

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany - January 29, 2023

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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

Serving the Community Since 1853

‘Prelude & Fugue in G Minor’ BWV 558, from the ‘8 Short Preludes and Fugues’ – by J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

Watchword for Ephraim Moravian Church

Hymn #544: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

Liturgy of Discipleship, p. 37

Scripture Lessons: 1 John 4: 7 – 21

Sermon

Offertory: ‘Plein Jeu a la Couperin’ – by Gordon Young

Doxology

Prayers of the Church & The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Sung Response:

Light of the world, come near and bless your children here below,

Who in your house your name confess, on us your grace bestow.

Amen.

Benediction

Postlude: ‘A Mighty Fortress is Our God’ – Arr. Diane Bish

EPHRAIM MORAVIAN WATCHWORD 2023: No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. - 1 John 4:12

<u>TODAY:</u>	11:15 a.m.	Lunch
	12:15 p.m.	Church Council
	4:30 p.m.	Chess Club
<u>MONDAY:</u>	Pastor’s Sabbath	
<u>SUNDAY:</u>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Communion

WELCOME to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4.

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL- Our Church Council takes place following the worship service and lunch today. All are welcome to our lunch regardless of membership status. Members will gather in the Sanctuary following lunch. Childcare is available in the Nursery.

VASES and other items which may have come from your home are on the bench upstairs (by the offices). Please check to see if any of your belongings are there and take them home. Any unclaimed items will be brought to a thrift shop at the end of February.

LOOKING AHEAD: Mark your calendars for 2 wonderful events: February 12 – 2 p.m. Valentine’s Concert featuring Colin & Friends
February 15 – 12 p.m. Valentine’s Community Lunch in Fellowship Hall!

Watchwords - Pastor Dawn Volpe

The tradition of 'Watchwords' began in the 1700's, when the leader of the Moravian colony in Germany chose a scripture verse each day, which was sent to all for guidance and reflection. From that practice the Moravian Daily Text book was born and has been in publication for 293 years. It provides a watchword for each day, a second scripture to reflect on the first and hymn verses. You'll note in our bulletins most Sundays that we supply a 'Watchword for the Week', which is taken from our Moravian Daily Text.

At the end of the year, verses are cut out of the Daily Text to be used as personal and corporate watchwords for the New Year. We choose a personal Watchword, sight unseen, from verses in a basket face down. We also draw a Watchword for the church. It is the hope that these watchwords serve as a guide and encouragement throughout the year.

Ephraim Moravian's Watchword for 2023: No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. - 1 John 4:12

Love is a constant topic in the Bible but is extraordinarily difficult in practice. It's easy to love those who reciprocate. It's easy to love when we feel a depth of love toward someone. But the love spoken of in the first letter of John has nothing to do with emotion. Love, as a scriptural command, has more to do with benevolent action rather than feeling.

If we, as a church, are to take our 2023 Watchword seriously, how will that translate into action? Who, in our community needs intervention; who, in our church, needs encouragement, who, in our world needs our tangible assistance? May this be the year that we demonstrate the Love of God in action!



We hope you'll join us at the next

"Colin & Friends" Concert

...featuring wonderful organ, piano, and vocal music,
as we embark on a tuneful exploration
of that crazy thing called **LOVE**

Colin Welford - Organ/Piano, Cynthia Stiehl - Soprano

Sunday, February 12, at 2.00 PM

at the Ephraim Moravian Church, 9970 Moravia Street, Ephraim

Free Admission
(masks optional)

Giuseppe Verdi, George Gershwin, Camille Saint-Saëns, Robert Schumann, Gabriel Fauré, Henry Purcell