The Joyful Noise Newsletter

Schoeneck Moravian Church May 2024

CHANGE – LOOKING AT A NEW PATH

On May 21, 2023, the Schoeneck congregation entered a time of change, a change in the spiritual and administrative leadership as our pastors were called to serve another Moravian congregation. Since that time, the Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees have assumed the responsibility for the spiritual and administrative duties of our church, attempting to keep things going without any undue stress on the congregation. This change challenged each board member to step out of their comfort zone to help direct the church through this unknown period as leading worship, helping with administrative duties or other tasks that required assistance. Despite all the challenges we have faced, we have been able to maintain our worship schedule every Sunday, including livestream to those members unable to attend in person, host a province-wide Youth Rally, renovate our beloved church organ without incurring debt and schedule classes for new members to join our congregation. The Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees could not have accomplished this without the support and encouragement from the congregation and we are eternally grateful!

Now, we step into another change for the congregation...calling a new pastor. The 'call process' is a well-orchestrated, albeit at times lengthy, procedure to identify the correct person as our next spiritual leader. However, this process requires discernment and listening to God's small voice to select the person He has already selected to come to Schoeneck. Many of you have wondered why it seems to have taken so long! Let's remember how busy we were last year with planning for the Youth Rally, organ renovation and rededication followed closely by Christmas, all activities that were important to the life of Schoeneck. One small caveat that caused a slight delay was the request by the Eastern District Executive Board (EDEB) to interview the congregation on what we wanted in a pastor. This was something we needed to do since the questionnaire during the summer of 2023 yielded some discrepancies that needed to be addressed. Once it was realized the discrepancies were more prevalent shortly after the departure of our former pastors and had since 'cooled down', the call process began in earnest and proceeded at a typical pace. In mid-April, the Joint Board was informed that Rev. Ian Edwards had accepted the call to become the next full-time pastor of Schoeneck Moravian Church! The 11-month gap without a full-time pastor was part of God's plan for Schoeneck as it prepared our congregation for a new path and a new adventure. God's timing is always perfect!

Most of the congregation is aware that Brenda and I have moved away from Nazareth to be closer to our grandchildren. The decision to move is somewhat easy....actually moving away from family and friends is not so easy!! All of us need to realize that God has a plan for your life. Change can be hard but when you listen to God and trust what He has for planned for you, the change will not be so difficult. Lamentations 3:25 perfectly states what happens when we trust in God's timing; "The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him." Learn to listen to that 'small voice' inside. It is God whispering what He wants us to do, according to the plan he has established.

All of us have been experiencing change over the past few weeks or months. Whether it is searching for a new pastor, dealing with an illness or a family member with an illness, moving away from family and friends or something else, God knows and understands what we need to get through your season of change. Continue to go to Him in prayer, expressing your joys and concerns and He will guide your path. All you need to do is ask and God will provide.

Blessings of peace and joy,

Jim Makovetz - Vice-chair, Board of Elders

Worship the Lord with Us!

Sunday, May 5—Sixth Sunday of Easter. 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services. Youth Sunday "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises." Psalm 98:4 Watchword



Sunday, May 12—Accension Sunday. 10:30 AM Worship Service Only Installation of Rev. Ian Edwards as Pastor of Schoeneck Moravian Church.

' Jesus said, "I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ' John 12:32

Watchword

Sunday, May 19—Day of Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday. 10:30 AM Worship Service Only. Holy Communion.

Pentecost means "50", fifty days after Easter, the day the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks. "O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all." Psalm 104:24

Watchword



Sunday, May 26—Trinity Sunday. 10:30 AM Worship Services Only. Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost and celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." Isiah 6:3

Watchword

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FUTURE WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, June 2–Second Sunday after Pentecost. 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM Worship Services.

Sunday, June 9—Third Sunday after Pentecost. 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM Worship Services. Graduate Recognition Sunday.

Sunday, June 16—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. 9:30 AM Worship Service. First Sunday of the Summer Schedule. Father's Day & Reception of New Members

Sunday, June 23—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. 9:30 AM Worship Service. Married People's Lovefeast.

Sunday, June 30-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. 9:30 AM Worship Service.

ELDERS PERSPECTIVE

Now that the announcement of a new pastor was made, I want to give you a brief understanding what the Joint Board (JB) experienced as part of the call process. As you know, the call process is the procedure used by the Moravian Church to prayerfully consider the names brought forth by the Eastern District Executive Board (EDEB) when a pastoral opening occurs in a church. This process contained a lot of prayer and discernment to determine the best person to serve a congregation.

Briefly, the call process is a series of meetings that begins with the rules and regulations of the process and followed by a discussion of the names the EDEB believes could serve as the pastor of the church. During the entire process, regardless of the number of meetings required, all JB members are reminded of the silence required as part of this process since the pastors identified by the EDEB do not know they are being considered for a call. Once the identified person is 'called', a dialogue occurs between the person and the JB. At the conclusion of the dialogue, a 2/3 majority vote of the JB is needed to continue with the candidate. The voting result is communicated to the candidate who has the ability to accept or decline the call. For Schoeneck, Pastor Ian Edwards accepted to call to be our next full-time pastor!

During the entire call process, the Joint Board, as elected members to represent the congregation, was continually in prayer to discern the best person to serve as our pastor as stated in James 1:5 "If any of you lack wisdom, let them ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given." All announcements made during the time without a pastor were done to make sure the congregation knew the JB was diligently working to find a full-time pastor. All the prayers of the congregation were felt by all JB members. God led us to call Pastor Ian Edwards, now it's up to all of us to move forward to do God's work!

In God's Love!

April

Mike Rampulla, Board of Elders

ard Members Board of Trustees Sue Dreydoppel, President Bob Sweitzer, Vice President Sue Anascavage, Secretary Lori Deutsch Marisa Graver Andrew Majczan Dwayne Moyer Kim Samsel Troy Schoeneberger
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Board of Trustees
Discussed at April Board of Trustees meeting:
1) Finalizing parsonage repairs
2) Seeking a tenant for the parsonage
3) Purchasing a new computer for the Financial Secre

Schoeneck Moravian Church Future Community Dinners



May 29 June 26 July 31 August 28 September 25



Schoeneck Moravian Health Ministry The next blood pressure screening will be Sunday, May 19, 2024

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

On **Sunday**, **June 9**, we will be honoring our graduates during our worship service. Please notify the church office if you or anyone in your family will be graduating this year from high school, college, or earning an advanced degree in any field.

Please provide the following information: Graduate name

Where graduating from With what degree (if applicable) Future career or education plans

Responses needed by Sunday, June 4

Please call the church office, 610-759-0376 or email schoeneck@schoeneckmoravian.org

Thank you to John Beitel, Kurt Eichman, Catherine Hahn, and Ron Minnich for their help in the roadside cleanup. This cleanup represented our congregational participation in 2024 Earth Day.

The next cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, July 13th at 9:00 AM (rain date: July 20)

> The Lenten Self-Denial offering from Schoeneck for Essential Café came to \$1,564. Thanks to all who contributed.





YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR.... MOTHER'S DAY TEA Sunday, May 12—from 9:15—10:30 Fellowship Hall

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Tribute to Mother forms are located on the bulletin board outside the church office.



Please return the completed form no later than **Sunday, April 28** to the church office.

Women's Bible Study meet on Thursday at 9:00 AM



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

Congratulations

We rejoice with the members of Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem for naming Pastor Janel Rice as their Senior Pastor, replacing the late Hopeton Clennon. Janel is married to Dr. Christian Rice, who grew up in the Schoeneck congregation, and is a sister-in-law to Courtney Schnyderite, niece to Lois Zibulnik, daughter-in-law to Conrad Rice.

Moravian Open Door

March 25, 2024,

To the congregation of Schoeneck Moravian Church,

Thank you for your generous contributions over the past three months.

January February March \$94.00 \$96.00 \$92.00

Your generosity keeps the mission and vision of MOD alive. On behalf of our clients, staff and Board of Directors, again, thanks for your contribution, prayers, and support.

Blondel Jones-Grant President Board of Directors Susan Attzs-Mendoza Executive Director



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Our annual **Mother's Day Tea** will be held May 12th in the Fellowship Hall from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM. Please join us for breakfast and tea before the 10:30 AM Worship service when we welcome our newly appointed Pastor, Ian Edwards.

Everyone is welcome to our **Tea** whether you are or are not a Mother. Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers, Sisters, Friends, and Fathers all play an important roll in raising children, so come join us. Our youth will provide some entertainment for us. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by stairs leading to the sanctuary.

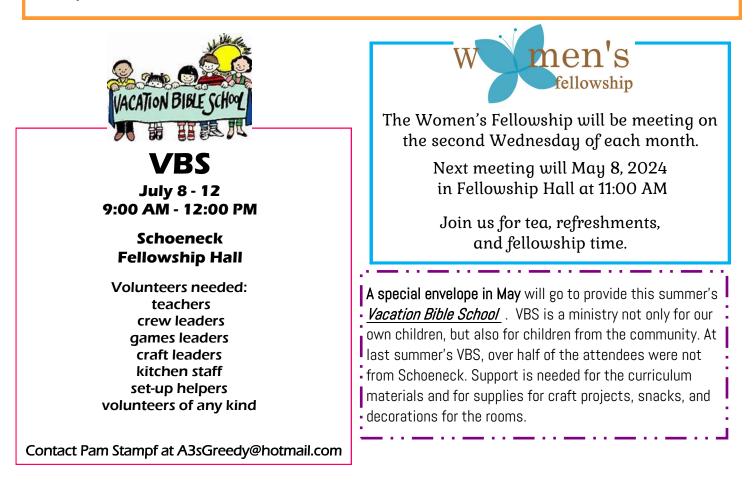
Our Easter Putz will remain up until Ascension so you still have some time to check it out if you haven't done so. Special "Thank You" to Sarah for her idea and putting this together for Schoeneck!

We are in the process of organizing Summerfest which will start June 16th and this year we will be studying about Psalms 23. If you are willing to lead or assist any Sunday, please contact either myself, Ann-Louise or JoAnn.

Also, save the date for Vacation Bible School, July 8 to July 12. We will be learning about "Hometown Nazareth" and of course will be needing lots of helpers. Clearances are required for anyone over the age of 18.

Our next Christian Ed meeting is May 21st at 6:30 PM in Rm #6. Spring Blessings!

Pam Stampf Sunday School Coordinator



MORAVIAN MISSION CORNER

Essentials Café – Spring Fundraiser

For more information or to buy tickets, please contact <u>EssentialsCafe418@gmail.com</u> or visit essentialscafe.org

Saturday, May 18

2 seatings: 4:30 PM and 7 PM



Appetizers: fig and pear puff pastry, shrimp cocktail *Salad*: Green Salad with edible flowers and Essentials Vinaigrette

Entrée Choices:

Prime Rub au jus served with green beans almondine and potato strudel or

Chicken Piccata with green beans almondine and herbed rice pilaf

Vegan Ravioli and green beans almondine

Beverages: coffee, tea, and a complimentary glass of red or white wine

Dessert station with a selection of freshly made treats

Tickets available at the café: \$50 per person dine-in, \$45 take-out

All proceeds benefit Essentials Café's work of welcoming and feeding everyone, regardless of ability to pay.



Special envelope to support Hope Conference & Renewal Center (Camp Hope),the Moravian Church's camp for the Eastern District.Funds raised by this envelope will be sent directly to the camp for general support.Scholarships for Schoeneck campers come from a memorial fund.



PETUNIAS FOR MEMORIAL DAY!

We are offering 6" pots of red, white and blue petunias for <u>Sunday, May 26</u>, to honor those who have served in our military. If you would like to honor/remember a loved one, please fill out the form and return it to the church office by **Sunday, May 5th**.



You may take your plant home with you after the 10:30 service.

Deadline for ordering is Sunday, May 5th.

# of petunias @ \$8.00 each : Cost	
Presented by	_
In Memory of	_
Branch of Service	_
In Honor of	_
Branch of Service	
Please make checks payable to Schoeneck Mora	avian Church.



After the 10:30 service on <u>Sunday, May 26</u>, we will make the solemn procession to God's Acre for our annual Memorial Day observance. The Brass Choir will play, and as in years past, we invite you to bring fresh-cut flowers or buy a bouquet of flowers to be placed on the graves in God's Acre, by the children.

Let us take this time to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy.

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE!

On Sunday, May 26, we will celebrate Memorial Day with a special tribute to remember those who have served in our military. If you would like to honor/remember a loved one, please fill out the form and return it to the church office by **Sunday**, **May 19**. We ask that you contribute \$1 per name.



Deadline for participating is Sunday, May 19.

Presented by_____

In Memory of _____

Branch of Service_____

In Honor of ______

Branch of Service_____



Important Rummage Sale Information

It's that time of year again and your help is needed. Please mark your calendar for any times you can come out to church and help.

June 2 after the 10:30 worship service - set up

June 2 through June 5 – Drop off items

Sunday - June 2 4:00PM to 8:00PM Monday through Wednesday - June 3-5 8:30AM - 8:00PM

June 2 through June 6 - Unpacking and putting out items

Sunday - June 2 4:00PM to 8:00PM Monday through Wednesday - June 3-5 8:30AM - 8:00PM Thursday - June 6 8:30AM - 5PM



June 7 Bake sale items can be dropped off from 9AM - 3PM

June 8 - Help needed during rummage sale 7:30AM - 1:00PM Help needed after rummage sale to pack up and tear down 1:00PM - 3:30PM (LOTS OF HELP IS NEEDED)

Here are a few things to remember:

2. Please make sure your items are clean and in good working order. We get many repeat customers who come to our sale because we have the "good stuff". A good rule of thumb is to only bring in what you would buy.

3. Please call the church office to see if your large items will be accepted.

4. We do not accept: computers, keyboards or monitors, televisions, VCR's, VCR tapes, cribs or crib mattresses, car seats or boosters, high chairs, dehumidifiers or humidifiers, hard cover books. ONLY PAPERBACK BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED

We appreciate your help and ask for your prayers during the week prior and on the day of the rummage sale.

For questions contact Katie Elliott or the church office.



The earlier in the week you bring your items, the better for those of us who are putting them out. We will stop accepting goods at 8:00PM on Wednesday, June 5.

Time, Talent and Treasure

MARCH		Y FINANCIAL S	UMMARY	MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING	GS
		2024		Provincial Administration	\$2,440
				Communion & Lovefeast	20
	MARC	Η ΑCTIVITY		Moravian Open Door	97
MARCH	TOTAL	REVENUE	\$40,972	Unity Offering	625
_	-			Initial Offering	10
MARCH	TOTAL	EXPENSES	<u>-\$24,399</u>	Great Sabbath Lovefeast Offering	467
MARCH	NET	REVENUE	\$16.573	Lenten Self-Denial-Essential Café	1,035
				Maundy Thursday Communion Offering	465
	YFAR TO	DATE ACTIVIT	Υ	Good Friday Offering	330
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YTD	TOTAL REV	VENUE	\$98,147	Easter Breakfast Donations	80
YTD	TOTALEX	PENSES	-\$82,101	Special Projects—Roof Repairs	20
YTD		VENUE	\$16,046	Special Projects—Windows	720
		VENUE	910,040	Nazareth Food Bank	30
				Non-Member Donation	5,000
				Community Dinner Donations	55
ALL D	ENOMINA [®]	TIONAL OBLIG	IATIONS	Cemetery Perpetual Care Donation	250
ARE PAID	IN FULL TH	HROUGH MAR	CH 31, 2024		
			, -	Total	\$12,914
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MARCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY WORSHIP	SANC 8:00 AM	ГUARY 10:30 AM	TOTAL	ONLINE (Estimate)	CHILDREN	SUNDA TEACHERS	AY SCHOOL ADULT	TEACHERS
March 3	35	73	108	218	14	8	10	1
March 10	24	88	112	89	14	10	11	1
March 17 - Cantata 1 service	0	101	101	189	12	7	14	1
March 24 Palm Sunday	39	77	116	106	15	8	14	1
March 31 Easter Sunday								
6:00 AM	48		48	-				
8:00 AM	66		66	-				
10:30 AM		104	104	105				
Total	212	443	655	707	55	33	49	4
Average	35.33	88.60	93.57	141.4	13.75	8.25	12.25	1

Holy Week Services	7:00 PM	Online (Estimate)
Holy Monday	13	86
Holy Tuesday	17	83
Holy Wednesday	23	63
Maundy Thursday/Lovefeast	47	138
Good Friday		
1:45 PM Holy Communion	21	-
2:30 PM Vigils	33	66
Great Sabbath Lovefeast	67	88
Total	221	524
Average	31.57	73

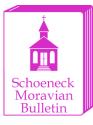
Worship Helpers This Month



SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

BULLETINS - \$10.00

5/5 Mim Stoudt 5/12 Kevin & Sandy Love 5/19 Cookie Knauss 5/26 Bob & Marianne Sweitzer



MAY RECYCLING SPONSORS

Cookie Knauss

MAY SAFE HARBOR

Women's Bible Study

MAY

FLOWERS - \$10.00

TBA

5/26 Cookie Knauss

5/12 Kevin & Sandy Love

5/19 Kevin & Sandy Love

5/5

MAY TRUSTEE Kim Samsel

MAY ELDERS

8:00 AM Mel Stocker

10:30 AM Elaine Bittner

<u>MAY</u> No Lovefeast

Sponsors: Bob & Marianne Sweitzer

TBA

Bakers:

JUNE

LOVEFEAST

Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters	Scripture Readers	Nursery
Sunday, May 5 6th Sunday of Easter	8:00 AM & 10:30 AM	Sr Youth At Both Services	Sr Youth At Both Services	Ann Dalton Youth	Lorena Roberts & Catherine Hahn
Sunday, May 12 Ascension Sunday Installation of Rev. Ian Edwards Mother's Day	10:30 AM Only one Service	Bob & Marianne Sweitzer	Mim Stoudt	Laurie Woolley	ТВА
Sunday, May 19 Day of Pentecost Holy Communion Confirmation Sunday	10:30 AM Only one Service	Tammy & Rylan Mehlig	Donna Thorman	Frank Searock	ТВА
Sunday, May 26 Trinity Sunday Memorial Service	10:30 AM Only one Service	John Beitel & JoAnn Heckman	Dennis Silvius	ТВА	ТВА

	2	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, R 6 6:00 PM GS Tr 81043/10	Community Dinner 10:00 AM Volunteers Needed to Prep 4:00 – 5:30 PM Serve 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, R 6	7:00 PM Visitation & Caring Ministry, R 6	Memorial Day REMEMBER 2 HONOR Church Office Closed	26 <u>Memorial Day Service</u> 10:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School/All Ages 9:15 AM New Members Class
25	24	23 9:00 AM Women's Bible 5:00 PM GS Tr 81043/10 6:00 PM GS Tr 81043/10	22 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, R 6	21 6:00 PM Mission & Evangelism 6:30 PM CEM, R 6	20 GS Tr 8435, R 10	8" Sunday of Easter 19 <u>Day of Pentecost</u> <u>Holy Communion</u> 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Confirmation 9:15 AM Sunday School/All Ages
18 7:00 AM Nazareth Garden Club Plant Sale Sale	17	16 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, R 6 6:00 PM GS Tr 81043/10	15 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, R 6	14 7:00 PM Trustees Zoom	13 GS Tr 81107, R 6	7 th Sunday of Easter 12 <u>Ascension Sundav/Mother's</u> <u>Day</u> <u>Installation of Rev. Ian Ed-</u> <u>wards</u> 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Mother's Day Tea 9:15 AM Mother's Day Tea 9:15 AM New Members Class 2:30 PM GS Tr 8325, R 6 2:30 PM GS Tr 8220, R 10
11 Mother's Day Tea Setup in Fellowship Hall	10	9 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, R 6 3:45 PM GS Tr 86, R 6	8 11:00 AM Women's Fellowship, FH 1:00 PM AFSCME, R 11 6:30 PM Grief Support 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, R 6	7 7:00 PM Elders, R 6	6 GS Tr 81107, R 6 GS Tr 8435, R 10	6 th Sunday of Easter 5 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Youth Sunday 9:15 AM Sunday School/All Ages 9:15 AM New Members Class 2:00 PM GS Tr 893, R 7 2:00 PM GS Tr 81144, R 11
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SATURDAY	FRIDAY	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY	SUNDAY

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Schoeneck Moravían 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."

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



Ryan Morrow, Director of Music Cindi Kessler, Administrative Assistant