



# 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

March 2022

## From the Pastor's Desk

It's been a year since the Volpe's adopted a dog who was physically and emotionally scarred. The first thing we did was change his name from 'Possum' to 'Preston'- a name which reflected his handsome bearing. He has been the most challenging pet we have ever owned. There were a few times we thought of returning him, but realized that would only traumatize him further. Dogs might not be able to communicate verbally, but he gave us enough cues to understand his past life - which included attacks while sleeping, food deprivation, harsh verbal/physical treatment and abandonment. His cues came in the form of growling while lying down if we approached, frenzied eating, and leash aggression, just to name a few. There were plenty of mishaps in the first few months, including one that sent me airborne after he lunged at a moving vehicle, committing mayhem when left alone (remedied by a crate) and unfortunate encounters with overnight guests which now necessitate temporary banishment to a local kennel. We have overcome much this first year. He trusts us to comfort him during nightmares, he greets us with joy when we return home, he is well-fed and content. We did it through patience, kindness, an abundance of praise and affection. We understood that he could only return affection when he felt safe.



We like to think that we are more evolved than other creatures, but we too respond in unproductive ways when we've been traumatized. We wrap ourselves in hostility in order to prevent further trauma. We hide our pain from others and ourselves. It's part of our natural response to avoid injury.

In the past few years, we have experienced a lifetime of trauma- deaths in our families and community, conflicts, fear, diminished ability to socialize; not to mention the global conflicts unfolding daily.

Within the awfulness of this time, we are given a gift. It is the gift of the Lenten Season, in which we reflect on the God who weeps. Jesus was a 'man of sorrows, acquainted with grief'. We are reminded of the abundance of Grace which mends broken hearts, loves the cantankerous and promises never to abandon us, even when we are at our worst. May we come to Jesus this season, to be healed, restored and filled with God's gracious presence. And, may we become like Jesus, providing a safe, non-judgmental space for those in our Beloved Community who desperately need peace, restoration... an abundance of Love. Amen.

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.)



### YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

#### TRUSTEES

Natalie Neddersen, President  
Carly Mulliken, Secretary  
Rob Meyer  
Tad Dukehart  
Gunilla Wilson

#### ELDERS

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair  
Sherry Moore, Vice-Chair  
Linda Carey, Secretary  
Kathy Zehner  
Tiggy Shields (summer)



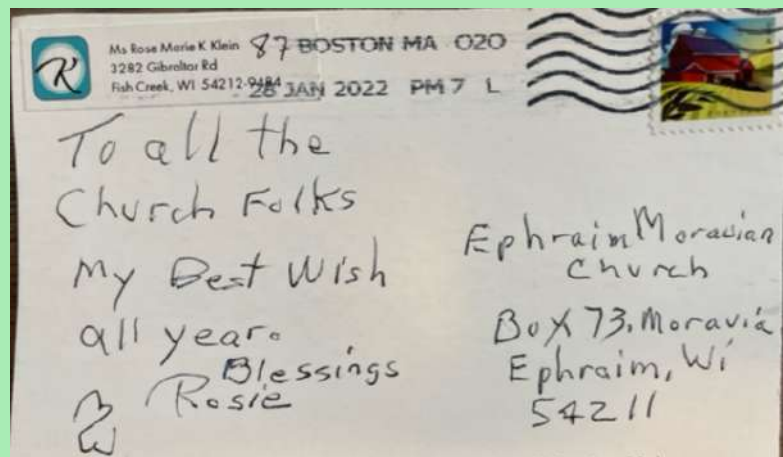
If you don't have a computer, can't watch the Facebook service or find our web page with the audio of the service, we can send you a CD of the services at no charge! Just call 920-854-2804 and leave word that you'd like a CD of each week's service.

### Services in March 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.

Rosie Klein says "hi" to you all! She has her Gibraltar address on the post card, but if you want to reach her, she's currently at 21 Sylvester Drive, Framingham, MA. 01701-7817



## March 2022 Services

**Sunday, March 6 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook 1st Sunday in Lent- Communion - Guest Soloist, Cynthia Stiehl**



**Sunday, March 13 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook; Joyful Noise Offering**



**Sunday, March 20- 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Pastor Ken Carlson, Guest Organist, Barbara Classen**



**Sunday, March 27- 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook**

We are pleased to welcome **Rev. Greg Behrend** to our church on Sunday, April 24. He will lead us in worship that day.

Greg has initiated a new ministry in the Western District, "You Belong", a ministry of inclusion, especially for families of 'Special Needs' children. We are supporting this effort by collecting the following items which Pastor Greg will use to put together family care packages. Please purchase new:

Baby Wipes  
Diapers (size 1-3)  
Pull-Ups (size 2T-5T)  
Footie PJs (size newborn-5T)  
Baby Bottles  
Sippy Cups  
Small Stuffed Animals



Please bring any of these items to church between now and April 24 so we can support his ministry! There will be a collection basket in Fellowship Hall.



## March Birthdays

Kevin Horvath...1  
Katharine Oneson... 2  
Scott Weborg...5  
Brent Bristol... 6  
Logan Mittermann... 6  
Priscilla Krist...12  
Winfield Bristol... 17  
Sydney Heim...20  
Peter Classen...21  
Mitchell Weborg...24  
Ellie McCullin... 24  
Roger Larson...25  
Michael Weborg...26  
Donna Nelson.....27  
Nancy Christofferson...27



## March Anniversaries

Rob & Barb Meyer - March 18, 1989  
Liz and Jack Opitz – 26, 1983



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 Joan Lewis  
...Kate Lorenz (Joan Lewis' daughter)  
...Barbara & Kevin Axelson  
...Sherry Moore  
...Chuck Mead  
...The family of Bruce Olson



### **Hate doing your taxes? Need a little help??**

**AARP Tax-Aide** is free tax help for taxpayers  
with low and moderate income, with special  
attention to those 60 and over.

Call for appointment 920-333-3639.  
Egg Harbor Library, Kress Pavilion.

## Treasurer's Report

### Member Giving

Through Jan 2022: \$15,766  
2021: \$9,432  
2020: \$15,557

### Visitor Giving

Through Jan 2022: \$908  
2021: \$2,406  
2020: \$2,330

Expected income for 2022 is \$162,100

Budgeted expense for 2022 is \$239,576

Through Jan: \$16,749 (10%)  
(doesn't include memorials)

Through Jan: \$23,977 (10%)

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

\*Masks Required for Sunday School (9 a.m. ) and 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!*



**Our Mission:**  
Tricklebee Café is a pay-what-you-can community café that offers healthy meals, food-service training, & spiritual nourishment. We are a ministry of the Moravian Church in America & member of One World Everybody Eats.

**What We Offer**  
We have a love for real food with simple ingredients. Since 2016, we bring positivity to our neighborhood by striving to show hospitality to all. (And our food is DELICIOUS!)

**Our Vision**  
By providing fresh, healthy, locally-grown food to anyone regardless of ability to pay, we address food insecurity by feeding the immediate need of hunger while providing resources to educate and inspire people to make a habit of healthy eating. Access to healthy food helps people to better care for themselves and their neighbors, which heals and strengthens community. Our cafe is a peaceful place in a neighborhood that has experienced neglect and violence. We work to eliminate prejudice and discrimination against the economically and socially marginalized.

**Come Visit Us!**  
We're located at 4424 W. North Ave. in the Uptown Crossing District of the Sherman Park neighborhood. Enjoy our freshly-made soups, sandwiches, salads, baked goods, and drinks. Gluten-free and vegan options served daily.

**DINE-IN OR CURBSIDE/PICK-UP!**  
**Wednesday-Saturday 11am-2pm**  
**[www.tricklebeecafe.org](http://www.tricklebeecafe.org)**  
**4424 W. North Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53208**

Tricklebee Cafe is our partner in ministry in Milwaukee, as well as the Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church in Milwaukee,

Pastor Christie Melby-Gibbons invites groups of all ages to come and volunteer/ eat in the Cafe this year. They have affordable housing at the Prince of Peace's Urban Retreat Center, with beds, showers, full kitchen, pool and ping-pong tables, etc. Just let her know if you're planning a visit!

She's also sharing their Amazon wishlist link: <https://a.co/97maDLb>

...If anyone ever wants to order Tricklebee Cafe something from this list as a donation, please have it shipped to their home (so the boxes don't walk off...):

2339 N. Sherman Blvd.  
Milwaukee, WI 53210

## Memories of the Month March Memories



It was after Hurricane Katrina. I was on the Board, Pastors Bill and Barbara were here. Fran Eckland proclaimed to me "I'd like to make a St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner for our church family!" Then she went on to say she wanted to donate and make everything herself. I quickly volunteered myself and Bob. Others did, too, and it became one of the most fun and memorable dinners I've been to. We charged a fee, and I stood at the door putting on beads to all who came through the door (Bob brought a bag of beads home from MS after volunteering from Katrina), and the tables were also all dressed up. It was truly "The Wearin' of the Green."

Fran "owned" the kitchen. She basically did everything, and we served, Cici manned the clean-up brigade, volunteers brought dessert. Fran was Woman of the Hour. The dinner was fabulous. We ate and ate and didn't run out of food.

When we lament or grouse to each other that things will never be the same, or normal. No, they won't...but I'm sure our "Irish eyes could be smiling" at something we remember as we stroll down the March Memory Lane! —Karen O'Ekberg

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**The O.C. Boldt Corporation** invites us to honor the life of our wonderful friend Oscar Boldt at a special celebration being held April 13. If you'd like to attend—either in person at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center or virtually on your computer—contact: Kara Lendved, O.C. Boldt Celebration, 920-574-3467, [k.lendved@amazingevents.com](mailto:k.lendved@amazingevents.com).

### **A legacy of leadership A lifetime of service**

Wednesday, April 13, 2022  
6:30-9:30 pm  
Fox Cities Performing Arts Center  
Appleton, WI  
...or virtually



"When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us."  
- Alexander Graham Bell



—post on your refrigerator!—



| Sunday                                                      | Monday           | Tuesday          | Wednesday                  | Thursday            | Friday           | Saturday |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------|
| 30<br>9 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am in church and Facebook | 31<br>AA evening | 1<br>AA 10-noon  | 2                          | 3                   | 4<br>OA 8:30 am  | 5        |
| 6<br>9 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am in church and 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>9 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am in church and Facebook | 14<br>AA evening | 15<br>AA 10-noon | 16<br>Caring Hands 9:30 am | 17<br>Trustees 4 pm | 18<br>OA 8:30 am | 19       |
| 20<br>9 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am in church and Facebook | 21<br>AA evening | 22<br>AA 10-noon | 23                         | 24                  | 25<br>OA 8:30 am | 26       |
| 27<br>9 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am in church and Facebook | 28<br>AA evening | 29<br>AA 10-noon | 30                         | 31                  | 1<br>OA 8:30 am  | 2        |





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Spring will  
come!

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920-854-2804



**BONUS!**

Memories of the Month  
**March Memories**

Photos from Karen "O'Ekberg" on her story of corned beef dinners!



<Bob Ekberg & Fran Eckland



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Koehler  
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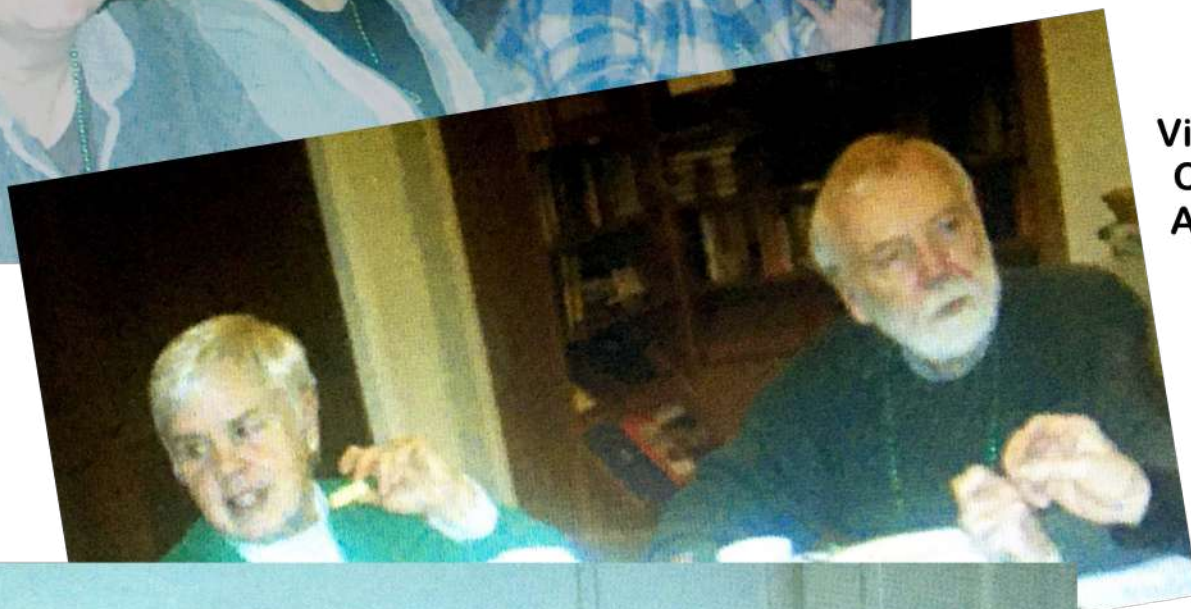


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Wilson and Lucille Sohns

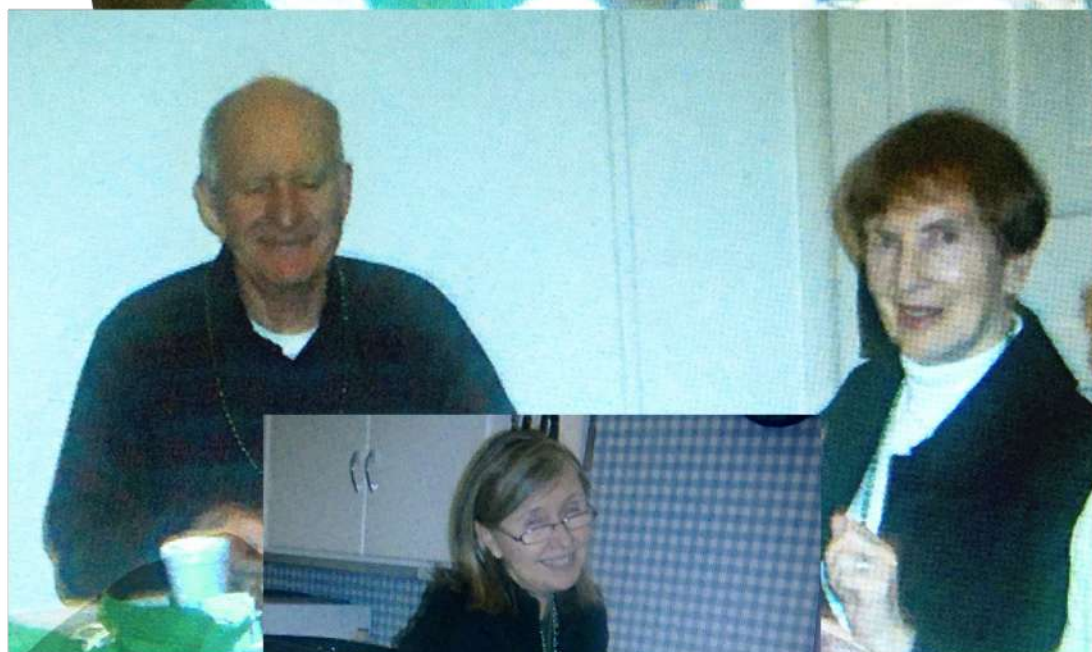




**Diane Kirkland, Kathy Kirkland and Jane Olson**



**Vicki and Craig Anderson**



**John & Judy Turner**



**<Cici Mulliken on clean up!**