

The Joyful Noise Newsletter

Schoeneck Moravian Church
February 2025

*Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."*

~ John 14:27

That's the watchword which was drawn on behalf of the congregation on New Year's Eve. The watchword is a lovely tradition in the Moravian Church, dating back to the days of our renewal at Herrnhut in current-day Germany. The Daily Texts were instituted by Count Zinzendorf as a prayer practice to reconcile and unite a troubled community. Out of this came the tradition of picking a guiding text for the new year. It's also a bit of a tradition for the pastor to give a bit of commentary on the congregation's watchword and ponder what it might mean for the coming year.

Our 2025 congregational watchword comes from John's account of Jesus' farewell discourse, which happened after the humble yet triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when Jesus gave his ultimate teaching about who he was, what that meant, and what was to come. What strikes me about having a passage of the farewell discourse to guide a congregation is Jesus' emphasis on what comes after he is no longer immediately present. He gives his truth, provides assurance, and says with a prayer: you know it's going to be up to you now, right?

Specifically from our passage, verse 27, I'm pondering the significance of Jesus statement: I do not give to you as the world gives. For me, and I hope for our congregation, my sense is of an empowerment to follow Jesus no matter what is happening in the world, and to let our motivation be for what Jesus is calling us to. Of course we won't be perfect, God knows we can't achieve idealized perfection. Just like the early disciples listening to Jesus give this teaching, there will be moments when we say wait, what? And our earthly concerns and emotions will take charge, but we can dwell in the first part of the verse: peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. In that, the troubles of our hearts can be eased, and we can take on those things we're afraid of.

Pastor Ian



peace

Worship the Lord with Us!

During worship throughout the month of February, we will continue celebrating the season of Epiphany. Epiphany means "revelation," and during this season we remember how Jesus revealed to all people, not just to the Jews, how they can have a relationship with God.

"The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever."

~ Psalm 138:8
Watchword

February 2— 10:30 AM Worship Service (only one service)

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Annual Church Council following worship with a covered dish meal.

"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going."

~ Hebrews 11:8 Watchword

February 9 — 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Mission Lovefeast is a Christian fellowship meal and worship service held by Moravian churches to honor a mission or event.

"God said to Ezekiel, "Mortal, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart and hear with your ears."

~ Ezekiel 3:10 Watchword

February 16 — 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord."

~ Jeremiah 17:7 Watchword

February 23 — 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

"Jesus said, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

~ Luke 6:36 Watchword

Future Worship Services

The month of March is the beginning of the "Season of Lent", which is a period in the Christian calendar, lasting 40 days, that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday, serving as a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; essentially a time of reflection and penitence before the joy of Easter Sunday. www.google.search/season/of/lent

March 2 — 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

March 9 — 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services

First Sunday in Lent

March 16 — 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services

Second Sunday in Lent

March 23 — 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services

Third Sunday in Lent

March 30 — 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services

Fourth Sunday in Lent



2025 Lent Schedule

hosted by

Schoeneck Moravian Church
316 N. Broad Street Ext.
Nazareth, PA 18064

Dinner at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Worship Service at 7:00 PM in Sanctuary.



Wednesday, March 5th ~ Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, March 12th
Wednesday, March 19th
Wednesday, March 26th
Wednesday, April 2nd
Wednesday, April 9th



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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 13th ~ Palm Sunday Services ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Monday, April 14th ~ Holy Monday Service ~ 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 15th ~ Holy Tuesday Service ~ 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 16th ~ Holy Wednesday Service ~ 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 17th ~ Maundy Thursday/Holy Communion Service ~ 7:00 PM

Friday, April 18th ~ Good Friday Service ~ 1:45 Holy Communion, 2:30 PM

Saturday, April 19th ~ Great Sabbath Lovefeast ~ 7:00 PM

Sunday, April 20th ~ Easter ~ Sunrise Service, 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM

He is Risen



ELDER PERSPECTIVE

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
~John 13:34

As February approaches, TV commercials, storefronts, and interior displays remind us that Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Romantic love deserves to be acknowledged and celebrated, but we can never let that overshadow or contradict the love we cling to in its purest form—God's love; His love for us and our love for God. In his book of scriptural meditations, *Sources of Strength*, Jimmy Carter writes *"God is love: agape love, forgiving love, love for those who are unattractive, those who don't deserve to be loved, those who don't love us back."* God's love challenges us to show His love in thought, word, and deed. (Colossians 3:17) This is what Jesus came to earth to teach us.

To love one another is a tall order because it is limitless, and this can be challenging for many of us. Recently a devotion in *The Upper Room* relating to *"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"* (Matthew 5:44), gave me pause to reflect. A wife was complaining to her spouse about a woman who was causing trouble "wherever she goes". The husband listened and sympathized, but then pointed out to her that God loves the "troublemaker" just as much as God loves his wife. That statement left an indelible impression on me. The depth and equality of God's love for all humankind, tells me that I can do better. Can we all do better?

Ann-Louise Taylor
Elder



Joint Board Members—Until February 2, 2025 *Board of Elders* *Board of Trustees*

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Melody Stocker, Secretary
Elaine Bittner
Brian Dishong
Bill Heiser
Linda Meylach (in memoriam)
Mike Rampulla
Pamela Stampf
Ann-Louise Taylor

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Board of Elders

January Board of Elders meeting:

- *We thanked Bill Heiser for his 6 years as an Elder.
- *We remembered Sister Linda Meylach whose 2nd 3-year term as an Elder would have ended this month.
- *We served approximately 45 people at Safe Harbor on January 3, 2025.
- *We will be switching to YouTube for our livestream, but you will still be able to access it through our Facebook page.
- *Bible-A-Thon is January 19 – 20, 2025.

Board of Trustees

January Board of Trustees meeting:

- *received the year-end financial report for 2024
- *welcomed the news of a small surplus from 2024
- *considered if Schoeneck is able to serve as a venue for wedding receptions
- *will proceed with selecting window coverings for the Diener's Kitchen and two Sunday School rooms
- *are researching alternate insurance carriers
- *made plans to serve dinner at Safe Harbor on Feb. 1



CEM is preparing for the annual **Birthday Social on Sunday, February 23** immediately following the 10:30 worship service. If you are having a "Birthday" in the year 2025, you are invited and bring your friends and family. There will be a potluck lunch, followed by some games and then 12 birthday cakes. Our games this year will be "old time" games, so if you have a favorite game that may have been played at birthday parties or large picnics when you were a child, bring it to our attention. We'd like to bring back some of the older games and introduce them to our youth. We will be playing "*pin the candle on the birthday cake!*" Look for sign-up sheets on the CEM bulletin board by the water fountain before you go up the steps to the sanctuary! There will be a sign up sheet for attendance, potluck dish and a sheet to make sure that we have a birthday cake for each month. And as usual if you forget to sign up, come anyway, there is always enough for a few extra!

Hope to see you then, and stay warm!

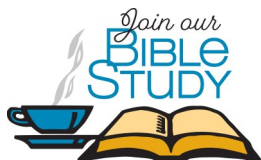
Pamela Stampf
Sunday School Coordinator



Sparkle Box

The Sparkle Box was opened the Sunday after Christmas and there were quite a few notes in there for Jesus for His birthday. The children that attended the church service that Sunday each pulled a note and read it to the congregation. We helped those who needed food, donated to the food bank, went Christmas caroling, went to MOD and put the Christmas tree up for them, and many other acts of kindness. There is a purple poster on the CEM bulletin board. with most of the notes posted for you to read.

It was brought to our attention that in the Sparkle Box book the people provided clean water to a village in Africa, and here at Schoeneck our congregation did a similar thing last year by providing water filters to families in a village in Honduras so that they could have clean water. Schoeneck also donated money to be sent to Jamaica to rebuild houses and churches after a hurricane damaged them. **Happy Birthday, Jesus!**



All are welcome.

Men's Bible Study, Wednesdays at 7:00 PM.
Women's Bible Study, Thursdays at 9:00 AM.

JR YOUTH ACTIVITY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

JOIN US FOR THE CHURCH COUNCIL
LUNCHEON, AFTER THE 10:30 AM SERVICE.
WE WILL BE MAKING VALENTINE CARDS FOR
THE HOMEBOUND MEMBERS AND THEN HEAD
OUT FOR A FUN INDOOR MINI GOLF.



HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

LANIE YASWINSKI & COURTNEY SCHNYDERITE



The Annual Schoeneck Church Council meeting
on **Sunday, February 2.**

There will be only one worship service that day at 10:30,
followed by a covered dish meal in the Fellowship Hall.
The Church Council meeting will convene after the meal;
around 1:00 PM.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY MARCH 2025

Please contact the church office with any address,
email, and/or phone number changes
by February 25, 2024.

Contact 610-759-0376 or email:
schoeneck@schoeneckmoravian.org.

Thank you
Cindi Kessler



COFFEE DRIVE FOR SAFE HARBOR Collecting from February 2nd —February 23rd



There is a box located by the entry from the parking lot.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Ladies, please join us on Wednesday, February
12th at 11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.



This month we will play Valentine BINGO. If
possible please bring a small gift for prizes,
valued under \$5. Also, a small snack to share
with others. Can't wait for the Fellowship Fun!

Sharon Schuler & Gloria Floyd



Schoeneck Moravian Health Ministry
blood pressure screening will be
Sunday, February 16, 2025

COMMUNITY DINNER 2025

It's around the corner!



On Wednesday, April 30, 2025 will be our first Community Dinner for the season.
Planning on volunteering, contributing those yummy desserts
or perhaps a monetary donation?

Here is a list of Community Dinner dates to mark your calendars.



April 30

May 28

June 25

July 30

August 27

September 24



The Jr. Youth would like to sincerely thank Jeffrey Fogel, Troy Schoeneberger and the Schoeneck congregation for their incredible support during our December fundraiser. Due to your generosity, we raised \$1,056!!!! which we will use for future activity supplies and fees. Thank you for your support of this youth ministry!!!! This will enable us to continue to live God's love and "Be the Church" in our community. Thank you!

Dear Schoeneck Congregation.

Thanks so much for the monetary Christmas gift. It is an honor to help with the maintenance needs of the church and your gift helps to further that effort.

Thank you again.
Jack Breidinger -
Property Committee.

Dear Schoeneck Congregation,

Thank you for thinking of me over the Christmas season with the monetary gifts, Christmas cards, yummy baked goods and holiday wishes. It was really thoughtful of you and made my holiday special.

I am truly grateful for all the prayers and positive thoughts as I get through my health concerns.

Also, I would like to thank everyone for their support and for providing me with the necessary information in a timely manner, which gave me the opportunity to organize, assemble, and print the Church Annual Report ahead of schedule.

Cindi Kessler
Administrative Assistant

Dear Schoeneck congregation,

Please accept my sincere thanks for the lovely Christmas gift. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

It is an honor to serve as your Financial Secretary. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions throughout the year.

Warm regards,
Ann Dalton



Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is having a good New Year. But before I get into the New Year, I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who helped at the three Christmas Eve services. And, the youth for once again doing the New Year's Eve service. Mike is going to have all of you so trained, I'll be looking forward to all of you as Dieners in years to come.

Now, I would like to thank the Elders, especially Ann-Louise for all her help in recruiting some additional people to help with serving. I'd like to welcome back Lawrence Voll. We also have two new couples: Roger & Laurie Woolley and Ralph & Jane Barthold.

I'm sure everyone really enjoys having the Sugar Cake and all the special things we surprise you with. The problem is there are not enough people signing up to help with the baking, and Terry is here baking all day by himself. Please remember to use the Lovefeast signup sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. Your assistance is truly appreciated.

One last thing, starting this year there will be a signup sheet for Dieners to select the Lovefeast Sunday they are available to help serve. We have two services, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM. The signup sheet is located on the church bulletin board.

Thank you so much for making this the wonderful church family that we are, and please contact me with any questions at 610-573-7344.

Lori Hahn
Diener Coordinator

Worship Helpers This Month

SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY



FLOWERS - \$10.00

2/2 TBA
2/9 Cookie Knauss
2/16 Bob & Marianne Sweitzer
2/23 TBA

BULLETINS - \$10.00

2/2 TBA
2/9 TBA
2/16 TBA
2/23 TBA



FEBRUARY TRUSTEE

Sue Dreydoppel

FEBRUARY ELDERS

Elaine Bittner

FEBRUARY RECYCLING SPONSOR

TBD

FEBRUARY SAFE HARBOR

Trustees

MISSION LOVEFEAST FOR FEBRUARY

Sponsor(s): TBD

Baker: Ryan Morrow

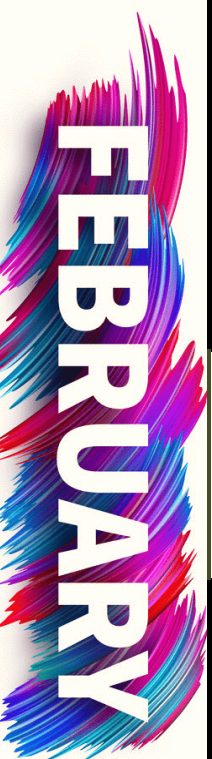
Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters	Scripture Readers	Nursery
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY	10:30 AM	Gloria Floyd & Marisa Graver	Ron & Linda Minnich	Glenn Hertzog	Sue Anascavage & Sharon Schuler
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 5TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bob & Carol Hunt Sue Anascavage & Charisse Geiger	Joe Brown Mim Stoudt	Sue Dreydoppel John Beitel	Mim Stoudt & Gayle Searock
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 6TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Melody Stocker & Mary Schweitzer Corey & Jill Beil	Kathy Makoul Tom & Sharon Giovanni	Cindy McAllister Laurie Woolley	Tammy Mehlig & Allene Rampulla
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 7TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	John & Lori Deutsch Troy & Delaney Schoeneberger	Mary Schweitzer Charisse Geiger	Lori Deutsch Laurie Woolley	Mike & Allene Rampulla

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FEBRUARY

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4th Sunday after Epiphany 2 10:30 AM Service Joyful Noise Church Council Meeting after Worship Service – Fellowship Hall (meal first) 2:00 PM GS Troop 86 Rm 10	3 5:30 PM GS Troop 8435 Rm 6	4 7:00 PM Elders Meeting R 6/Zoom	5	6 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6 6:15 PM Jr Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	7 10:30 AM Shake Boogie	8 9:00 AM Grief Workshop Rm 6
5th Sunday after Epiphany 9 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Services Mission Lovefeast 9:15 AM Sunday School All Ages 2:00 PM GS Troop 893 Rm 10 2:00 PM GS Troop 8220 Rm 6	10 6:00 PM GS Troop 81043 Rm 10	11 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting Zoom	12 11:00 AM Women's Fellowship – FH 1:00 PM AFSCME R 11 6:30 PM CEM, R 10 7:00 Men's Bible Study Rm 6	13 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6 6:15 PM Jr Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	14 10:30 AM Shake Boogie 	15 9:00 AM Grief Workshop Rm 6 Snow Date 3:00 PM Family Event Fellowship Hall
6th Sunday after Epiphany 16 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Services 9:15 AM Sunday School All Ages 2:00 PM GS Troop 81144 Rm 11 2:00 PM GS Troop 86 Rm 10	17 March Newsletter Articles Due	18 6:00 PM Mission & Evangelism Rm 6	19 7:00 Men's Bible Study Rm 6	20 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6 6:15 PM Jr Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	21 10:30 AM Shake Boogie 5:00 PM GS Troop Sleepover Begins	22 9:30 AM GS Troop Sleepover Ends 10:30 AM CEM Setup for Birthday Social
7th Sunday after Epiphany 23 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Services 9:15 AM Sunday School All Ages 11:30 AM Birthday Social 2:00 PM GS Troop 893 Rm 6 2:00 PM GS Troop 8220 Rm 10	24 5:30 PM GS Troop 8435 Rm 6 6:00 PM GS Troop 81043 Rm 10	25 7:00 PM Visitation & Caring Meeting Rm 6/Zoom	26 7:00 Men's Bible Study Rm 6	27 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6 6:15 PM Jr Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	28 10:30 AM Shake Boogie	

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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.



Rev. Ian Edwards, Pastor
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

