

Schoeneck Moravian Church



Sunday Worship

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

9:15 AM Sunday School
All Ages

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The Joyful Noise Newsletter October 2025

This is the second article looking at communion, how we use this sacrament to engage with our faith. Last month I looked at early communion, next month will be about the relationship between communion and membership in a community of faith.

I love origin stories. There are some good ones out there, your family traditions probably got started for a really good reason. "Pizza for Thanksgiving? Oh, there was that time..." Sometimes it was necessity, sometimes a superstition arose, but there is usually a good story behind what counts as normal for us.

Church is no exception, in fact some of our beautiful religious traditions have simple beginnings and the spiritual meaning made itself known in the aftermath. If you've received communion at a Lutheran church and were moved by the symbology of reaching across that low fence as if reaching into the holy place of the temple...A rural church in Germany had a problem with goats getting into the sanctuary and eating the elements, so they put up a fence...people found deep meaning and beauty in the act.

One of the traditions we Moravians celebrate is the pastor, or in some cases church elders, coming out to the congregation with the elements of communion. It's meaningful, a representative of Christ meeting you where you are, grace extended without your needing to make a move even to the end of the pew. No less meaningful when you learn it was instituted at a mid 1700s communion in Berthelsdorf Germany, in part because the young single women were disturbed in their worship by the young men clomping up the aisle in their heavy gardening shoes. What, we're just walking here...well you're a bunch of clods and we don't have to put up with this... *"That's it," muttered the pastor, "everyone stay in your seats, I'm coming to you!"* Ok, I admit a bit of license on the dialogue, but the gathered said you know, that was kind of beautiful. It also distinguished us from other communion practices, and we've kept it as a tradition ever since.

One practical reality with my ministry, people aren't generally comfortable with a person who is blind passing through the pews with a tray full of juice cups. Don't fret, I'm good with it, but it means we miss out on my handing you the elements.

Fortunately you've noted the term *tradition*, our practices aren't doctrinal mandates, we can do things that have a different, but equally significant meaning. At the October 5 communion service...in celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday...we'll have recipients who are able come forward to receive the elements from me. Different, yet meaningful symbolism. Worry not, of course we'll accommodate those who aren't able to leave their seat, it's not just a tradition that by grace we deepen our relationship with Christ through the sacrament of communion, it is a vital part of our life of faith. In addition to the practicalities, I invite you to open your heart to what the practice of communion means to you, deepening and expanding your relationship with God through the sacrament.

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 WORSHIP SERVICES—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

OCTOBER 5, WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with Christians throughout the world, as we express our unity with all who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

9:15 AM Sunday School, All Ages.

Watchword for the Week: *"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act."* Psalm 37:5

OCTOBER 12, 263rd ANNIVERSARY LOVEFEAST **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

We will commemorate our 263rd Anniversary as a congregation with the Moravian Lovefeast. Our worship will be a joyful celebration of our life together as a church family, and our continuing witness and ministry to the greater Nazareth community.

9:15 AM Sunday School, All Ages.

Watchword for the week: *"If we have died with him, we will also live with him."* 2 Timothy 2:11

October 19, 2025, Prayer Day for Christian Missions **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:15 AM Sunday School, All Ages.

Watchword for the week: *"Proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable, convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching."* 2 Timothy 4:2

October 26, 2025, Prayer Day for Human Rights for Women **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:15 AM Sunday School, All Ages.

Watchword for the week: *"Jesus said, 'All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'"* Luke 18:14

Future Worship Services

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday, November 2, 2025, All Saint's Lovefeast

Sunday, November 9, 2025, Christ the Chief Elder Holy Communion

Sunday, November 16, 2025, Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 23, 2025, Reign of Christ (Christ the King Sunday)

Wednesday, November 26, 2025, 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Lovefeast

Sunday, November 30, 2025, First Sunday of Advent.

4:30 PM Advent Holy Communion followed by a meal.

Worship Helpers This Month



SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

FLOWERS - \$10.00

10/5 Lanie Yaswinski
10/12 Fred & Peg Koehler
10/19 Debbie Knecht
10/26 Kevin & Sandy Love

BULLETINS - \$10.00

10/5 Lanie Yaswinski
10/12 Fred & Peg Koehler
10/19 Debbie Knecht
10/26 TBD



OCTOBER TRUSTEE

Marisa Graver

OCTOBER ELDER

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LOVEFEAST

OCTOBER 12, 2025

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

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

All Saint's Lovefeast
Sponsor: TBD
Baker: Ryan Morrow

NOVEMBER 26, 2025

Thanksgiving Eve Lovefeast
Sponsor: Ann Dalton
Baker: Ryan Morrow



Time Change:
Sunday,
November 2, 2025

Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters	Scripture Readers	Nursery
SUNDAY OCTOBER 5 WORLDWIDE COMMUNION	8:00 AM	RALPH & JANE BARTHOLD	KATHY MAKOUL	RYAN MORROW	SHARON SCHULER & GAYLE SEAROCK
	10:30 AM	COREY & JILL BEIL	DENNIS GULDNER	SUE DREYDOPPEL	
SUNDAY OCTOBER 12 263 RD ANNIVERSARY LOVEFEAST	8:00 AM	LOU MURANTE	MARY SCHWEITZER	TBD	CHARISSE GEIGER & LORENA ROBERTS
	10:30 AM	DENNIS GULDNER	ELAINE BITTNER	LAURIE WOOLLEY	
SUNDAY OCTOBER 19	8:00 AM	JOANNE SMITH & MELODY STOCKER	MARY SCHWEITZER	JOHN BEITEL	MIKE & ALLENE RAMPULLA
	10:30 AM	BOB & MARIANNE SWEITZER	RON & LINDA MINNICH	FRANK SEAROCK	
SUNDAY OCTOBER 26	8:00 AM	RALPH & JANE BARTHOLD	JOHN & LORI DEUTSCH	CINDY MCALLISTER	LORAIN RICE & TAMMY MEHLIG
	10:30 AM	RALPH & JANE BARTHOLD	RON & LINDA MINNICH	FRANK SEAROCK	

ELDERS PERSPECTIVE

*"I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."*

Psalm 121: 1-2. (NIV)

Where did you go on vacation this summer? a friend asked. The Pocono Mountains, I replied. What did you do? I sat on the deck outside a cabin and gazed at the majestic trees and the babbling stream. Every day? Yes.

Why?

Okay, here goes. "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."*

Wow, I'm not sure I understand, replied my friend. What's deliberately? That's just what I did—lived deliberately, I answered, evasively.

What did you find? my friend wondered. I found the Word of God, and I found peace. Is that really why you go to the mountains? Yes, best place on earth to meet God and find myself.

I didn't know you were lost. I'm not any longer.

Can I go with you next summer? God always welcomes your presence, but I prefer you find your own mountain!

Besides Psalm 121 and *Rocky Mountain High*, my life of intermittent meditation and contemplation first drew me to the mountains through the poetry of Susan Polis Schulz, (*Come into the Mountains, Dear Friend*) and the words of Henry David Thoreau, (*Walden*). Today, I find God anywhere and everywhere, but it is in the mountains where God speaks the loudest and most clear, and I am not distracted by the interruptions and chaos of everyday living. I love spending time on the mountaintop, because it is there that God gives me His blessed assurance as well as strength and courage to live in the valley. It is in the mountains that I come face-to-face with myself. It is in the mountains where I find illusive peace.

I sincerely desire that all my Schoeneck brothers and sisters find their mountaintop experience, no matter the form or the place.

*Thoreau, Henry David. "Where I Lived and What I Lived For". *Walden*, c1854.

Ann-Louise Taylor
Elder

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One Vacancy

Board of Elders

September Board of Elders meeting:

- ⇒ Need volunteer to coordinate Safe Harbor
- ⇒ Lively discussion on ways for Schoeneck to increase support to our wider community.
- ⇒ Continue to hold all of our members in prayer.

Board of Trustees

September Board of Trustees meeting:

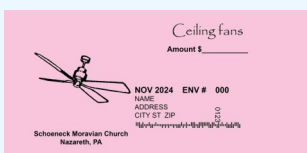
- ⇒ Discussed 2026 special giving envelopes.
- ⇒ Scheduled a Risk and Vulnerability Assessment visit with the PA State Police to examine church safety and security.
- ⇒ Purchased a new office computer for the Treasurer.
- ⇒ Are searching for a candidate to fill an unexpired term on the Trustees.

FROM THE TRUSTEES:

Due to a resignation, there is one vacancy on the Board of Trustees. We are looking for someone willing to serve by helping to oversee the physical and financial aspects of the congregation. You need not have special expertise in building repairs or in spreadsheets, only a willingness to consider the congregation's interest. You would fill the unexpired term until Church Council of 2028.

If you are interested or have any questions, please see Pastor Ian or Sue Dreydoppel.

Special Envelopes:



There is one more opportunity this year to contribute to new ceiling fans in the sanctuary, the October pink envelope. The Trustees are going to try to have four new fans installed by the end of the year, borrowing money from the congregation's deferred maintenance fund. Contributing now means that we will borrow less to complete this project.



**World Wide Communion
October 5, 2025**



**Schoeneck Anniversary
October 12, 2025**

Dear Schoneck Moravian Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$3300 (20 bicycles) on September 4, 2025. Your support is invaluable to us at World Bicycle Relief and the communities we serve.

For the communities we serve, the Buffalo Bicycle represents more than just a mode of transport, and you are more than just a donor. You are a catalyst for change.

According to the World Bank, more than a billion people in rural regions lack access to reliable roads and affordable transportation. That's one out of every eight people in the world, including 70% of Africa's rural population.

Your contribution provides bicycles to these individuals, turning daily struggles into opportunities for education, healthcare, and economic growth. Thanks to supporters like you, we've distributed over 790,00 bicycles in 21 countries since 2005, enabling access to critical services like education, markets, and clinics.

Thank you for your generosity and for empowering communities through The Power of Bicycles.

With gratitude,

Your Team at World Bicycle Relief



Sisters and Brothers:

The members of the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen/Summer Lunch Program thank you for your generous donation of \$598 towards the Summer Lunch Program. The summer lunch program concluded its ministry on August 22, 2025. A final report will be coming shortly.

Once again, thank you for your donation.

A Brother in Christ

Jeffrey D Gehris

Secretary/Treasurer

Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen/Summer Lunch Program

Dear Members of Schoeneck Moravian Church,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Essentials Café, thank you for the generous donation of \$760 to Essentials Café from funds collected for your July Moravian Mission Project.

Best Regards,

Dawn Fenner

Executive Director of Essentials Cafe



Dear Schoeneck,

Thank you for allowing our Brownie Troop to meet at the church this past year. We wanted to donate to the church as a thanks.

Sincerely,
Brownie Troop 8435

Thank you to the Gladys Butz Memorial fund for covering the cost of the new handbell folders for the bell choir in the new music season.

Dear Pastor Ian,

Thank you to the Vacation Bible School children and volunteers for assisting us in our mission to end food insecurity in our community. The VBS offering of \$124 that you collected and donated makes a wonderful difference to our families. Please convey our heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved. We consider every gift from you among the Food Bank's many blessings.

Thank you again,
Kellee Oliva
Director

Schoeneck Moravian Church Community Dinner

*Congratulations to the
Community Dinner Staff for serving
309 Ohio Baked Chicken meals,
including Homebound members,
and sold 48 qts to the congregation
on September 24, 2025*

The next Community Dinner
will be a Thanksgiving meal
on Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Mobile Pick Up Only



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)



Roadside Cleanup

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

Schoeneck Moravian Health Ministry
next Blood Pressure Screening will be
Sunday, October 19, 2025



The Holiday Hope Chest/Christmas Shoebox

Save your shoeboxes for The Holiday Hope Chest, a Volunteer Center Program,
which collects gift items to be delivered to children in the Lehigh Valley area.

We will collect gift items between November 1 to November 30, 2025

Additional information will be provided as we receive it.

Thank you, Lori Deutsch



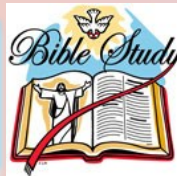
Rally Day on September 7th was well attended. We gathered all the children, confirmation and the Sr high classes as well as the Discoverer's class and filled room 2. JoAnn made a slide show about animals in the Bible with the verses of where they are found in the Bible. The participants were handed cards with Bible verses to look up and read aloud for everyone to hear and then tell us what animal they read about. Some children needed help if their parents weren't present and that's where the Sr high class and Discoverer's class stepped up to help! We all worked together and had a great Rally Day. Pastor Ian gave a short explanation of the Cup of Covenant and then quickly before we were all late for church, we ate glazed donut holes and chocolate milk! We have now completed 2 additional Sundays in everyone's individual classes but that may not be the last of our getting together as a group and learning from the Bible!

You may have noticed that the Sunday School Office has a new home. We have moved into room #3, which some of us longtime members have always referred to as ***"Mary Schaefer's Sunday School Room"***! We are not quite finished organizing and moving items in yet but we are working on it! (How in the world did all this **stuff** fit in that little office? We don't know either!) Keep checking in and when we are finished, we will keep the door open for you to check it out.

CEM wants to send out a special **"Thank You"** to Sue Dreydoppel, Rodger Woolley, John and Lori Deutsch, Ann-Louise Taylor, Tammy Mehlig, Sarah Hriniak, Allene and Mike Rampulla Bob and Marianne Sweitzer for helping JoAnn and myself empty out the old Sunday School office and wipe down and disinfect everything that was moved. Also, a special thank you to my son Anthony and daughter-in-law Ashlee for helping empty the fellowship hall of all the items that have not yet found their place in the new office so that the Fellowship Hall could be cleaned up and disinfected for the Community Dinner.

Fall blessings to you all!
Pamela Stampf
Sunday School Coordinator

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



*Women's Bible Study
meet on Thursday
at 9:00 AM.*

Jr. Youth Fall Fun

**Sunday, October 26
Prayer Walk through Jacobsburg**



After church we will eat lunch and head to Jacobsburg State Park for a fall hike designed as a prayer walk, where we will explore nature with our friends and tune in to God's creation!

**Sunday, November 23
Cards and Cookies for Homebound Members**

Once again we will meet after church, eat lunch, and then make cards and bake cookies to be included in gift baskets for homebound members.

All children Grades 3-6 are welcome to join us! Contact Lanie Yaswinski or Courtney Schnyderite for more details and to RSVP.



Hoping to see you!
Women's Fellowship will be gathering
on Wednesday, October 8, 2025,
at Essentials Café in Bethlehem. If you
need a ride please meet at the church at
10:30 AM.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
17 th Sunday after Pentecost 5 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship World-wide Communion Joyful Noise 9:15 AM Sunday School for All 9:45 AM Jr Handbell 2:00 PM GS Troop 86, R 11 2:00 PM GS Troop 893, R 10 2:00 PM GS Troop 81144, R 6	6 6:00 PM GS Troop 8436, Rm 6	7 6:00 PM Elders Meeting, Rm 6	8 11:00 AM Women's Fellowship to meet at Essentials Café 1:00 PM AFSCME, 11 6:00 PM CEM, Rm 10 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6	9 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	10 10:30 AM Shake/Boogie Program	11 9:00 AM Roadside Cleanup
18 th Sunday after Pentecost 12 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship 263 rd Anniversary Lovefeast 9:15 AM Sunday School for All 9:45 AM Jr Handbell	13	14 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting, Zoom	15 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6	16 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	17 10:30 AM Shake/Boogie Program	18
19 th Sunday after Pentecost 19 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Blood Pressure Screening 9:15 AM Sunday School for All 9:45 AM Jr Handbell 2:00 PM GS Troop 86, R 11 2:00 PM GS Troop 893, R 10 2:00 PM GS Troop 81144, R 6	20 6:00 PM GS Troop 8436, Rm 6	21 6:00 PM Mission & Evangelism, Zoom	22 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6	23 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	24 10:30 AM Shake/Boogie Program	25
20 th Sunday after Pentecost 26 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School for All 9:45 AM Jr Handbell 2:00 PM GS Troop 86, R 11	27	28 7:00 PM Visitation & Caring, Rm 6	29 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6	30 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir	31 10:30 AM Shake/Boogie Program	

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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.



Our Mission Statement

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

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