



Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

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

Congregational Watchword for 2022: The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. – James 3:17

February 2022

From a Pastor's Desk

The February landscape in rural Wisconsin can appear pretty bleak and barren. What was charming back in December, and maybe even in early January, has become mundane, commonplace and even a little irritating. When will it stop snowing so the roads will stay clear? When will the dirty snow piles finally disappear so I don't have to crane my neck looking for oncoming traffic when I back out of my driveway? Will the temperature ever warm up? Where is the sun? How long will it stay dark so long?

I no longer live in Wisconsin, but I get it. As a little girl, my fervent hope was solidly placed on the sidewalks clearing enough so that I no longer had to wear boots walking back and forth to school. Looking around, seeing these basic truths of life in the Upper Midwest, was not easy this time of year. If the groundhog seeing his shadow would only have meant six more weeks of winter! That would have been wonderful, even miraculous to my small self.

Winter always lasted far past that six-week mark and likely always will. But what I learned as a child was something important that I carry with me to this day. Would you like to know what that is? I'd be happy to share it with you. I learned the strength and resilience of looking past the bleak midwinter surroundings and deepening my vision to focus on my own heart and what it was teaching me to see.

While the winter landscape looks cold and we feel it is in hibernation with us until spring finally decides to show up, what is really happening in nature is its greatest time of rejuvenation and growth. All those tree branches silhouetted against the sky are being supported for their spring blooming in the growing root system beneath the ground. Without this time, spring would look a whole lot different in those beautiful cherry and apple orchards. So would harvest time later this year.

For my little girl self, my life did reflect this natural rhythm of life reflected in the trees, how they endured for generations. The February part of winter included playing outside in the snow, of course; but it also meant reading more books for fun, not just for school, and watching old movies on Saturday afternoon, both of which transported me to other times and places. Through those pursuits, I saw my life as more, connected to a bigger world then and throughout history. And, I began a devotional and journaling practice that endures to this day. February became my time of rejuvenation and growth too.

So, winter in Wisconsin, especially so as we enter the month of February, is not for the faint of heart, nor for those who lack curiosity and creativity. But neither is this way of believing in God that we have chosen individually and as a community. Some things are simply worth the effort, right? —Pastor Cory Kemp



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

SECRETARY: Wed-Thurs 9:30-4:30
Church phone: 920-854-2804
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.



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 February 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.



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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Sherry Moore
Tiggy Shields (summer)

WATCHWORDS for 2022

Your 2022 Watchwords are still available at the rear of the
church - pick one out and place it somewhere you will see it
daily to give you guidance through the year!

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Dear Friends -

Thank you all for your kind thoughts of  
condolence. The years of friendship,  
community and support that she was a  
part of at the Ephraim Moravian Church  
meant so much to Mom. Thank you for  
being a part of her life.

Carolyn O'Donnell  
Larry Glabe  
Steve Glabe





## February 2022 Services

**Sunday, Feb 6 - 10:30 a.m. in person  
and on Facebook - Pastor Dawn, Music  
Director Colin Welford**



**Sunday, Feb 13 - 10:30 a.m. in person  
and on Facebook - Pastor Dawn Volpe,  
Music Director Colin Welford**



**Sunday, Feb 20- 10:30 a.m. in person  
and on Facebook - Pastor Dawn Volpe,  
Music Director Colin Welford, Cynthia  
Stiehl**



**Sunday, Feb 27- 10:30 a.m. in person  
and on Facebook - Pastor Dawn Volpe,  
Barbara Classen**

**The New Herrnhut Moravian Church in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands** is replacing their 20-year-old organ, no longer operable and not cost effective to repair. They want their new organ to be in place for this coming Easter Season and are fundraising...all contributions tax-deductible.

New Herrnhut is the oldest Moravian Church in the Western Hemisphere, founded in



1738 by missionaries. The church, which still in use, is a one-story building made of plaster and rubble. The church was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. The pastor says "no gift is too small," and says checks should be made payable to "New Herrnhut Moravian Church" and mailed to PO Box 7056, St. Thomas, VI 00801, with "organ fund" in the memo of the check. You can also make donations via PayPal using "nhmcvi@powernet.net."



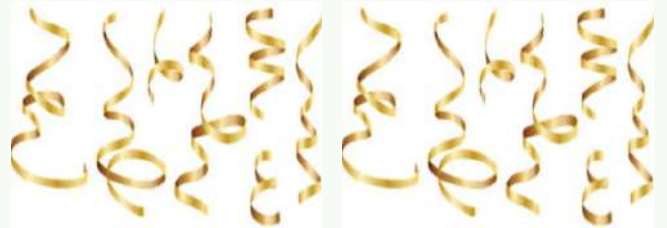
## February Birthdays



Paul Wilson...2  
 Chuck Zehner...2  
 Dale Jacobson...3  
 Betty Wolf...5  
 Rob Moore... 5  
 Diane Jacobson...6  
 Brie Lapolla... 8  
 Tim Christofferson... 10  
 Betty Anderson...15  
 Keith Tschannen...17  
 Shelley Cox...18  
 B. D. Thorp...18  
 Pat Horvath...20  
 Natalie Neddersen ...20  
 Theresa Weborg...26  
 Marilyn Cushing - 26  
 Karin Tourmo...28  
 Niles Weborg...29

## February Anniversaries

Norma and Roger Larson – Feb. 13, 1971



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

## Prayer Concerns

...the family of Doug Schultz  
 ...Kate Lorenz (Joan Lewis' daughter)  
 ...the family of Ray Axelson  
 ...Kevin Axelson  
 ...Sherry Moore



## Annual Church Council

THIS Sunday, January 30, 2022

1:00 P.M.

Church Sanctuary

*Open to all Members and  
 our Confirmation Class*

*If you would like to join virtually  
 via GoToMeeting, let us know and we  
 will send the links*

## Treasurer's Report

### Member Giving \_

Through Dec 2021: \$145,530  
 2020: \$108,421  
 2019: \$126,853

### Visitor Giving \_

Through Dec 2021: \$44,636  
 2020: \$53,964  
 2019: \$90,565

Expected income for 2021 is \$172,700

Budgeted expense for 2021 is \$226,502

Through Dec: \$242,592

*(doesn't include memorials)*

Through Dec: \$239,186

We continue with all the Covid protocols in our church as we face uncertainties with new strains of the virus.

\*Masks Required for all services. For 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, enter the building no earlier than 10:15 a.m.

\*If you are vaccinated, please volunteer for Ushers, Lay reading and sharing your musical gifts (call office, email or speak to the Pastor in person)

\*If you become infected with Covid-19 and have recently come to a worship service, please call the Pastor at 920-421-4042. Your information will be kept confidential, but we will let members know (without using your name) in the event they need to get tested.

\*Nursery is open to your children. If one child in the family is ill, please keep the entire family home. Only fully vaccinated adults may be in the Nursery.

*If you are eligible, please don't delay in getting vaccinated and boosted. You'll help yourself and the community. If you are having difficulty scheduling one, the pastor is available to assist you. Thank you for doing your part to protect our children and vulnerable adults!*



I hope you've had an opportunity to notice (both visually and aurally) that our new piano keyboard has arrived. The Chickering baby grand that was in use for many years in the church is now happy in its new home, where it is much appreciated by Southern Door Schools - and a brand new digital "Clavinova" instrument has taken its place. The new piano comes to us as the result of a generous bequest from the family of the late George Verheyden, who for many years was a member of the Moravian Church in Green Bay and sang in the

summer choir here. He loved the Rodger's organ in Ephraim, and pushed, apparently, "like a pit bull" to get the same organ installed at West Side Moravian Church. It was one of his proudest moments when this came to pass.



George left a wonderful musical legacy, including scholarships for young people pursuing music. In what is hard not to interpret as Divine planning, the bequest given to us, in George's name, was an amount that was *almost to the exact dollar(!)*, the cost of the very finest digital piano available. Our keyboard was built by the noted Yamaha

piano-makers, and their goal was to authentically recreate the sound and feel of a fine acoustic piano, but without the enormous price-tag. Our keyboard not only delivers that but has many additional features which you'll be hearing over time. These features will make it fun to play and to hear, serving the church well into the future. Thank you, George! -Colin Welford

## Helping the Community...

Now that we are back in church, please keep in mind the following charities we serve by our donations!

**Habitat for Humanity** - There is a box on the pew nearest the narthex for Econofood receipts—they will be turned in to benefit our local Habitat for Humanity for a 1% payment of the total direct to Habitat.



The **Feed My People** boxes in the lower and upper hallways are for non-perishable donations of food, cleaning supplies, toiletries (toothpaste, lotions, Qtips) paper products (t.p. and paper towels), etc. Thanks to Mary Ann Schuder for faithfully delivering them!

**Bookfriends** is the group that ships sanitary supplies to girls in Africa so that they can attend school. Basket on the narthex pew is for 100% cotton (no-fray) fabric, thread, 1/2"-5/8" buttons. Questions? Talk to Barbara Classen or Vicki Maynard.



## Information from Christie Melby-Gibbons from Tricklebee

A promotional graphic for the EMERGE 2022 event. It features the Moravian Church Northern Province Emerging Ministries logo on the left. The main text reads "EMERGE 2022" in large yellow letters, followed by "GOING BEYOND IN-HOUSE MINISTRIES" in blue. Below this, it says "Join this empowering event!" and "You will come away with...". The event is scheduled for "SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2022 9:00AM - 2:00PM (EST)" via Zoom. A red door is shown on the right. Three numbered boxes (1, 2, 3) list the benefits: 1. "Inspiration and guidance to start a new ministry", 2. "tools to grow your ministry", and 3. "and if the Lord is calling you to plant a new church, we've got you covered".

**EMERGE 2022** will leave participants with practical tools to begin growing an existing ministry, starting a new ministry, or creating a new church plant. In addition, built-in teams will journey with participants in their ministry endeavors after the event is over, to help the vision become reality.

It is a free virtual event on Saturday, February 19, 2022, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm (CST) via Zoom. Call-in options will be made available.

Register today via this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/emerge-2022-tickets-208111686657>

——post on your refrigerator!——



| FEBRUARY 2022                                |                  |                  |                               |                     |                  |          |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------|
| Sunday                                       | Monday           | Tuesday          | Wednesday                     | Thursday            | Friday           | Saturday |
| 30<br>10:30 service<br>& LIVE on<br>Facebook | 31<br>AA evening | 1<br>AA 10-noon  | 2                             | 3                   | 4<br>OA 8:30 am  | 5        |
| 6<br>10:30 service<br>& LIVE on<br>Facebook  | 7<br>AA evening  | 8<br>AA 10-noon  | 9<br>Elders 10 am             | 10                  | 11<br>OA 8:30 am | 12       |
| 13<br>10:30 service<br>& LIVE on<br>Facebook | 14<br>AA evening | 15<br>AA 10-noon | 16<br>Caring Hands<br>9:30 am | 17<br>Trustees 4 pm | 18<br>OA 8:30 am | 19       |
| 20<br>10:30 service<br>& LIVE on<br>Facebook | 21<br>AA evening | 22<br>AA 10-noon | 23                            | 24                  | 25<br>OA 8:30 am | 26       |
| 27<br>10:30 service<br>& LIVE on<br>Facebook | 28<br>AA evening | 1<br>AA 10-noon  | 2                             | 3                   | 4<br>OA 8:30 am  | 5        |



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Deer attending  
Church in January

Photo by Tad Dukehart

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