

The Joyful Noise Newsletter

Schoeneck Moravian Church

April 2025

Everything In Between: Stuck in the Middle with You?

As I write this we're pretty much in the middle of our Lent series, Everything In Between, and the Vernal Equinox is right around the corner...the time of year when the night and the day, the dark and the light are in balance. This all makes it a good time to express something I've been pondering. An author I follow recently said: we think of our story having a beginning, a middle, and an end, but really everything is just a series of middles.

Maybe I'm pondering this because of this moment in the church year. We're following Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem, we know that after the hosanna-filled triumphant entry will come the cross, and the resurrection. Is this the end of the gospel story, or is it just the beginning? As with most things, there are upsides and downsides to this pondering.

Beginnings and endings give us the chance to close one chapter and start fresh on a new one, putting things behind us and looking forward, but always looking to what's next makes it tough to live in the moment.

Being mindful and present in the moment, always pondering the middle we're in can be powerful and bring us peace, but in the extreme it makes it difficult to find the value in leaving some things behind, and the joy of anticipation.

Here's a shock: in the middle of a series called Everything In Between, and at the transition point of ending and beginning in the life of Jesus we experience every year at this time, and even the equinox moment of putting behind and looking ahead, the answer lies in all of it. Endings bring Beginnings. Looking back with perspective we find that something we thought was just an ending turns out to be a beautiful middle, and the exciting fresh start turns out to go on and on and we realize hey, this is a positive new normal.

In all things I'm happy to be right in the middle of things with you.

Pastor Ian



ELDER PERSPECTIVE

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

We all have known family, friends, and acquaintances who we don't agree with. They seem to bring out the worst in us. Rubbing us raw and revealing our weaknesses rather than our strengths. They are rather like sandpaper rubbing against our skin! It is so very hard to love these people but that is exactly what Jesus expects and asks us to do. Remember Jesus had Judas as a member of his inner circle. Make no mistake, Jesus knew that Judas was the one who would betray Him but loved him just like He loved the other eleven. Luckily the Lord also gave us people in our lives who are like velvet against our skin. Their words give us comfort and encouragement as we explore our life. They make us stronger, and they are easy to love

Thank you, God, for giving us both types of people in our lives. Help us to meet the challenge of showing love to those who are hard to love and being more like you. We will strive to love all and with your help we will succeed.

Elaine Bittner, Elder



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Board of Elders

March Board of Elders meeting:

1. There will only be one service at 10:30 on Sunday, March 23rd for the Lenten Cantata.
2. Easter Sunrise service will begin at 5:45 AM on April 20th.
3. We received and reviewed the Annual Church Council minutes from February 2, 2025.

Board of Trustees

March Board of Trustees meeting:

1. Selected the color and style of blinds for the Diener's Kitchen.
2. Confirmed Greener Grounds to continue mowing the grass at the God's Acre.
3. Agreed to send the Schoeneck register from 1916 – 1948 to the Moravian Archives.

WORSHIP THE LORD WITH US!

Wednesday, April 2—7:00 PM Lenten Service (6:00 PM—Lenten Meal in Fellowship Hall)

"My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water." ~Jeremiah 2:13

Watchword

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent. *"Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly all of God in Christ Jesus."*

~Philippians 3:13-14 Watchword

Wednesday, April 9—7:00 PM Lenten Service (6:00 PM—Lenten Meal in Fellowship Hall)

Last Wednesday Lenten Meal & Service. *"Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame."*

~Psalm 34:5

Watchword



HOLY WEEK



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. *"Let those who fear the Lord say, 'His steadfast love endures forever.'"*

~Psalm 118:4

Watchword

Readings for Holy Week represents a harmony account of the sufferings, death, resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ as it is found in the New Testament.

Monday, April 14—7:00 PM Holy Monday Service

Holy Monday, commemorating Jesus' cleansing of the temple.

Tuesday, April 15—7:00 PM Holy Tuesday Service

Holy Tuesday, commemorating Jesus' teaching in parables.

Wednesday, April 16—7:00 PM Holy Wednesday Service

Holy Wednesday (also called Good Wednesday or Spy Wednesday), commemorating Judas's betrayal.

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

Maundy Thursday (also called Holy Thursday), commemorating the institution of the Eucharist.

Friday, April 18—Good Friday Service, 1:45 Holy Communion, 2:30 PM Good Friday Vigil

Good Friday, commemorating the Passion and death of Christ.

Saturday, April 19—7:00 PM Great Sabbath Lovefeast

Holy Saturday, commemorating Christ rest in the tomb.

Sunday, April 20—Easter Sunrise 5:45 AM, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Easter Sunday Worship Services

Easter morning is an especially wondrous time at Moravian churches across the Northern and Southern Provinces. For many, Easter morning means greeting the rising sun in a God's Acre or sanctuary with a service of new life and profession of faith that speaks to the core of Moravian beliefs and teachings.

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here, but has risen." ~Luke 24:5

Watchword



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

Second Sunday of Easter commemorates the appearance of Jesus to Thomas, also known as "Divine Mercy Sunday." *"Jesus said, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'"*

~John 20:21

Watchword

Future Worship Services

Sunday, May 4—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services

Third Sunday after Easter. Youth Sunday.

Sunday, May 11—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services

Fourth Sunday after Easter. Mother's Day.

Sunday, May 18—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services

Fifth Sunday after Easter. Christian Family Lovefeast.

Sunday, May 25—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services

Sixth Sunday after Easter. Observance of Memorial Day & Graduation Recognition Sunday.



Worship Helpers This Month



SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

FLOWERS - \$10.00

4/6 Debbie Knecht
4/13 Dave & Barb Butz
4/20 TBD
4/27 TBD

BULLETINS - \$10.00

4/6 Lori Deutsch
4/13 Bill & Katie Elliott
4/20 TBD
4/27 TBD



April Lovefeast Great Sabbath

Sponsor (s): TBD
Bakers: Purchased

APRIL TRUSTEE

Roger Woolley

APRIL ELDER

Elaine Bittner

APRIL RECYCLING SPONSOR \$45

Melody Stocker

APRIL SAFE HARBOR

Jr. Youth Group

Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters	Scripture Readers	Nursery
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2	7:00 PM	Corey & Jill Beil	Dennis Guldner	JoAnn Heckman	N/A
SUNDAY, APRIL 6 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	8:00 AM	Dean & Cindy McAllister	Terry Berger	Ann Dalton	Mike & Allene Rampulla
	10:30 AM	Tammy & Braden Mehlig	Dennis Guldner	John Beitel	
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9	7:00 PM	Denise Morris-Ng & Geraldine Morris	Donna Thorman	JoAnn Heckman	N/A
SUNDAY, APRIL 13 PALM SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Bob & Carol Hunt	Mary Schweitzer	Cindy McAllister	Andrew & Andrea Majczan
	10:30 AM	Glenn & Carolyn Hertzog	Ron & Linda Minnich	Donna Francisco	
MONDAY, APRIL 14 HOLY MONDAY	7:00 PM	John Beitel	Lorena Roberts	JoAnn Heckman	N/A
TUESDAY, APRIL 15 HOLY TUESDAY	7:00 PM	John Beitel	Lorena Roberts	JoAnn Heckman	N/A
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 HOLY WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	Sue Dreydoppel	Lorena Roberts	JoAnn Heckman	N/A
THURSDAY, APRIL 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY	7:00 PM	Ralph & Jane Barthold	Kathy Makoul	JoAnn Heckman	N/A
FRIDAY, APRIL 18 GOOD FRIDAY	1:45 PM	JoAnn Heckman	Denise Morris-Ng & Geraldine Morris	JoAnn Heckman (Both Services)	N/A
	2:30 PM	JoAnn Heckman	(Both Services)		
SATURDAY, APRIL 19 GREAT SABBATH	7:00 PM	Mike & Allene Rampulla	Sue Anascavage	JoAnn Heckman	N/A
SUNDAY, APRIL 20 EASTER	SUNRISE	Melody Stocker	No Greeter	No Scripture Reader	Lorena Roberts & Catherine Hahn
	8:00 AM	Melody Stocker & Kathy Makoul	Lou Murante	Sue Dreydoppel	
	10:30 AM	Charisse Geiger & Ashlee Stampf	Glenn & Carolyn Hertzog	John Beitel	
SUNDAY, APRIL 27 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	8:00 AM	Bob & Carol Hunt	Terry Berger	Ann Dalton	Andy & Brenda Loiacano
	10:30 AM	Darl & Bev Houck	TBD	John Beitel	

Dear Pastor Edwards,

We thank you and the faithful members of Schoeneck Moravian for assisting us in our mission to end food insecurity in the Nazareth area. The recent donation of \$80 allows us to continue to provide. Nonperishable food and grocery store gift cards each month to our client families.

Thank you again,
Kellee Oliva
Director of Nazareth Area Food Bank



To the congregation of
Schoeneck Moravian Church

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

October 11, 2024	\$118
December 1, 2024	\$200
January 3, 2025	\$130

Your generosity keeps the mission and vision of Moravian Open Door alive.

Blondel Jone-Grant President Board of Directors	Susan Attzs-Mendoza Executive Director
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Brother and Sisters:

The members of the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen/Summer Lunch Program thank the members of Schoeneck Moravian Church for your continued participation in our organization.

The Soup Kitchen continues to operate monthly and are serving 120+ people each month. The Summer Lunch Program will begin in June 2025 and continue through the month of August. We looking forward to your participation in 2025 in one or both of these much needed programs. Thank you and may God continue to bless your congregation.

Rev. Jeffrey D. Gehris
Secretary/Treasurer of Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen/
Summer Lunch Program



THANK YOU!

To everyone who helped make the annual Safe Harbor Hot drink program a resounding success.

We recently delivered to them:

67 pounds of coffee
570 individual servings (packets) of hot chocolate
650 individual servings of tea (bags)

Hot drinks are especially welcomed during the cold winter months by residents and those who come inside just to warm up.

Community dinners have returned!
First dinner, Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Shepherd's Pie



Mobile pick-up! 4:00-5:30
(or while supplies last)

Looking for those yummy homemade desserts!



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 Tuesday, 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

**Future roadside cleanup:
Saturday, July 12 & October 11, 2025.**



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



Christian Education

The February Birthday Social has come and gone, but I'd just like to report on the great day we had. We had **41** people attend! (the most I remember for some time) We had 13 cakes, which were all delicious! We played "old time games", which created a lot of conversation, fellowship, laughs and a little competition! As usual we had plenty of food for our Potluck lunch! I heard a lot of comments from attendees that they enjoyed themselves and liked the fact that they were mingling with the others that attended.

A very special **THANK YOU** to all of those that baked the special cakes. Most cakes that were left were packaged and sealed and frozen to be used for the Ash Wednesday lunch prior to the church service. Again, thank you to all that attended and to those that helped with setup and cleanup and a special **Thank You** to **Sharon Schuler** for filling in and working the kitchen while most of the committee was busy with Sunday School, church and managing the games. You were a blessing to us Sharon! We look forward to planning next year's Birthday Social and hope to come up with some other old-time games to play!

Easter Sunday is just around the corner, and we want to remind parents that the Sunday School classes will be held at the usual time 9:15-10:15 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having an Intergenerational activity for all, not just the children. Please stay after the 8:00 service or before the 10:30 service to join us and participate in a **Scavenger Hunt** that a few of the high school kids have been working on for a few months. If you don't want to "hunt" there will be some Easter paper activities to work on and create. We'd love to see you there and bring your friends and family that do not have a church to go to on Easter Sunday.

Easter Blessing to All!
Pamela Stampf



Join us & test your scavenger hunting skills!

SCAVENGER HUNT!

Sunday, April 20, 2025
from 9:15 to 10:15

JR YOUTH GROUP

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



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, 2025
at 10:00 AM



Women's Fellowship

Ladies, Women's Fellowship for March will be April 9, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Town n' Country.



Women's Bible Study,

Thursdays at 9:00 AM.

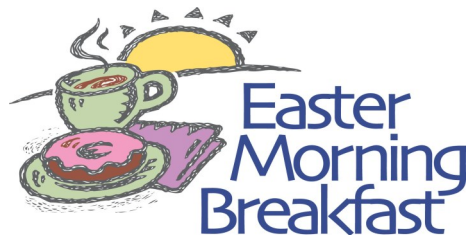
They are studying "God's Comfort" booklet and study guide.



Men's Bible Study

will resume meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2025. "The Chosen" Video and Study Guide; starting with Session 2; Episode 1

The Manly Men of Schoeneck Easter breakfast is on!!



**Schoeneck Men: We Need Your Help
to prepare and serve Easter Breakfast
Sunday, April 20, immediately following the Sunrise Service.**

**Please email Mike Rampulla—mikeff2310@rcn.com
If interested in assisting with setup before breakfast,
serving, and clean-up after breakfast.**

**Easter Breakfast
Sunday, April 20, 2025
Following Easter Sunrise Service
Sign up sheet located outside the church office
*Please sign up by Sunday, April 13, 2025***

A TRIBUTE TO MOTHER

**We are preparing a Special Mother's Day Bulletin Insert
In Honor of living Mothers or In Memory of those deceased.**

In Whose Name is this tribute (Please Print): _____

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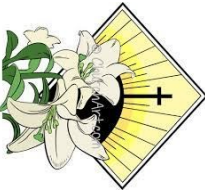
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| ☐ In Honor of Mother (living) | ☐ In Memory of Great Grandmother (deceased) |
| ☐ In Memory of Mother (deceased) | ☐ In Honor of Godmother (living) |
| ☐ In Honor of Mother-In-Law (living) | ☐ In Memory of Godmother (deceased) |
| ☐ In Memory of Mother-In-Law (deceased) | ☐ In Honor of Wife (living) |
| ☐ In Honor of Grandmother (living) | ☐ In Memory of Wife (deceased) |
| ☐ In Memory of Grandmother (deceased) | ☐ In Honor of Aunt (living) |
| ☐ In Honor of Great Grandmother (living) | ☐ In Memory of Aunt (deceased) |

Print your name here: _____

Please attach a dollar (\$1) as a contribution to this effort.

Please return this completed form with cash or check no later than **April 27** to the church office.

Please use one form for each name submitted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Lilies are associated with purity of heart and soul, spirituality, divinity, new beginnings, the cyclical nature of life, beauty, elegance, love, and sympathy for the departed.		1 6:00 PM Elders Meeting Rm 6/Zoom	2 6:00 PM Lent Meal 7:00 PM Lent Service	3 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study Rm 6 6:15 PM Jr Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	4 10:30 AM Shake n' Boogie	5 Jr Youth Safe Harbor - Kitchen
Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Services Joyful Noise 9:15 AM Sunday School All Ages 1:00 PM Jr Youth Meet 2:00 PM GS Troop 81144, Rm 11 2:00 PM GS Troop 893, Rm 6 2:00 PM GS Troop 86, Rm 10	7 5:30 PM GS Troop 8435, Rm 6 6:00 PM GS Troop 81043, Rm 10	8 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting Zoom	9 11:00 AM Women's Fellowship meet at Town n' Country 1:00 PM AFSCME R11 6:00 PM Lent Meal 6:00 PM CEM Meeting 7:00 PM Lent Service	10 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study Rm 6 6:15 PM Jr Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	11 10:30 AM Shake n' Boogie 5:00 PM Youth Groups Decorate Easter Eggs May Newsletter Articles Due	12 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt
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Easter Sunrise Service – 5:45 AM Mainly Breakfast 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Services 9:15 AM Sunday School All Ages 9:15 AM Scavenger Hunt	21 Easter Monday Church Office Closed 	22 7:00 PM Visitation & Caring Rm 6	23 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study Rm 6	24 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study Rm 6 6:15 PM Jr Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	25 10:30 AM Shake n' Boogie	26 9:00 AM Roadside Cleanup
Second Sunday of Easter 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Services 9:15 AM Sunday School All Ages 2:00 PM GS Troop 8220, Rm 10 2:00 PM GS Troop 86, Rm 11 2:00 PM GS Troop 893, Rm 6	28 5:30 PM GS Troop 8435, Rm 6	29	30 4:00 PM First Community Dinner 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study Rm 6			

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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

