

Schoeneck Moravian Church



Sunday Worship

Summer Schedule

**Last Sunday will be
Sunday, August 31, 2025**

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

9:45 AM Summerfest
for Children

Sunday Worship Service

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

**will begin on
Sunday, September 7, 2025
In-Person & 10:30 Online**

9:15 AM Sunday School
All Ages

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The Joyful Noise Newsletter September 2025

**Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father,
and from the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all...**

Those are the words with which we start the service of Holy Communion, leading into a right hand of fellowship signifying oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with one another.

I've been thinking a lot about communion this week, especially how it connects and unites us, and of course how it has been a divisive force in the history of Christianity. Our practices have deep meanings which reflect and express our connection with God through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

One of our beautiful traditions is the practice of an open table, even for the very young. Like many denominations, the Moravian Church restricted communion to members, specifically those who had completed confirmation. In the 1970s and 80s some of our pastors and theologians began pondering how this failed to reflect God's grace and the gift of the sacraments given through Jesus. In 1990, their practice of offering communion to young children was affirmed by a Provincial synod, and in 1995 the Synod of the World Wide Unity extended this practice across the Moravian denomination. This expresses the faith that even the youngest members of our church family can understand their inclusion in God's salvation and participate in this sacrament which connects us to Jesus.

And so all this brings us around to an offering of early communion classes at Schoeneck this fall. We're going to offer a workshop for children and their parents or responsible grownups. If adults would like a refresher we can certainly set that up, and it will be a part of any new member classes we do...oh, and of course confirmation.

Some questions you may have, and some brief answers...

Who is this for?

- Children who have expressed a desire to participate in Holy Communion.
- Children who have been receiving communion and want to deepen their understanding and connection to the sacrament.

What age is appropriate?

- We have guidelines in our church bylaws that say it should be offered at age 8, we're kind of catching up on that. The Roman Catholic Church sets the age of reason at around second grade, really it's up to the child and the parent or responsible grownup.

When will the workshop be offered?

- I have blocked off a couple of Sundays in October following 10:30 worship...yes I did so in consultation with the Eagles schedule. We'll need to do the schedule dance and discern what works for families. Once we have participation figured out we'll make sure to let everyone know when children will be officially welcomed and celebrated...I believe there should be cake.

How should we let you know we're interested?

Any of the usual communication channels. As always, if you come up and tell me, make sure I write it down.

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

Sunday School Rally Day/Children's Lovefeast.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

We will celebrate the Children's Lovefeast at both our 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Worship Services.

This Sunday will also mark the start of Sunday School for children and adults at 9:15. A.M. Sunday School is provided for all ages, children and adult, at Schoeneck. Whether you've been involved in a class in the past or never before, come and join us as together we begin this new year of learning about our God.

"Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him." Deuteronomy, 30:19-20 2025 Watchword

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

Moravian Day of Service.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Moravian Day of Service raises awareness of the importance of mission work in our Moravian faith, encourages congregations to think of new ways to make a difference in their communities and demonstrate our desire to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world.

9:15 AM Sunday School, All Ages.

"The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." Psalm 51:17 2025 Watchword

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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

9:15 AM Sunday School, All Ages.

"From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised." Psalm 113:3 2025 Watchword

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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

9:15 AM Sunday School, All Ages.

"There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment." 1 Timothy 6:6 2025 Watchword

Future Worship Services

Sunday, October 5, 2025—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worldwide Communion.

9:15 AM Sunday School, All Ages.

Sunday, October 12, 2025—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

263rd Anniversary Lovefeast

9:15 AM Sunday School, All Ages.

Sunday, October 19, 2025—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 AM Sunday School, All Ages.

Sunday, October 26, 2025—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 AM Sunday School, All Ages.

Worship Helpers This Month



SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

FLOWERS - \$10.00

9/7 JoAnn Heckman
9/14 The Dishong Family
9/21 TBD
9/28 TBD

BULLETINS - \$10.00

9/7 JoAnn Heckman
9/14 TBD
9/21 TBD
9/28 TBD



SEPTEMBER TRUSTEE

Andrew Majczan

SEPTEMBER ELDER

Pam Stampf

SEPTEMBER RECYCLING SPONSORS

John Beitel

SEPTEMBER SAFE HARBOR

Lou & Deb Dishong

LOVEFEAST

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Children's Lovefeast
Sponsor: Shirley W. Smith
Baker: Terry Berger

OCTOBER 12, 2025

263rd Anniversary Lovefeast
Sponsors: Kevin & Sandy Love
Baker: Terry Berger

Treasurer Note:

Special Project envelopes collected for Loaves & Fishes was \$598.00 and Essentials Cafe was \$760.00.

Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters	Scripture Readers	Nursery
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7 RALLY DAY CHILDREN'S LOVEFEAST	8:00 AM	Kathy Makoul	Tim & Barb Messinger	Ann Dalton	TBD
	10:30 AM	Sally Huber	Dennis Guldner	JoAnn Heckman	
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14 MORAVIAN DAY OF SERVICE	8:00 AM	Darl & Bev Houck	Joann Smith	Cindy McAllister	TBD
	10:30 AM	Gloria Floyd & Marisa Graver	Andy & Brenda Loiacano	John Beitel	
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21	8:00 AM	Kathy Makoul & Mary Schweitzer	Ann Dalton	Cindi McAllister	TBD
	10:30 AM	Tammy Mehlig & Mim Stoudt	Catherine Hahn	Donna Francisco	
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28	8:00 AM	Dave & Barb Butz	Marianne & Bob Sweitzer	Franklin Homme	TBD
	10:30 AM	TBD	Frank & Gayle Searock	Glenn Hertzog	

Joint Board Members

Board of Elders

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 Elaine Bittner
 Laura Cook
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 One Vacancy

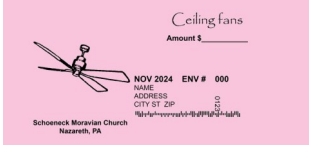
Board of Elders - August Meeting

- 1) Looking for a coordinator for Safe Harbor program beginning January 2026.
- 2) We have a Staff Relations committee.
- 3) Began the process of Nominating Committee for church officers. If you are interested in being an Elder please see one of us.

Board of Trustees - August Meeting

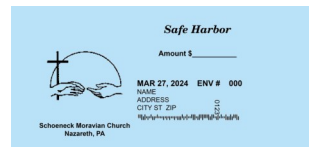
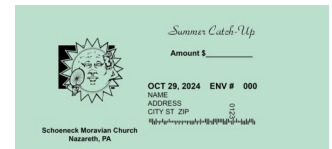
- 1) Did a walk-through of the rooms in the "old" Sunday School wing and Nursery.
- 2) Will help facilitate moving the Sunday School office to Room 3 ("Mary Schaefer's Room").
- 3) Selected Nazareth Angel Project as the recipient of funds from the Local Care envelope.
- 4) Decided to remove the hand sanitizer stations from the walls.

Special Envelopes:



There are two more opportunities this year to **contribute to new ceiling fans in the sanctuary, the September and October pink envelope**. So far we have just over \$4,000 in that fund, about what we need for the actual installation. We still need funds to purchase the large commercial fans to be installed, with a very wide range in prices.

During the Summer many people take vacations, including from attendance at Church. If you have taken a break from your church giving, you can make up for it with the **Summer Catch Up envelope in September**.



Another envelope is for **Safe Harbor in Easton**, a transitional shelter for homeless individuals and a drop-in center for low-income adults

JULY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	SUNDAY WORSHIP	SANCTUARY 9:30 AM	TOTAL	SUMMERFEST CHILDREN	TEACHERS
6-Jul		72	72	8	2
13-Jul		25	25		
20-Jul		76	76	2	1
27-Jul		67	67		
Total		240	240	10	3
Average		60.00	60.00	5	1.5

Note: July 13 was the outdoor service at Whitefield, combined with Nazareth Moravian.
 July 27 the office did not receive the Summerfest attendance.

ELDERS PERSPECTIVE

Is This My Midlife Era?

I recently celebrated a milestone birthday. 50 years old... I've been pondering how it feels to be 50 years old. Does this mean I'm in my midlife? Am I about to have a mid-life crisis? I certainly don't think of myself as being 50, I mean I just graduated high school like 15 years ago, right? No Brian, that was over 30 years ago. (Yikes!) I mean I still have the sense of humor of a 15-year-old... some things are just funny at any age, right? I still walk into a room looking for the adult in certain circumstances only to realize, it's me, I'm the adult. I need to make the good decisions, give good advice, be the parent, impart wisdom from experience. Along with my personal life, and since this is a Church newsletter article, what does midlife look like for me in the church?

I'm told that midlife can be a time of significant transition and reflection, prompting us to examine our past, reassess our priorities, and consider the path(s) ahead. While societal narratives often emphasize youth, maybe midlife offers a unique opportunity for us to deepen our faith, redefine purpose, and cultivate resilience. Maybe redirecting our energies to hobbies and interests we've forgotten about, and using our gifts with renewed purpose to uplift and encourage others. I'm new to this era in my life, but age is just a number, right? Maybe midlife is anytime in our lives that gives us pause, allowing us to embrace the quiet workings of time and grace, anchor ourselves in faith, trust in God's guidance, and deepen our relationship with God through prayer, scripture, and community, understanding that spiritual growth is a continuous journey guided by Him. I'm thankful to each of you for being a part of my spiritual journey, and for those that have imparted wisdom and guidance from their own midlife reflections. Now since I've apparently accepted that I'm in midlife, I guess it's time to reflect and renew!

Blessings,

Brian Dishong, Elder



Dear Schoeneck Family,

I would like to thank you for all the prayers, cards, emails, visits and positive thoughts as I travel on my health journey. Your kind words mean so much to me. They help me to feel "up" when I am feeling "down".

Thank you to Deb and Laurie for the Prayer Shawl. It has been a tad warm to wear it, but I have placed it on my bed where I see it all the time. I know it represents the wonderful people of Schoeneck and their prayers.

Thank you to the Community Dinner members for the delicious meals. You are truly a blessing. Thank you to Sue for delivering the meals.

My "journey" continues. I need to be patient because I KNOW God has a plan for me. But knowing that the people of Schoeneck are praying for me helps me to continue on this journey.

I would also like to thank Sarah for informing the congregation on the updates of my health.

Blessings, Diane Hriniak

Happy Pride,

Thank you so much for your support and participation in Lehigh Valley Pride 2025. Your presence and contributions make our Pride festival possible. Your support of the LGBTQ Community does not go unnoticed.

With Pride,

The BSC Team



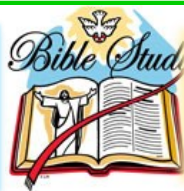
September 7, 2025 marks the day for Rally Day at Schoeneck, not only for the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM church services, but also for the start of our Sunday School classes. Classes are available for all age groups 3 years old to adults. Nursery, Primary, Middle & Jr. High, Confirmation, Sr. High & College, adult classes Won by One and Discoverer's Class.

Please come out and join your fellow church members in one of the Sunday School classes available! All classes start at 9:15 AM until 10:15 AM and will resume the studies they were using prior to our summer schedule.

All of the children and youth classes require 2 adults, 18 years or older, in the room, with clearances which are free and easy to obtain. We have teachers for all the classes but are in need of the extra person, which we call "Shepherds". The "Shepherd" is just what a shepherd means! You shepherd the children in the room so the teacher is able to continue to teach if there is a child having a breakdown, needing to go to the bathroom or just talking and disturbing the others, you do NOT teach, unless of course you want to! Without having the second person in the room we are not in compliance and taking a risk of not complying with the standards that are set. We are in need of Shepherds just to cover the few classes that we have as well as backup Shepherds for those Sundays that someone wakes up sick, has something else to attend that Sunday, or just needs a break. Please consider sitting in as a Shepherd for a Sunday or two, or a month, or to be that backup person so that the CEM can continue to teach God's word to our Schoeneck children. They are the future of our church and their attendance is dwindling! Adults in our church need to set an example for them.

Pam Stampf
Sunday School Coordinator

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.
They will be studying the "12 Women of the Bible."

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Attention Ladies, Women's Fellowship is starting back up on Wednesday, September 10th at 11:00 AM. We will meet in room 11 this month. Please bring a small snack to share. Hope you can join us for some simple ladies fellowship and fun!

Schoeneck Moravian Health Ministry
next Blood Pressure Screening will be
Sunday, September 21, 2025



Schoeneck Moravian Church Community Dinner

September 24 —Ohio Baked Chicken
Mobile Pick-Up
4:00 to 5:00 PM or while supplies last.

Ohio Baked Chicken Sale for Schoeneck members!

We know you love Ohio Baked Chicken,
so the Community Dinner folks are offering
pre-orders for **\$10 per quart**.

A sign up sheet for orders will be
located on bulletin board outside church office
from **September 1 to September 21**.

Pick up will be on **Wednesday, September 24**
between **5:00—6:00 PM**



Roadside Cleanup

The final 2025 cleanup is scheduled for
Saturday, October 11th at 9:00 AM.
See John Beitel for any information.

Schoeneck Youth Picnic and Pool Party!

Jr. and Sr. Youth will kick off youth activities with a Picnic and Pool Party following church on Sunday, September 14 at Lanie Yaswinski's house.

Open to all Jr. and Sr. Youth members, grades 3-12. Hope you can join us for a fun fellowship time and making plans for this year's youth activities.

Please contact Lanie Yaswinski, Courtney Schnyderite, or Allene and Mike Rampulla to rsvp or for more info.

Thank you!

Lanie, 610-559-4833



Music Ensembles Begin Soon!
You are invited to join us in the joy of making music this year!



Senior Choir
Grade 9- Adult
Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm
Beginning date: September 4th
Director: Ryan Morrow
email: rmorrow1985@gmail.com
phone: 908-763-9440



Junior Handbell Ensemble
Grades 3-8
Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:15pm
Beginning Date: September 14th
Director: Ryan Morrow
Email: rmorrow1985@gmail.com
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Brass Choir—Grade 5-adult
All Brass players, young and old, are invited to join!
We play for lovefeasts and special occasions.
We do not rehearse regularly.
Director: Ryan Morrow
Email: rmorrow1985@gmail.com
Phone: 908-763-9440

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 13 th Sunday after Pentecost 7 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Service Joyful Noise Sunday School Rally Day Fellowship Hall & R 7 Reserved	 CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED	6:00 PM Elders Meeting, Rm 6	6:00 PM Nazareth Garden Club Fellowship/Kit/Library 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6	6:45 PM Nazareth Garden Club Fellowship/Kit/Library 7:30 PM Sr Handbell Choir	11:00 AM Nazareth Garden Club Fellowship/Kit/Library	Nazareth Garden Club Fellowship/Kit/Library
14 th Sunday After Pentecost 14 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Moravian Day of Service SPECIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 9:15 AM Sunday School for All 9:45 AM Jr Handbell Rehearsal 10:30 AM Youth Pool Party 2:00 PM GS Troop 8220 Rm 10 2:00 PM GS Troop 86 Rm 6	Fellowship Hall & Room 7 Reserved	7:00 PM Trustees Meeting, Zoom Fellowship Hall & Room 7 Reserved	11:00 AM Women's Fellowship, Rm 11 1:00 PM AFSCME 6:30 PM CEM Rm 10 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6 Fellowship Hall & Room 7 Reserved	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir Fellowship Hall & Room 7 Reserved	Fellowship Hall & Room 7 Reserved	Fellowship Hall & Room 7 Reserved
Fellowship Hall & R 7 Reserved 15 th Sunday After Pentecost 21 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Sunday School for All 9:45 AM Jr Handbell Rehearsal 12:00 PM Eastern District Confirmation Event (Rain Date September 28)	First Day of Autumn	7:00 PM Visitation Caring Meeting Room 6	4:00-5:30 PM Community Dinner – Mobile P/U 10:00 AM Volunteers for Dinner Prep 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	11:00 AM Shake and Boogie, FH	Private Event FH/Kit
16 th Sunday After Pentecost 28 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Sunday School for All 9:45 AM Jr Handbell Rehearsal 12:00 PM Eastern District Confirmation Event (Rain Date)	29	30				

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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."

Rev. Ian Edwards, Pastor
Ryan Morrow, Director of Music
Cindi Kessler, Administrative Assistant

Sunday Worship Services Schedule

Starting September 7, 2025

**8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary
& 10:30 AM Livestream**

