



# 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

January 2023



## From the Pastor's Desk “Transitions”

I dislike moving. Although excited about the future possibilities of each move... college, first job, seminary and 3 churches...the act of moving itself is fraught with grief, work, aggravation, aches and pains. It all came back to me when assisting my son in his move from one apartment to another. Granted, his move did not entail leaving a state or even a neighborhood. He was simply moving to a different building in the same complex. But it was still arduous.

Moving from a living space, whether large or small is filled with so many decisions- what must be kept, given or thrown away, how many boxes will we need (since belongings seem to procreate at will, the answer is usually double what we estimated), how to stage everything and how to maneuver without causing ourselves injury. Moving entails cleaning the space we left, which takes hours... It's amazing how much detritus accumulates over the years.

Once our belongings are in the new space, we have to figure out how/where to place it all, perhaps with regret that we didn't do a more thorough purge. We really don't begin to relax until we are completely settled.

While assisting Robert, I was reminded of the difficulty we have with any transition, even welcoming a new year. In order to walk into an unknown future, it might be helpful to think of it in terms of a household move. What should we retain from past experiences? What needs to be given away? What no longer serves us? And, most importantly, will we be any better, as people, as a community, because of the actions we take?

Although I cannot answer these questions for you, I am convinced that we do not walk into the future alone. Jesus said, “I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” In times of transition, when we are between what was and what is to come, we are promised a grace-filled companion. May the Spirit of Christ grant us assurance as we ‘move’ into 2023.

- Pastor Dawn

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

SECRETARY: Thurs 9:00-4:30  
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.



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## NEW YEAR'S DAY FREE CONCERT

Sunday, January 1, 2023  
2:00 p.m.

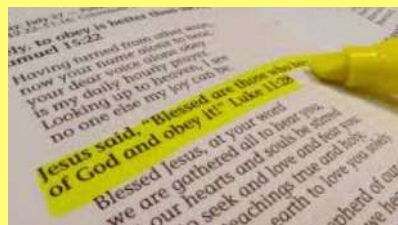
**Colin Welford** (organ/piano), with  
special guests Scott Ramsay (tenor)  
& Grace Alberts (soprano)



*From Bach to Widor,  
Bernstein to John Williams*

Ephraim Moravian Church

WATCHWORDS for 2023 will be  
available at our  
January 1 service.



Pick a Watchword to guide  
you through the  
New Year!

# Colin's Christmas Concert

## December 3, 2022





## January 2023 Services

Sunday, January 1 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Communion

Sunday, January 8 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Joyful Noise for Door  
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Sunday, January 15 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook

Saturday, January 22 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook

Sunday, January 29 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES



✕MAS EVE SERVICES 3:00 & 5:30... come 20 minutes early for music, and please enter the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall in silence.

CHRISTMAS DAY, 10:30 A.M. - No in-person service- online will be our Lessons and Carols service



Welcome Cooper Thomas Hedeem! Here he is with his sisters. Parents are Karin and Simon Hedeem, grandparents are Gunilla and Tom Wilson!



### CALL TO CHURCH COUNCIL:

We will hold Church Council on Sunday, January 29 - there will be lunch after church followed by church council.

If you will be out of town and would like to attend by 'Go to Meeting,' please let us know so that we can set up the links for you.

All Church Council Reports must be turned into the office by January 12.

## January Birthdays

Hugh Mulliken...1  
Kristin Wilson Nemecek...2  
Bob Volpe...7  
Ken Carlson....7  
Rob Meyer ... 12  
Karen Ekberg...14  
John Cox...17  
Jim Nelson...19  
Hedy Heise...22  
Michael Larsen...23  
Quinnley Sophia Campbell...24

## January Anniversaries

Anne and Larry Crowe -16, 1988



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

## Prayer Concerns

...Kathy Kirkland  
...Barbara Axelson  
...Eric Hagman (Marilyn Cushing's nephew)  
...Maggie Schnackenberg



## NEW ADDRESSES:

Rob Volpe  
17W708 Butterfield Road  
#10-103  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Maggie Schnackenberg  
801 Spruce Street  
Glenview, IL 60025

## **Treasurer's Report**

### Member Giving

Through Nov 2022: \$171,151  
2021: \$103,852  
2020: \$74,585

### Visitor Giving

Through Nov 2022: \$39,798  
2021: \$23,058  
2020: \$32,365



Expected income for 2022 is \$162,100

Budgeted expense for 2022 is \$239,576

Through November: \$219,518  
(doesn't include memorials)

Through November: \$245,030

## COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE



The Board of Elders has removed the mask mandate for all church services and concerts. We are designating the Fellowship Hall as a 'mask only' zone for those who need a safer environment. During services, our UV system is circulating the air to mitigate viral particles.

The Elders will only reinstate mandates if our local department of public health recommends masking indoors. We urge all our attenders to be responsible for the health of others- which means masking or staying home if you are feeling unwell.

### Tricklebee Cafe News

Christie Melby-Gibbons says

"Last month, we were honored by a visit from the Provincial Elders Conference (PEC) of the Moravian Church Northern Province. They enjoyed a meal, a tour of the building, and did a little shopping to support local vendors. It was such a blessing to have them at Tricklebee Cafe!

Tricklebee Cafe just celebrated their 6th Anniversary in Milwaukee!



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As 2022 comes to a close, the BWM is pleased to announce the launch of our Education Fund. To give you an idea of the blessing your gift will be to a Moravian educator or student, here are some impact examples based on our current projects:

- \$25 = one week of schooling for a student in Kyiv, Ukraine
- \$75 = one month of instructor certification training for a teacher in Ngiehun, Sierra Leone
- \$150 = one week of speech therapy for all students at Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center in Ramallah, Palestine
- \$2,000 = an international BWM conference for one church leader
- \$5,000 = one year of training for a future doctor, nurse, or medical support staff at the Moravian clinic in Ahuas, Honduras

Go to **[MoravianMission.org/Education](https://MoravianMission.org/Education)** to learn more. To contribute, please donate online at **[MoravianMission.org/Give](https://MoravianMission.org/Give)** or mail checks to: Board of World Mission, 1021 Center St. Bethlehem, PA 18018. Please indicate that your gift is for "Education Projects."

Post on your Refrigerator!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>New Year's Day</b> 10:30 am service <b>2:00 pm Colin &amp; Friends FREE Concert</b>	2 AA evening	3 AA 10-noon	4	5	6 OA 8:30 am	7
8 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am service	9 AA evening	10 AA 10-noon	11 <b>Elders 10 a.m.</b>	12 OA 8:30 am	13	14
15 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am service	16 AA evening	17 AA 10-noon	18 9:30 am Caring Hands	19 <b>Trustees 4:00 pm</b>	20 OA 8:30 am	21
22 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am service	23 AA evening	24 AA 10-noon	25	26 OA 8:30 am	27	28
29 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am service	30 AA evening	31 AA 10-noon				





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**January 2023 Newsletter**



Christmas star on  
Anderson Dock - photo by  
Tad Dukehart)

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