

## Ephraim Moravian Messenger News from the Open Door

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

<u>Congregational Watchword for 2022:</u> 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

November 2022

# From a Pastor's Desk

Working in a large retail environment conveys many opportunities to experience the inconvenience of gratitude.

Recently faced with helping a customer find what they wanted was not the usual cadence of asking a few questions and directing them to what we had available. The kind, gentle soul in front me that day only spoke enough English to tell me that he spoke, "Only Arabic." He had a picture of what he wanted on his phone which didn't help me enough to be sure of the purchase details. His wife, at the other end of a constantly-disconnecting phone line, and a shopping companion, both spoke more English than him, but were not completely fluent. Finding the two pairs of shoes he wanted was a bit of a dig into backstock. Explaining that the shoes would be placed behind the cashier counter because they are a high theft item (we do this for all customers buying these items) took several attempts and clarifying questions. That settled, they thanked me and walked to the checkout area. I happened to be up at the front of the store as they were on their way out. With more beaming smiles they both waved and thanked me again.

As I walked away, I thought about what a pleasure they had been. I hadn't thought that at the beginning of this exchange that turned out to take twenty minutes of my time on a busy day. But something special changed for me in the middle of all of this when the customer spoke a full sentence in Arabic, and then sighed. I understood that he was speaking Arabic, but I only have two words in this language and it would not get us to where we needed to be.

But, the two words got me to where I needed to be: alhamdulillah, praise be to God; and mashallah, gratitude for the blessing of divine intervention in its occurrence. God's ways are rarely convenient and most often very inconvenient. But they are filled with wonder and grace, true divine intervention, for which I am always grateful.

-Rev.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.



#### 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 Cici Mulliken Tiggy Shields (summer)

## It's HERE!

A Halloween-Inspired, Kid-Friendly
Colin & Friends
Concert
Sunday, October 30, 2022
(Start Time 5 pm)

Guest Harpist Cheryl Murphy



Green-Bay based harpist Cheryl Murphy plays both the Celtic and the pedal harp. She was harpist with the Civic Symphony of Green Bay, has performed at Milwaukee Irish Fest, Artstreet, for the Fox Valley Symphony, and at the White Gull in Fish Creek. She also plays "bones" (bwaaahaahaa).

Saints & Sinners, all welcome!



...with Colin Welford playing goulishly at the organ!

\$22/\$8 at the door

Ephraim Moravian Church of 6

#### **November 2022 Services**

<u>Sunday, November 6</u> - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Sweeney Sohns Tribute, Cyndy Stiehl guest

Sunday, November 13 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Joyful Noise for Door CANcer and Communion - duets with Colin & Barb Classen

<u>Sunday, November 20</u> - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook,(Dawn and Colin at UU) <u>Sunday, November 27</u> - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - First Sunday of Advent

## **Cemetery News**

It is time to remove any pots with live plants from your loved ones' grave sites. Shepherd's hooks may be left inground if you wish.



From November 2 to April 30 (during winter months), evergreen and natural material wreaths may be placed on gravesites. This past September, our groundskeeper Dan Jungwirth also righted the gravestones of Frank Anderson and the Johnsons, which had been tipped over from frost heave.

#### How will you age in Door County? Where will you live when you are old?

Door County residents have taken a survey sent by Do Good Door County and St. Norbert's Stragetic Research Institute has interpreted the survey results to learn how we want to "age in place."

Community forums will be held throughout Door County. All locations have two sessions to choose from: 2-4 pm or 5-7 pm. Take part and have a conversation about the future!

November 8

Door County ADRC 916 North 14 Avenue

Sturgeon Bay

November 9

Sister Bay Liberty Grove Fire Dept 2258 Mill Road

Sister Bay

November 14

Baileys Harbor Town Hall

2392 County F Baileys Harbor

November 17

Kress Pavilion

7845 Church Street

Egg Harbor

#### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Laurel Cox Janisse...1
Gary Vitse.... 5
Robert Forsberg...6
Erin Bristol...8
John Koehler...9
Charles Paschke...9
Judy Flottman...10
Norma Larson...10
Rob Davis...11
Merikay Heim...11
Hayley Heim... 16
Chuck Mead...16
Mathilda Bristol... 18
Lillie Pellerin...21
Harald T. Halvorsen...23

Jim Gelhaar...30





## We are having an ADVENTure this year - in the church!

Saturday, December 3 is Christmas in the Village and our event will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

\*Sweets for the Holidays - we will need bakers!

\*Wreath-making and Candle-wrapping - we need volunteers!

\*Sugar cake as refreshments - we need bakers!

If you can help with any of the above, email us (or leave word on our answering machine) and sign up!
worship@ephraimmoravian.org
920-854-2804

#### **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Alicia and Hugh Mulliken – 12, 1982 Chris & Laurel Janisse - 14, 2020 Kathy and Chuck Zehner – 24, 1973



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 Lucille ("Sweeney")
Sohns

- ...the family of Dave Olson
- ...the family of Delmar Dahl
- ...Kathy Kirkland
- ...Barbara Axelson and family
- ...Eric Hagman (Marilyn Cushing's nephew)
- ...Chuck Pearson

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Member Giving** 

Through Sept 2022: \$162,245

2021: \$93,153 2020: \$74,585 **Visitor Giving** 

Through Sept 2022: \$35,877

2021: \$93,153 2020: \$74,585



Expected income for 2022 is \$162,100

Through September: \$206,422 (doesn't include memorials)

Budgeted expense for 2022 is \$239,576 Through September: \$268,187

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	(Elders date to be announced)	AA 10-noon			OA 8:30 am	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9 am Sunday School 10:30 service – Sweeney Sohas Tribute!	AA evening	AA 10-noon			OA 8:30 am	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9 am Sunday School 10:30 service— Joyful Noise for Door CANCER	AA evening	AA 10-noon			OA 8:30 am	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9 am Sunday School 10:30 service	AA evening	AA 10-noon			OA 8:30 am	
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
9 am Sunday School 10:30 service	AA evening	9 M – TRUSTEES Budget Meeting AA 10-noon				



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