

The Joyful Noise Newsletter

Schoeneck Moravian Church

October 2023

Getting By With a Little Help

Does it seem like there is a lot happening at Schoeneck these days? There is the usual fall ramp-up of activities: Sunday School starting, youth groups and Confirmation classes organizing, Senior Choir and handbell choir beginning rehearsals. And this fall, a Jr. Youth group is back, and Junior Choir and junior handbells are re-starting. Together with Bible Studies for women and men, the usual monthly meetings of various ministries (Visitation, Mission and Evangelism, Grief Support,, Elders and Trustees), there is a lot going on at Schoeneck!

But there is more. For the first time, we are hosting the Eastern District's October Youth Rally, feeding and providing meeting space and activities for 250 participants at Schoeneck for a weekend. This effort has required months of planning and preparation, and will need help from a lot of people to make it successful (more about this event on p. 4).

And on October 15, we celebrate the completion of a two-year project to refurbish Schoeneck's pipe organ. This effort has not required much in the form of labor from the congregation, but it has required a commitment and gift of funds, to which the congregation and friends have responded amazingly well.

The surprising thing about all of these activities is that they are all taking place without current pastoral leadership! Since the Flemings left Schoeneck in May, very little seems to have stopped or slowed down. Thanks to Jim and the Elders, we have had worship leadership for every Sunday. Some has been from our own congregation, some from familiar pastors back for a Sunday, some from two Seminary students, but all has been worthwhile and appreciated. Our ministries continue, with members picking up or continuing leadership roles.

We all look forward to the day when we have regular pastoral leadership again, to provide a continuity to our ministry that we may be missing now, and perhaps inspiration to venture into new ministries. Until that day happens, isn't it nice to know that we CAN do ministry on our own, and do it pretty well?

Sue Dreydoppel
President of Trustees

Jim Makovetz
Vice Chair of Elders

2023 WATCHWORD TEXT FOR THE SCHOENECK CONGREGATION

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, believe also in me." John 14.1

Worship the Lord with Us!

Sunday, October 1—Rev. Maggie Wellert. Worship Services-8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Worldwide Communion Sunday. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with Christians throughout the world, expressing our unity with all who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Sunday, October 8—Rev. Melissa Johnson. Worship Services-8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Moravian Eastern District Youth Rally. We welcome guest preacher Melissa Johnson, President of the (Moravian) Eastern District Executive Board. At the 10:30 service, we will be joined by participants in the Moravian Eastern District Youth Rally, which Schoeneck is hosting for this weekend.

Sunday, October 15—261st Anniversary Lovefeast & Organ Rededication.
Only 10:30 AM Worship Service. Join us as we celebrate the congregation's 261st anniversary and the dedication of the newly-restored pipe organ with a lovefeast and Singstunde. There will be only one service on this day. Come hear the organ for the first time as it blends with voice, brass, handbells and timpani in praise and thanksgiving to God. The celebration continues afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, October 22—Pastor Tracy Robinson. Worship Services-8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost.

Sunday, October 29—Rev. Bruce Weaknecht. Worship Services-8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost.

Future Worship Services

Sunday, November 5 Worship Services-8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
All Saint's Lovefeast.

Sunday, November 12—Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller. Worship Services-8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Christ the Chief Elder Holy Communion.

Sunday, November 19—Rev. Terry Folk. Worship Services-8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost.

Wednesday, November 22 Worship Service-7:00 PM
Thanksgiving Lovefeast.

Sunday, November 26 Worship Services-8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Christ the King Sunday (Reign of Christ)



ELDERS DEVOTION

Servanthood

If you have not figured out by now, Schoeneck Moravian Church is a busy place! In addition to the Board of Elders and Board of Trustee meetings, men's and women's Bible study groups, Senior Choir, Senior Handbells, and the various committees that meet regularly throughout the year, we also have Girl Scout troops and various organizations that use our beautiful facility and grounds. God has blessed us so we can bless others by sharing His love through the use of our facility! But have you thought of the time and energy required to make our facility useable to both church and non-church groups? Schoeneck is blessed with a number of 'humble servants', those members that work behind the scenes to make worshipping at church and attending meetings uneventful. According to Matthew 20:28 '*just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve...*', as followers of Jesus we are instructed to serve others. These congregation members serve God by serving others, using their God-given talents for our benefit, whether it be fixing a light switch, painting the parsonage as we wait for a new full-time pastor, being on a Board using leadership skills or giving of time to listen to someone's joys and concerns.

Have you thought how you might serve God at Schoeneck? 1 Peter 4:11 states "*If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ*". Everyone in the congregation has gifts, gifts that can be used to serve God that can benefit our church. Each one of us needs to identify the gift or two that we can share with our church. In using your gift, you will be praising God. No matter the amount of service given to the glory of God, His reply, as stated in Matthew 25:21, will be "*Well done, good and faithful servant....Come and share your master's happiness!*"

I challenge each and every member of Schoeneck to prayerfully consider how you can help your church by using your God-given gifts and talents.

Blessed beyond measure,

Jim Makovetz
Vice-chair, Board of Elders

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Board of Elders

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Board of Elders

September Board of Elders meeting:

- ⇒ Elders continue working on scheduling pastors and worship leaders.
- ⇒ Scheduling Communion for our Homebound members.
- ⇒ Discussing our Bereavement and Companion ministries.
- ⇒ Lori Deutsch has volunteered to coordinate the Shoe Box ministry.

Board of Trustees

September Board of Trustees meeting:

- ⇒ Contracted with a new lawn mowing company for God's Acre for the rest of this season
- ⇒ Considered people who could shadow several leadership positions
- ⇒ Determined stipends for visitation pastors during the interim
- ⇒ Continued revising Building Use Forms and procedures



CEM welcomed back Sunday School with Rally Day on September 10th at 9:15 AM with a small but faithful group of adults and children. We held a Cup of Covenant Service and then went to our classes to fill each other in on what had been happening in our lives since we had been together in June. But....upon arrival in the Fellowship Hall everyone had an opportunity to trace their hands on felt so that the CEM can craft together a banner that will be hung in the Fellowship Hall entitled "Joining Hands in Praise and Fellowship". Be on the look-out for this to appear in the hall, but this may not happen until we are done hosting the Youth Rally.

Preparation was started on planning the Children's Christmas Program and planning a date for the Birthday Social. Further information to follow on these dates.

We are still in need of a leader for the Discover's Class so our second adult Sunday School class can get up and running and also in great need of leaders and shepherds for the children's Sunday School classes. To be a shepherd for the children there is NO PREP WORK REQUIRED! All we need is a second adult to sit in the room with the leader, and you can pick what Sunday you are available. Please consider helping out so that we can be compliant and show our children that the church members are also involved in the Sunday School.

Pamela F Stampf
Sunday School Coordinator

Metro Council Youth Rally October 6—9, 2023

The Metro Youth Rally date is fast approaching. The Task Force still needs many volunteers to help make this event a success.

We still will be in need of small water bottles, just enough to include in the take-home bags and fresh fruit to include (bananas, oranges, tangerines, apples). If you feel you want to help but don't want to be in the crowd and noise, we still need a team to put together the brown take home bags. As soon as we have a head count, we could get started on assembling these since everything is individually wrapped.

We still do not have a definite head count. We know that Friday evening around 7:00 PM we will hold a Meet and Greet with approximately 60-70 participants. Two more buses will be arriving some time Saturday morning but we are unsure how many will be in those buses.

At this time I do not have a definite agenda from them, but I do know that Saturday evening they are referring to as their "Social Night" and they will be doing the Spider Web Social under the pavilion and Sunday after the church service and lunch they will be having a "Concert".

All churches participating will be involved in the 10:30 church service and will be doing the Prelude, Postlude and possibly special music during the service.

Thank you for all your donations thus far and for helping your church make it through an event that is slowly coming together on the Council's end.

Pam Stampf, for the
Youth Rally Task Force

Lovefeast Carts at Schoeneck

In Issue 7-2017 of 'The Moravian' an article appeared detailing how the Macedonia Moravian Church (Advance, NC) addressed the need to hold two (2) Christmas Eve Lovefeast services due to the physical limitations of an older congregation. Their answer – handmade lovefeast carts to help distribute beverage and cake.

After reading this article, Brenda (my wife) and I discussed the possibility of having lovefeast carts made for the Schoeneck congregation. We all know that our Diener Corps have dwindled over the past several years and utilizing a cart for the distribution of lovefeast would help. Contact was established with the Macedonia Moravian congregation in 2018 and during that year, I received a hand-drawn set of plans. These plans were set aside for a while.

Following the pandemic, the plans were resurrected and discussions began in 2022 with a Schoeneck member able to decipher these plans. This humble servant agreed to use his woodworking skills and lovingly crafted two (2) carts. The Diener Corps played an integral part in the design of the carts in order to make them appropriate for use. Starting in 2022 and completed in early 2023, Schoeneck now has two (2) lovefeast carts for distributing lovefeast baked goods and beverages. This design can also accommodate Christmas Eve beeswax candles distributed during the candlelight portion of our Christmas Eve Lovefeast services.

Over the years, Schoeneck has been blessed with many memorial gifts that were used to adorn our sanctuary and other parts of the facility in memory of those members who have gone into the more immediate presence of our Savior Jesus Christ. After brief discussions, memorial funds designated for Gladys Butz and Helen Butz are being used for the manufacture of the lovefeast carts. These carts will honor the many years of service both Gladys and Helen and their husbands gave as dieners.

On October 15, 2023, our church will celebrate 261 years of Christian ministry with a worship service and anniversary lovefeast. What a way to honor the many, many years of Christian service and witness Schoeneck has provided with a lovefeast served using our new lovefeast carts, dedicating them for service! A very special thanks to the humble servant in our congregation who built these beautiful carts that will be used for many, many years.

Please plan to attend this very important event in the life of the Schoeneck Moravian congregation and witness a new and exciting way to distribute lovefeast food and drink!

Jim Makovetz



2023 LOVEFEAST SIGN-UP SHEET

Thank you to everyone who
signed up as
Lovefeast Sponsors & Bakers



Join us as we celebrate
**The 261st Anniversary of the Schoeneck Moravian Congregation
 and the
 Rededication of the Pipe Organ**

Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. (only one service that day)

Lovefeast and Singstunde
 And the premiere performance of
Chorale Partita on 'Come, Let Us All With Gladness Raise' (2023) by Ryan Morrow
 written for today's organ rededication

Come hear the restored organ for the first time as it blends
 with voice, brass, handbells and timpani in praise and thanksgiving to God.

The celebration continues after worship, with displays of photos and artifacts
 from the organ restoration process and souvenirs for all in the Fellowship Hall,
 and "tours" of the pipe chamber in the balcony.

To God Alone Be the Glory!



Calling all kids Grades 2-6!

Join us for Junior Youth this year!
 Our first meeting will be a Pizza Party
Sunday, October 1
 after church in the Dieners' Kitchen.

We will eat lunch and then do some
 activities to prepare for
 the Youth Rally coming to Schoeneck, Oct. 6-8.

Contact Lanie Yaswinski with any questions
 and to rsvp 610-559-4833.
 We hope to see you soon!

Lanie Yaswinski & Courtney Schnyderite,
 Jr. Youth co-leaders

Women's Bible study

Please join us for every Thursday morning
 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
 as we study how to be A Woman of God.
 Hope to see you there.



Men's Bible Study

Meet every Wednesday at 7:00 PM.
 Study will be on the Book of Acts called
"Jesus Revolution."

**Schoeneck Membership Directory
 will be printed by the end of October!**

Please let the church office know if your
 home address, home/cell number or email
 address has changed recently!



**The next Women's Fellowship
 meeting will be November 1, 2023
 First Wednesday of Each Month
 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.**

CHURCH NEWS

Community Dinners Monday, November 20, 2023 Thanksgiving Meal

4:00 - 5:30 PM
(or while supplies last)

Needed from the congregation:

Volunteers needed 10:00 AM.

Accepting donations of **homemade desserts**
that can be individually wrapped or bagged.

Please consider a donation to the Community
Dinner fund—Blue envelopes found in the pews.



Jacobsburg Road Adopt-A-Highway
cleanup is scheduled for
Saturday, October 14th at 9:00 AM



Schoeneck Moravian Health Ministry

The next blood pressure screening
will be Sunday, October 15, 2023

Candle Trimming

Sunday, November 5, 2023

after the 10:30 worship service in Fellowship Hall.

Asking members and friends to help
with candle trimming
for our Christmas Eve Services.

A light lunch will be provided for helpers.

Contact Lori Hahn or church office if you are interested.



Welcome to our new Christmas shoebox coordinator,
Lori Deutsch. Information for age groups, gift
suggestions, and dates will be coming soon.

TREX Recycling

Thank you to everyone for your continued
plastic recycling donations
Together we can reach our goal!

thank you

Moravian Day of Service was a success!

Your donations towards the 'take along snack bag'
and housekeeping items truly helped
Schoeneck's Youth Rally team.
Thanks for showing Schoeneck's love and respect
to the youth of the wider Moravian church.

Dear Church Members,

On behalf of the Board of Management of Hope Conference
and Renewal Center, thank you for the recent gift of \$800 for
our May Mission Project. We appreciate your support and
thank you again for this generous gift.

Suzanne E. Curtis
Executive Director

Brothers and Sisters,

The members of the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen/Summer Lunch
Program thank you for your generous gift of \$605 to be used to help
serve lunches to the community children, youth and seniors of the
Nazareth Area.

Once again, thank you, for your generous donation and for being our
partner in 'serving the hungry' in the Nazareth Area. God bless.

A brother in Christ

Jeffrey D. Gehris
Secretary/Treasurer

Dear Schoeneck Moravian Church,

Thank you so very much for choosing Essentials Café
as your July Mission Project. The proceeds will be
most gratefully used to feed the hungry.

Sincerely,
Carol Messina
Volunteer

Congratulations to member Laura Haffner on being named
Regional Branch Network Executive of Wells Fargo's Greater
Pennsylvania Region. In her new role, she works with 108
branches across 17 counties, focusing on customer and
community relationships. She has been a team member of
Wells Fargo and its predecessors for over 35 years.

Time, Talent and Treasure

AUGUST MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2023

AUGUST ACTIVITY

AUGUST TOTAL	REVENUE	\$41,804
AUGUST TOTAL	EXPENSES	<u>-\$33,197</u>
AUGUST	NET REVENUE	\$ 8,607

YEAR TO DATE ACTIVITY

YTD	TOTAL REVENUE	\$369,741
YTD	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>-\$322,116</u>
YTD	NET REVENUE	\$ 47,625

LESS YTD ORGAN REPAIR FUND

DONATIONS RECEIVED \$ 30,630

LESS YTD MEMORIAL FUND RECEIPTS \$ 3,494

ACTUAL YTD NET REVENUE \$ 13,501

**ALL DENOMINATIONAL OBLIGATIONS ARE PAID IN
FULL THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023**

AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Provincial Administration	\$1,555
Communion & Lovefeast	154
Moravian Open Door	85
Organ Repair Fund	1,225
Special Offering— Esperanza	272
Special Project	5,970
Special Project—Youth Rally	561
Special Project—Loaves & Fishes	25
Special Project—Moravian Café	25
Special Project—Nazareth Social Work	540
Community Dinner Donations	87
Parsonage Refurbishing	50
Cemetery Perpetual Care	25
Memorial Gifts-Mildred Miller	50
Memorial Gifts-Susan Schalk	200
TOTAL	\$10,824

**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**

From the Trustees:

The monthly special envelope is for the **Youth Rally** in October. There will be additional costs for heat, electricity, water, paper products, some food, game prizes, and other “hidden” costs. Your contribution will help defray these costs.

Offering
Envelopes



Thanks to everyone who has turned out for the Saturday work parties at the parsonage.

A lot has been accomplished, but there is still more to do.

The next work party will be later in October; please keep watch for the date.

If you are able to work during the week, or you have questions or items to donate (we could still use some paint), please see Sue Dreydoppel.

AUGUST ATTENDANCE

	In	Church	Total	Online*		Sunday	School	Staff
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM		10:30 AM	9:30 AM	Children	Teacher	
6-Aug				110	53	6	2	
13-Aug				55	88	4	2	
20-Aug				178	75	2	1	
27-Aug				100	82			
TOTAL				443	298	12	5	
August Average:				110.75	74.5	4.00	1.67	

*Online is an Estimate.

Worship Helpers This Month

SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER



FLOWERS - \$10.00

10/1 TBA
 10/8 Jerry & Elaine Bittner
 10/15 Deb Knecht
 10/22 Frank & Gayle Searock
 10/29 Cookie Knauss

BULLETINS - \$10.00

10/1 TBA
 10/8 TBA
 10/15 Deb Knecht
 10/22 Frank & Gayle Searock
 10/29 TBA



OCTOBER ELDER(S)
 8:00 AM Melody Stocker
 10:30 AM Jim Makovetz

OCTOBER TRUSTEE(S)
 Ann Dalton

OCTOBER LOVEFEAST
 Anniversary Lovefeast
 Sponsor(s) Glenn & Carolyn Hertzog
 Baker(s) Terry Berger*

*Needs 2 additional bakers

OCTOBER SAFE HARBOR
 Lorena Roberts

OCTOBER RECYCLING SPONSOR(S)
 Gloria Floyd

Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters	Scripture Readers	Nursery
OCTOBER 1	8:00 AM	Franklin Homme & Mary Schweitzer	Tim & Barb Messinger	TBA	Lorena Roberts & Catherine Hahn
	& 10:30 AM	Glenn & Carolyn Hertzog	Ron & Linda Minnich	TBA	
OCTOBER 8	8:00 AM	Troy & Delaney Schoeneberger	Joanne Smith	Joanne Smith	Mike & Allene Rampulla
	& 10:30 AM	Schoeneck Youth	Schoeneck Youth	Schoeneck Youth	
OCTOBER 15	10:30 AM	Kevin & Sandy Love	Glenn & Carolyn Hertzog	Lisa Moyer	Loraine Rice & Tammy Mehlig
OCTOBER 22	8:00 AM	Franklin Homme & Mary Schweitzer	Mel Stocker	Laurie Woolley	Sharon Schuler & Sue Anascavage
	& 10:30 AM	Sue Anascavage & Ron Minnich	Schnyderite Family	TBA	
OCTOBER 29	8:00 AM	Franklin Homme & Mary Schweitzer	Ann Dalton	TBA	Gayle Searock & Mim Stoudt
	& 10:30 AM	Denise Morris-Ng & Geraldine Morris	Lois Zibulnik	TBA	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18 th Sunday after Pentecost 1 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Worldwide Communion Joyful Noise 9:15 AM Sunday School Jr Youth Pizza Party – after 1030 Worship Service	2 YOUTH COUNCIL 6:15 PM GS Troop 8435 R 10	3 YOUTH COUNCIL 7:00 PM Elders R 6	4 YOUTH COUNCIL 7:00 PM Men/Bible R 6	5 YOUTH COUNCIL 9:00 AM Women/Bible R6 6:15 PM Jr Choir/Bell 6:30 PM GS Troop 81043 (meeting at another place) 6:45 PM Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	6 YOUTH COUNCIL	7 YOUTH COUNCIL
19 th Sunday after Pentecost 8 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship YOUTH COUNCIL	9 YOUTH COUNCIL	10 6:00 PM CEM R 6 7:00 PM Trustees Zoom	11 1:00 PM AFSCME R 11 6:30 PM Grief Support 7:00 PM Men/Bible R 6	12 9:00 AM Women/Bible R6 3:45 PM GS Troop 86 R 6 6:15 PM Jr Choir/Bell 6:45 PM Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	13 5:30 PM GS Troop 81107 K/FH	14 9:00 AM Roadside Clean Up 10:00 AM Sugar Cake Baking - Kit
20 th Sunday after Pentecost 15 Only One Service at 10:30 Anniversary Lovefeast & Organ Rededication 9:15 AM Sunday School 2:00 PM GS Troop 81144 R 11 4:00 PM Confirmation Class	16 5:30 PM GS Troop 81107 R 6 6:15 PM GS Troop 8435 R 10	17 6:00 PM Mission & Evangelism R 6	18 7:00 PM Men/Bible R 6	19 9:00 AM Women/Bible R6 6:15 PM Jr Choir/Bell 6:30 PM GS Troop 81043 R 10-11 6:45 PM Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	20 5:30 PM GS Troop 81107 K/FH	21 12:00 PM Private Event
21 st Sunday after Pentecost 22 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 2:30 PM GS Troop 8525 R 6	23 5:30 PM GS Troop 81107 R 6	24 7:00 PM Visitation Ministry R 6	25 7:00 PM Men/Bible R 6	26 9:00 AM Women/Bible R6 3:45 PM GS Troop 86 R 6 6:15 PM Jr Choir/Bell 6:30 PM GS Troop 81043 R 10-11 6:45 PM Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	27	28
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2023

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.

2023



Ryan Morrow, Director of Music
Cindi Kessler, Administrative Assistant

Our Mission Statement

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

Regular Worship Services

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary
& 10:30 AM Livestream

