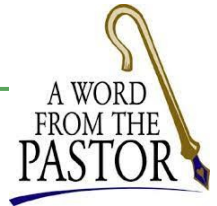


The Joyful Noise Newsletter

Schoeneck Moravian Church
March 2025



Everything In Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes!

I've been reflecting on the nature of extremes, how everything is just the most, everything is about argument and adversarial tension, engineered to grab attention and lead to outrage. Even this paragraph falls into it, using the term everything, when reality shows that the world is full of nuance, and stating things to capture attention do just that and not much more. Lent is a time to set aside the distractions and seek peace in truth, just as Jesus did in his time apart in the wilderness.

This year for our Wednesday evening services, we're letting the Gospel of Luke guide us through Lent using a series produced by Sanctified Art. Beginning with Jesus setting his face toward Jerusalem (Luke 9:51), our worship series flows through several familiar stories—the Good Samaritan, Mary and Martha, the fruitless fig tree, the Lost Sheep, Zacchaeus, and more. Many of these stories are well-known in both sacred and secular imagination and hold significance in pop culture, church history, politics, and everything in between.

When we study these scriptures, you may be struck by how Jesus' ministry disrupted the established social, political, and religious divides of his time. Jesus intentionally pointed out cultural and political extremes to emphasize the radical, inclusive, and surprising love of God. When we study these stories in their historical and cultural context, we see how they mirror the divisions many of us experience in our families, churches, and communities today.

Our theme, "Everything In Between," invites us to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed. You will see that each weekly sub-theme explores two supposed binaries, like "faith & works" or "rest & growth," or "grief & hope." We often consider these ideas to be opposing. However, as we explore these concepts within the scriptures, we find nuance and complexity. We find that these dichotomies are false. We might begin to see a full spectrum instead of black and white. We might find that God is present in between.

And so, throughout the Lent season, we invite you to look beyond black and white binaries and easy answers. We encourage you to notice the dichotomies that define our lives, but also imagine where God might be meeting us beyond the categories we create. This Lent, we're trusting that God shows up in shades of gray, rainbow hues, and everywhere in between.

In looking at opportunities for our Lent Wednesday offerings, I've been studying things that are helpful in the midst of extreme situations. One thing that is shown to be beneficial, whether the extremes are political, economic, or even weather-related, is food security, especially when it is combined with community. This year our offering will again go to support Loaves & Fishes and the effort to provide local feeding and community ministry.

Pastor Ian



WORSHIP THE LORD WITH US!

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

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

Last Sunday after the Epiphany, also known as Transfiguration Sunday, which tells the story of Jesus's transforming before his disciples.

"And when they looked up, they saw no one except, Jesus alone."

~Matthew 17:8

Watchword

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

The "First Sunday in Lent Holy Communion" signifies the celebration of the Eucharist on the first Sunday of the Lenten season, which is a significant time for Christians to focus on repentance, prayer, and fasting, and where the readings often center around Jesus' temptation in the desert, marking the beginning of his public ministry.

<https://www.google.com/search?q=what+is+the+meaning+>

"No one who believes in Christ will be put to shame."

~Romans 10:11

Watchword

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

Second Sunday in Lent. *"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?"*

~Psalm 27:1

Watchword

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

Third Sunday in Lent. "Light of the World" Lenten Cantata (10:30 AM service only) with music and scriptures, featuring our Handbell Choirs, Senior Choir, soloist, and violin and cello soloists.

"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near."

~Isaiah 55:6

Watchword

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent. *"If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"*

~2 Corinthians 5:17 Watchword



Future Worship Services

Sunday, April 6—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services

Fifth Sunday in Lent.

Sunday, April 13—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It's also known as Passion Sunday.

Sunday, April 20—Sunrise Service (5:45 AM), 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM.

Easter Sunday, also known as Resurrection Sunday, celebrates the resurrection of Jesus.

Sunday, April 27—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services

Second Sunday of Easter.



S C H E D U L E

2025 Lent Schedule

hosted by

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

Lenten Meal at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Your invited to partake in a light meal before our Lenten Services. No sign up sheet, just come for a meal and fellowship.

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



Schoeneck Moravian Church



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

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

On Sunday February 9, Pastor Ian's message focused on discipleship and following Jesus. A part of his message had us think about the question posed to many of us when we were younger, "What do you want to be when you grow up." The closing hymn for this service, "*I the Lord of Sea and Sky*", is one of my favorite hymns and makes me truly think about how I have listened (at times) to God's leading.

We need to remember that He wants us to be open to His direction(s) for our lives as His leading may not always be a smack in the head, but rather needing to listen to subtle suggestions. Listening to God's direction is plainly stated in Isaiah 55:8-9, "*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,*" declares the Lord. "*As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*"

Below is a poem (author unknown) I kept at my desk when I was working to remind me that we need to be open to God's leading, no matter how loud or quiet that may be. I don't remember where or when I saw this poem but it puts into perspective how we should approach each and every day, listening for God and His direction for our lives.

Whispers

The man whispered, "God, speak to me" and a meadowlark sang. But the man did not hear. So, the man yelled, "God, speak to me" and the thunder rolled across the sky. But the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said, "God, let me see you." And a star shined brightly. But the man did not see.

And, the man shouted, "God, show me a miracle." And, a life was born. But the man did not notice.

So, the man cried out in despair, "Touch me God, and let me know you are here." Whereupon, God reached down and touched the man. But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

I found this to be a great reminder that God is always around us in the little and simple things that we take for granted....even in our electronic age.

So, I would like to add one more:

The man cried, "God, I need your help!" And an email arrived reaching out with good news and encouragement. But the man deleted it and continued crying.

Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way that you expect.

Jim Makovetz, Vice-chair, Board of Elders

Joint Board Members

Board of Elders

Pastor Ian Edwards, Chair
Jim Makovetz, Vice Chair
Melody Stocker, Secretary
Elaine Bittner
Laura Cook
Brian Dishong
Louis Murante
Mike Rampulla
Pamela Stampf
Ann-Louise Taylor

Board of Trustees

Sue Dreydoppel, President
Bob Sweitzer, Vice President
Lori Deutsch, Secretary
Pastor Ian Edwards, ex-officio
Marisa Graver
Andrew Majczan
Dwayne Moyer
Kim Samsel
Frank Searock
Roger Woolley

Board of Elders

February Board of Elders meeting:

- 1) We welcome our newest Elders Laura Cook and Lou Murante.
- 2) We continue to work on updating our live streaming via You Tube.
- 3) Installation of the 2025 Joint Board members and Christian Education members will be on February 23, 2025, at both services.

Board of Trustees

February Board of Trustees meeting:

At the February reorganization meeting the Trustees:

- 1) Welcomed new members Frank Searock and Roger Woolley, and welcomed back Andrew Majczan
- 2) Elected officers: Sue Dreydoppel, continuing as President
Bob Sweitzer, continuing as Vice President
Lori Deutsch, Secretary
- 3) Reappointed financial officers:
Brenda Makovetz, Treasurer
Marianne Sweitzer, Assistant Treasurer
Ann Dalton, Financial Secretary
- 4) Determined Trustees of the Month and ministry appointments
- 5) Increased the monthly recycling sponsorship to \$45

I just wanted to say Thank-you for the generous gift and the well wishes for my upcoming surgery. Both are appreciated. I also thank you for allowing me to continue at Schoeneck as your sexton, I thoroughly enjoy it.

Sincerely
Connie



Thank you to Cookie Knauss and Laurie Woolley for the beautiful prayer shawl I received when my mom passed away. It is greatly appreciated.

Deb Dishong

Thank you to everyone for the thoughts, prayers and support on the death of my mother. She loved her involvement and connections with everyone at Schoeneck.

Deborah Dishong & Family

To my dear friends at Schoeneck Church,
Thank you for making my 93rd birthday one to remember!

I miss everyone! I watch church on Sunday mornings but it is not the same as being there.

Please remember me in your prayers.
I love you! Ellen Clewell



Sunday, March 9, 2025



SAVE THE DATE
RUMMAGE SALE—JUNE 7, 2025
SET UP—JUNE 1—4



You still have time to sign up for 2025 Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship.

The sign up sheets are located on the church bulletin board outside the church office.

Thank you



COMMUNITY DINNER 2025

It's around the corner!



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 on your calendars.



April 30

May 28

June 25

July 30

August 27

September 24



Christian Education

CEM hopes that those who attended the Birthday Social in February enjoyed the cakes, had a great time and enjoyed the fellowship.

CEM will be holding an Intergenerational activity on Easter Sunday in the Fellowship Hall, between the 8:00 and 10:30 worship services in place of Sunday School. We hope that you will plan to attend even if you don't regularly attend Sunday School. We may be going on a scavenger hunt that morning.

Hope to see you then!

Pamela Stampf
Sunday School Coordinator



Senior Youth Egg Decorating

Friday, April 11 at 5:00 PM

Uncooked eggs are needed by Thursday, April 10.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12

at 10:00 AM



JR YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, March 2 - Snowtubing at Camelback! Lunch after church then snowtubing from 2:00 -4:00 PM. No cost!

Saturday, April 5 - Serving Taco Dinner at Safe Harbor, Easton. Meet at Schoeneck, late afternoon time TBD.

Sunday, April 6 - Lunch and matinee performance of Nazareth High School drama production "Seussical" at 1:00 PM. No cost!

Please RSVP with Lanie or Courtney so we can reserve tickets. **Hope you can join us!**

Lanie Yaswinski and Courtney Schnyderite
Jr. Youth Leaders



We will be stopping the **Men's Bible Study** during Lent and will resume meeting after Lent and continuing with

"The Chosen" Video and Study Guide; starting with Session 2; Episode 1



Women's Bible Study,

Thursdays at 9:00 AM.

They are studying "God's Comfort" booklet and study guide.



Ladies, Women's Fellowship for March will be Wednesday March 12th. Meeting in the fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m.

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 30, 2025



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 10:30 AM 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.)



In the spirit of collective commitment and thoughtful generosity, Moravians across America are gearing up for the fifth annual **Moravian Day of Giving on Tuesday, March 4th**, a day that transcends individual contributions to make a combined impact.

The Moravian Day of Giving is an opportunity for Moravians to make unexpected gifts above and beyond their regular tithe or pledge. On this day, individuals are encouraged to utilize the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America (MMFA)'s online Giving Portal to contribute to their church, Moravian agencies, or ministries that ignite passion and resonate with their values.

On previous Days of Giving, Schoeneck asked for contributions to the Organ Restoration fund or to the Schoeneck congregation. While we certainly will accept any gifts from this day, this year we encourage you to think about expanding your giving outside of our congregation. You can give to Camp Hope, Moravian Open Door, Essentials Café, or any other Moravian organization or ministry that you wish.

If you are undecided where to make a donation, MMFA suggests you consider a gift to a Field of Interest (FOI) Fund. These funds award grants to Moravian congregations and organizations for ministry projects in eight areas:

Hunger & Thirst	Clothing
Housing & Shelter	Healing & Health
Prison Ministry	Environmental Stewardship
Racial Awareness, Equity, & Reconciliation	
Prevention of Violence Against Women	

A gift to one of the FOI funds will help unlock matching contributions of \$2,500 for each of the 8 FOI funds.

Additionally, MMFA will grant \$2,500 to the 5 Moravian organizations (churches, agencies, camps, etc.) with the most unique individual donors. "Unique individual donors" refers to the number of distinct individuals who donate on the Moravian Day of Giving. Each donor is counted only once, regardless of the number of times they contribute or the amount of their contributions. However, if a donor contributes to both their home congregation and a Moravian agency on the [Moravian Giving Portal](#), that person will be counted as one donor for BOTH organizations. Donors are able to donate to more than one organization with one transaction.

How to Participate:

- **Make a Donation:** Visit the [Moravian Giving Portal](#) to contribute to your congregation, ministry, or organization on Tuesday, March 4th.
- **Support Field of Interest Funds:** Contribute to the Field of Interest Funds, so that they can reach the matching contribution of \$2,500 for each fund!
- **Spread the Spirit on Social Media:** Use #IGiveMoravian to share your reasons for giving and inspire others to join the day of generosity.

For more information or with any questions, contact Sue Dreydoppel.

Worship Helpers This Month

SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY



FLOWERS - \$10.00

3/2 TBA
3/9 TBA
3/16 Lorin Miller
3/23 TBA
3/30 Lorena Roberts

BULLETINS - \$10.00

3/2 TBA
3/9 John & Lori Deutsch
3/16 Melody Stocker
3/23 TBA
3/30 TBA



MARCH TRUSTEE

Bob Sweitzer

MARCH ELDER

Elaine Bittner

MARCH RECYCLING SPONSOR \$45

Glenn & Carolyn Hertzog

MARCH SAFE HARBOR

John Beitel — Glenn & Carolyn Hertzog

Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters	Scripture Readers	Nursery
MARCH 2, 2025 Last Sunday after Epiphany Transfiguration Sunday	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bob & Carol Hunt Roger & Laurie Woolley	Ann Dalton Cathee Butz	Lori Deutsch John Beitel	Andrew & Andrea Majczan
MARCH 5, 2025 Ash Wednesday	7:00 PM	JoAnn Heckman & John Beitel	Lorena Roberts	JoAnn Heckman	N/A
MARCH 9, 2025 First Sunday in Lent	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave & Barb Butz Charisse Geiger & Ashlee Stampf	Mary Schweitzer Dennis Guldner	John Beitel Glenn Hertzog	Lorena Roberts & Catherine Hahn
MARCH 12, 2025 Wednesday Lenten Service	7:00 PM	Sue Dreydoppel & Lorin Miller	Ann Dalton	JoAnn Heckman	N/A
MARCH 16, 2025 Second Sunday in Lent	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Tim & Barb Messinger Roger & Laurie Woolley	Ralph & Jane Barthold Mike & Lisa Koehler	Cindy McAllister John Beitel	Andy & Brenda Loiacano
MARCH 19, 2025 Wednesday Lenten Service	7:00 PM	Glenn & Carolyn Hertzog	Bev Houck	JoAnn Heckman	N/A
MARCH 23, 2025 Third Sunday in Lent	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	John & Lori Deutsch Charisse Geiger & Ashlee Stampf	Terry Berger Tammy Mehlig	Lori Deutsch Laurie Woolley	Sue Anascavage & Sharon Schuler
MARCH 26, 2025 Wednesday Lenten Service	7:00 PM	Lorena Roberts & John Beitel	Ralph & Jane Barthold	JoAnn Heckman	N/A
MARCH 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday in Lent	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bob & Carol Hunt Glenn & Carolyn Hertzog	Terry Berger Pam Stampf	Lori Deutsch Laurie Woolley	Mim Stoudt & Gayle Searock

Usher & Greeter Coordinator
Sandy Love's contact information
610-349-5848
Email—sandylove1965@icloud.com



Scripture Readers Coordinator
Cindi Kessler contact information
610-759-0376
Schoeneck@schoeneckmoravian.org



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Last Sunday after Epiphany 2 Transfiguration Sunday Joyful Noise 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School- All Ages 2:00 PM Jr Youth Snowtubing 2:00 PM GS Troop 86 Rm 10 2:00 PM GS Troop 81144 Rm 11	3 5:30 PM GS Troop 8435 Rm 6 6:00 PM GS Troop 81043 Rm 10	4 7:00 PM Elders Meeting, Rm 6/Zoom	5 Ash Wednesday 6:00 PM Lent Meal 7:00 PM Lent Service	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 n' Boogie	1 8
First Sunday In Lent 9 Daylight Savings Time Begins 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School- All Ages 2:00 PM GS Troop 8220 Rm 10 2:00 PM GS Troop 893 Rm 6	10 7:00 PM Trustees, Zoom	11 11:00 AM Women's Fellowship in Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Lent Meal 6:30 PM CEM Meeting 7:00 PM Lent Service	12 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6 6:15 PM Jr Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	13 10:30 AM Shake n' Boogie	14 15	
Second Sunday In Lent 16 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School- All Ages 2:00 PM GS Troop 86 Rm 10 2:00 PM GS Troop 81144 Rm 11	17 Articles for April Newsletter are due!	18 6:00 PM Mission & Evangelism Zoom	19 6:00 PM Lent Meal 7:00 PM Lent Service	<u>First Day of Spring</u> 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 n' Boogie	22
Third Sunday In Lent 23 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Cantata 9:15 AM Sunday School- All Ages 2:00 PM GS Troop 8220 Rm 10 2:00 PM GS Troop 893 Rm 6	24 5:30 PM GS Troop 8435 Rm 6 6:00 PM GS Troop 81043 R 10	25 7:00 PM Visitation & Carling Rm 6/Zoom	26 6:00 PM Lent Meal 7:00 PM Lent Service	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 n' Boogie	29
Fourth Sunday In Lent 30 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School- All Ages Easter Flower Orders Are Due	31					

The Joyful Noise



Schoeneck Moravian Church

316 North Broad Street Extension
Nazareth, Pennsylvania 18064-9522

schoeneck@schoeneckmoravian.org
<https://schoeneckmoravian.org>
610-759-0376

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Schoeneck Moravian Church

Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow him.

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

March
2025

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

