The Joyful Noise Newsletter

Schoeneck Moravian Church

The Lord is Risen!

Next Sunday will be celebrating Easter, with brass chorales and alleluias in worship, and breakfast from the Manly Men of Schoeneck. But Easter isn't finished once we eat the last chocolate egg. According to the church calendar, the season of Easter continues for seven Sundays.

What if we were to celebrate Easter for those additional weeks? During Lent, some people give up something they like. Others try to add a spiritual discipline. What if we were to celebrate the season of Easter by adding something to our church community life?

For example, we might see a lot of members and visitors on Easter Sunday that we haven't seen at worship for a while, maybe not since Christmas. If your attendance has been lagging lately, and you can't claim a health reason (this doesn't apply to the homebound or those with health or mobility issues), why not make an effort to attend worship a little more often?

You can try a new activity at church. Bring your children to Sunday School or youth activities—there is still time for them to take part and have fun. Give an hour or two to help prepare for the rummage sale in June or help with a community dinner. Try out a Bible Study or an adult Sunday School class or come to just one Women's Fellowship gathering.

The season of Easter is also a good time to consider your giving to the church, since Easter celebrates that God gave God's Son for our life (John 3:16: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son. . ."* you know the rest) and that Jesus gave his life for us (Romans 8:32: *"He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"*).

Probably everyone agrees that we should give back in gratitude to God. But last year, almost 40% of Schoeneck giving units gave *nothing* to the church. Another 25% gave less than \$10 per week. At least they gave *something*. Perhaps now, in celebration of Easter, is the time to reevaluate your giving.

There is no recommended amount to give. Everyone's circumstances are different. Author and theologian C.S. Lewis writes: "I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare." Or, as Trustee Troy Schoeneberger told the members of the confirmation class, "Give what's right, not what's left."

As with New Year's resolutions, what you try may not last. But you just might find an activity or a group of people who add meaning to your life. And that may be an excellent way to keep the season of Easter alive, even without chocolate eggs.

The Lord is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed!

Sue Dreydoppel President, Board of Trustees



GIVING TOGETHER, GROWING TOGETHER

Worship the Lord with Us!



Sunday, April 7—Second Sunday of Easter—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services - Sunday School The Easter Putz at 10:30. Rev. Bruce Weaknecht *"If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin."* 1 John 1:7 (Watchword)

Sunday, April 14—Third Sunday of Easter—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that we are." 1 John 3:1 (Watchword) Rev. Duane Ulrich

Sunday, April 21—Fourth Sunday of Easter—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (Watchword) Rev. Terry Folk

Sunday, April 28—Fifth Sunday of Easter—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Jesus said, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." John 15:4 Christian Family Lovefeast (Watchword) Terry Berger



Future Worship Services

Sunday, May 5—Sixth Sunday of Easter—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sr Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 12—Ascension Sunday—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Mother's Day Tea Party

Sunday, May 19—Pentecost Sunday—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Confirmation at 10:30 AM service

Sunday, May 26—Trinity Sunday—10:30 AM Worship Services (only one service) Memorial Day



ELDERS DEVOTION

"Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted." Psalm 25:16

When I was in college, I read Carson McCullers, The Heart Is A Lonely Hunter, a novel that explores themes of isolation, longing and the search for connection. The book was lost on me. Young and naive, secure in my sheltered upbringing and limited exposure to a wider world that contained alienation and loneliness, I found the message beyond comprehension and empathy. Even as a Christian, loneliness remained a distant reality of others that I only acknowledged on the surface. My heart remained silent.

Who knows the exact time the Holy Spirit speaks to you and moves you in a certain direction. That is what happened to me when I rather unwillingly said yes to visiting "lonely" people thirty years ago. (I knew it was the right thing to do; I just wasn't crazy about doing it.) Through the ensuing years, I have visited residents in nursing homes, people living alone, people who are grieving. As time goes by, I have witnessed the depths of loneliness that penetrate many of us: isolated people; people who feel invisible and forgotten; even people sitting next to you in worship on Sunday. We need to connect with and assure these members of God's family-our family-that they are not alone. Jesus reached out to the broken-hearted, the outcasts, the forgotten ones. In his humanity, he knew what it was like to feel rejected and alone.

We need to acknowledge our brothers and sisters who suffer from loneliness. Reach out to them and let them know that they are not alone and that their lives matter. No one is an island; no one should stand alone.

Ann-Louise Taylor Elder

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March Board of Elders meeting:	March Board of Trustees meeting:
 Call Process for a new pastor continues. Easter Putz will be April 7, 2024. 	1. Designated Secretary Sue Anascava signer on the bank accounts
3. We are in the beginning stage of starting a Membership class. Contact any Elder if you are interested in joining!	 Established a new long-term Organ Fund Determined the fee for the Memori Nazareth to hold a special program

Nazareth to hold a special program in our Fellowship Hall in June

- 4. Discussed having an Open House at the parsonage
- 5. Considered how to use a gift card for Cabela's from the Boy Scouts

MORAVIAN MISSION CORNER

Blessings Flow: an initiative of the Moravian Board of World Mission bringing clean, safe drinking water in hurricane-ravaged Honduras.

Blessings Flow, in partnership with local churches and the non-profit One ATTA Time, has provided household water filtration via five-gallon buckets coupled with EPA-approved water filters to over 400 families in the La Moskitia region as many families there cannot afford treated water or sufficient equipment to purify water at home. The water filters last for 10 years.

La Moskitia is a very poor region of Honduras severely impacted by Hurricanes Eta and Iota. Local families obtain their water from contaminated shallow wells and/or the nearby rivers where they also bathe and wash clothes. As a result, waterborne gastrointestinal and skin diseases are all too common. In one of the villages, it was reported that 100% of the families had someone in their household who had experienced diarrhea in the previous two weeks due to a waterborne illness, 40% of the families had experienced other symptoms like headache or fatigue, and 20% of the families reported that someone in their household had missed school or work due to symptoms.

To date:

 \cdot As of 01 January, enough funding has been raised so that every family in the first 5 villages will receive a water filter (phase 1)

• The next phase aims to bring clean water for at least a decade in every home in 10+ communities

· Over \$150,000 has been raised to share the blessing of safe, clean drinking water

 \cdot Most importantly, health and hope will be restored via clean, safe water in an area where 100% of families experience symptoms of waterborne illness

The Board of World Mission has staff and partners on the ground in Honduras continuing the work and making plans for the future. We will continue to share about this project as additional locations are identified and filters are distributed.

Learn more:

 \cdot moravian.org/mission/blessingsflow

· oneattatime.org

Submitted by Sunny Kline, Mission and Evangelism Ministry

Bethlehem Area Moravian (BAM) Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers (an Ecumenical/Community Program)

What is Bethlehem Area Moravian (BAM) Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers?

About six times a year, members of the Bethlehem Area Moravian Churches meet at East Hills Moravian Church to cook, pack, and freeze major quantities of food for distribution through any of our churches. This ministry assists anyone who is going through times of transition, having difficulty cooking, or experiencing long-term food insecurity.

The Gathering program is where churches gather on Sundays and bring vegetables and fruits to East Hills Moravian Church on Tuesday of distribution week. On Tuesday, of distribution week, willing volunteers go to pick-up vegetables and fruit from established local farms, local gardens and Second Harvest, part of Feed America for many items. After the food has been loaded, it will be distributed to seven local community schools to be unloaded and prepared to be given out on Wednesdays.

If you would like to support BAM Freezer Ministry, contact East Hills Moravian Church or send a check, with a note for the Freezer Ministry to 1830 Butztown Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Retrieved from: www. https://easthillsmc.org/bethlehem-area-moravians-freezer-ministry/





Community dinners have returned! First dinner, Wednesday, April 24, 2024

"Baked Patty Platter" with Veggie & Potato

Mobile pick-up! 4:00-5:30, or while supplies last.

Looking for those yummy homemade desserts! (Those varieties that can be wrapped or packaged)

Looking for helpers! Please contact Sharon Schuler or Gloria Floyd!





The next roadside cleanup is scheduled for Saturday morning, April 20th at 9:00 AM, in connection with Earth Day on Monday, April 22, 2024.

Earth Day is an annual event to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by Earthday.org



The next Women's Fellowship meeting will be April 3, 2024 at 11:00 AM In Fellowship Hall, lunch will be provided.

The rummage sale will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2024.

Set up will begin on Sunday, June 2 , 2024 after the 10:30 service and continue through Thursday, June 6, 2024.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.



Schoeneck Moravian Health Ministry blood pressure screening will be Sunday, April 21, 2024



Dear Church Family,

I don't know where to start, other than thank you and I love you. My mom battled cancer that was already metastasized from the time she got diagnosed. She made it from the week of Thanksgiving to her passing on the 21st of February. A special thank you to Mike & Allene, Deb & Doug, Bob & Marianne, and Brenda & Jim for the beautiful flowers. Also, to everyone for the cards, and, phone calls.

Love to everyone from Kevin and Sandy Love



Parsonage Open House

Have you ever wondered what the inside of the Schoeneck parsonage looks like? Here is your chance to take a look, attic to basement. Join the Trustees on Sunday, April 21, after both services, for an informal chance to look around the historic (and empty) house.

A hearty THANK YOU does not adequately describe the appreciation expressed by the staff at Safe Harbor for the hot drink supplies our congregation gathered for them.

On March 15th we delivered to them the following:

928 individual servings of tea (tea bags) 109 individual servings of hot chocolate (envelopes) 71.5 pounds of coffee

Safe Harbor serves not only their residents, but large numbers of homeless people who drop in for some relief from the cold weather. There is a huge need for hot drink supplies. They thank us, and we thank God for the generosity of the folks at Schoeneck.

These results might suggest that we make a second cold-weather effort (earlier) next year.



CEM hopes that you have a blessed Easter and enjoy some of the many church services during Holy Week and Easter. We also hope that those who attend the Easter activity in the Fellowship Hall in lieu of Sunday School think it is fun and refreshes some of your Bible knowledge.

Don't forget about the Sunday School's Lenten Putz service that will be held on April 7th at the 10:30 AM service. We encourage you to attend and support the work of our Sunday School children.

Spring blessings!

Pam Stampf Sunday School Coordinator

Upcoming Jr. Youth Events

April 6 - Serving at Safe Harbor Jr. Youth will meet Saturday afternoon to prepare and serve a meal at Safe Harbor. Gather in church kitchen and travel to Easton. Times TBD



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New Organ Maintenance Fund



The Trustees have established a new long-term fund to be used for future organ maintenance. After all the invoices for the organ project were paid, there was a little over \$1,000 left, which is being used to begin the fund. Contributions can be made to the fund by designating memorial gifts to it or by specifying "organ maintenance fund" on any contribution.

Additional Organ Pipe Donors

The additional and final rank of organ pipes has been installed. The 32 new pipes are a Leiblich Flute 16-foot pedal rank. They are played by the organ pedals, and provide a softer low sound, complementing the other pedal pipes. Since the new pipes are supposed to be played along with other pipes, they don't sound like much on their own, but they add to the total sound.

The pipes were donated as a gift to the congregation in honor of our Director of Music by Schoeneck musicians, both present and past:

Patty Sost AlerciaKarLori and John DeutschBriaSue and Otto DreydoppelSueGlenn and Carolyn HertzogDiaJim and Brenda MakovetzLinJanet and John MorrowRyaCourtney, James, Jillian and Jordyn SchnyderiteJoanne SmithShiMim StoudtLauRoy Ledbetter in memory of his daughter Anna

And Memorial Funds from

Kyle Butz Dennis Smith Karl and Cathee Butz Brian, Jennie and Drew Dishong Sue Gehris Diane Hriniak Linda Meylach Ryan Morrow erite Shirley Warner Smith Laurie Toyberg

Ann Dalton Deb and Lou Dishong Bill Heiser Sarah and Brandon Hriniak Lorin Miller Conrad and Loraine Rice Troy Schoeneberger Pam Stampf



new members class

The Elders have decided to offer a six-week program in preparation for becoming a member of Schoeneck Moravian Church. Anyone who is already a member, or who might be interested in becoming a member, is welcome to sit in on some or all of the sessions as well.

The classes will meet during the Sunday School hour, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., in May and June, led by Rev. Otto Dreydoppel, former Assistant Professor of Church History at Moravian Seminary, and Sue Dreydoppel, a Schoeneck and Moravian historian, with assistance from Elders. New members will be received on Sunday, June 9.

If you are interested in being a part of the class, or in sitting in on some of the sessions, please call the church office.

The schedule of classes is:

Sunday, May 5-Getting Acquainted

Sunday, May 12— 567 Years in 55 Minutes (History of the Moravian Church) Rev. Otto Dreydopppel Sunday, May 19—"Candles, Lovefeasts, Stars and More" and "Who Runs this Show, Anyway?" (Customs and Practices and Administration) Sue Dreydoppel

Sunday, May 26—"Faith, Love, and Hope" (Moravian Beliefs and Teachings) Rev. Otto Dreydoppel
Sunday, June 2—262 Years in 55 Minutes (History and Ministry of Schoeneck) Sue Dreydoppel
Sunday, June 9—Now What? and Reception of Members

Time, Talent and Treasure

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				Communion Offerings	193
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				Organ Repair Fund	135
FEBRUARY	TOTAL	REVENUE	\$26,718	Initial Offering	90
FEBRUARY	TOTAL	EXPENSES	<u>-\$24,220</u>	New Years Eve Offering	5
FEBRUARY	NET	REVENUE	\$ 2 <i>,</i> 498	Lenten Self-Denial/Ash Wednesday	514
				Special Project—Snow Plowing	45
YTD	TOTAL	REVENUE	\$57,175	Special Project—Windows	878
YTD	TOTAL	EXPENSES	-\$57,877	Nazareth Food Bank	804
YTD	NET	REVENUE	-\$ 702	Lovefeast Offering	200
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				Cemetery Perpetual Care Donation	20
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The special monthly envelope for April and several other months this year is for **"Roof Replacement."** So far, that is a future project. The "new" Fellowship Hall and its roof are now 27 years old, and we know that the need to replace the roof is approaching. The Trustees are starting a fund now, so that when the new roof project is needed we already have some funds.



Community Dinner Donation Another special envelope in April is for the **Community Dinners**, meals cooked at Schoeneck and available by pick-up at no charge. Last year, six monthly dinners plus a special Thanksgiving meal provided over 1700 free meals. This ministry to the community is funded solely through contributions from congregation members and small gifts from some recipients. Please be generous.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY WORSHIP	SAI 8:00 AM	NCTUARY 10:30 AM	TOTAL	ONLINE	CHILDRE		Y SCHOOL R ADULT	TEACHER
4-Feb 10:30 AM only*	0	85	85	100	9	6	12	1
11-Feb	29	70	99	88	15	7	12	1
18-Feb	22	86	108	120	15	8	9	1
25-Feb	24	94	118	90	15	8	14	1
Total		335	410	398	54	29	47	4
Average	18.8	83.75	102.50	99.5	13.5	7.25	11.75	1

*Only one service, Church Council Meeting & Mission Sunday

Worship Helpers This Month

SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL



FLOWERS - <u>\$10.00</u>

4/7 Debbie Knecht

4/14 Dave & Barb Butz 4/21 TBD

4/28 TBD

<u>APRIL TRUSTEE</u> Troy Schoeneberger

APRIL ELDERS

Melody Stocker

Jim Makovetz

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

4/7 Pam Stampf

4/14 TBD 4/21 TBD 4/28 Pam Stampf

BULLETINS - <u>\$10.00</u>



APRIL RECYCLING SPONSORS

Dolores Klipple

APRIL SAFE HARBOR

Corey & Jill Beil Jr Youth Group

LOVEFEAST SPONSORS

Sponsor(s): TBD

Bakers: Ben Clewell & Sydney Wright

Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters	Scripture Readers	Nursery
SUNDAY, APRIL 7	8:00 AM	Roger & Laurie Woolley	Terry Berger	ТВА	Sharon Schuler &
2nd Sunday of Easter	10:30 AM	Bob & Marianne Sweitzer	Sue Anascavage	Children Sunday School	Sue Anascavage
SUNDAY, APRIL 14	8:00 AM	Bob & Carol Hunt	Terry Berger	ТВА	Gayle Searock &
3rd Sunday of Easter	10:30 AM	Lorena Roberts & Catherine Hahn	Mike & Lisa Koehler	Frank Searock	Mim Stoudt
SUNDAY, APRIL 21	8:00 AM	Joanne Smith & Franklin Homme	Louis Murante	TBA	Tammy Mehlig &
4th Sunday of Easter	10:30 AM	Glenn Hertzog & Drew Dishong	Sally Huber	ТВА	Allene Rampulla
SUNDAY, APRIL 28	8:00 AM	Roger & Laurie Woolley	Joanne Smith	ТВА	Lorena Roberts &
5th Sunday of Easter	10:30 AM	Glenn & Carolyn Hertzog	Sharon Schuler	Lori Deutsch	Catherine Hahn

Usher & Greeter Coordinator Sandy Love's contact information 610-759-7279 Email—sandyleelove1965@icloud.com



Scripture Readers Coordinator Lisa Moyer's contact information 610-657-3530 lisaloves2sing@gmail.com



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Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow him. In Essentials, Unity; In Nonessentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love.





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."

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

