

Schoeneck Moravian Church



Sunday Worship

Summer Schedule

9:30 AM Service
In-Person & 9:30 Online

9:45 AM Summerfest
for Children

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The Joyful Noise Newsletter August 2025

What I Did On My Summer Vacation Bible School?

I used to love that first day back at school tradition of the What I Did On My Summer Vacation assignment. From a few lines and a stick figure drawing in the early grades to properly punctuated paragraphs as we got to junior high. I guess it was a pretty good way for teachers to assess where their students were in terms of writing and spelling, I really appreciated the narrative exercise... especially after my sister (a grade ahead of me) pointed out, "you know your teacher is going to ask for it, might as well make some notes."

While I'd love to regale you with the tale of our recent trip to Canada I really want to share some experiences from Vacation Bible School.

The Spirit is willing, but the body?

I was in a class room with Drew and Ann-Louise, we were showing the kids the basics of how the Bible is structured, I figured I shouldn't be towering over them while they're sitting on the floor, so I flopped down on my tummy in the midst of them. All good until it was time to get back up.

This Jesus can be a bit contradictory and confusing.

If you want to test and refine your theological teaching, check it against the wisdom of a child. Pastor, how come Jesus told this guy to sell everything and give the money away, but he told Zacchaeus he was good giving away half? What about the people of Israel fleeing Egypt, the story says the Egyptians gave them all their silver and gold? "Well kids, let me tell you about the dangers of treating an individual teaching as a universal archetype..." If you aren't sure of yourself the kids will sense that, and all they have to do is keep saying: but why? Thank goodness for the escape hatch, "well we could talk more about this but you would miss snack, which would you prefer?"

You can model what to do when you make a mistake.

Ian's great Aztec/Egyptian goof of 2025...we were teaching the kids about the Israelites escaping Egypt, so of course we had to Walk Like An Egyptian. I mixed up my memories, slipping into a recollection from junior high social studies about the Aztec Empire, without realizing, I had them Stand like an Aztec, instead of the proper move. We used this as a learning experience, here's what you do when you make a mistake, say...I'm sorry, I was wrong, I need help. Then you accept the help and you get them all properly doing the right 80's moves.

Just like a child trying to remember a whole Summer, of course there is much more to share, off to take another nap...amazing how as you age those become the important things to remember...especially when you plan to keep on keeping up with those kids.

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

Worship the Lord with Us!

Sunday, August 3, 2025—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. 9:30 AM Worship Service.

9:45 AM Summerfest.

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

Colossians 3:2

2025 Watchword

Sunday, August 10, 2025—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. 9:30 AM Worship Service.

Moravian Pentecost Holy Communion with a Celebration after Worship Service.

9:45 AM Summerfest.

"Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

Luke 12:32

2025 Watchword

Sunday, August 17, 2025—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. 9:30 AM Worship Service.

9:45 AM Summerfest.

"Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

Hebrews 12:2

2025 Watchword

Sunday, August 24, 2025—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. 9:30 AM Worship Service.

Education Sunday/Blessing of the Backpacks.

9:45 AM Summerfest.

"The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him."

Psalms 103:17

2025 Watchword

Sunday, August 31, 2025—Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. 9:30 AM Worship Service.

Last Sunday of Summer Schedule.

9:45 AM Summerfest, last for the season.

Last Snack & Yak for the season. *"Let mutual love continue."* Hebrews 13:1

2025 Watchword



June 15 through August 31, 2025

One service at 9:30 AM

Livestream at 9:30 AM

9:45 AM Summerfest for Children during Worship

Starting September 7, 2025
our regular 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Worship Services will resume.



Future Worship Services

Sunday, September 7, 2025—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services.

Sunday School Rally Day/Bible Presentation/Children's Lovefeast

Sunday, September 14, 2025—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services.

Christian Education Sunday & Moravian Day of Service.

9:00 AM Sunday School, All Ages.

Sunday, September 21, 2025—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services.

9:00 AM Sunday School, All Ages.

Sunday, September 28, 2025—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services.

9:00 AM Sunday School, All Ages

Worship Helpers This Month



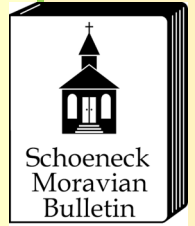
SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

FLOWERS - \$10.00

8/3 TBD
8/10 TBD
8/17 Roger & Laurie Woolley
8/24 TBD
8/31 TBD

BULLETINS - \$10.00

8/3 Melody Stocker
8/10 Dolores Klipple
8/17 TBD
8/24 TBD
8/31 TBD



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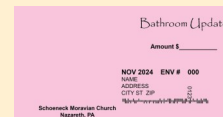
Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters	Scripture Readers	Nursery
August 3 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost	9:30 AM	Bob & Carol Hunt	Sue Dreydoppel	Allene & Mackenzie Rampulla	TBD
August 10 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost	9:30 AM	TBD	Allene Rampulla	John Beitel	TBD
August 17 Tenth Sunday After Pentecost	9:30 AM	Sharon Schuler & Gia Zullo	Sally Huber	Glenn Hertzog	TBD
August 24 Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost	9:30 AM	Sally Huber & Mike Koehler	Donna Thorman	Katie Elliott	TBD
August 31 Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost	Last Sunday of 9:30 AM	Shirley W. Smith & JoAnn Heckman	Donna Thorman	Laurie Woolley	TBD

Time, Talent and Treasure

From the Trustees:

Special Envelopes:

The **pink envelope** for June, July and August will fund refurbishing the old **bathrooms** at the foot of the stairs into the sanctuary. The Trustees have some ideas which include removing the dividers and putting a lock on the doors, possibly some new fixtures, looking into adding hot water to those sinks, and new flooring. The project budget will depend in part on how much money comes in from this envelope.



JUNE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY WORSHIP	8:00 AM	SANCTUARY 10:30 AM	TOTAL	CHILDREN	SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	ADULT	TEACHERS
1-Jun	21	62	83	12	6	16	2
8-Jun	29	67	96	12	6	16	2
15-Jun 9:30AM		69	69	5	2		
22-Jun		77	77	5	2		
29-Jun		72	72	5	6		
Total	50	347	397	39	22	32	4
Average	25.00	69.40	79.40	7.80	4.40	16.00	2.00

Note: June 15—Father's Day & First Sunday of Summer Schedule—9:30 AM Worship Service, attendance is part of the 10:30 AM total.
 June 15—Children's Summerfest program began.
 June 22—Married People Lovefeast.

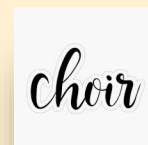
MUSIC ENSEMBLES BEGINNING SOON!

Senior Choir and Senior Handbells: Thursday, September 4, 2025

Senior Handbells: 6:45 PM -7:30 PM

Senior Choir: 7:30 PM -8:30 PM

Junior Handbells: Sunday, September 14, 2025, from 9:45 AM—10:15 AM,
 in the balcony during the Sunday School Hour.



ACTIVATE OUR PRAYER CHAIN

Contact Elaine Bittner at bittner281@gmail.com,
 or call the church office (610-759-0376).

For same or next day prayer requests,
 call or text Elaine (484-695-4501)



Schoeneck Moravian Health Ministry
 next Blood Pressure Screening will be
 Sunday, August 17, 2025

ELDERS PERSPECTIVE

Last year I asked: “Which ministry is God calling you to help with – using your time, talent, treasure or testimony ?” There is so much that goes on “behind the scenes” for all of our ministries.

Ever wonder how things get done ? Or who does them ?

In the sanctuary – pew cards, sharpens pencils, replenishes kids bags, hymn boards with Bible verses, hand sanitizers, and more?

At church – seasonal floral arrangements, clock, bulletin boards window decorations, live streaming every week, who changes light bulbs? organizes greeters, ushers, scripture readers, who takes care of plumbing emergencies? mows? does weeding outside and takes care of the flowers at the entryway?

Sets up Communion, gets the supplies for Lovefeast?

Cemetery – who gets flowers and/or flags for Memorial Day?

Blood pressure checks?

Summer lunch program, roadside cleanup, organizes Safe Harbor, Moravian Open Door, Holiday Hope Chest, Nazareth Day, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School supplies, rummage sales, community dinners, grief ministry, casserole for care, visitation, our prayer chain, the library ... to name a few.

R E S P E C T and common courtesy ... we teach children to say “please” and “thank you” ... do we as adults remember to use our manners? Do we use kind words? We have a few paid employees, who are really like family to us, and many, many volunteers, Do we appreciate that there is actually someone, or many ‘someones’, who take care of all those “behind the scenes” things, or who step up when a need arises, that keep our church running smoothly? Do we show our appreciation?

Personally ... I would like to say THANK YOU to all of you!

Melody Stocker

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Board of Elders

July Board of Elders meeting:



Board of Trustees

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Vacation Bible School "Backstage with the Bible" was held July 14 - 18, 2025 here at Schoeneck combined with Palmer Moravian Church. Registration was slow going this year but by the end of the week we had a total of 18 children participating from 6 different churches in the area and 20+ volunteers. The week was definitely filled with energy (lots of it), music, dancing and water games!

Bible study classes were led by Pastor Ian and Pastor Eileen where the children learned about being created in God's image, that the Ten Commandments are "God's rules" for us to live a life that is pleasing to Him, how by Jesus dying on the cross He paid the price for our sins, that we are Saved by Grace through faith, our gift from God when Jesus died on the cross for us, and we are to "Go Fish" and spread the good news of the gospel.

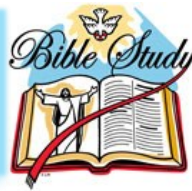
The craft groups made items that coincided with the Bible stories as well as our daily snacks. A sample of the daily crafts will be displayed on the Christian Ed bulletin board for the month of August.

We collected school supplies for Nazareth Area Food Bank and our daily offering of \$124 was donated to them as well.

A special thank you to Sarah Hriniak who never runs out of energy or ideas, JoAnn Heckman for finalizing the craft ideas, all those who came to our "cutting-out party", Deb Dishong for taking material home to cut out and Lori Deutsch for making us our giant Bible! Also a special thank you to all those that volunteered to help make this a successful week, adults, youth and Cindi in the office for dropping everything to quickly copy many schedules with changes at the last minute.

Many hands make less work!
It's in the Book! Huh!
Pamela Stampf

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



**Women's Bible Study
will resume on
Thursday, September 11,
at 9:00 AM.**

THANK YOU!
thank you!

Many thanks to John Beitel, George Janoski, and Ron Minnich for their help during the roadside cleanup along Jacobsburg Road on Saturday morning, July 12th.

**The next cleanup is scheduled for Saturday,
October 11th (rain date: Oct 18th)**

Dear Schoeneck Family,

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, visiting me and your delicious meals while I'm recuperating from my hip replacement.

Thank you again,
God's Love
Gayle Searock

Dear Schoeneck Congregation,

On behalf of the Board of Management of Hope Conference and Renewal Center, thank you for your recent gift of \$955. Your donation will go toward improvements to camp property so that camp can provide safe, comfortable facilities for all campers and guests.

Camp Hope offers camps, conferences, and retreats for all ages. We appreciate your support and thank you again for your generous gift.

Sincerely
Frank Johnson, Board Chair

Dear Schoeneck Family,

I want to sincerely thank you for the prayers, cards, and Facebook messages sent my way, after my gallbladder surgery. Your kind words meant so much and truly lifted my spirits during recovery.

A very special thank you to Laurie Wooley and the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful shawl I received. It is absolutely lovely —when I use it I will be reminded of the love of our Schoeneck family.

I am blessed to be part of such a caring and thoughtful church family.

With Love and Thanks,
Denise Morris-Ng

Congratulations to Lanie Yaswinski, who was recently selected one of four new Area Directors of Faith Formation for the Eastern District of the Moravian Church. They will provide support and resources for faith formation to all the congregations of our district and work in collaboration with the Spiritual Formation Ministry Team. Lanie will serve in a half-time role with the congregations in the Lehigh Valley. There is also a new Resource Director of Faith Formation, providing the Area Directors with training opportunities and properly vetted curriculum and resources for use within our congregations. These new district staff members will begin their work officially at the end of August. They will be taking over from Marie Coutts, who will be moving to new ministry opportunities.

**Community Dinner
Wednesday, July 30**

Pulled Pork BBQ

Dine In Only!
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!

**Schoeneck Moravian Church
Future Community Dinners**



**August 27 - Dine In Only—Baked Sausage & Stuffed Shells
September 24 - Mobile Pick UP—Ohio Baked Chicken**

**On August 10th, we will reveal the
YAK'S NAME!**

Join us for Snack and Yak!

Fellowship Hall after the 9:30 service
for snacks/baked goods, beverages and wonderful fellowship:
August 10th August 31st

Sign up to bring snacks/baked goods.



From Mission & Evangelism Ministry:

Nazareth Days was a huge success!

We had a fantastic time at Nazareth Days, and we're thrilled to share that many people stopped by our tent! Visitors enjoyed the giveaways and appreciated the literature featuring our church's information. The children enjoyed the various crafts and activities we had offered them.

A heartfelt thank you to all of our amazing volunteers - you were engaged, welcoming, and truly made a difference! A special shout out to our setup crew and take down team for their hard work behind the scenes!

Sharon & Marisa
Mission and Evangelism team



The Summer Lunch Program began on **Tuesday, June 9 to Friday, August 22, 2025**. The program is for children and youth of the Nazareth Area School. Lunch will be available between noon and 1:00 PM—Monday through Friday during the weeks of the program. Lunch will NOT be available on July 4th.

Schoeneck Moravian Church is scheduled the week of **August 11—15, 2025**. There is a sign-up sheet on church bulletin board.

Lunch will consist of: a sandwich, string cheese, apple sauce or alternative. Bag of snacks, pack of cookies, juice pouch or water, and a spoon and napkin. Lunch pick up will be on West Center Street by the Nazareth Moravian Church driveway.

Loaves & Fishes, once again, is offering this opportunity to the Nazareth Community. The generous donations received from Churches, Service Organizations, Businesses, and Individuals, and the generosity of the many volunteers makes this program work.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUGUST 2025						
8th Sunday after Pentecost 3 9:30 AM Worship Service Joyful Noise Koehler Baptism 9:45 AM Summerfest	4	6:00 PM Elders Meeting, Rm 6	7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6	7	8	9
9th Sunday after Pentecost 10 9:30 AM Worship Service Moravian Pentecost Holy Communion – after service gathering in Fellowship Hall 9:45 AM Summerfest	11 Volunteer Summer Lunch Program	12 Volunteer Summer Lunch Program 5:30 PM Picnic Grove Reserved 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting, Zoom	13 Volunteer Summer Lunch Program 1:00 PM AFSCME, R11 6:00 PM CEM, Rm 10 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6	14 Volunteer Summer Lunch Program	15 Volunteer Summer Lunch Program September Newsletter Articles are Due.	16
10th Sunday after Pentecost 17 9:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Summerfest Health Ministry Blood Pressure Screening after service	18	19	20 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6	21	22	23
11th Sunday after Pentecost 24 9:30 AM Worship Service Education Sunday/Blessings of Backpacks 9:45 AM Summerfest 12:30 PM Family Reunion Pavilion	25	26 7:00 PM Visitation & Caring Meeting, R 6	27 10:00 AM Community Dinner Volunteers for Preparing Meal 4:00 PM Community Dinner – Dine In Only 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6	28	29	30
12th Sunday after Pentecost 31 9:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Summerfest 10:45 AM Snack & Yak, last one for the season	Enjoy the last of 2025 Summer Vacation! Before the 2025-2026 School Year!					

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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.



2025

Our Mission Statement

"To follow the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to love and serve all."

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9:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary
& 9:30 AM Livestream

