



Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

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

Congregational 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

November 2023



From a Pastor's Desk

Do business... until I come back". Luke 19:13b This scripture is taken from a parable of Jesus. Although it's similar to the parable of the talents, it has some twists and turns which makes it an interesting story and presents us with a challenge. The story is found in Luke 19: 11 - 24. Jesus tells us of a nobleman who must leave the country to receive papers proving his legal authority to rule his homeland. The minute he leaves town, his countrymen, who despise him, send a delegation requesting that he not be given authority to rule over them. Before he leaves, he gathers his servants for some final instructions. Instead of telling them to 'lay low' and not draw attention to themselves (since their countrymen were so hostile), he gives each of them an equal amount of money and tells them to do business with the money until he returns. The first man makes 10x the amount given, the second, 5x the amount. The third man doesn't want to take any risks and returns the money without having improved on the investment. The master is very angry with the third man because he expected each to 'do business'.

I believe God calls us to 'do business' even in a hostile environment. I was given a powerful illustration of this some years ago. When my parents moved to a busy suburban neighborhood, they attempted to befriend their neighbors, only to be repeatedly rebuffed. What they did not know at the time, was that the previous owner of their house had threatened these neighbors with a gun! The neighbors were not inclined to open themselves up to abuse, so they refused any gesture of friendship. After a few months, my parents noticed that the lady of the house was not in sight. They made inquiry and found out she was sick.

Although rebuffed many times, mom made her famous chicken soup and sent it over with a get well note. That kindness broke through their aloofness. When my parents health declined, these same neighbors were our lifeline, taking care of our parents in every crisis until we were able to make travel arrangements.

We cannot guarantee that our ministry will yield positive results. We may still encounter hostility even after we have done our 'good deed'; but the Master, who knows something about suffering for a just cause, continues to command us to 'do business' (God's Business of compassion, reconciliation, justice, kindness) until we are called to eternal rest. Let that be our daily passion! -Pastor Dawn

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

SECRETARY: Tues 8-3 Thur 8-3
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(Church phone does NOT ring in the
parsonage—please keep the Pastor's
cell phone number handy for after
hours.



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Cici Mulliken, Vice-Chair
Karen Ekberg
Linda Carey, Secretary
Kathy Zehner
Penny Schultz
Tiggy Shields, Summer Elder

November 2023 Services

**Sunday, Nov 5 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on
Facebook**

**Sunday, Nov 12- 10:30 a.m. in church and on
Facebook; Communion & Joyful Noise Offering**

**Sunday, Nov 19- 10:30 a.m. in person and on
Facebook**

**Sunday, Nov 26- 10:30 a.m. in person and on
Facebook**

Colin & Friends CONCERTS

Here's what people had to say about the music at our September concert -

Wonderful
Majestic • Pow
Joy • Complex • Soaring
Fingers • Mysterious • Uplifting
Multifaceted • Exciting • Exceptional
Evocative • Roar • Lovely • Engaging
Transcending • Melodious • Spiritual • Emotional • Powerful • Delicious
Varied • Impressive • Rigorous • Awakening • Captivating • Mechanical
Majestic • Rousing • Marvelous • Sensual • Inspirational • Organic
Fulfilling • Mesmerizing • Ethereal • Cathedral-esque
Exhilarating • Immersed • Magnificent • Gothic
Feeling • Impressive • Earthy • Glorious
Educational • Inspire • Brilliant
Mindful • Soul-awakening •
Rich • Stirring
Divine

**Join Colin and Friends on Saturday, October 28
at 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. for a Halloween themed
concert at Ephraim Moravian Church!**

COMING UP!

We will hold a special **Harvest Luncheon** for the Church and Community on Wednesday, **November 15 at 12:00 p.m.** Bring your family and friends for a delightful meal and fellowship!



LOAVES & FISHES

Loaves & Fishes is a community meal, the second Thursday of the month. This month's meal will be on **November 9, at 5:00 p.m.** Our church will be providing the desserts. If you'd like to assist, please sign up the Narthex. **All desserts should be dropped off at Stella Marris, Sister Bay by 3:00 p.m. on November 9.**

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM- All School Aged children are invited to attend **November 1, 8 and 15.** The hours are from 3:45 – 5 p.m. and include games, music, snacks, homework help and reading. **Families are invited to attend with their children on November 15 for dinner at 5:00 p.m.**



After-school fun with some of our fantastic youth!

LOOKING AHEAD

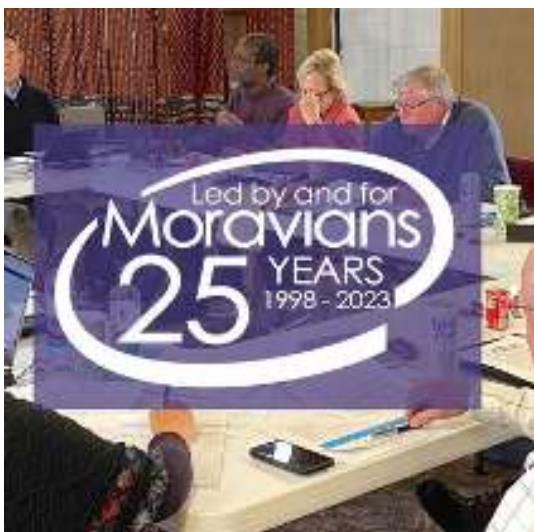
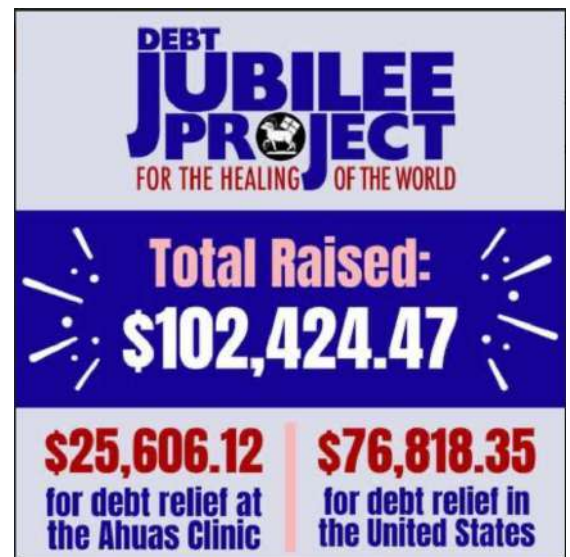
*The Peninsula Singers are offering a **FREE** Christmas concert on Sunday, December 3 at 3:00 p.m. at Sister Bay Baptist Church! They would love to see you there!*

SOLAR PANEL UPDATE!

We have now completed six months of operations on the solar project (April 2023 – September 2023) In that period:

- We have used less than half (46.5%) as much generated WPS electricity as we did in the same months of 2022. The rest of our usage was generated from our solar panels.
- We have saved \$780 on our WPS bill for the 2023 period compared to the same months in 2022.
- According to our report from Enphase, our solar panels have produced 8 Million watt-hours of electricity since commissioned. If you still have a 100-watt incandescent bulb somewhere, it would keep it burning 24 hours per day for over 9 years.
- And, according to WPS figures, our solar generation eliminated nearly 10,000 lbs of CO2 going into the atmosphere.

The Moravian Church embarked on an ambitious project following Synod- to raise \$50,000 in 50 days for Medical Debt Relief both here in the United States and our Honduras Mission. Thank you to all who participated! As you can see in the graphic- churches from around this nation banded together and raised double the asking!



FREE help from the Moravian Ministries Foundation! The Moravian Ministries Foundation assists churches and individuals with gift and estate planning free of charge. If you need to create a will, you can do so on their "Legacy Planning" page. Follow this link: <https://mmfa.plannedgiving.org/personal-planning>

Check out their website today!

Christmas in the Village ADVENTure at Ephraim Moravian
All Activities are Free!

Saturday, December 2: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 1 p.m. & 5:45 p.m.

- Sweets for the Holidays Sale to benefit Secret Santa- We need home-made baked goods. Start planning now!
 - Wreath-Making- We need sturdy wire hangers for this craft. Please begin bringing them to church... leave in the Parlor
 - Candle Wrapping
 - Tours of the church
 - Refreshments! – We'll need sugar cakes for our guests.
 - Creche Display- the Estate of Eunice Rutherford donated her beautiful creches which will be on display in Fellowship Hall
- New this Year! Homemade Crafts for sale by our Children to benefit the Ugandan Piggery Project. They will be set up in the Nursery.

Following our ADVENT-ure, Colin and Friends are hosting 2 concerts at 1 & 5:45 p.m. featuring the Nutcracker Suite!

Announcement from Kathleen Harris, Cemetery Superintendent

Cemetery Transitions to Winter Season

Forests may be gorgeous but there is nothing more alive than a tree that learns how to grow in a cemetery. Andrea Gibson

The maple leaves in our cemetery have turned golden and, one by one, are falling to the ground. It's time for you to retrieve any hanging pots and summer decorations from your loved one's gravesite. Please take time to do this before November 15th. Shepherd's hooks may be left in the ground.

In winter, natural (mostly biodegradable) wreaths or other decorations are permitted. Materials made of plastic or silk are not allowed. Wreaths should be placed within eight inches of the headstone. Temporary bouquets of flowers or evergreens placed on a grave are generally removed in about two weeks, when the materials brown and decay.

Paid up but no plot? All members who have purchased plots but not yet selected them are strongly encouraged to do so before the snow flies. I am aware of three couples, but are there others?

Contact Kathleen Harris at 920-421-2941. Text and/or leave a voice message and I will reach out to you.

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



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

...Barbara Axelson
...Maggie Schnackenberg
...Gary & Cheryl Doudna

Treasurer's Report

Member Giving

Through September 2023: \$128,906

Visitor Giving

Through September 2023: \$37,775

Total YTD Offering: \$166,681

Budgeted expense for 2023 is: \$273,425 Through September: \$190,765.54



November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			3:45 p.m. After-School Program			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 a.m. Sun. School 10:30a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Chess Club	7:00 p.m. AA Meeting		3:45 p.m. After-School Program	5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Stella Marris	8:30 a.m. OA Meeting	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 Worship 4:00 p.m. Chess Club	7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	Trustees 10:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m. Caring Hands 10:00 Elders 12:00 p.m. Harvest Luncheon 3:45 After-School Program		8:30 a.m. OA Meeting	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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