

# THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — July 2020

Monthly newsletter of the Ebenezer Moravian Church  
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## Bring on the Sharks with Laser Beams!



It seems like each day is one more thing. 2020 is definitely a year of the unpredictable!

First, we have some strange weather; remember it was almost snow-less in the middle of winter? Then we see a pandemic cross the world, followed by eye-opening injustices with a dash of killer insects sprinkled in there somewhere. My new favorite saying...its 2020, anything is possible! It was 46 degrees in mid June and I am waiting for snow flurries in July.

Every time we turn around, it is one more tragedy, one more piece of bad news, one more moment of disbelief. So what are we to make of it all? If we are called to share the good news, the news has been anything but good for months now. We keep waiting for new virus numbers, new stories of police brutality or acts against the police, we watch and see all sides and want to help, make change but not offend or alienate loved ones or friends.

It is so hard to know what to do in almost any situation these days and we feel pulled in so many directions. We have no idea what the right answers are and we just keep spinning our wheels hoping to make the right decisions.

### *So what is the good news, where is God in all of this?*

The good news is you are still here, life is still beautiful and things will get better.

The good news is we are aware of the continued challenges of our brothers and sisters, black and blue.

The good news is we are not asked to change the world, but we are asked to step up in our own world, to learn, grow, understand and be an ally.

The good news is we can support one another, help and be an advocate as we feel lead.

The good news is God is still speaking, healing, creating, working. The creativity, skill and love shown through all of this is unmeasurable.

God has never left us, this is the good news.

One day, each day, we are doing our part for health, for safety, for equality and for empathy. Maybe this is so painful and unpredictable because we are changing the world. Change is not easy, but the good news is we can change, we can learn, we can grow and we can love. Nothing, not even a global pandemic, can stop love. ***This is the good news!***

Monday,  
July 20th  
for the  
August  
Newsletter



OFFICE  
HOURS

Tuesday  
10am to 2 pm

Thursday  
10am to 2 pm

## LOAVES & FISHES

Contact Linda Lippens

In partnership with the Watertown Moravian Church, we provide dinner for our community free of charge. The meal is served every Monday evening, except holidays, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Watertown Moravian Church, 510 Cole Street.

Loaves & Fishes will continue to serve until we are not allowed to do so. We are doing a carry-out format and will probably be delivering to the guests outside from now on. We are keeping social distancing at the forefront of our minds.

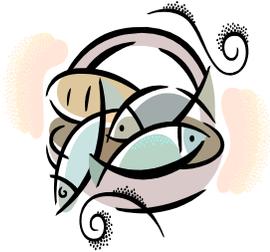
Our carry-out meal numbers have continued to increase weekly and are now over 200. We serve a population in need so we need to do what we can to keep serving. Please pray for friends that need food.

### MEAL — July

6: Hamburgers & Chili Dogs  
13: Taco Salad  
20: Pizza Casserole  
27: Subs

### SERVERS — July

6: Stan Jones Auctioneer Group  
13: Heritage Homes  
20: Kiwanis  
27: Ebenezer



**MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## PRAYER CHAIN

If you have any prayer requests or want to be included on the Ebenezer Prayer Chain, please contact Pastor Katie at (610) 442-3790 OR [pastor.kvdl@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.kvdl@gmail.com).

The most important thing to remember is to have permission of the person or family before you request it be included on the Prayer Chain. Also, please be sure to just give facts and don't add any rumors or assumptions. Please use any information you get just for the prayer request.

## Summer Sandwiches "in the park" continues!

Last Summer, we served many families lunch on Fridays in July at Lincoln Park. This year, we expanded our involvement by offering weekly lunches on Fridays from 11:30-12:30 for the whole summer. Due to changes and unknowns with parks, most of the churches have relocated their distribution sites.

Here are the places to go:

- ♦ Tuesdays - Christ United Methodist Church
- ♦ Thursdays - St. Luke's Lutheran Church
- ♦ Fridays - Watertown Moravian Church (our site).

All meals are served 11:30-12:30. We should have another site starting in July. Please share this information for whoever needs it. This is a wonderful opportunity to make sure our neighbors are fed. The Watertown School District is providing meals for students, our meals are for everyone!



## PRAYER MINISTRY

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*  
Philippians 4:6.



If you would like to add a prayer request, please contact one of the Elders. Please submit prayer requests BEFORE Wednesday of each week to Pastor Katie ([pastor.kvdl@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.kvdl@gmail.com)).

## SHARED COMMUNITY MISSIONS THANK YOU!

Even though school closed, food was still needed by many families in our area. Just like so many, the shared community missions group had to be creative with their sharing this year. Over the last weeks of "school," families received large food bags and grocery gift cards. We made sure to connect with all our families and the bus company delivered the meals right to their homes. It was a great success and we received many thank-you notes. We even had great support from our local stores and churches. Our funds are doing better than ever!

We are so thankful to continue to help others and we are gearing up for the backpack program. We have not heard yet from the schools about the fall, but currently we are asking churches to start collecting basic supplies (binders, paper, notebooks, pencils, markers, etc.).

We will get the specifics later, but feel free to drop off any supplies you find and watch your bulletin and newsletters for updates of supplies needed.

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED



Meetings of CWU are currently on hold.

They are hoping to resume meeting September.

We will keep you updated.

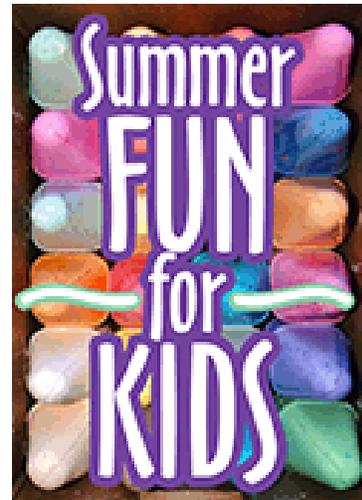
## Ebenezer Kids Sunday Funday!

With church camps canceled, it is time we have some summer fun! If the weather is nice, we will gather on Sunday evening, July 12th, and have a fun outdoor adventure! Wear your swimsuit or clothes you can get messy and plan on a fun time!

All ages welcome and we encourage bug spray and sun block. We will stay outside, enjoy time with water, dirt, and nature.

If the weather is bad, we will postpone the event until August.

Watch your emails or the church Facebook page for updates.



## Western District Synod Postponed



Every four years, district synods are held to elect the leadership of the district, report ministries over the years and make decisions to guide our district churches. Originally, the Western District Synod was scheduled at the end of April at Mt. Morris. Our representatives elected at our church council are Theresa Vesper, Joe Walsh and Pastor Katie.

The synod has been postponed until November 19 - 22. Please be in prayer for the leadership of our district and province. All district synods have been changes, which will definitely cause more challenges and disruptions. We continue to pray for the leadership of our churches on all levels and for all those who continue to support through this difficult time.

## CHURCH TAILGATING...IT'S OUR THING!

Since so many sports have been canceled, it is good to know we can still tailgate! It is great to see the creative ways people are enjoying church, from tailgates to lawn chairs, from cats on leashes, to hanging in pick-up beds. It has been a great time to experiment and try church in new ways. We know this is not ideal, but we cherish all those who have ventured into worship in many ways, including finding amazing online worship, concerts, sermons and music!

The Joint Board will be meeting in early July to discuss the process of returning to the sanctuary. We do know that many churches in Watertown have started back and we have been noting their process and wish to make sure everyone is safe and healthy. For now, we will continue to worship on wheels, rain or shine, and look forward to time in our sanctuary soon.

Thank you for your continued support and your



**REMEMBER: OUR Facebook page is "Ebenezer Moravian".**



**To meet our 2020 budget, weekly offerings need to be approximately \$2,400. Thank you for your consideration.**

**May 24: \$1,601.35**

**May 13: \$1,891.73**

**June 7: \$1,968.00**

**June 14: \$1,664.00**

## REACHING OUT...

These are members that may not be able to attend church regularly. Please feel free to contact them via mail. If you wish to have your contact information or someone close to you added, please contact Shelly Degrandt at (920)988-6281 or at [degrandts@gmail.com](mailto:degrandts@gmail.com).

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Deerfield, WI 53531-9562

## ON LINE GIVING

Ebenezer now has online giving enabled through the Moravian Ministries Foundation because we are an investor in the Common Fund. Here's the link: <https://mmfa.info/ebenezer-moravian-church-donation-form/> This is your one-stop, 24/7 online giving destination. You can now give at any time from the convenience of your home.

Online giving can be a way for members, friends and family to support Ebenezer. As an added benefit, it allows giving to Ebenezer from afar. You can make memorial gifts in lieu of flowers, honor a loved one, schedule tithing, and more. Payments will be made to Ebenezer monthly, at no cost to the church.

## GIVING

Remember, there are many ways to stay current with your gifts:

- **Auto Bill Pay:** Through your bank or credit union
- **Mail:** Mail check to the church
- **Moravian Ministry Foundation:** See article below

Thank you for your generosity. We will give you a HUGE hug once we are allowed to!



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**REMINDERS TO USE YOUR BEST JUDGEMENT...**

I am not sure if we have any new information since March. It still seems like there are many unknowns and uncertainties about this pandemic.

Our church board is not an expert in pandemics and has never dealt with this before. We appreciate your patience as we all navigate this unknown time. We know how important it is to worship in our sanctuary and we are actively working towards our return.

We do want everyone to do what they are asked, especially our most vulnerable. As I often remind my kids, just because you can, does not mean you should. I appreciate everyone using their best judgment about where to go and when. We will continue to offer grocery delivery for anyone who needs and be thankful for those who choose to stay home. It is so important to be healthy throughout all of this.

Thank you for using your best judgment and doing what is safe for you and your loved ones. We appreciate you and are thankful for the decisions that are best for you. It is so hard because none of us knows everything, but we have each been taking care as best we think. Continue to use your best decisions and know that we are loving and praying for you near and far.



The choir will be continuing to "stay safe". I am missing our Ebenezer voices/participants! But have been enjoying Tom & Noah's music Sunday mornings during Worship on Wheels.

Glennis

**EBENEZER MORAVIAN CHURCH  
2020 SPRING CLEAN UP**

Thank you for supporting Ebenezer by helping with our church spring clean up. Please contact Pastor Katie to arrange a time to complete tasks when able. Check the sign off sheet in Heiser Hall to see what tasks have been completed before beginning.

**Sunday School Rooms and Heiser Hall**

- \* Inspect Sunday School/Heiser Hall windows/leaks?
- \* Clean out insects from light fixtures/inspect fixtures
- \* Wash all windows including tracks and sills

**Kitchen, Piper Room and Other**

- \* Kitchen Clean-up/Organize/Inspect
- \* Tidy-up Closet Storages in Piper Room
- \* Flush Hot Water Heater/faucet screens
- \* Clean out insects from light fixtures/inspect fixtures
- \* Wash all windows

**Outside**

- \* Drainage Culverts check for any blockage
- \* Clean leaves from Curb on North side of Church
- \* Yard area pick-up twigs and debris
- \* Pick-up /Clean/organize Shed if needed

**Sanctuary and Narthex**

- \* Tidy-up behind the Pipe organ and storage closet areas
- \* Wipe Woodwork in Sanctuary
- \* Polish Cross & Candle Holders
- \* Sanctuary Carpet – spots to clean/wax dripings?
- \* Inspect Narthex windows/leaks?
- \* Hand Rails in Balcony tighten/adjust?
- \* Clean Sanctuary fans
- \* Bell Tower/Rope Inspect
- \* Inspect/Repair outdoor sound system
- \* Clean out insects from light fixtures/inspect fixtures
- \* Wash all windows

**Parsonage**

- \* Pressure Wash Siding
- \* Check Rain Gutters – Gutter Guards
- \* Filter/AC-check/install
- \* Yard pick-up twigs and debris
- \* Clean Septic Filter



- 4 - Karissa Bender
- 6 - Nathan Baum
- 6 - Bohdi Degrandt
- 7 - William Petig
- 8 - Jenna Beerbohm
- 9 - Timothy Pattengale
- 11 - Annabella Caratachea
- 11 - Linda Rabbach
- 11 - Tracy Saxby
- 12 - Piper Finley
- 14 - MaryLou Kopp
- 16 - Monica Meyer
- 20 - John Vesper
- 20 - Annaleyna Van der Linden
- 21 - Jackson Hamann
- 25 - John Cahill
- 25 - Carolyn (Sue) Kopp
- 30 - Rhiannon Prust
- 30 - Stephanie Schultz



- 4 - Alan & Rosie Berger
- 11 - Don & Karol Wesemann
- 17 - Dennis & Linda Rabbach



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## Ten Commandments – SOUTHERN HILLBILLY STYLE

Some people have trouble with all those 'shall's' and 'shall not's' in the Ten Commandments.. Folks just aren't used to talking in those terms. So, in middle Tennessee they translated the 'King James' into 'Jackson County' language.....no joke (posted on the wall at CrossTrails Church in Gainesboro , TN ).

- (1) Just one God
- (2) Put nothin' before God
- (3) Watch yer mouth
- (4) Git yourself to Sunday meetin'
- (5) Honor yer Ma & Pa
- (6) No killin'
- (7) No foolin' around with another fellow's gal
- (8) Don't take what ain't yers
- (9) No tellin' tales or gossipin'
- (10) Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff

Now that's plain an' simple. Y'all have a nice day!



## STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

During this time of uncertainty you might be wondering what will be happening in the future for the Food Pantry. As you know, the annual Postal Food Drive normally held the second Saturday in May has been postponed to either August or September.

We know that there are some exciting things in the works relating to this food drive and more information will be forthcoming in the next few months. As we receive more information, we will pass it along to you.

Once a date has been set, we will be seeking volunteers to help. If you wish to help, please get in touch with Dawn @

920-261-7068

OR

dawn@watertownfoodpantry.org



# 4th of July Word Search

R A M O D E E R F Y I A N Y P  
 R V I C E L E B R A T I O N A  
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Independence  
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 Summer

Declaration  
 Picnic  
 Celebration  
 Holiday  
 British  
 Stars  
 Music

Flag  
 Fireworks  
 America  
 Philadelphia  
 Colonies  
 Stripes



*JinxyKids.com*

## Book Study - Why we must talk about race...

How do white people talk about race? That is a very good question and a very hard one. We often think we are not knowledgeable and have nothing to contribute. We want to learn, but are scared to speak. In Debby Irving's book, she explores the challenge we face as white people to have the discussions about race and racism that affect our daily lives. She invites us into the story, not to find guilt or shame, but to be honest about what we know, have learned and believe.



JOIN OUR  
**STUDY**

There will be no judgment in this study. We will read a chapter or two at a time, reflecting on the questions at the end each week. The discussion is long overdue. Many other local churches have used this book as a guide to discuss where we come from and to challenge where we are going. This is a great opportunity to learn, study, be challenged and work on our own history, beliefs and societal systems. Books will be available.

Please join us Thursday evenings beginning July 9th at 7pm.



# J U L Y

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>COMING EVENTS:</b> November 19-22: Western District Synod @ Mt. Morris			1	2 6pm Board of Elders	3 BDCleaning  10:30pm Pack lunches 11:30pm-12:30am Distribute at Wttn. Moravian	4
5 9am Worship on Wheels  NO Sunday School	6 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes (carry-out)	7 6:30pm TENTATIVE Joint Board Meeting	8	9 7-8pm Weekly Book Study	10 10:30pm Pack lunches 11:30pm-12:30am Distribute at Wttn. Moravian	11
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