

Schoeneck Moravian Church



Sunday Worship

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
In-Person & 10:30 Online

Sunday School 9:15 AM

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The Joyful Noise Newsletter May 2025

Happy Anniversary!!!

According to Good Housekeeping, the traditional first anniversary gift is paper, so you get a newsletter article. Don't know if the Victorian era folks who came up with the idea thought about downloadable pdf files, apparently they were scrambling to come up with a perceived lack of a contractual commitment because somebody had come up with the silly idea of marrying for love. I also found something saying a tradition for first anniversary gifts was at one time honeycomb and doves. Let's go with paper.

Regardless of tradition, an anniversary is a good time to reflect, and May 12 marks one year since installation. May 6 was my first day in the office, took about 18 minutes to get my first call asking for a memorial service, meaning I jumped right in as the official pastor at Schoeneck. Of course my heart...and my tummy...count February 25, the day I provided supply preaching and was introduced to Schoeneck's prolific baking.

So what have we learned about ourselves and our relationship in this first year together?

Apparently people are still quite taken by my sense of humor and the fresh perspective I offer. I'm latching on to it being called fresh when folks say we hadn't thought of things quite that way. You've already been with me through an Edmonton Oilers playoff run, hopefully by the time you read this we're solidly into another, and not mourning the end of another season without a championship. You do seem to understand that the games start late and I'm a little knackered during the hockey playoffs, it takes a lot of emotional energy to help your team win by watching them on TV and eating ice cream at just the right time. In addition to hockey and thoughts about the cold, you seem to be ok with my Canadian perspective and different view of the world. That's nice, and I'm sorry for something. I'm not sure what, but as a Canadian I'm obligated to apologize.

As far as what I've learned from Schoeneck this year, tops is the joy of standing firmly in our traditions. While we understand our practices as a snapshot of a time in history, doing things the way we've always done them can be good in and of itself. I'm also blessed to have stepped into a congregation with fairly functional committees and ministries. We of course want to strive to do more, but we've got a lot of good things going on.

I'd love to go on at length about what's next, looking ahead is good too, but Cindi is waiting to put the finishing touches on the newsletter, and I'm doing my best to adapt to getting things in...ok not on time but only a little late.

Pastor Ian

2025 WATCHWORD TEXT FOR THE SCHOENECK CONGREGATION

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

ELDERS PERSPECTIVE

Blessed Easter Greetings! Spring has (Finally) Arrived!

As we reflected each Wednesday Evening throughout Lent, Our Lenten Series focused on everything [in] between. That series invited us to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed.

Could I be Transformed During Lent, I wondered?

Lent is one of my Favorite Liturgical Seasons, probably even more so than Advent/Christmas (Gasp! I know!) Music is my Love Language and I feel and experience it to my core. Lenten Music is so powerful both in the Tunes and the Texts, and our amazing Music Director Ryan Morrow was able to add even more emotion and meaning with a half dozen or so of his very own original compositions. I was blessed and fortunate to be able to attend most of the Lenten Services and the Holy Week Services. The Hymn texts and the tunes and Readings in those services allowed me to focus my mind on the last days of Jesus's life on earth. Through them I was able to "see" Jesus's reflections and his preparation to die on the cross, ready to sit at his Father's Side.

I viewed the end of the Lenten Season just like coming out of the Darkness of Winter, into the Warmth and Light of Spring (Easter), with renewed hope and energy that it brings. I now find myself wondering if I too am being transformed? With the arrival of spring, is my physical and Spiritual Energy Renewed and refocused? Am I excited to begin anew with yard work and outside activities that bring me joy? And more importantly, Is my Spiritual Energy renewed to go into the word to spread God's love to all who will hear it? Is Yours?

In Christian Love and Service,
Brian Dishong, Elder

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Board of Elders

April Board of Elders meeting:

1. Easter services: 5:45 am Sunrise service, Easter breakfast 7:00, 8:00 and 10:30 services.
2. Planning musical dinner theatre in the future.
3. Looking for volunteers to offer rides to members in need of transportation to appointments, errands, etc.

Board of Trustees

April Board of Trustees meeting:

1. Decided not to mail financial reports from the first quarter of 2025, but to make them available by contacting the Financial Secretary or the church office.
2. Considered recommendations from our insurance carrier.
3. Discussed current and future maintenance needs.

Worship the Lord with Us!

Sunday, May 4—Third Sunday of Easter—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services.

At both services the members of our Junior and Senior Youth Fellowship groups will lead our worship. As you know, we are blessed with some really talented young people at Schoeneck, and they always plan a very lively and creative worship experience for us. Come out to worship the Lord and to show our youth your support.

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”
~ Revelation 5:12 2025 Watchword

Sunday, May 11—Fourth Sunday of Easter—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services.

Mother’s Day—we will pay tribute to all moms on this day.

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”
~ Revelation 7:10 2025 Watchword

Sunday, May 18—Fifth Sunday of Easter—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services.

Christian Family Lovefeast for the family of one, two, four or more, as we affirm the central role of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in our home and our place in the family of Christ, the Church, with the Moravian Lovefeast.

“Jesus said, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.” ~ Revelation 21:6 2025 Watchword

Sunday, May 25—Sixth Sunday of Easter—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services.

Memorial Day Observance will be observed after the 10:30 service. We will make the solemn Procession to God’s Acre Cemetery for our annual Memorial Day observance. The Brass Choir will play, and the children will decorate the graves with flowers. Let us take this time to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom we enjoy.



Future Worship Services

Sunday, June 1—Seventh Sunday of Easter—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services.

Ascension Sunday & Graduate Recognition.

Sunday, June 8—Day of Pentecost—8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Services.

Sunday, June 15—Trinity Sunday—9:30 AM Worship Service.

First Sunday of Summer Schedule & Father’s Day.

9:45 AM Summerfest each week.

Sunday, June 22—Second Sunday after Pentecost—9:30 AM Worship Service.

Sunday, June 29—Third Sunday after Pentecost—9:30 AM Worship Service.

Worship Helpers This Month

SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY



FLOWERS - \$10.00

5/4 Mim Stoudt
5/11 Kevin & Sandy Love
5/18 TBD
5/25 Cookie Knauss

BULLETINS - \$10.00

5/4 TBD
5/11 Dolores Klipple
5/18 Cookie Knauss
5/25 Bob & Marianne Sweitzer



MAY TRUSTEE

Kim Samsel

MAY ELDERS

8:00 AM Melody Stocker
10:30 AM Shared

MAY RECYCLING SPONSORS

Louis Murante

MAY SAFE HARBOR

Women's Bible Study

LOVEFEAST

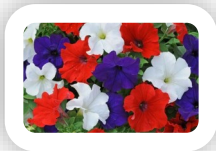
MAY

Christian Family Lovefeast
Sponsor: Terry Berger
Baker: Purchased

JUNE

Married People Lovefeast
Sponsors: TBD
Baker: Ryan Morrow

Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters	Scripture Readers	Nursery
Sunday, May 4 3rd Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday	8:00 AM & 10:30 AM	Youth Group At Both Services	Youth Group At Both Services	Youth Group At Both Services	Sue Anascavage & Sharon Schuler
Sunday, May 11 4th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	8:00 AM & 10:30 AM	Dave & Barb Butz Frank & Gayle Searock	Melody Stocker Gloria Floyd	Cindy McAllister John Beitel	Mim Stoudt & Gayle Searock
Sunday, May 18 5th Sunday of Easter Christian Family Lovefeast	8:00 AM & 10:30 AM	Mary Schweitzer Kevin & Sandy Love	Francine Messinger Catherine Hahn	Cindy McAllister TBD	Tammy Mehlig & Allene Rampulla
Sunday, May 25 6th Sunday of Easter Memorial Day Observance	8:00 AM & 10:30 AM	Bob & Carol Hunt TBD	Kathy Makoul Dennis Guldner	TBD Nick Dorion	Mike & Allene Rampulla



PETUNIAS FOR MEMORIAL DAY!

We are offering 6" pots of red, white and blue petunias for **Sunday, May 25, 2025**, 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 11, 2025**.



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

Deadline for ordering is Sunday, May 11, 2025

_____ # of petunias @ **\$8.00 each**: Cost _____

Presented by _____

In Memory of _____

Branch of Service _____

In Honor of _____

Branch of Service _____



After the 10:30 service on **Sunday, May 25, 2025** 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 25, 2025**, 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 11, 2025**.



We ask that you contribute \$1 per name.

Deadline for participating is Sunday, May 11, 2025.

Presented by _____

In Memory of _____

Branch of Service _____

In Honor of _____

Branch of Service _____

From the Trustees:

New Window Coverings

The new window coverings for the diener's kitchen and music hallway and Sunday School rooms 9 and 10, were installed shortly before Easter. Many thanks to everyone who supported this project. Special thanks to the Messinger family, who designated memorial funds for Vernon Messinger to go to the diener's kitchen windows, in memory of Vernon and Jean's years as dieners. Special thanks to Kim Samsel for designating memorial funds for Jeff Samsel for the shades in the Sunday School rooms. You are invited to look at the new blinds and shades the next time you are at church.

Special Envelopes:

The special envelope for **Ceiling Fans** will help to replace the aging (and noisy) fans in the sanctuary, an important part of the heating and cooling systems. Church Council has approved an expenditure of up to \$20,000 for these fans, which we hope to accomplish later this year.

Another special envelope is 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 are available, but come from a different fund.

A special envelope in May will go to provide this summer's **Vacation Bible School**. VBS is a ministry not only for our own children, but also for children from the community. Many years, over half of the attendees are not from Schoeneck. Support is needed for the curriculum materials and for supplies for craft projects, snacks, and decorations for the rooms.

From the Treasurer:

Special Project Envelopes:

A total of \$651 was collected toward the Nazareth Food Bank

A total of \$595 was collected toward the Helping Hand Fund of Schoeneck

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

The Community Dinner Ministry is funded through contributions from congregation members.

Please look for the blue envelopes, located in the pews, to give a monetary donation.



Schoeneck Moravian Health Ministry
next blood pressure screening will be Sunday, May 18, 2025



Women's Fellowship

Ladies, Women's Fellowship will be May 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to be shared.

Schoeneck Moravian Church Future Community Dinners

Save These
DATES

May 28

June 25

July 30 - Dine In Only

August 27 - Dine In Only

September 24

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

Shepherd's Pie

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

Looking for those yummy homemade desserts!

Looking for helpers!

Please contact Sharon Schuler or Gloria Floyd!



Our annual **Mother's Day Tea** will be held May 11th in the Fellowship Hall from 9:15 to 10:15 AM. Please join us for breakfast and tea before the 10:30 AM Worship service. Everyone is welcome to our **Tea** whether or not you are a Mother. Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers, Sisters, Friends, and Fathers all play an important role in raising children, so come join us. Our youth will provide some entertainment for us.



The stone has been rolled away from the tomb! Special "Thank You" to Sarah Hriniaak for setting up Schoeneck's Easter Putz display, using some of Roy Ledbetter's hand-carved figures. Please take a moment to look at the display.



We are in the process of organizing Summerfest which will start June 15th. If you are willing to lead or assist any Sunday, please contact either myself, Ann-Louise Taylor or JoAnn Heckman.



**Vacation Bible School
July 14th to July 18th
from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

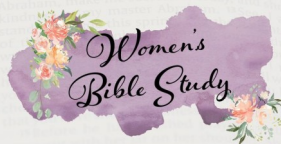
We will be learning about "Go Fish Guys" and of course will be needing lots of helpers.

Clearances are required for anyone over the age of 18.

Volunteers needed: teachers, crew leaders, games leaders, craft leaders, kitchen staff, setup helpers and volunteers of any kind.

Our next Christian Ed meeting is May 14th at 6:00 PM in Rm 10.

Spring Blessings!
Pam Stampf



**Women's Bible Study,
Thursdays at 9:00 AM.
They are studying "God's Comfort"
booklet and study guide.**

**Men's Bible Study meeting
on Wednesday at 7:00 PM
with "The Chosen" Video and
Study Guide;
Session 2; Episode 1**



CALLING ALL GRADUATES

On **Sunday, June 1, 2025**, 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, May 18, 2025

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



*I would like to thank everyone that
provided a dessert for all the
Lenten meals.*

*It was and always is enjoyed by
all.*

*God Bless and Thank You
Sincerely, Lorena*



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 1 after the 10:30 worship service - set up

June 1 through June 4 –Drop off items

Sunday - June 1 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Monday through Wednesday - June 2-4 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

June 1 through June 5 - Unpacking and putting out items

Sunday - June 1 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Monday through Wednesday - June 2-4 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Thursday - June 5 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM



June 6 Bake sale items can be dropped off from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

June 7 - Help needed during rummage sale 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Help needed after rummage sale to pack up and tear down 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

(LOTS OF HELP IS NEEDED AFTER THE SALE)

Here are a few things to remember:

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 8:00 PM on Wednesday, June 4.

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.**

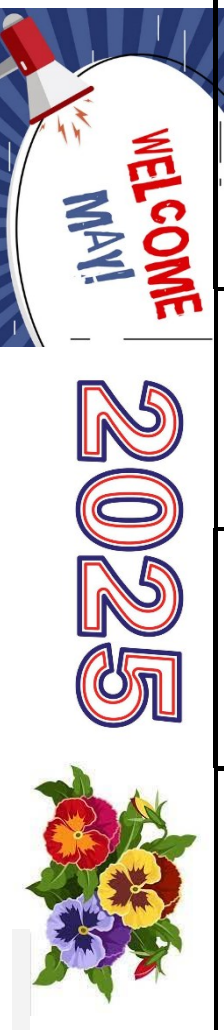
3. **Please call the church office to see if your large items will be accepted.**

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
Third Sunday of Easter 4 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service – Joyful Noise Youth Sunday 9:15 AM Sunday School, All Ages 2:00 PM GS Troop 81144, Rm 11 2:00 PM GS Troop 86, Rm 10 2:00 PM GS Troop 893, Rm 6	5 5:30 PM GS Troop 8436, R 6	6 6:00 PM Elders Meeting, Rm 6	7 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6	8 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6 7:00 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal	2 10:30 AM Shake-Boogie	3 CEM – Setup for Mother's Day Tea Fellowship Hall
Fourth Sunday of Easter 11 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service – Mother's Day 9:00 AM Mother's Day Tea 9:15 AM Sunday School, All Ages 2:00 PM GS Troop 8220, Rm 10	12 	13 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting, Zoom	14 11:00 AM Women's Fellowship 1:00 PM AFSCME, R 11 6:00 PM CEM Meeting, Rm 10 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6	15 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6	16 10:30 AM Shake-Boogie	17
Fifth Sunday of Easter 18 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service-Christian Family Love- feast Blood Pressure Screening 9:15 AM Sunday School, All Ages 2:00 PM GS Troop 86, Rm 10 2:00 PM GS Troop 893, Rm 6 2:00 PM GS Troop 81144, Rm 11	19 5:30 PM GS Troop 8436, R6	20 6:00 Mission & Evangelism, Zoom	21 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6	22 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6	23 10:30 AM Shake-Boogie	24
Sixth Sunday of Easter 25 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service – Memorial Day Ob- service at God's Acre Cemetery after 10:30 Service 9:15 AM Sunday School, All Ages	26 Memorial Day Church Office Will Be Closed 	27 7:00 Visitation & Caring, Rm 6	28 4:00 PM Community Dinner 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6	29 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6	30 10:30 AM Shake-Boogie	31 Nazareth Garden Club Sale – Pavillion

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Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow him.

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

MAY 2025



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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

