

The Joyful Noise Newsletter

Schoeneck Moravian Church

March 2024

“In accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth,
where righteousness is at home.” 2 Peter 3:13
2024 Watchword for the Schoeneck Congregation



During the pastorate of Terry Folk at Schoeneck, toward the end of each January it was his custom to preach on the watchword chosen for the congregation on New Year’s Eve. Remembering that tradition gave me the idea to write on the 2024 Watchword for this newsletter.

When you read the verse with the congregation in mind, what word or phrase jumps out at you? For me, it is “we wait.” As a congregation, we are waiting. Maybe we aren’t quite waiting for a new heavens and a new earth, but we wait and hope for new leadership, new continuity, perhaps new direction. That is a lot to expect of just one person, but we hope the promise will be fulfilled in a new pastor.

I very much hope that righteousness is still at home at Schoeneck, even without a pastor. As Pastor Jeff Gehris noted several weeks ago, we are still worshipping on Sunday, we still offer Sunday School and Confirmation classes and youth groups and many community ministries, just as we did before and will continue to offer with a new pastor.

The people to whom Peter was writing were waiting for the Second Coming, for Jesus to return and bring “a new heavens and a new earth.” Expecting it to be imminent, they were getting impatient, wondering why it was taking so long. Human beings tend to think that God should operate on our timetable, rather than us waiting for God’s time. Peter’s readers, and others throughout the past two thousand or so years, are still waiting for the Second Coming. In the rest of the chapter, Peter encouraged them to continue living as though Christ could come at any time, even though it seemed to be taking a while.

And so with us. While we are waiting, we continue with all our programs and ministries and services at church. It won’t take two thousand years to get a new pastor. But God has given us a promise that our awaited time will come, by giving us this verse from 2 Peter as a Watchword.

The Moravian Watchword is one way to look for spiritual guidance. There are daily watchwords selected and published in the Moravian Daily Texts. It has become a custom to select a Watchword to guide one for the next year on New Year’s Eve. Moravians believe that, rather than being just a spiritual horoscope, God can speak to us through the verse. I believe that God had selected this verse for our congregation, and God guided Levi Rampulla’s hand to dig into the basket and choose this for the congregation.

While we wait for God’s promise to be revealed, we look to the words with which the author ends Chapter 3 of his second letter to the early churches: “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.”

In patient waiting,

Sue Dreydoppel, President, Board of Trustees



Worship the Lord with Us!

Sunday, March 3rd ~ Third Sunday in Lent ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services.
Installation Of Congregation Officers and Leaders
Jon Duffield.

Wednesday, March 6th ~ Midweek Lent Service ~ Hosted by Nazareth Moravian Church ~ Dinner at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. 7:00 PM Worship Service.

Sunday, March 10th ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services.
Baptism
Rev. Otto Dreydoppel.

Wednesday, March 13th ~ Midweek Lent Service ~ Hosted by Nazareth Moravian Church ~ Dinner at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. 7:00 PM Worship Service.

Sunday, March 17th ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent ~ 10:30 AM Worship Services.
Choir Cantata
Rev. Otto Dreydoppel.

Wednesday, March 20th ~ Midweek Lent Service ~ Hosted by Nazareth Moravian Church ~ Dinner at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. 7:00 PM Worship Service.

Schoeneck Moravian Church

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE



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Sunday, March 24th ~ Palm Sunday Services ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Rev. Jeffrey Gehris.

Monday, March 25th ~ Holy Monday Service ~ 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 26th ~ Holy Tuesday Service ~ 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 27th ~ Holy Wednesday Service ~ 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 28th ~ Maundy Thursday/Holy Communion Service ~ 7:00 PM
Rev. Otto Dreydoppel.

Friday, March 29th ~ Good Friday ~ 1:45 Holy Communion, 2:30 PM
Rev. Otto Dreydoppel.

Saturday, March 30th ~ Great Sabbath Lovefeast ~ 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 31st ~ Easter Sunday ~ 6:00 AM Sunrise Service, 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM
Rev. Melissa Johnson.

He is Risen

ELDERS DEVOTION

What do you look forward to in the Season of Lent? Yes, you read that right... Look forward to? In LENT!? Isn't Lent solemn, prayerful, reverent, almost sad? Don't we usually give up something we like for Lent to be closer to God?

What could you possibly have to look forward to in Lent?

Well, I'm glad you asked! For me, it's the MUSIC! I am a musician. I have been singing in the Senior Choir and playing in the Brass Choir since I was in junior high school. I have rung bells in multiple Hand-bell Choirs. I love the music we experience during the season of Lent. The Moravian Church has arguably the best music throughout the liturgical church year, with the well-known hymns and tunes on Christmas Eve among the highlights. But nothing compares to the music we have during Lent.

Every year, I find myself truly looking forward to singing and performing the music during Lent. Through the melodies, harmonies, and accompanying lyrics, I find myself truly connected with Jesus – walking and praying with him in the desert; riding with him into Jerusalem; and agonizing with him during Holy Week, up until his crucifixion. The poetry written by Moravians and set to the historically simplistic tunes also written by Moravians, (some dating back into the 1740s when Count Zinzendorf was in Nazareth!) capture Jesus's final days perfectly and succinctly.

This Lenten Season, as you sit in the pew or watch online, I invite you to prayerfully sing with me! I hope through music you will experience the Lenten Season with renewed commitment and understanding of our Lord's final days, leading to his ultimate triumphant resurrection on Easter!

“When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.”

Yours in Christ's Service,

Brian Dishong

PS I know you couldn't help singing that hymn!

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Moravian Church Support for Ukrainian Refugees in Germany and the Czech Republic *2024 Unity Prayer Day Offering*

In February 2022, war in Ukraine began and forced many residents to flee in search of a new home in various European countries, including Germany and the Czech Republic. The Unity Offering envelope in March will go to support Moravian efforts to assist Ukrainian refugees in Germany and the Czech Republic.

Germany

Moravian churches in Germany helped immediately with the most necessary items - housing, clothing and food – for the more than 1.3 million Ukrainian refugees, mostly women with their children, who have sought refuge in Germany. Russian-speaking Moravian parishioners volunteered to help with visits to offices and doctors or started German language courses. In addition to helping refugees in the congregations, the Moravian Church also helped directly in Ukraine. Aid transports to the war-torn regions were supported and almost 10,000 copies of the Moravian Daily Watchwords translated into Ukrainian have been distributed since the beginning of the war. Soldiers at the front received the Watchwords along with food.

Czech Republic

Over 500,000 Ukrainian refugees, many women, children and the elderly, have received temporary protection in the Czech Republic. The Moravian Church Unity Province has helped Ukrainians without hesitation by providing accommodation, donating clothes and household items, offering opportunities for work, as well as practical help and support. Accommodation for around 120 people was secured in Nová Paka and includes space for teaching. Ukrainian families continue to stay with local Moravian families and several women are employed in the congregations. Christian schools and kindergartens provide education for registered Ukrainian pupils and students, and their families receive support services as well.

Call to Action

Please pray for all who are supporting Ukrainian refugees in Germany, the Czech Republic and beyond. Please join with Moravians around the world in contributing to the Moravian Unity relief effort by using the special envelope.



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Board of Elders

February Board of Elders meeting:

- 1) Jim Makovetz was re-elected as Vice-Chair of Elders. Melody Stocker was re-elected as Secretary.
- 2) Elders continue to find supply pastors. The Call Process continues.
- 3) Discussion about starting a New Members class for those interested.
- 4) Considering having a Lenten Putz.
- 5) March 17th will be Easter Cantata Sunday with only one service at 10:30.

Board of Trustees

February Board of Trustees meeting:

- 1.) Appointed Marisa Graver to the vacant 3-year term
- 2.) Welcomed new members Kim Samsel, Lori Deutsch, and Marisa Graver
- 3.) Elected officers: Sue Dreydoppel, continuing as President
- 4.) Bob Sweitzer, continuing as Vice President
- 5.) Sue Anascavage, Secretary
- 6.) Reappointed financial officers:
 - Brenda Makovetz, Treasurer
 - Marianne Sweitzer, Assistant Treasurer
 - Carolyn Hertzog, Financial Secretary
- 7.) Determined Trustees of the Month and ministry appointments
- 8.) Decided to continue meeting monthly by Zoom

WHAT'S NEW



First will be **Wednesday, April 24, 2024.**

What is needed from the congregation?

- ⇒ Volunteers
- ⇒ Fabulous desserts
- ⇒ Donations



Daylight saving time will begin on **Sunday, March 10 at 2 a.m.**

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY MARCH 2024

Please contact the church office with any address, email, and/or phone number changes by **March 10th.**
Contact 610-759-0376 or email: schoeneck@schoneckmoravian.org.

Thank you
Cindi Kessler



SAVE THE DATE!
Rummage Sale – June 8, 2024
Set up – June 2-6, 2024

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

MILLER BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who showed an interest in sponsoring Schoeneck's blood drive. There was not enough interest shown, so the event has been postponed. For those who did sign up and still would like to donate blood, here is the website: <https://www.giveapint.org/blood-donor-center/locations/> to arrange an appointment.



The next Women's Fellowship meeting will be **March 6 at Perkins on Rt. 191 at 11:00 AM.**

First Wednesday of Each Month 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

PLEASE NOTE OUR SNOW POLICY

If the conditions are hazardous (ice, excessive snow, winter weather emergency conditions, etc.), please consult any of the following to find out whether worship has been cancelled, or the schedule altered:

- WFMZ, Channel 69 (Check the crawl on television, but they have indicated to us that they will only post the announcement on their website, www.wfmz.com, unless there are "extreme weather conditions").
- The church voicemail message (610-759-0376)

We will make every effort to arrive at an appropriate decision prior to 7:00 AM on Sunday mornings.

CEM hopes that those who attended our annual Birthday Social at the end of February had a great time and enjoyed all the birthday cake! A special thank you to all those that provided the delicious and beautiful cakes for each month.

On Easter Sunday we will hold an intergenerational Easter activity in the fellowship hall between services in place of the Sunday School hour. Be sure to bring your Bible or Bible app!

The Sunday School will present a Lenten Putz during the 10:30 AM church service on April 7th under the direction of Sarah Hriniak. We hope you will join us to hear their presentation.

At our last CEM meeting on February 20th, the committee elected JoAnn Heckman as Chair-Person, and Tammy Mehlig and Gloria Floyd agreed to act jointly as Secretary. We welcome Lori Deutsch to CEM as a representative from Trustees, and Tammy Mehlig and Gloria Floyd returning as representative at large from the congregation. Thank you all!

Blessing during this Lenten season!

Pamela F Stampf
Sunday School Coordinator

Upcoming Jr. Youth Events



March 3 - Reach Out and Roller Skate!

Jr Youth are invited to bring a friend (or two) for a fun afternoon of roller skating at Edgemont Roller Rink. \$12/person includes lunch and skate rental. Meet after church and return around 4:00 PM.

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



Senior Youth Egg Decorating
Friday, March 22 at 5:00 PM
Uncooked eggs are needed
by Thursday, March 21.



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 23
at 10:00 AM



All are welcome.



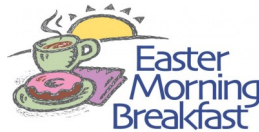
Women's Bible Study on Thursday at 9:00 AM.
Join in as we study the Bible.

Men's Bible Study gather on Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

**Men's Bible Study will be suspended through the
Lenten season. Next meeting will be April 3rd.



The Manly Men of Schoeneck Easter breakfast is on!!



**Schoeneck Men: We Need Your Help to prepare and serve Easter Breakfast
Sunday, March 31, immediately following the Sunrise Service.**

**Please email Jim Makovetz
If interested in assisting with setup before breakfast,
serving, and clean-up after breakfast.**



**Easter Breakfast
Sunday, March 31
Following Easter Sunrise Service
Sign up sheet located outside the church office
*Please sign up by Sunday, March 24, 2024***

Spring Flowers to Brighten the Easter Morning Services

Please return this form to the church office or place it in the offering plate with
money/check attached for each order.

Your order must be received no later than Sunday, March 17, 2024

Number of Tulip Plant(s) _____ @ \$10.00

Number of Lily Plant(s) _____ @ \$10.00



Please Print:

Presented by _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Please check one of the following options below to help us with ordering.

_____ I do want to take the plant(s) home after the last Easter Morning Service.

_____ I do not want to take a plant. Your donation will be made to our church general fund. (Your personal dedication will still be included in the bulletin.)

Time, Talent and Treasure

JANUARY MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2024				JANUARY SPECIAL OFFERINGS	
JANUARY ACTIVITY				Provincial Administration	\$2,485
JANUARY	TOTAL	REVENUE	\$30,457	Communion Offerings	339
JANUARY	TOTAL	EXPENSES	-\$33,658	Moravian Open Door	94
JANUARY	NET	REVENUE	-\$ 3,201	Organ Repair Fund	10
ALL DENOMINATIONAL OBLIGATIONS ARE PAID IN FULL THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2024				Initial Offering	470
				New Years Eve Offering	10
				Lenten Self-Denial/Ash Wednesday	15
				Special Project—Snow Plowing	580
				Special Project—Windows	923
				Nazareth Food Bank	20
				Lovefeast Offering	100
				Recycling Sponsorships	132
				Memorial Gifts—Karin Silvis—Visitation	500
				Total	\$5,678

The **Unity Offering** envelope in March will go to support Moravian efforts to assist Ukrainian refugees in Germany and the Czech Republic.



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Offerings from the Wednesday Lenten services this year will go to Essentials Café. The café is led by seven local Moravian women, newly-opened Essentials Café is a place of equality where everyone can meet, feel welcome, and enjoy a delicious and healthy meal regardless of their ability to pay. There's a menu, but no prices. It is the first known pay-what-you-can café in the Lehigh Valley and was inspired by Tricklebee Café, a Moravian ministry in Milwaukee, and is part of the nationwide organization "One World Everybody Eats."

JANUARY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY WORSHIP	SANCTUARY		TOTAL	ONLINE	CHILDREN	SUNDAY SCHOOL		TEACHER
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM				TEACHER	ADULT	
7-Jan**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14-Jan	33	68	101	0	13	8	13	1
21-Jan	20	64	84	125	12	6	12	1
28-Jan	25	51	76	102	11	6	15	1
Total	78	183	261	227	36	20	40	3
Average	19.5	45.75	65.3	56.75	9.0	5.0	10.0	0.8

**Worship Services cancelled due to snow storm.

YOUR

Worship Helpers This Month

SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH



FLOWERS - \$10.00

3/3 TBA
 3/10 Lorena Roberts
 3/17 Melody Stocker
 3/24 TBA
 3/31 TBA

BULLETINS - \$10.00

3/3 TBA
 3/10 Lorena Roberts
 3/17 TBA
 3/24 TBA
 3/31 Lorena Roberts



MARCH TRUSTEE

Dwayne Moyer

MARCH ELDERS

8:00 AM—Melody Stocker
 10:30 AM—Mike Rampulla

SAFE HARBOR

Sponsors—Corey & Jill Beil

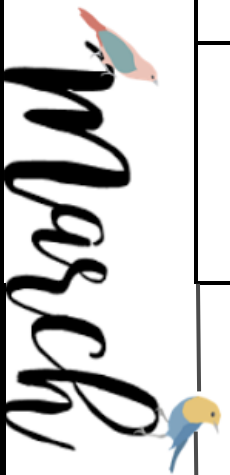
MARCH RECYCLING SPONSORS

Glenn & Carolyn Hertzog

LOVEFEAST SPONSORS

Sponsor—Shirley W. Smith
 Baker—Ryan Morrow

Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters	Scripture Readers	Nursery
Sunday, March 3 3rd Sunday in Lent	8:00 AM	Dave & Barb Butz	Francine Messinger	Ann Dalton	Gayle Searock & Mim Stoudt
	10:30 AM	Delaney & Troy Schoeneberger	Tammy Mehlig	Sue Dreydoppel	
Sunday, March 10 4th Sunday in Lent	8:00 AM	Joanne Smith & Kathy Makoul	Melody Stocker	Ann Dalton	Tammy Mehlig & Allene Rampulla
	10:30 AM	Peg & Nick Dorion	Tammy Mehlig	Jim Makovetz	
Sunday, March 17 5th Sunday in Lent CANTATA	10:30 AM	Jerry & Elaine Bittner	Karl & Cathee Butz	No Scripture Readers Cantata	Lorena Roberts & Catherine Hahn
Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday	8:00 AM	Mary Schweitzer & Franklin Homme	Tim & Barb Messinger	Laurie Woolley	Mike & Allene Rampulla
	10:30 AM	Mim Stoudt & Steve Meylach	Ron & Linda Minnich	Drew Dishong	
Holy Week Monday, March 25	7:00 PM	JoAnn Heckman	Lorin Miller	JoAnn Heckman	N/A
Holy Week Tuesday, March 26	7:00 PM	JoAnn Heckman	Sue Dreydoppel	TBA	N/A
Holy Week Wednesday, March 27	7:00 PM	Jim & Brenda Makovetz	JoAnn Heckman	JoAnn Heckman	N/A
Holy Week Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM	Frank & Gayle Searock	Ron & Linda Minnich	Lisa Moyer	N/A
Holy Week Friday, March 29 Good Friday	1:45 PM	John Beitel & Dennis Silvius (Both Services)	Glenn & Carolyn Hertzog (Both Services)	TBA	N/A
	2:30 PM			Bill Heiser	
Holy Week Saturday, March 30 Great Sabbath	7:00 PM	Peg & Nick Dorion	Allene Rampulla	JoAnn Heckman	N/A
Sunday, March 31 Resurrection Sunday Easter	6:00 AM	Dennis Silvius			
Sunday, March 31 Resurrection Sunday Easter	8:00 AM	Steve Meylach & John Beitel (Both Services)	Tim & Barb Messinger	Sue Dreydoppel	TBA
	10:30 AM		Andy & Brenda Loiacano	Bill Heiser	



March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3rd Sunday Lent 8:00 AM & 10:30 Services Joyful Noise Installation/Church Officer 9:15 AM Sunday School for All 11:30 AM Family Event 2:00 PM GS Troop 893 & 81144	4 5:30 PM GS Troop 81107 – FH 6:15 PM GS Troop 8435, R 10 6:30 PM Grief Support Zoom	5 7:00 PM Elders Rm 6	6 11:00 AM Women's Fellowship – FH 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Services Nazareth Moravian Church	7 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study R 6 6:00 PM GS Troop 81043 6:15 PM Jr Choir/Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	8 10:45 AM Storytime 5:30 GS Troop 81105 – FH	9 Easter Egg Hunt
4th Sunday in Lent 8:00 AM & 10:30 Services Baptism at 10:30 Service 9:15 AM Sunday School for All 2:30 PM GS Troop 8325 & 8220 4:00 PM Confirmation Class	11 5:30 GS Troop 81107 Rm 6 7:00 PM Joint Board Meeting	12 7:00 PM Trustees Zoom	13 1:00 PM AFSCME R 11 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Services Nazareth Moravian Church	14 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study R 6 3:45 PM GS Troop 86 Rm 6 6:15 PM Jr Choir/Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	15 10:45 AM Storytime 5:30 GS Troop 81105 – FH	16 Easter Egg Hunt
5th Sunday in Lent 10:30 AM Only Cantata 9:15 AM Sunday School for All 2:00 PM GS Troop 81107 FH2k 2:00 PM GS Troop 893 Rm 7 2:00 PM GS Troop 81144 R 11 4:00 PM Confirmation Class	18 5:30 PM GS Troop 81107 Rm 6 6:00 PM GS Troop 8435 Rm 10	19 6:00 PM Mission & Evangelism Zoom 6:30 PM CEM R 10	20 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Services – Nazareth Moravian Church	21 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study R 6 6:00 PM GS Troop 81043 6:15 PM Jr Choir/Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	22 10:45 AM Storytime Egg Hunt Prep Kit/FH	23 Easter Egg Hunt
Palm Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services 9:15 AM Sunday School for All Ages	25 Holy Monday 7:00 PM Service	26 Holy Tuesday 7:00 PM Service	27 Holy Wednesday 7:00 PM Service	28 Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM Service Holy Communion	29 Good Friday 1:45 PM Service Holy Communion 2:30 PM Service	30 Great Sabbath 7:00 PM Service Lovefeast
Resurrection Sunday-Easter 31 6:00 AM Sunrise Service 7:00 AM Easter Breakfast 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services						



Holy week

The Joyful Noise

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Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow him.

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


March
2024

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

