

# Ephraim Moravian Church

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CHIEF ELDER FESTIVAL - November 13, 2022

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

**PASTOR:**.....The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe  
**MINISTERS:**.....Members of the Congregation  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR:**.....Colin Welford  
**SECRETARY:**.....Diane Kirkland

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Serving the Community Since 1853

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Ringling of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

**Prelude: “Let All Things Now Living”- Hymn, Arr. Eleanor Whitsett**

**Hymn #399 “All Hail Our Church’s Elder Dear”**

Responsive Reading

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

*He makes me lie down in green pastures,*

He leads me beside the still waters,

*He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.*

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

*I will fear no evil; for you are with me, your rod and your staff they comfort me.*

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

*You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows.*

Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

*And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!*

Joyful Noise Offering for Door CANcer

**“Spirit of God” – Traditional**

Time for Children

Scripture Lesson: Ezekiel 34: 11 – 16, 23 – 24

Hebrews 4: 14 – 16

John 10: 1 - 10

Meditation

Offertory: “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” – Spiritual, Arr. Eleanor Whitsett

**Doxology**

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

**Congregational Sung Response (#742):**

*Come now, O Lord, and teach us how to pray.*

*Teach us to ask ourselves from day to day,*

*if we are yours and yours alone will be,*

*Through earthly days and through eternity. Amen.*

**The Lord’s Supper**

**Hymn #731 “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

**Communion Liturgy, p. 193 - 195**

**Postlude: “Praeludium, Fuga und Ciacona” in C – by Dietrich Buxtehude**

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WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. – 2 Thessalonians 3:13

MONDAY:

Pastor’s Sabbath

WEDNESDAY

9:30 a.m.

Caring Hands

10:00 a.m.

Elders

SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service

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**WELCOME** to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4. Weather permitting, coffee and snacks for a time of fellowship on our church lawn (under the maple tree).

**EPHRAIM MORAVIAN CHURCH** is the ‘Church of the Open Door.’ We hope you find our church open to you in every way!

**MOTTO OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH:** In Essentials, Unity;  
In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love.

**EPHRAIM MORAVIAN WATCHWORD 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

**THANKS** to Barbara Classen, joining Colin Welford today with her  
talents!

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### **The Good Shepherd – Kathleen Harris**

What does story of The Good Shepherd tell us about our relationship  
with God?

- The world has many shepherds, but Jesus (God incarnate) is *the* shepherd.
- This shepherd is *good*.
- The Good Shepherd knows when we are lost and calls us each by name.
- Each of us are worth rescuing because each one of us matters.
- We know the shepherd's voice, but must listen for it, too.
- When the shepherd leaves to rescue a lost lamb, the flock should stay together.

To arrive at rich pastures, we must enter through a gate. The shepherd walks ahead of the sheep towards it. The sheep follow. The shepherd is compassionate, but the gate is a worrisome thing. A gatekeeper stands there, ready to open the latch.

What do the gate and gatekeeper represent? If the gatekeeper is God, does the gate symbolize prayerful lives of kind actions? Does the gatekeeper ever unfasten the latch for the wayward, lone sheep who left the flock and now, bleating mournfully, is trying to scramble over the fence? And what of other shepherds who benevolently lead flocks. Are heavenly pastures reserved only for followers of The Good Shepherd?

The warmhearted story of The Good Shepherd is remarkable for its simple truths, but even more compelling for its deeper mysteries.