

# 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 May 2026

## Thoughts On Our Efforts To Encourage and Facilitate On-Line Giving

One Thing to get out of the way right off the bat...I really like the envelopes at Schoeneck, and I'm thrilled for everyone they work for. When I talk about alternatives, I know the envelopes are still great. But as we have liberty in our non-essentials, it's good to be flexible in how we maintain a healthy relationship with our money as guided by God. Thinking about how we give is a good complement to recognizing why we give.

The envelopes help us organize and budget, giving a transparent expression of how our gifts will be used, making them a type of designated giving, which lives out our understanding that a budget is a spiritual and moral action in addition to being practical.

What's great about the envelopes?

Having a tangible hands-on method of allocating your funds is shown to provide great benefits for lots of people. It's called an Actual, or Physical Budget method. It works to remind us that money is more than just numbers zipping around a spreadsheet. It's often done with cash moving into the envelopes, but in terms of offerings to a church it's the envelopes themselves, assuming you write checks rather than divvy up your cash.

And if the envelope system doesn't work for me...who has checks anymore? One reality of today is our decreasing use of cash and checks to carry out our day-to-day business. We live our lives with 16 digit number groupings and swipes and taps. We've joked about adding a credit card swipe machine to the offering plate, but optics aside that's not practical. One focus of our efforts to facilitate on-line giving is to line up our systems with how people often spend. To help us with this, the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America (MMFA) has set up a giving portal for each congregation and offers it without fees to either the donor or the receiving congregation. This portal is where the QR code on the pew card and the link on the church's website land you. You can do a one-time donation or set up a recurring payment...that means you don't have to worry about forgetting your envelope or catching up when we have to cancel a service due to weather. This works great in place of the regular envelopes, the ones with the blue trim, where you consider your ongoing support of the church and make a steady contribution.

What about designated envelopes?

As noted, the envelopes are a really good way to give to specific ministries and projects. In terms of on-line giving, I've checked with Brenda and the folks at MMFA, and if someone would like to use the on-line portal for a designated offering, we can use the special instructions field on the donation page to indicate the equivalent envelope or mission/ministry. The good news is that it's not up to a database or AI filters, an actual human will look at the report and make sure the money gets to the right place.

So there we go, please continue to embrace the envelopes if they serve you in facilitating your spirit of giving. If that spirit needs to be matched by a system of digital giving, it is in place for you. Pastor Ian

### **2026 WATCHWORD TEXT FOR THE SCHOENECK CONGREGATION**

*"For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty."*

2 Peter 1:16

# Worship the Lord with Us!

## 2026 May Worship Services

**Sunday, May 3, 2026**—Fifth Sunday of Easter, Joyful Noise & Youth Sunday

**Sunday, May 10, 2026**—Sixth Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**—Ascension Sunday

**Sunday, May 24, 2026**—Day of Pentecost & Memorial Day

**Sunday, May 31, 2026**—Trinity Sunday & Recognition of Graduates



## Future Worship Services

**Sunday, June 7, 2026**—Second Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday, June 14, 2026**—Third Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday, June 21, 2026**—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday, June 28, 2026**—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## Who Is My Neighbor?

Next month I have the honor as an elected Schoeneck delegate to attend the 2026 Northern Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church, which will be held in Minneapolis, MN. I am thrilled to have this opportunity to participate with clergy and lay persons from many states. Along with this honor, I am filled with joy to be returning to the Midwest state that I have always called home.

Recently, I was caught by surprise when more than one person questioned why I wanted to go to a place depicted as a hotbed of violence. (This winter, Minneapolis was the center of a massive immigration roundup conducted by ICE agents. Violence erupted, and two people lost their lives.) What many television viewers did not see or was not reported was what was going on behind the scenes throughout Minneapolis and the surrounding metropolitan communities. It was simply neighbors helping neighbors.

The diverse population of Minneapolis had been shaken to its core by fear and trauma. People—immigrants and non—were targeted by their skin color and forced to stay inside. Children did not go to school; parents did not go to work. But within individual communities—PTAs, churches, school officials, judiciary responded with financial, physical, and emotional support, resulting in immediate action. People reached out to keep their neighbors safe and hopeful. What shone in Minnesota communities was genuine caring. It was truly “Love your neighbor as yourself” Matthew 22:39 (NIV)—maybe more than yourself. Minnesota people were doing what Minnesotans always do—reaching out to those in need.

Who are their neighbors; the poor in spirit, the meek, the grieving, the persecuted. And who are the neighbors who care: those who show kindness and mercy; those who long for peace. I will be proud to be among them.

Ann-Louise Taylor  
Elder

Board of Elders	Joint Board Members	Board of Trustees
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<i>Board of Elders</i>
April Board of Elders meeting:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Regroup from Easter season and preparing for summer VBS scheduled 7/20/26—7/24/26</li> <li>2) Recognizing graduates 5/31/26 at 10:30AM service</li> <li>3) Assessing and praying for members’ needs</li> </ol>

<i>Board of Trustees</i>
April Board of Trustees meeting:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Completed the installation of ceiling fans in sanctuary</li> <li>2) Determined the best practice for building entry during business hours</li> <li>3) Posted a question for the congregation...Do you know the nearest Emergency Exit from your location?</li> </ol>

# CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PETUNIAS FOR MEMORIAL DAY!

We are offering 6" pots of red, white and blue petunias for **Sunday, May 24, 2026**, 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 10, 2026**.



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

**Deadline for ordering is Sunday, May 10, 2026**

\_\_\_\_\_ # of petunias @ **\$8.00 each**: Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_



*Please make checks payable to Schoeneck Moravian Church.*



After the 10:30 service on **Sunday, May 24, 2026** 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 24, 2026**, 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 10, 2026**.



We ask that you contribute \$1 per name.

**Deadline for participating is Sunday, May 10, 2026.**

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## FROM THE TRUSTEES

### Special Envelopes For May

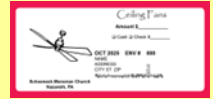
A special envelope in May will go to provide this summer's **Vacation Bible School**. VBS is a ministry not only for our own children, but also for children from the community. Many years, over half of the attendees are not from Schoeneck. Support is needed for the curriculum materials and for supplies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



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.



Because the ceiling fan project has been completed, any money collected via the **Ceiling Fans envelopes in May will be used for the Sanctuary Roof Repair**. This was an unexpected, but necessary, expense that was recently incurred. Any extra funds that are collected will be rolled into the general roof replacement fund.



### New Ceiling Fans

New ceiling fans were installed in the sanctuary during Holy Week. Many thanks to everyone who supported this special project. Special thanks to Jason Billheimer and Sue Dreydoppel for their tenacity in the search for fans.

Below is the breakdown of the ceiling fan costs:

Total donations collected	\$7081.00
Ceiling Fan Costs & Installation	(5250.00)
Funds Remaining	\$1831.00
Sweitzer Memorial in memory of Bob's mother requested to transition to Roof Repair	(1000.00)
Excess Funds available	\$831.00

The Trustees voted to to put the excess funds available towards the purchase of a new dishwasher for the kitchen. More information on that project will be shared as it become available.

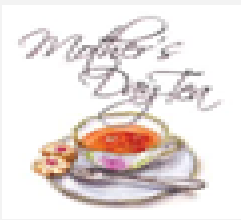
## MARCH 2026 ATTENDANCE

<u>Sunday Worship</u>	<u>In Church</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Sunday Teacher</u>	<u>School Adult</u>	<u>Staff</u>	
	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>					
1-March - 2nd Sunday in Lent	30	78	108	21	9	16	2
8-March - Birthday Social	20	72	92	13	8	15	1
15-March - 4th Sunday in Lent	20	76	96	12	8	14	2
22-March - 5th Sunday in Lent	37	68	105	15	9	15	1
29-March - Palm Sunday	28	76	104	17	9	15	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Average*</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>2</b>
* Average was divided by 2							

# ***Christian Education... for all ages***

Easter Funday was a great get together for the choir and bell choir members that attended both services. We only had a few Sunday School children attend so the adults got to enjoy the Easter treats and snacks that CEM provided and the breakfast food that was left. Some Easter page coloring, word search and jelly bean butterflies were the activities of the morning. Thank you to all that came and those that stayed and helped clean up before the 10:30 service.

The annual Mother's Day Tea will be held on May 10th in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour, 9:15 - 10:15. Sign-up sheets are hung on the Christian Ed bulletin board. Please sign up so we have an estimate of how many will be there, and of course if you forget to sign or decide at the last minute you would like to attend, feel free to come anyway. We will join in celebration of all Mother's, Grandmother's, and Father's that play the role of Mother's! Bring your appetite for breakfast and if you prefer your child to sit in the fellowship hall, they are welcome. If you'd like a little "Mom time" alone, they are welcome to join the high school class in the nursery, where there will also be breakfast treats for them, so they won't be left out. Hope to see you then!



**SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS - JULY 20 - JULY 24, 9:00 - 12:00**  
**AGES 3 YEARS TO COMPLETION OF 6TH GRADE**  
MORE INFORMATION TO BE POSTED SHORTLY!  
ALWAYS IN SEARCH OF HELPERS, TEACHERS, KITCHEN HELP  
AND YOUTH THAT HAVE COMPLETED 6TH GRADE AND UP  
TO BE OUR CREW LEADERS!

Spring blessings to all,  
Pam Stampf  
Sunday School Coordinator

**Men's Bible Study**  
Thursdays at 7:00 PM.



**Women's Bible study**  
Thursday mornings from 9:00 AM



Schoeneck Moravian Health Ministry  
Blood Pressure Screening will be  
Sunday, May 17, 2026  
after each Worship Service.



*Ladies (Women's) Fellowship  
will be meeting May 13, 2026  
At 11:00 AM at Essentials Café.  
Meet in the church parking lot at  
10:30 AM to car pool*

## **Community Dinner Wednesday, May 27, 2026**



***Lasagna & Salad***  
**4:00 - 5:30 PM**  
**(or while supplies last)**  
**Mobile Pick-up Only**  
**Drive-in parking lot**  
**Stay in your car**  
**Meals are absolutely free**

**Save the Date!**  
**The next Community  
Dinner will be  
Wednesday, June 24, 2026**



## 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.

**May 31** after the 10:30 worship service - set up

### **May 31 through June 3 – Drop off items**

Sunday – May 31 4:00PM to 8:00PM

Monday through Wednesday - June 1 - 3 8:30AM - 8:00PM

### **May 31 through June 3 – Unpacking and putting items out**

Sunday – May 31 4:00PM to 8:00PM

Monday through Wednesday - June 1 - 3 8:30AM - 8:00PM



**June 5** Bake sale items can be dropped off from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**June 6** - Help needed during rummage sale 7:30AM - 1:00PM

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

Here are a few things to remember:

1. 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 3.**
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:** computers, keyboards or monitors, televisions, VCR's, VCR tapes, cribs or crib mattresses, car seats or boosters, highchairs, dehumidifiers or humidifiers.

We appreciate your help and ask for your prayers during the week prior and on the day of the rummage sale.

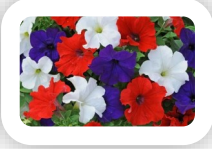
For questions contact Barb Butz or the church office.



# Worship Helpers This Month

## 2026 SIGN UP SHEETS

The 2026 sign up sheets are posted on the church bulletin board: Scripture Readers, Flower Sponsors, Bulletin Sponsors, Recycling Sponsors, Lovefeast Sponsors & Bakers, and Dieners.



### SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

#### FLOWERS - \$10.00

5/3 Open  
 5/10 Robin Foulk  
 5/17 Open  
 5/24 Mim Stoudt  
 5/31 Bob & Marianne Sweitzer

#### BULLETINS - \$10.00

5/3 Open  
 5/10 Robin Foulk  
 5/17 Open  
 5/24 Mim Stoudt  
 5/31 Bob & Marianne Sweitzer



#### MAY TRUSTEE

Kim Samsel

#### MAY ELDER(S)

Shared

#### MAY RECYCLING SPONSOR(S) \$45

Bob & Marianne Sweitzer

#### MAY LOVEFEAST \$100

Sponsor(s): Open

Baker: Terry Berger



Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters	Scripture Readers	Nursery
Sunday, May 3, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday	8:00 AM	Senior Youth	Senior Youth	Senior Youth	
	10:30 AM	Senior Youth	Senior Youth	Senior Youth	
Sunday, May 10, 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	8:00 AM	Deb Getz & Mary Schweitzer	Mary Schweitzer		
	10:30 AM	Marianne & Bob Sweitzer	Brenda & Jeff Fogel	Ashlee Stampf	
Sunday, May 17, 2026 Ascension Sunday	8:00 AM	Kathy Makoul	Joanne Smith		
	10:30 AM	Linda Minnich	Olivia Graver		
Sunday, May 24, 2026 Day of Pentecost Memorial Day	10:30 AM	Carolyn & Glenn Hertzog	Linda & Ron Minnich		
Sunday, May 31, 2026 Trinity Sunday	8:00 AM	Barb & Dave Butz	John Beitel		
	10:30 AM	Tammy Mehlig & JoAnn Heckman	Dennis Guldner	Laurie Woolley	

Many thanks to John Beitel, Sue Dreydoppel, Kurt Eichman and Ron Minnich for their help during the roadside cleanup on Saturday morning, April 18th. We began our annual cleanups and environmental stewardship ministry each year in connection with Earth Day. The next scheduled cleanup is Saturday morning, July 11th.

#### ACTIVATE OUR PRAYER CHAIN

Contact Elaine Bittner at [bittner281@gmail.com](mailto: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)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> 8:00 &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Joyful Noise Youth Sunday 9:15 AM Sunday School for All</p> <p>3</p>	<p>6:00 PM GS Troop #8435, Rm 6</p> <p>4</p>	<p>6:00 PM Elders Meeting, Rm 6</p> <p>5</p>	<p>6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, Rm 10</p> <p>6</p>	<p>9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6</p> <p>7</p>	<p>10:30 AM Library Shake/Boogie Program</p> <p>1</p>	<p>CEM set up for Mother's Day Tea</p> <p>9</p>
<p><b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 8:00 &amp; 10:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Mother's Day Tea 2:00 PM GS Troop 893, R 10 2:00 PM GS Troop 8220, R 10 2:00 PM GS Troop 81144, R 6 2:00 PM GS Troop 86, R11 Mother's Day</p> <p>10</p>	<p>5:00 PM GS Troop 8220, R 10 (tentative rain date)</p> <p>11</p>	<p>6:30 PM Grief Support Group (Zoom) 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting, Zoom</p> <p>12</p>	<p>11:00 AM Women's Fellowship at Essentials Café (10:30 AM meet in church parking lot to car pool) 1:00 PM AFSCME, R11 6:00 PM CEM, Rm 10</p> <p>13</p>	<p>9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6 7:30 PM Sr Choir (last rehearsal for session)</p> <p>14</p>	<p>10:30 AM Library Shake/Boogie Program</p> <p>15</p>	<p>9:00 AM Networking Breakfast with Lanie in FH</p> <p>16</p>
<p><b>Ascension Sunday</b> 8:00 &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Blood Pressure Screening 9:15 AM Sunday School for All 2:00 PM GS Troop 86, R 6 2:00 PM GS Troop 893, R 10 2:00 PM GS Troop 81144, R 11</p> <p>17</p>	<p>6:00 PM GS Troop 8435, R 6</p> <p>18</p>	<p>7:00 PM Mission &amp; Evangelism, Zoom</p> <p>19</p>	<p>9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6</p> <p>21</p>	<p>10:30 AM Library Shake/Boogie Program</p> <p>22</p>	<p>8:00 AM—2:00 PM Nazareth Area Gar- den Club in Pavil- ion</p> <p>30</p>	<p>23</p>
<p><b>Day of Pentecost</b> Holy Communion 8:00 &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Memorial Day commemoration at God's Acre following 10:30 Am service 9:15 AM Sunday School for All 2:00 PM GS Troop 86, R 6</p> <p>24</p>	<p>Memorial Day Church Office is Closed</p> <p>25</p> 	<p>7:00 PM Visitation &amp; Caring, Rm 6</p> <p>26</p>	<p>4:00 – 5:30 PM Com- munity Dinner (Pick Up ONLY)</p> <p>27</p>	<p>9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Rm 6 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6</p> <p>28</p>	<p>10:30 AM Library Shake/Boogie Program</p> <p>29</p>	<p>8:00 AM—2:00 PM Nazareth Area Gar- den Club in Pavil- ion</p> <p>30</p>
<p><b>Trinity Sunday</b> 8:00 &amp; 10:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School for All 10:30 AM Recognition of graduates Set Up for Rummage Sale after 10:30 AM Service</p> <p>31</p>						



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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.*

# *May*

## **2026**

**Rev. Ian Edwards, Pastor**  
**Ryan Morrow, Director of Music Ministry**  
**Stephanie Guarry, Administrative Assistant**

### **Our Mission Statement**

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

### **Regular Worship Service**

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

