

THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — August 2021

Monthly newsletter of the Ebenezer Moravian Church
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What is All this Racial Justice Stuff Even About?



Terms like liberal and conservative, democrat and republican, socialist and communist have been flying around for decades. They are not new and some wear labels proudly while others try to not fit into any label. And my purpose of this article is not to label or have you choose sides, its to make you stop and think for just one moment...have you ever been given an advantage because of your racial identity? Have you ever been disadvantaged by it? Have you ever even thought about it at all?

Most of us have probably never considered how our appearance has others react. We have never been followed around a store, never been stopped (undeservingly) by the police, never been questioned about our presence in a certain neighborhood or in a store. My husband mentioned "Pretty Woman" the other day, the scene where Julia Roberts is trying to shop at a boutique but her "revealing" clothing gets her escorted out. Meanwhile, she enters another store and spends a lot of money, only to go back and tell the previous store about their mistake. What's the difference between this encounter and racism? Julia Roberts can change her clothes.

For many, it isn't an outfit or a hairstyle, many of our Christian brothers and sisters are not just unwelcomed, but harassed and even denied freedoms that the rest of us never even think about. I've been pulled over plenty of times, but never thought about being shot. Yet Philando Castille was pulled over, told the police about his firearm in his car, and was shot and killed. Breonna Taylor was in her own home when police mistakenly entered her residence and killed her, mistakenly. Every single night, I go to bed without fear of the police barging into my house. I see the flashing lights of being pulled over and my only fear is the price of the ticket, not the fear for my life. And yes, these may be extreme examples, but in neither case was anyone ever prosecuted, no one held accountable.

Everyone can make mistakes, even police. And I respect authority, especially police who have a very dangerous job. But, years ago when the Catholic Church was faced with the reality of priest sexual abuse, no one advocated for the rest of us. You know why? We wanted the guilty brought to justice as well. I want the criminal priests prosecuted. I want church members protected. I don't want to ever be compared or associated with the atrocities committed by those perpetrators. It isn't blue lives or black lives that matter. It is the value in everyone and the reality that until Black Lives Matter just as much as every other life, we cannot rest. Jesus was a dark-skinned Jew, looked nothing like me, but definitely like those who are being persecuted right here. I will stand up for my brothers and sisters and fight so that everyone is the beautiful child of God they are meant to be.

Moravian Day of Service and Picnic!

Mark you calendars for Sunday September 19 as we once again celebrate the Moravian Day of Service. We will have a very "nontraditional" morning with our worship being a variety of ministry opportunities. We will follow that up with our church picnic! We are so excited to offer this important ministry day and to celebrate being together and serving others.

**DEADLINE is
Monday, August 23rd
for the September
Newsletter**



(Earlier is always better.)



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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 **4:15 to 5:30 p.m.** at the Watertown Moravian Church, 510 Cole Street.

Loaves & Fishes will continue to serve carry-out meals and are keeping social distancing at the forefront of our minds. Our carry-out meal numbers have continued to increase weekly; and we are serving over 300 meals every week. 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 — August

- 2: Hot dogs and brats
- 9: Baked chicken
- 16: Spaghetti
- 23: Ham casserole
- 30: Asian casserole

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SERVERS — August

- 2: St. Paul's
- 9: White Stone
- 16: Watertown Moravian
- 23: Kwik Trip - Carrie
- 30: OPEN SPOT

We have had several groups/organizations retire from helping serve meals. If you are in a group/organization, please consider helping. Or if you have friends in an group/organization, please speak with them to see if they are interested in helping. Or if you are an area business and your employees would like to help, please contact us. (emc1853@aol.com)

Please pass the word that we are looking for people to help serve our weekly Loaves & Fishes Meal. We have a yearly rotation and each group serves twice a year.



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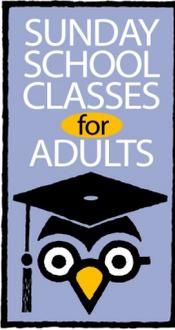
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OPEN POSITION

EBENEZER KIDS

Ebenezer Kids have been enjoying a fun summer of activities. We went skating, enjoyed the aquatic center and spent time at Summer Camp! Sunday School begins on September 12. We have a paint night in August and a game night in September. We hope you can join us.



We hope to start Adult Sunday School classes in September.

Watch for updates in the next newsletter.

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.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

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

EBENEZER MORAVIAN WOMEN

We are currently not meeting and look forward to starting to meet in September.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Rabbach or Karol Wesemann.

Are You Tuning In?

Want to worship with us without coming to the sanctuary?

You can join us each Sunday on Zoom.

Watch your email for the address and log in a few minutes early. You will see everything on the screen and have the opportunity to share prayer concerns and announcements. It is a great alternative to coming in person.

Thanks so much to our tech people who are working hard at making all worship experiences possible. We may change formats and are still learning each week, but we are so grateful for the opportunity to gather in a variety of ways.



Tuesday
10am to 2 pm

Thursday
10am to 2pm

Please contact Pastor Katie to make arrangements for other times.

CHOIR

Watch future newsletters and church announcements for choir updates.

Glennis



WATERTOWN FOOD PANTRY & PERSONAL ESSENTIALS PANTRY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! The Watertown Food Pantry and PEP Pantry have had facelifts and we would love for you to see their new space. **Come to our Open House on Saturday, September 25th from 12-2pm.**

Please take a few minutes to learn about **your** Watertown Food Pantry. Board members will be happy to show you our facilities and share how our program works. Patrons are able to select fresh meat and a huge variety of many purchased and donated items on a monthly basis.

We partner with the Personal Essentials Pantry, located next to us, and they will also be showcasing their program at the same time. PEP provides personal essentials ranging from laundry soap to toothpaste to shampoo and everything in between.

We both operate with volunteer teams of dedicated people. We live in a very generous community and are grateful for every volunteer and donor, and our ability to share with others.

We are located in the basement of Immanuel Lutheran Church, 209 N. Ninth Street. Come meet us!!

ACTIVITY GROUP "A" - Co-Leaders

Leaders Bob (920-342-4304) &
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Bob & Dianne Hamann - (920) 261-6685

Todd Hamann

Travis & Emily Hamann - (920) 262-8257

Joyce Kopp - (920) 261-7972

Greg & Linda Lippens - (920) 261-2061

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Glennis Zastrow - (920) 261-3731

LAST UPDATE: July 2021



Tithes and offerings

June 27:
\$1,535.00

July 4: \$2,642.00

July 11:
\$1,375.00

July 18:
\$2,030.00

REACHING OUT...

There are members that may not be able to attend church regularly. Please feel free to contact them via mail or e-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.

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If you are an 'on-line buyer' and purchase from AmazonSmile.com, Ebenezer is part of their Charity Support Program. For every purchase you make on AmazonSmile.com, Ebenezer will receive a portion of your order as a donation to the church.

All you need to do is make sure you are using **Smile.Amazon.com** and not Amazon.com. On your initial purchase you will need to select Ebenezer Moravian Church as the recipient of your donation. We will automatically receive quarterly payments.

If you have any questions on how this works, feel free to contact Dawn.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - John Walker
- 3 - Chloe Lee
- 7 - Alex Lee
- 8 - Jodi Wesemann
- 9 - Dominik Winter
- 13 - Erin Brown
- 16 - Todd Hamann
- 17 - Katrina Langhoff
- 17 - Jillian Degrandt
- 17 - Kaylin Bender
- 22 - Bill Kerr
- 24 - Angela Baum
- 31 - Robert Westenberg
- 31 - Lucas Henry Maass



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 - Buzz & Kathleen Orval
- 13 - Simon & Carol Britts
- 13 - Aaron & Katie Van der Linden
- 15 - Robert & Dawn Westenberg
- 17 - Timothy & Susan Brown
- 21 - Matt & Jamie Orval
- 24 - Darrin & Trudy Krueger
- 25 - Brandon & Carrie Finley
- 25 - Stephen & Julie Thomas



USHER SCHEDULE

August 1 & 8:
Doug & Kris Schefft
Mary Kopp
Scott Kopp

August 15 & 22
Scott & Jill Beerbohm
Amanda Harris

August 29:
Don & Karol Wesemann
Bob & Tammy Meyer

If you are unable to usher, please contact Alex Zubrod at 261-8289.



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.

SUMMER SANDWICHES IN THE PARK



Thank you so much for the continued support for Sandwiches in the Park. We have been feeding around 20-25 people every Friday at Timothy Johnson Park. We have been blessed by donations of supplies and help...both are invaluable.

We will continue to serve through the month of August, with our last day being August 27th. We are always welcoming more help, so feel free to join us for lunch packing on Friday mornings at 10:30am or for lunch from 11:30-12:30 at the park.

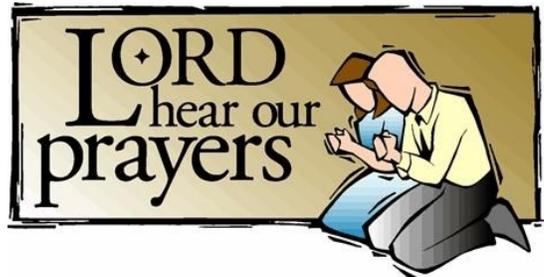
Thanks again for all of your help, prayers and for the wonderful ability to meet (and feed) our neighbors..

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.

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.

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.



Boards, Brushes, Brandy Old Fashioned?

OK, maybe not the old fashioned, but come out for a paint and wine night at Ebenezer Church on Friday, August 27th. Invite your friends for a laid back, relaxing time to make a craft and relax with church friends and family. Cost is \$25 and includes your painting supplies. Wine and snacks will also be provided and a good will donation basket will be available. You can also bring your favorite wine to share if you wish.

We will begin at 6pm with some instructions and options for our paintings and be able to create our own piece, with techniques and supplies brought by our instructor. We hope to encourage more connections among our members and friends and so we want to offer opportunities outside of worship to create bonds and memories together.

Please RSVP to the Facebook event, sign up in church or email/call Pastor Katie to get on the list. There is no limit, but we need at least 10 people to have the event, so please sign up. If cost is a factor, please talk to Pastor Katie as we want everyone to attend who wants to.

The Wooden Bowl

I guarantee you will remember the tale of the Wooden Bowl tomorrow, a week from now, a month from now, a year from now.

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. 'We must do something about father,' said the son. 'I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor.' So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl.

When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child 'What are you making?' Just as sweetly, the boy responded, 'Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up.'

The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents so that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.

That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

On a positive note, I've learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles four things: a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that making a 'living' is not the same thing as making a 'life..'

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back sometimes.

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But, if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pain, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone.

People love that human touch -- holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

SOS is COMING!!!

The Shared Community Missions Group will be once again having their school supply drive and distribution. Please see the list of supplies needed and bring them to the box in church.

On August 16-18, school supplies will be distributed at St. Henry's Church parking lot. These are distributed to those who pre-register. Registrations will be available at church and other local places beginning August 2. We want to help as many families get school supplies as needed. This is a great opportunity to provide supplies and also we will need volunteers to help during the distribution.

Watch our Facebook page and the bulletin to see how you can help! .

SOS - SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS - 2021

List of needed school supplies

Thanks for helping kids succeed in school!!

- Backpack
- Simple inexpensive 4 function calculator
- Scientific Calculator
- Crayons - set of 8 large
- Crayons - set of 24
- Washable markers -set of 8-10 bold colors
- Markers - set of 8-10 bold colors
- School glue bottles
- Glue sticks
- Scissors (kids 5 inch pointed tip and larger student scissors)
- Ruler
- Pencil box for elementary and 3 hole pencil bags for older kids
- Large pink erasers
- Standard pencils
- Set of 10-12 colored pencils
- Dry erase markers
- Highlighters
- Protractor/compass
- Post-it notes
- Red Pens
- Black or blue pens
- Composition books - both wide and college ruled
- Index cards
- Folders: plastic or laminated preferred, variety of two pocket and center clip styles(red, blue, yellow and green most requested)
- Spiral notebooks - wide and college ruled
- Loose leaf filler paper - wide and college ruled
- 1 inch wide 3 ring binders
- Dividers (5 or 10 tab) for three ring binders
- Pencil sharpeners (that catch the wood shavings)



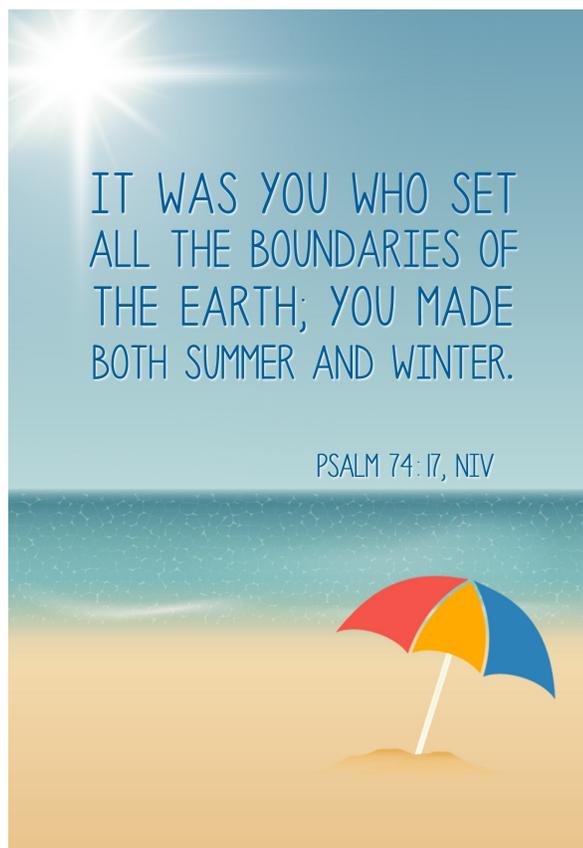


AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Worship on Wheels Guest Pastor - Barbara Rich	2 4:15-5:30pm Loaves & Fishes (carry-out meals)	3	4	5	6 10am Pack lunches for Sandwiches in the Park 11:30-12:30 Distribute @ Timothy Johnson Park 4:30pm Board of Elders	7
JUNIOR CAMP - August 1 to 5						
8 9am Worship Service Communion	9 4:15-5:30pm Loaves & Fishes (carry-out meals)	10	11 6pm CEF Meeting	12	13 BDCleaning 10am Pack lunches for Sandwiches in the Park 11:30-12:30 Distribute @ Timothy Johnson Park	14
15 9am Worship on Wheels Guest Pastor - Anthony Jackson (Christian Motorcycle Assn.)	16 4:15-5:30pm Loaves & Fishes (carry-out meals)	17 6pm Board of Trustees	18	19	20 10am Pack lunches for Sandwiches in the Park 11:30-12:30 Distribute @ Timothy Johnson Park	21
22 9am Worship on Wheels Lake Mills Praise Band	23 4:15-5:30pm Loaves & Fishes (carry-out meals)	24	25	26	27 10am Pack lunches for Sandwiches in the Park 11:30-12:30 Distribute @ Timothy Johnson Park 6pm Paint Night	28
29 9am Worship Service	30 4:15-5:30pm Loaves & Fishes (carry-out meals)	31	September 5: Last Worship on Wheels and services will resume at 10am September 12: Sunday School begins September 19: Church picnic following church service September 24: Game Night / Potluck @ 6pm			

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RETURN ADDRESS REQUESTED



IT WAS YOU WHO SET
ALL THE BOUNDARIES OF
THE EARTH; YOU MADE
BOTH SUMMER AND WINTER.

PSALM 74: 17, NIV