \$36,351**  
**2019: \$35,998**

### Visitor Giving \_

**Through Apr 2021: \$5,106**  
**2020: \$11,154**  
**2019: \$21,372**

**Expected income for 2021 is \$171,700      Through April: \$71,635 (41%)**

## The Summer Schedule!

**\*\*Thursdays 8 a.m. June - July**- Coffee & Fellowship with Pastor Dawn on the Church grounds  
(Bring your own chairs)

**\*\*Fridays 1 p.m. June - July** - Parking Lot Studies beginning with the Psalms (the ones that are raw and not read on a Sunday morning!) See details of Bible Studies, page 5 - Bring chairs

**\*\*SUNDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST: 8:00 a.m.** Services will be in-person, outdoors at our Parking Lot. Please bring your own chairs. Weather permitting.

-The lower parking lot (with the exception of the first few spaces for handicap parking) will be blocked to cars so everyone can gather safely. Park in the upper parking lot or on the street. The services will be identical to the summer 8 a.m. services we have had in the past. We will be singing!

-Special thanks to Barbara Classen and Hal Halvorsen who will provide accompaniment.

**10 a.m. each Sunday** – Our virtual Facebook services continue, as always, with Pastor Dawn, Music Director Colin Welford and special music.

**\*\*Wednesdays in July - Aug. 11:** 7:30 p.m. Vespers on the Hill - masks, please  
Weather permitting - first few places in the lower parking lot  
will be left open for those with mobility issues. Bring your own chairs!



## PRAYERS FOR...

...Valerie Billington  
...Jayden Michael  
...Nancy Bontempo  
...Kaye Maher  
...Jay Bowen  
...Carter Crowe  
...Marge Hassler  
...Rhea Vytlacil  
...Jack Opitz  
...Ray & Kevin Axelson  
...Doug Schultz



...Our essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially medical staff, grocery and delivery people





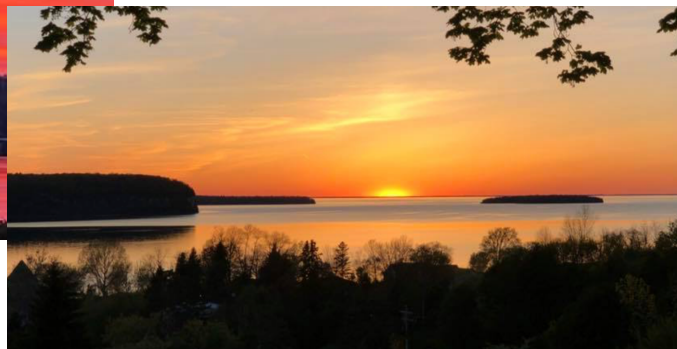
We are lucky  
to be here!



**THANK YOU**

...to those who help our Sunday services run smoothly—Bob Volpe, Logan Mittermann, Diane Kirkland, our lay readers, and of course Colin Welford and Pastor Dawn herself

...to those who have “kept the faith” by wearing your masks, social distancing and keeping us all healthy during the pandemic. Get your vaccinations so we can gather once again.



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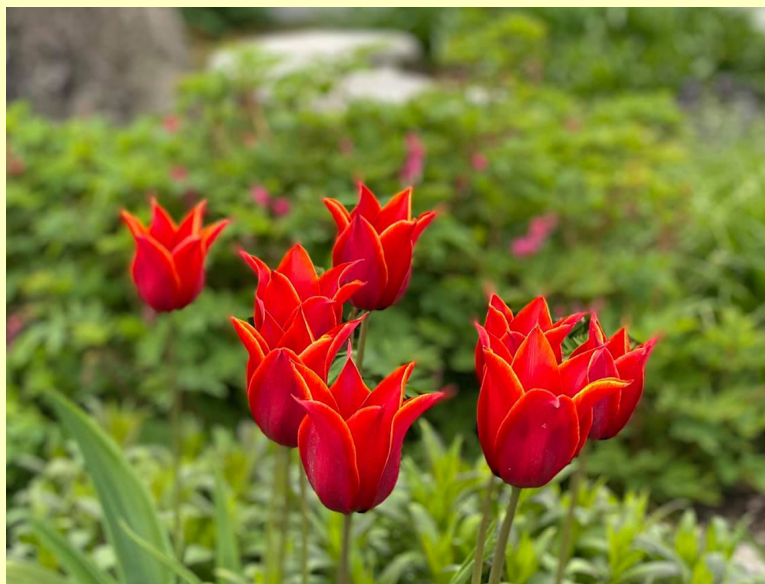


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