

Schoeneck Moravian Church



Sunday Worship

Summer Schedule

9:30 AM Worship with
Summerfest
9:30 AM Live-Stream

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The Joyful Noise Newsletter July 2026

It's All About the Moments

The best burger I've ever had was in the tiny village of Acme, Alberta. Doing a quick check on Wikipedia Acme got its name from being the most northerly stop on the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1909, it currently has a population of 606, no clue what it was in 1986 on that road trip with my dad and grandpa to hit some of the spots where my grandpa installed the phone lines in the 1920s. Here's the thing, I have no delusions that a diner attached to the only village gas station was a hidden gem of culinary delights, I was there with my dad and my grandpa. A few years ago, we passed near Acme on the way to a pastoral retreat, one of my colleagues asked if we should stop for a burger...of course I had shared the story. Umm, no, there's no way it could live up to the memory. I knew it at the time too, even at 13 I could recognize this was special.

I've hung on to that capacity to recognize those special moments. I've never had a slice of pizza better than I did a couple of weeks ago in New York. Sure, it was objectively good New York pizza, our older son Brian looked it up, we ended up on a West Village sidewalk with our slices...with both of our sons after a day in The City to close out Declan's graduation weekend. Oh, it was the day of one of the Knicks home games in the finals, and everyone in New York was in a really good mood. Central Park, a few hours at the Museum of Modern Art after lunch at a bistro with Eileen's sister, 17,000 steps logged, of course that slice was going to be amazing as Eileen and I enjoyed the kids enjoying each other.

It was a little thing, but I had a pretty good moment in worship this past week, June 21. I did my usual shtick with the kids in the repeat after me prayer, "Ready? Ok you start." And the kids picked it up and gave it a go. They got through the Dear God, and thank-you, stalled a bit on the "for", but that was a great moment, knowing they had been paying attention in the prayers which are important, and were good giving it a try, stepping up and speaking out. These are the moments that leave a pastor's heart warm.

My hope is that you will continue to have moments of your own in faith and recognize them as they are happening. You don't have to tell everyone in the moment, but it's great to have something to tuck away and bring out when you need a smile.

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!

July 2026 Worship Services

Sunday, July 5, 2026—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost — John Hus Festival,
Holy Communion & Joyful Noise

Sunday, July 12, 2026—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost — Outdoor Worship
at The Whitefield House

Sunday, July 19, 2026— Eight Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 26, 2026—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



June 21 through September 6, 2026
One service at 9:30 AM
Livestream at 9:30 AM
9:45 AM Summerfest for Children during Worship

Future Worship Services

Sunday, August 2, 2026—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost — Joyful Noise

Sunday, August 9, 2026—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost — August 13th Festival,
Holy Communion

Sunday, August 16, 2026—Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 23, 2026—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 30, 2026—Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Summer is Here!!!!

School is over for some, Big Deadlines at work are met, kids sports are not as intensive, and things seem to want to slow down a little over the summer.

You may even say, I can finally Relax! (and we should!) and you may even want to take a.... wait for it... Vacation!
But what does summer look like for us in relation to the Church? Here, our Choir's are on a break for the Summer; some committee meetings aren't being held as regularly; We combine our two services into one; Things just seem a little less frenetic.

God does call us to rest from time to time, rejuvenate our bodies, rest our minds from Daily struggles, rest from all the things in our lives that Vacation allows us to escape from. I'm curious if our vacations are also a vacation from the Church? Not just Schoeneck, but Church in general. Do you still Worship when you are away? I remember when I was growing up, our family would go to the Beach every year, and My parents always made it a priority for us to attend a Church service on the Sunday we were away from Schoeneck. At the time, I "may" have found that annoying, because we were on Vacation! you take a break on vacation, right? But as I got older, and especially after becoming a parent, I realized that "Maybe" my own parents were right, (don't tell them!) that going to Church regularly and staying connected to God, Praying for ourselves and others, confessing our sins, and hearing a message Challenging us to be better people living in Christ's Image was a good thing, and shouldn't be something to Vacation from. In fact going to Church and Worshipping the Lord even when you are away is a part of that rejuvenation.

We are so lucky here at Schoeneck that we get to rest, but yet we have a myriad of ways to stay connected to our Church Family and Worship while we are absent. You don't have to go to an unfamiliar Church, which can be stressful, especially if there are no Moravian Churches where you are at. Here at Schoeneck, you can watch our (Your) Service On-line, Live as it is happening on our YouTube Channel, or via our Website, to get as close to being there as the Internet will allow. You can send Prayer requests to us via our Facebook Group or our Website, so we can pray for you or others you wish us to pray for; you can even participate in maintaining our healthy relationship with our Church finances, by continuing your weekly offerings through the MMF Giving portal link found on our website. While we will miss you while you are away, and we'll pray for you as you rest and rejuvenate, I would hope that you consider using some of our Modern Technologies to stay connected with us, until you return.

In Christ's Service,
Brian Dishong, (Vice Chair, Board of Elders)

Board of Elders

- Pastor Ian Edwards, Chair
- Brian Dishong, Vice Chair
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- Louis Murante
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- Pamela Stampf
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Board of Elders

June Board of Elders meeting:

- 1) Coordinating balance of being a welcoming place of worship and security.
- 2) Continued prayers for members in need.
- 3) Approve multiple building use forms for summer events.

Board of Trustees

June Board of Trustees meeting:

- 1) Estimates for roof repairs/replacement have been received. Please watch for an upcoming Council Meeting to review this project.
- 2) Engineering drawings have been created for plans to move gas lines to enable roof repairs. These were needed in order to request a permit from the township.
- 3) Cosmetic updates are being made throughout the building and in the grove.
- 4) Accepted many building use requests and are looking forward to have Schoeneck serve as a place for fellowship within the community.
- 5) The Trustees decided to meet in the month of July and take the month of August as our "summer break."

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR NAZARETH DAY!

Mission & Evangelism will once again be participating in Nazareth Day on **Saturday, July 18th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Nazareth Borough Park**. Volunteers are needed to represent Schoeneck to the greater Nazareth community. We have a nice, shady spot for our tent! There is a sign-up sheet posted on the church bulletin board OR contact Jennie Dishong to select your time slots. Thank you!



The Summer Lunch Program began on **Monday, June 8 to Friday, August 28, 2026**. 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.

Schoeneck Moravian Church is scheduled the week of **August 17—21, 2026**. 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. Through the generous donations received from Churches, Service Organizations, Businesses, and Individuals, and the generosity of the many volunteers makes this program work.



Join us for Snack and Yak!

You are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall after the 9:30 service for delicious snacks, beverages and wonderful fellowship on **July 5th July 19th August 2nd August 9th August 23rd**

Sign up to bring snacks/baked goods!
Sign up sheet located on bulletin board outside the church office.

Dear Schoeneck Congregation,
Thank you for your prayers, visits,
cards and the beautiful prayer shawl.
I appreciate your thoughtfulness
during my health issues.

God be with all of you.

Thank you,
John Morris

Dear Members of Schoeneck Moravian Church,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Essentials Café, thank you for your generous donation of \$2,427.00 to Essentials Café from funds collected from your 2026 Lenten Self Denial Mission Project.

We appreciate when you visit the Café to see firsthand how your generosity is helping neighbors in need. We love it when donors experience the positive impact their support brings to our community.

Thank you so much for your continued support of Essentials Café and its ministry. Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of those who we serve.

Best Regards,
Dawn Fenner
Executive Director



FROM THE TRUSTEES

Special Envelopes for July

The **purple trimmed envelopes for 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 these envelopes.



Loaves and Fishes is the Nazareth area organization which sponsors the Summer Lunch Program, providing a free lunch to children and senior citizens (but really, to anyone who asks for one) five days a week while school is not in session. Schoeneck will be assisting with making the sandwiches and handing out the lunches for a week in August. The organization also provides free dinners during the rest of the year.



Thank you for your continued support of Schoeneck Moravian church and its ministry projects!

MAY 2026 ATTENDANCE

<u>Sunday Worship</u>	<u>In 8:00 AM</u>	<u>Church 10:30 AM</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Sunday Teacher</u>	<u>School Adult</u>	<u>Staff</u>
3-May	32	69	101	13	7	11	2
10-May	29	73	102	13	8	11	2
17-May	35	69	104	11	8	15	1
24-May	21	55	76	7	7	0	0
31-May	30	58	88	16	9	14	2
Total	147	324	471	47	31	40	5
Average*	29.40	64.80	94.20	11.33	8.0	9.67	1

* Average was divided by 2

- May 10-Mother's Day Tea
- May 17-Christian Family Lovefeast
- May 24-Memorial Day Weekend
- May 31-Graduation Sunday



Roadside Cleanup
 JULY 11, 2026
 9:00 AM - Meet in Church Parking Lot
 Any questions contact John Beitel

Christian Education... for all ages

Sunday School classes held a Sunday Funday on June 14th where the children prepared a special Father's Day brown lunch bag with treats to the participants that came to the Father's Day Cafe.

Father's Day Cafe was well attended by 15 Fathers and 5 family members that joined in to celebrate the special day with them. It looked like everyone enjoyed the breakfast sandwiches and pastries.

Summerfest started June 21st at the start of our summer church schedule. With 2 weeks gone already, it appears that those that attend are having a great time.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 20th - 24th from 9-12 in the Fellowship Hall. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards outside the church office and also on the Christian Ed bulletin board. We can always use help no matter if you are available for the entire week or just a few days. Contact myself or the church office if interested.

Enjoy your summer!
Pamela Stampf
Sunday School Coordinator



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

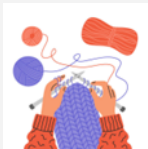


Women's Bible study
Will be taking a summer break and will resume in September.




Schoeneck Moravian Health Ministry
Blood Pressure Screening will be
Sunday, July 19, 2026
after Worship Service.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wednesday, July 1, 2026
at 6:00 PM, Room 11



Community Dinner Wednesday, July 29, 2026



CHEF'S CHOICE

Chef's Choice
4:00 - 5:30 PM
(or while supplies last)
Dine In Only
Meals are absolutely free

Save the Date!
The next Community Dinner
will be on:
Wednesday, August 26, 2026
Baked Sausage
Dine In Only!

Dear Pastor Edwards,

We thank you and the faithful members of Schoeneck for generously supporting our efforts to end food insecurity in our community. The February Mission collection and donation of \$1,095.00 is a wonderful blessing to our clients. Your gifts are essential in helping provide much needed food, grocery store gift cards and household items for these families since they often struggle to buy basic necessities. We truly appreciate the outreach and compassion of your congregation.

Thank you again,
Nancy Madara
The Nazareth Area Food Bank

Future Dates for Community Dinner:

August 26 ~ Dine In Only
September 30 ~ Mobile Pick Up Only
November 18 ~ Dine In Only
(Thanksgiving Meal)

No Dinner in October



July 20 - 24, 2026
9:00 am to 12 noon
Ages 3 to 5th Grade

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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 JULY

FLOWERS - \$10.00

7/5 Open
7/12 Open
7/19 John Beitel
7/26 Shirley W. Smith

BULLETINS - \$10.00

7/5 Open
7/12 Open
7/19 John Beitel
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Marianne Sweitzer

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JULY RECYCLING SPONSOR(S) \$45

Shirley W. Smith

JULY LOVEFEAST \$100

Sponsor(s): No Lovefeast Scheduled

Baker: No Lovefeast Scheduled



SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

9:30 AM

WHITEFIELD HOUSE




214 E. Center St., Nazareth

Bring a blanket or a comfortable lawn chair with you.

There will be no Summerfest this week.

In the event of rain, the 9:30 AM service will be held at Schoeneck Moravian Church

Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters	Scripture Readers	Nursery
Sunday, July 5, 2026 6th Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 AM	Laurie & Roger Woolley	Barb & Tim Messinger	Ryan Morrow	Brenda & Andy Loiacano
Sunday, July 12, 2026 7th Sunday after Pentecost at Whitefield House	9:30 AM	Gloria Floyd, Marisa Graver, John Beitel & Mim Stoudt	Linda & Ron Minnich, Loraine & Conrad Rice		
Sunday, July 19, 2026 8th Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 AM	Laurie & Roger Woolley	Shirley W. Smith	Glenn Hertzog	Charisse Geiger & Tammy Mehlig
Sunday, July 26, 2026 9th Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 AM	Tammy Mehlig & JoAnn Heckman	Deb Getz	Laurie Woolley	Andrew & Andrea Majczan

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 2026						
6th Sunday after Pentecost 5 9:30 AM Worship Service – John Hus Festival-Holy Communion & Joyful Noise 9:45 AM Summerfest Snack & Yak after Service in FH		7 7:00 PM Elders Meeting, Rm 6	8 10:30 AM-1:00 PM Gar- den Art Making Party in FH 1:00 PM AFSCME, R11	2 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6	3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	4 
7th Sunday after Pentecost 12 9:30 AM Outdoor Worship Ser- vice at Whitefield House		14 6:30 PM Grief Sup- port Group, Zoom 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting, Zoom		16 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6	17 10:30AM Shake & Boogie	18 9:00 AM Roadside Clean-Up (Rain Date) 9:00 AM-4:00 PM Mission & Evangelism at Nazareth Day at Nazareth Park
8th Sunday after Pentecost 19 9:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Summerfest Blood Pressure Screenings after Worship Service Snack & Yak after Service in FH	20 9:00 AM-12:00 PM <u>VBS</u> 	21 9:00 AM-12:00 PM <u>VBS</u> 7:00 PM Mission & Evangelism, Zoom	22 9:00 AM-12:00 PM VBS	23 9:00 AM-12:00 PM <u>VBS</u> 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6	24 9:00 AM-12:00 PM <u>VBS</u>	25
9th Sunday after Pentecost 26 9:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Summerfest	27	28 6:30 PM Visitation & Caring Meeting, Rm, 6	29 4:00-5:30 PM Communi- ty Dinner DINE IN ONLY	30 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6	31 10:30AM Shake & Boogie	

The Joyful Noise



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Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow him.

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



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Our Mission Statement

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

Rev. Ian Edwards, Pastor
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through September 6, 2026

