

The Joyful Noise Newsletter

Schoeneck Moravian Church

July 2023



Discerning the word of God for our Daily Living

In the June newsletter, we read about the ‘Moravian Call System Basics’, an explanation summarizing the call process used to identify and bring a full-time pastor to Schoeneck. Throughout this process, the Eastern District Executive Board (EDEB) asks the Joint Board to pray along with quiet reflection and discernment on the name of a pastor who could meet the needs of the congregation as identified in the surveys recently sent to the congregation and Joint Board. While going through this process as well as other important issues, what is meant by the word ‘discernment’? What does it mean to ‘discern’? According to my search using Google (years ago we used a dictionary!!), discernment is a noun for ‘the ability to judge well’ or ‘the quality of being able to grasp and comprehend what is obscure’. From a Christian perspective, discernment means to ‘obtain spiritual guidance and understanding’. It is very important to use spiritual guidance and understanding to identify our next full-time pastor. But...how do we discern the word of God for our daily living?

In 2022, I was asked to prayerfully consider to accept an appointment to the Board of Elders to fill a current vacancy. Prior to this appointment, I had served on the Board of Elders for two (2) consecutive three (3)-year terms, ending at the 2021 Annual Church Council meeting. At that time, I told myself I no longer needed to serve on a church board, being glad to continue singing in the senior choir as my contribution to the church. However, while praying about the request, I continued to hear ‘that small voice’ telling me to consider accepting the appointment and subsequent nomination for a three (3)-year term. What was ‘that small voice’? It was the Holy Spirit helping me make an important decision, i.e., discernment. According to Philippians 1:10, “...you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ”, when we truly need to make an important decision, the Holy Spirit intercedes by providing spiritual guidance and understanding.

In order to allow the Holy Spirit to help us in our decisions, we need to open our hearts and minds to listen for guidance and understanding. We always want the ‘smack on the back of the head’ or that ‘Ah-Ha moment’ to let us know how to act and react, but how often does this actually happen! We need to open ourselves up to listening to the ‘small voice’ inside each of us, the moral compass that directs our hearts and minds to what God wants us to do.

As we begin the call process, all of us need to open our hearts and minds to discern how God is leading us to the person He has already identified as the next full-time pastor of Schoeneck Moravian Church. In our personal lives, make sure to listen for the ‘small voice’ (i.e., God’s whisper). He knows what is best for each one of us. Trust in God as He will never fail you as stated in John 14:1, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me (Jesus)”.

Jim Makovetz
Vice-chair, Schoeneck Board of Elders

Worship the Lord with Us!

**Sunday, July 2—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 AM Worship Service
Bill Heiser**

**Sunday, July 9—John Hus Holy Communion
Rev. Terry Folk**

At this service on Sunday, July 9 we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion to commemorate the martyrdom of John Hus, the father of our Moravian faith, burned at the stake for his beliefs on July 6, 1415. Worship with us as we renew our faith together through the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, July 16—Worship at the Whitefield House (Nazareth Moravian Host)

On Sunday, July 16, instead of meeting for worship in our sanctuary, we will worship together with Nazareth Moravian Church on the lawn of the Whitefield House at 214 E Center St, Nazareth, PA 18064. This is a chance for us to join in fellowship with our Moravian neighbors up the road and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors together. Please bring a lawn chair and find a spot under the shade! Our summer worship time will remain the same (9:30 A.M.). Should there be rain, we will gather in Nazareth Moravian sanctuary instead.

**Sunday, July 23—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 AM Worship Service
Deb Charles**

**Sunday, July 30—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 AM Worship Service
Byrnes Craig, Moravian Seminary Student**

Future Worship Services

**Sunday, August 6—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 AM Worship Service
Singstunde—Ryan Morrow**

**Sunday, August 13—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 AM Worship Service
Rev. Melissa Johnson—Moravian Pentecost Communion with a Lovefeast during Fellowship Hour**

**Sunday, August 20—Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 AM Worship Service
Ann Dalton/Sharon Schuler/Sunny Kline/Cookie Knauss**

**Sunday, August 27—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 AM Worship Service
Pastor Tracy Robinson—Education Sunday, Blessing of Backpacks**



June 18 through September 3

One service at 9:30 AM

Livestream

Summerfest for children during worship.

ELDERS DEVOTION

I first came across this article last year and something made me want to save it to perhaps use for an Elder devotion. I then contemplated the thought fearing how others may view it. But then again, after coming across it recently, I thought it was definitely worth sharing! If you really want to be honest to yourself, I'm sure I'm not the only one that needs to be reminded occasionally why and what we are coming to church for!

A young man comes to the priest and says:

- Father, I won't go to church anymore!

The priest answered:

- But why?

The young man replied:

- I see the sister who speaks ill of another sister; the brother who doesn't read well; the singing group who lives defuncting; the people who during the service look at their cell phone, among many and many other bad things I see doing in church.

The priest says to him:

- Okay, but first I want you to do me a favor: take a glass full of water and go three laps around the church without spilling a drop of water on the floor. After that you can leave the church.

And the young man thought: too easy!

And he did the three laps like his Father asked. When he finished, he said:

- Ready, Father.

And the priest answered:

- When you were walking around, did you see the sister talk bad about the other?

The young man:

- No

Did you see people complain to each other?

The young man:

- No


Did you see anyone looking at their cell phone?

The young man:

- No

Do you know why? You were focused on the glass so you wouldn't spill the water away as you walked.

The same is in our life. When our focus is our Lord Jesus Christ, we will not have time to see people's mistakes.

Those who leave church because of the people. It's because they never came to church for Jesus. 

Blessings on your summer!

Pamela Stampf, Elder

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Board of Elders

June Board of Elders meeting:

- * Elders continue to work on scheduling pastors and worship leaders.
- * Vacation Bible School is July 17 – 21, 2023.
- * Elders will provide more information on the Youth Rally scheduled for October.
- * Community Dinners continue to be a SUCCESS ! Please use the blue envelopes in the pew if you would like to donate to the fund.

Board of Trustees

June Board of Trustees meeting:

- * October Youth Rally finances
- * Stipends and mileage for supply pastors and guest speakers
- * Special Envelopes for 2024
- * Needed parsonage repairs
- * Cemetery request

**Schoeneck Moravian Church
Future Community Dinners**

Save These
DATES

**July 19
August 30
September 27**

**CHURCH
NEWS**

In celebration of the 4th of July



The church office will be closed
Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4.



Schoeneck Moravian Health Ministry
The next blood pressure screening
will be **Sunday, August 20, 2023**

**Nazareth Days
Saturday, July 15, 2023**

Schoeneck Mission & Evangelism Ministry
needs volunteers to spend an hour between
the times of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

It will indeed be rewarding!



JULY 2, 2023

*Join us for Snack & Yak
after 9:30 AM Worship
in the Fellowship Hall
for some snacks, beverages,
and wonderful fellowship.
Sign up sheet outside
church office.*

SCHOENECK MORAVIAN CHURCH

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Naomi Francisco, Easton Area High School. Her future plan is to study Languages, to become a Translator.

Jordan Gagner, Nazareth High School. He will be attending Moravian University majoring in Education.

Kevin Gagner, Nazareth High School. He will be attending Penn State Lehigh Valley majoring in Accounting.

Jay Lirag, Nazareth High School. He will be attending Penn State University.

Alexis Morris-Ng, Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter School -High School. She will be attending Monmouth University in the fall.

Noah Ressler, Nazareth High School. He will be attending Kutztown University majoring in Music Education.

Savannah Rupert, Nazareth High School.

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

Clarice Cook, American University, cum laude with a Major in Public Health. She is employed as a research coordinator for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Bekka Haidle, Northampton Community College with an Associate of Applied Science—Criminal Justice and plans to attend East Stroudsburg University in the fall to continue her studies.

COLLEGE GRADUATES (Con't):

Ashlie (Haidle) Mercado, Master of Science Degree—Civil Engineering and has accepted a position with Vermont Agency of Transportation.

Greg Oplinger, Kutztown University with a degree in Sports Management in December 2022. He has accepted a full time internship with the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs in sales.

RELATIVES OF MEMBERS:

Mackenzie Brobst, Graduated from Lebanon Valley College with a Bachelor of Science—Accounting. She will be continuing for a Masters in Accounting. Robert & Carol Hunt's Granddaughter.

Morgen Johnson, Nazareth High School. She will be attending Moravian College majoring in Physical Therapy. Glenn & Carolyn Hertzog's Granddaughter.

David Valentine Knauss-Hauck, Bishop Shanahan High School in Downingtown, PA. He received an Academic Scholarship to Temple University and plans to receive a Bachelors in Business. Cookie Knauss's Grandson.

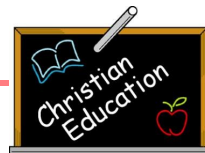
Ethan Winwood Rush, Liberty High School. He will be attending Monmouth University majoring in History Teacher, Secondary Education. Susan Fraser's Grandson

Your Gift Changes Lives

Thank you for your continued support of our shelter and all you do. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Safe Harbor Easton

Thank You For Your Support



Christian Education Ministry would like to acknowledge and thank Donna & Frank Francisco for their many, many years of service.

Christian Education Ministry



Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's rummage sale a huge success. We brought in over \$5100 and had lots of fun in the process. Set up week was a long, tiring week but with lots of help and encouragement, we got it all done. So whether you brought in donations, helped throughout the week, baked for the bake sale or said a prayer for us, thank you.

As in years past, many people told us how great our sale is, how much they look forward to attending and how appreciative they are with the organization and quality of the merchandise we sell. All of those things are great but what we've come to realize is just how important our sales are to the community. This year we had the opportunity to provide clothing to Neomi D's Thrifty Boutique to help in her mission of outfitting foster children and homeless and/or incarcerated women who are looking to start a new life. We were very emotional as Neomi sincerely thanked us for helping to further her mission. It's stories like this that keep us going year after year.

Again, thank you for all the support. Start saving for next year!

Katie

**If you would like to support Neomi, gently used clothing can be dropped off at: 182 Bath Nazareth Hwy, Nazareth, PA 18064 (the old Curt's Cyclery Building)



YUMMY, SUGAR CAKES!

A BIG THANK YOU

To Lori Hahn, Terry Berger, and all the church members who came out to learn how to make Sugar Cakes.



Sisters and Brothers:

Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen serves either a 'grab and go' lunch or a 'sit down lunch' on certain Saturday's during the month. The lunch alternates monthly between St. John's UCC and Nazareth Moravian Church.

Loaves and Fishes thanks you for your generous gift of \$2,567 collected during the Lenten Season with Schoeneck Moravian and Nazareth Moravian Churches participating. This donation will help feed those in need who live in our community.

A brother in Christ,
Rev. Jeffrey D Gehris,
Secretary/Treasurer Loaves and Fishes



Loaves & Fishes
Ending Hunger — Empowering Lives



Summerfest has started and the ministry hopes that the children are enjoying learning about the Lord's Prayer. Our goal is by the time Summerfest is over that they will be able to recite the Lord's Prayer from memory and join in saying it along with the congregation when it is found in our liturgy.

We will soon be searching for leaders and shepherds for the start-up of Sunday School in September. You need no previous experience to be a leader or shepherd for the children, just the love of children and God in your heart! Please consider helping out and joining the Christian Ed Ministry!

I'm also looking for helpers of all kinds for Vacation Bible School, July 17th thru July 21st.

- ⇒ Bible story leaders and helpers
- ⇒ Craft leaders and helpers
- ⇒ Games/activities leaders and helpers
- ⇒ Group leaders - any youth that have completed 5th grade and up to help guide the younger groups from class to class and assist them with their belongings during the day

Clearances are required for any volunteer 18 years and older, which are free of charge. Our administrative assistant, Cindi can assist anyone that is in need of help to obtain them, please call the church office.

Blessings on your summer!
 Pamela Stampf
 Sunday School Coordinator

**JOIN US FOR
 BABYLON**

Daniels's Courage in Captivity

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 AT SCHOENECK

JULY 17 - 21, 2023
 9 AM-12 PM

Ages preschool through completion of 5th grade
 Registration forms are available outside
 the office and on the church website

In search of Bible story leaders, craft leaders
 game leaders, kitchen help
 and youth that have competed 6th grade
 to be group/crew leaders

Only requirement is to love God, children,
 AND

if over 18 yr. old need clearances on file at the church

Contact Pamela Stampf



Metro Council Youth Rally

October 6—9, 2023

The Youth Rally is a weekend gathering in October of youth from churches all over the Eastern District of the Moravian Church to worship together, socialize, compete in challenges, and share gifts and talents.

This October Schoeneck was voted to officially host the Youth Rally. We will be opening up our church facility to be used for the various events happening over the weekend.

Additional information will be provided. Volunteers will be needed to assist with the setup and cleanup of Fellowship Hall during this event.

Your Youth Rally Task Force



Making Progress

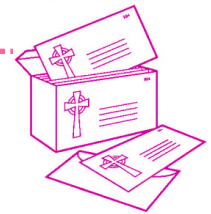
Restoration of the organ is continuing. Almost every week, technicians from Brunner & Associates are coming to Schoeneck, bringing refurbished pieces back and re-installing them. There is still a long way to go, but the project is progressing.

We have received our second invoice from the company, which indicates that work has progressed to about the halfway point. Thanks to our generous donors, the money to pay it is already in hand. The final invoice, received at the end of the project, will cover the remainder of the work. We only need a little more to reach our new goal, and to be able to pay the final invoice in full. Your final contributions will let us complete this project without any debt.

To God Alone be the Glory!

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* **MORAVIAN DAILY TEXTS 2024** *
* **PRE-ORDER FORMS AND PRICES** *
* **Will be available by July 10, 2023** *
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July Special Envelopes



In your envelope packet for July are three special envelopes:

Contributions in the **pink envelope** will help prepare the parsonage for new residents. It is in fairly good shape, but we will need to paint some rooms and do a few minor repairs. Funds from this envelope will purchase paint and supplies, and we hope that volunteers can do much of the labor (more about this soon).

Essentials Café is a new Moravian ministry in West Bethlehem, a pay-what-you-can café where anyone is invited to enjoy a meal, whether they can pay a little or a lot or nothing. They still need funds to complete some renovations before opening, and to purchase some equipment. Look for news about their opening soon!


Loaves and Fishes is the Nazareth area organization which sponsors the Summer Lunch Program, providing a free lunch to children and senior citizens (but really, to anyone who asks for one). Schoeneck will be assisting with making the sandwiches and handing out the lunches for a week in August.

Each of these envelopes collects funds for a worthwhile cause, so please use them all!

Time, Talent and Treasure

MAY MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2023			
APRIL ACTIVITY			
MAY	TOTAL	REVENUE	\$31,537
MAY	TOTAL	EXPENSES	<u>-\$30,396</u>
MAY	NET	REVENUE	\$ 1,141
YEAR TO DATE ACTIVITY			
YTD	TOTAL	REVENUE	\$227,625
YTD	TOTAL	EXPENSES	<u>-\$190,209</u>
YTD	NET	REVENUE	\$ 37,416
LESS YTD ORGAN REPAIR FUND			
		DONATIONS RECEIVED	-\$ 21,492
LESS YTD MEMORIAL FUND RECEIPTS <u>-\$ 2,844</u>			
ACTUAL YTD NET REVENUE \$13,080			
TOTAL UNPAID COMMON MINISTRIES AS OF 5/31/2023 \$ 5,689			

MAY SPECIAL OFFERINGS	
Provincial Administration	\$1,240
Communion & Lovefeast	269
Nazareth Food Bank	10
Moravian Open Door	107
Organ Repair Fund	3,635
VBS	740
Mother's Day Tribute	2
Memorial Day Tribute	138
Father's Day Tribute	36
Community Dinner Donations	288
Camp Hope	755
Parsonage Refurbishing	50
Cemetery Perpetual Care	25
Memorial Gifts—Mildred Miller	1,250
Donation—Mulch Reimbursement	723
Pastors' Monetary Farewell Gift	2,128
TOTAL	\$11,396



Why the Financial Report seems to be Behind Some members have asked why, if this is the July newsletter, the financial report is only from May. It has to do with timing: when the bank statements arrive, when this newsletter is put together, when you receive it. You are probably receiving this newsletter at the end of June. That's too early for the June financial report to be completed, since the month is not yet finished. Therefore, reporting of financials is one month behind, but rest assured all bills are being paid on a timely basis.

	In Church			Online	Sunday School			
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Total	10:30 AM	Children	Teacher	Adult	Staff
7-May	20	66	86	130	15	7	16	2
14-May	35	78	113	83			2	1
5/21/2023 10:30 Only		118	118	145	14	9	11	1
28-May	22	54	79	125	9	5	9	0
Total	77	316	396	483	38	21	38	4
May Average:	25.67	79.00	99	120.75	12.67	7	9.50	1.00

Note: May 14, 2023—No Children Sunday School, Mother's Day Tea
 May 28, 2023—Memorial Day Observance at God's Acre—Attendance 24

Worship Helpers This Month

SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY



FLOWERS - \$10.00

7/2 TBA
 7/9 TBA
 7/16 TBA
 7/23 Shirley W. Smith
 7/30 TBA

BULLETINS - \$10.00

7/2 TBA
 7/9 TBA
 7/16 TBA
 7/23 Shirley W. Smith
 7/30 TBA



JULY ELDERS

Pam Stampf

JULY TRUSTEES

Sue Anascavage

JULY RECYCLING SPONSORS

Shirley W. Smith

JULY LOVEFEAST SPONSORS

TBA

JULY SAFE HARBOR

Sr Youth Group

Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters	Scripture Readers	Nursery
SUNDAY, JULY 2	9:30 AM	Mike & Allene Rampulla	Susan Schalk	Sue Dreydoppel	Lorena Roberts & Catherine Hahn
SUNDAY, JULY 9	9:30 AM	Jim & Brenda Makovetz	Frank & Gayle Searock	Frank Searock	Andrew & Andrea Majczan
SUNDAY, JULY 16	9:30 AM	Whitefield House Hosted by Nazareth Moravian	Whitefield House	N/A	Mike & Allene Rampulla
SUNDAY, JULY 23	9:30 AM	Pam & Anthony Stampf	Joanne Smith	TBA	James & Courtney Schnyderite
SUNDAY, JULY 30	9:30 AM	Susan Schalk & Sue Gehris	Mary Schweitzer	TBA	Sharon Schuler & Sue Anascavage

July 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 th Sunday/Pentecost 2 Joyful Noise 9:30 AM Worship Service & Summerfest Snack n Yak after service/FH 1:00 PM Event FH/K	3 Church Office will be closed! 6:00 – 10:00 PM Prep for VBS	4  Church Office will be closed!	5 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	6	7	8 9:00 AM Roadside Cleanup
6 th Sunday/Pentecost 9 9:30 AM Worship Service & Summerfest John Hus Communion	10 7:00 PM Elders	11 6:00 PM CEM 7:00 PM Trustees 7:00 PM Nazareth Women's Club/ Pavilion	12 1:00 PM AFSCME 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	13 6:00 PM Youth Rally Task Force – Rm 6	14	15 Roadside Cleanup – Rain Date 9:00 AM – Nazareth Days 10:00 AM Youth Rally Zoom
7 th Sunday/Pentecost 16 WHITEFIELD HOUSE HOSTED BY NAZARETH MORAVIAN	17 Start of Vacation Bible School (VBS)	18 VBS 6:00 PM Mission & Evangelism	19 VBS 4:00 PM Community Dinner 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	20 VBS	21 Last day of VBS	22
8 th Sunday/Pentecost 23 9:30 AM Worship Service & Summerfest	24	25 7:00 PM Visitation Ministry	26 11:00 AM Women's Fellowship 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	27	28	29
9 th Sunday/Pentecost 30 9:30 AM Worship Service & Summerfest	31					

The Joyful Noise



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Schoeneck Moravian Church

Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow him.

In Essentials, Unity; In Nonessentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love.



Our Mission Statement

“To follow the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to love and serve all.”

Ryan Morrow, Director of Music
Cindi Kessler, Administrative Assistant

Summer Worship Service Schedule

9:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary
& Livestream

