

# THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — January 2018

Monthly newsletter of the Ebenezer Moravian Church  
N8095 High Road — Watertown, WI 53094  
920-206-0222 - Church



## From the Pastor

Greetings and Blessings to you!

I am quite excited to meet all of you as I settle into life and ministry in Watertown. It is always an adventure beginning a new church and there are feelings of excitement, anxiety and chaos, all rolled into one. New ministries are a bit like driving a “new-to-you” car. There are things you have to test out. Ways the car is not like your old car that get you frustrated. Ways that it is not like your old car that you are thankful for and excited for. And just a time of getting to know how we all work until the ride is smoother. And after all that time of learning and growing, you may get comfortable, but still have to pay attention and enjoy the ride. Who knows, you may really like this car too!

Life and ministry are journeys, not destinations. This will be a time of transitions for all of us. We need to be honest and hopeful, limit expectations and try new things. Also, we all must have patience. I do not know how the last pastors have done things and wish to learn what works and what does not. I want to learn about the congregation, strengths and challenges. I want to connect to you, individually, even if I may ask your name several times before I remember it. I want to work with you, partner with you in your already amazing walk and see where we both can help and grow with one another.

It is not easy to welcome the stranger. It is not easy to be the welcomed stranger(s). But, in time and with God’s amazing grace, I know we will follow God’s will together. I hope that you will give me a chance, get to know my family and help us be part of your church family. We are excited. We are nervous. We are ready to take that leap of faith...will you take it with us too? See you on January 7<sup>th</sup>!



**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 11, 2018**



All committee reports must be submitted **NO LATER THAN** January 19<sup>th</sup> in order to compile and create the council packet to be distributed to the church membership on February 4<sup>th</sup>.



## 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.

For prayer requests to be included in the weekly bulletin, please contact Tammy Meyer (rtmeyer6971@yahoo.com) before Thursday of each week.



**THANKS**  
From Our  
**Pastor**

HUGE THANK YOU!!!! THE PARSONAGE LOOKS AMAZING! Although not quite done, the parsonage is coming along quite well. The paint is beautiful, the kitchen is bright and amazing and the bathrooms are coming together well. I just want to make sure to share how appreciative we are to this amazing welcoming. You have given so much effort and time. We are very grateful. Parsonages are very important to the people who call them home, and this house and this work is a real blessing to our family. Thank you to the church members who put in so much time and dedication. Thank you to the anonymous donor who made these changes possible. We look forward to having an open house once we are settled in (and empty all those boxes)!



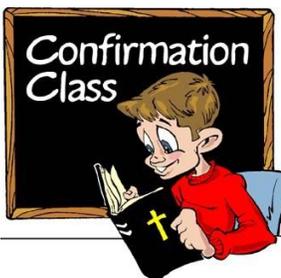
Doug Schefft, Elder

920-285-1045

Buzz Orval, Trustee Chair

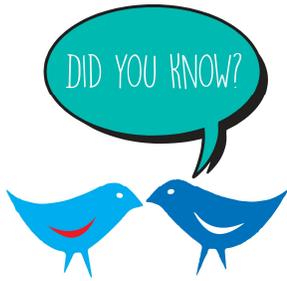
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The Watertown Unit of Church Women United will be having their Human Rights Celebration on Saturday morning, January 20th at the First Congregational United Church. The meeting will begin with a light breakfast at 9 am. The worship service will follow, beginning about 10 am. Participants are invited to bring PEP or Food Pantry items.



Confirmation classes are being held every other Wednesday evening from 6pm to 8pm in the Piper room. Classes are scheduled for January 3rd, 17th, and 31st. Members of the class are Kaylin Bender, Bohdi Degrandt, and Emaleigh Rein.

Students are studying Moravian history, customs and practices, the Bible, and the Moravian book of worship. Tom Naatz is currently teaching the confirmation class. If you have any questions about the class please call 920-699-3118 or 920-248-1029.



## NORTH AMERICAN EDITIONS OF "THE DAILY TEXT"

The printing of the Daily Texts in North America dates back at least to 1767, when the Losungen was printed "at Bethlehem on the Forks of the Delaware by Johan Brandmuller." The printer's imprint bears the date of 1767 as well and may have been an extra printing for the German version done at Barby-on-the-Elbe in Germany, where most of the printing was done for the Moravian Church those days.

During the crucial days of the Revolution, the German-language edition was printed in Philadelphia by Heinrich Miller, who had worked for Benjamin Franklin when he first came to America. The daily text for July 4, 1776, was from Isaiah 55:5—"Behold, you shall call nations that you know not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you" (RSV).

English versions were printed in London as early as 1746, and the title page bears the imprint of "James Hutton near the Golden Lion in Fetter Lane." Hutton was the well-known London printer associated with the Moravian Church who was a friend of John and Charles Wesley in the formative years of their ministry.

The 1850s were crucial years for the Moravian Church in North America as the congregations established in the United States broke away from direct control from the Moravian headquarters in Europe. Both German and English editions of the Daily Texts were regularly printed in Philadelphia or Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and in a few years the custom was established to include the statistics of the provinces and districts of the Moravian Church in North America.

The biblical texts for each day are chosen in Herrnhut, Germany, and then sent around the world to those who prepare the different language editions. Since 1959 the edition published in the United States has included a prayer for each day. For this North American edition, the hymns are chosen or written, and the prayers are written by Moravian clergy and laypersons from the United States and Canada. Each month is prepared by a different individual or couple, of a variety of ages, so that the prayers reflect the great diversity of devotion in the Moravian Church.

The physical form of the Daily Texts varies considerably from country to country. Some, like this North American edition, have a separate page for the verses, hymns, and prayers of each day. Others have several days' texts printed on one page, which makes a thin, pocket-size volume. Some are beautiful examples of the printing and bookbinding arts. Others are simply mimeographed and stapled together.

These external non-essentials pale beside the fact that this little book is probably the most widely read devotional guide in the world, next to the Bible. It forms an invisible bond between Christians on all continents, transcending barriers of confession, race, language, and politics. In its quiet way it performs a truly ecumenical service for the whole of Christendom.

## MORAVIAN WOMEN



The Ebenezer Women will meet on January 3rd at 9 am. This will be the annual meeting; and will be held at Two Sisters Restaurant.

If the weather is threatening call Karol - 261-7388 OR Linda - 699-3781 to see if they are still meeting.

We welcome any of our women and friends to join us for this or any of our meetings.

## SHARED COMMUNITY MISSION GROUP

The Shared Community Mission Group is an ecumenical group of lay and clergy volunteers who represent ten different churches in Watertown. They believe they can accomplish more together by combining the blessings of volunteers, talents and money than any one church can do alone.

This community-based volunteer group has focused our collective efforts on two main projects that provide assistance to low income families free of Charge: **“SOS: Support Our Students”** and **“Weekend Food to Go and Grow”**

### SOS: Support Our Students

For the past five years the Shared Community Mission Group has expanded upon a program started at the First Congregational-UCC. Working together they have been able to help more children whose families are unable to purchase the items that their children need for school.

Together they help children get ready to learn. Member congregations and others from the community donate school supplies or money to purchase school supplies. They set up a large “school store” where children are invited, accompanied by their parents and a church volunteer, to select a new backpack and needed supplies that are listed on their schools’ required supplies list. Community agencies staff a resource area so that families can learn about other helpful free programs in our community.

A brief chart illustrates families served the past seven years..

2011...	64 Families.....	156 Children Served
2012...	65 Families.....	181 Children Served
2013...	85 Families.....	223 Children Served
2014...	89 Families.....	240 Children Served
2015...	116 Families.....	298 Children Served
2016...	95 Families.....	241 Children Served
2017....	80 Families.....	213 Children Served

### Weekend Food to Go and Grow

This program provides a weekly duffel bag of nutritious food for hungry kindergarten children and their families over the weekend when free school breakfasts and lunches are not available. Each bag includes: canned fruit, canned vegetables, entrée item, quality protein, condensed soup or pasta, breakfast foods, fresh fruit or vegetables, a coupon for a gallon of milk, bread or crackers twice a month. Special holiday meals and occasional treats are also provided.

This program started with a pilot program at Douglas Elementary School in 2012. Over the past five years it has expanded to include all Watertown Public Schools. Families from Good Shepherd Lutheran School and Watertown Catholic Schools are also invited to participate. We are most grateful to our partner, the Watertown Unified School District, for providing food storage and bag packing space as well as assistance with bag distribution.



During the initial six years of the program, through June 2017, participating congregations and community donors have invested \$78,980.00 to send home 4,942 food bags. This investment in the future of our children helped to provide 13,035 weekends when a child had enough food to eat. Over six years, the average cost of the food bags is \$16.00.



- 1: Tammy Meyer  
3: Chase Warren  
6: Quinn Thomas  
11: Pam Jacobson  
13: Jill Beerbohm  
13: Cory Cahill  
13: Craig Cahill  
16: Diane Tuhy  
16: Brandon Finley  
17: Joyce Kopp  
17: Sarah Wegner  
19: Anne Walsh  
23: Simon Britts  
27: Andre Caratachea  
29: Jordan Beerbohm  
30: Kari Maass  
31: Karen Lee

## A Christian Laundry List

- Let love be genuine
- Hate what is evil
- Hold fast to what is good
- Love one another with mutual affection
- Outdo one another in showing honor
- Do not lag in zeal
- Be ardent in spirit
- Serve the Lord
- Rejoice in hope
- Be patient in suffering
- Persevere in prayer
- Contribute to the needs of the saints
- Extend hospitality to strangers
- Bless those who persecute you
- Bless and do not curse them
- Rejoice with those who rejoice
- Weep with those who weep
- Live in harmony with one another
- Do not be haughty
- Associate with the lowly
- Do not claim to be wiser than you are
- Do not repay anyone evil for evil
- Take thought for what is noble in the sight of all
- So far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all
- Beloved, never avenge yourselves
- Leave room for the wrath of God
- If your enemies are hungry, feed them
- If they are thirsty, give them something to drink
- Do not be overcome by evil
- Overcome evil with good

See Romans 12. 9-21



**January 7 & 14, 2018**

Gerald & Paula Harris, Jozelle Roberts & Dalton Krueger

**January 21 & 28, 2018**

Gregg & Linda Lippens, Craig Cahill & Trudi Wesemann

(Please contact Head Usher Alex Zubrod at 920-261-8289 if you would like to assist in this ministry.)



## FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Watertown Food Pantry is looking for individuals who would be able to work 1 to 4 times per month, usually mornings between 8am and 10am. Some lifting would be involved. Jobs include making pickups at local grocery stores, moving cases of items at the pantry and unloading vehicles for food drive events. Having a van or small truck would be helpful, but not necessary.

If interested, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 920-261-7068 and leave a message. Or, you may also send an e-mail to [wttn.foodpantry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wttn.foodpantry@sbcglobal.net).



## ATTENDANCE

November 19: 55  
 November 22: 22  
 (Thanksgiving Eve)  
 November 26: 54  
 December 3: 54  
 December 10: 66

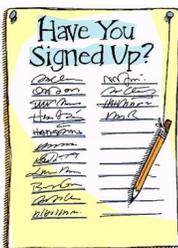
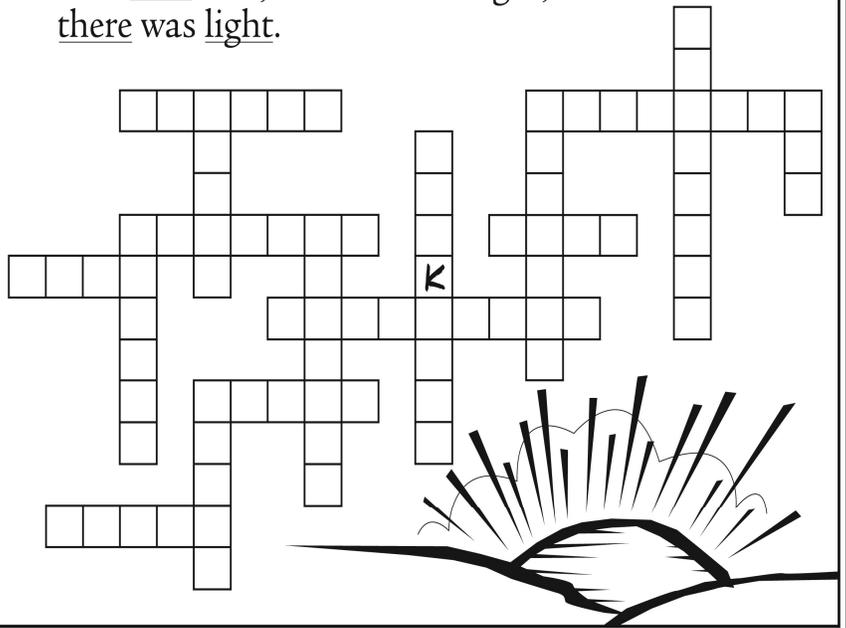


# The Beginning

The start of a new calendar year is a great time to praise God for his amazing creation.

Directions: Read Genesis 1:1-3 (NIV), below. Place the underlined words into the crossword. One letter has been provided to help you start.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.



## GREETERS, LAY READERS & FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

If you are interested in being a greeter or lay reader, or hosting Fellowship Hour after the church service, please sign up.

The Elder on duty each month will pass around the clipboards before worship begins and will collect them at the end of announcements. If you wish to sign up after the service is over, the clipboards will be in the Narthex.

## REACHING OUT...

This is a list of 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)

**Janet Butzine**  
c/o Sunset Ridge  
1275 Rimmel Drive  
Johnson Creek, WI 53038

**Leroy Gronert, Sr.**  
Dycora Nursing Home  
Apt. 201  
430 Wilcox St.  
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

**Marion Schwartz**  
Marquardt Memorial Manor  
1020 Hill St. Room 706  
Watertown, WI 53098

**Douglas Rabbach**  
Park Ridge (Zinzendorf)  
1148 Bayberry Drive  
Watertown, WI 53098

**Naomi Athas**  
301 Jackson Street  
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

**Joyce Kopp**  
317 Lauren Lane  
Watertown, WI 53094

**Carol Schultz**  
800 Hidde Dr. Apt. 201  
Watertown, WI 53098

**Todd Hamann #627678**  
John C Burke Correctional Center  
900 South Madison St.  
Waupun, WI 53963



## LOAVES & FISHES

### Contact Linda Lippens

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

## MENU

### January

- 8 - Meatloaf
- 15 - Breakfast egg bake
- 22 - BBQ pork
- 29 - Fish & salmon patties

**ACTIVITY GROUP "A"** - Leaders Bob (920-342-4304) & Tammy (920-342-3849) Meyer

*May - July 2018*

**ACTIVITY GROUP "B"** - Co-Leaders Dennis & Linda Rabbach (920-699-3781) AND

Tom & Virginia Naatz (920-699-3118)

*November 2017 - January 2018*

**ACTIVITY GROUP "C"** - Co-leaders Linda & Gregg Lippens (920-261-2061)

AND Doug (920-285-1045) & Kris (920-285-1048) Schefft

*February - April 2018*



PLEASE remember.....

Our Face book name is

***"Ebenezer Moravian"***.

Please do NOT include the word "Church".



Please help keep our website updated with current pictures of church activities, ministries, church grounds and church facilities. Send pictures as jpg files to Dawn Westenberg at [dawn22658@gmail.com](mailto:dawn22658@gmail.com). We desperately need to update the photographs currently on our website.

We are also looking for new group pictures of all the church boards and committees.



Newsletter deadline for  
February Messenger is  
Friday, January 19th

**UPDATE:** The home delivered meal program officially started delivery of meals from the Watertown Senior Center on December 4th. As of right now, there are 14 meal participants.



Choir's  
Taking a  
*Break*

The Choir is on break for the month of January.

Practice will resume in February.

