

Schoeneck Moravian Church



Sunday Worship

Summer Schedule

9:30 AM In-Person

9:30 AM Livestream

9:30 AM Summerfest

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The Joyful Noise Newsletter August 2026

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?

No, not Sidney Poitier, but now I know what movie generation you're from. Manna! Manna is coming to dinner. "What is it?" I hear you asking...Manna is a new Moravian ministry recently started under the leadership of Rev. Byrnes Craig. Manna is a dinner church, we've asked them to come and lead us in their way of worship so we can experience it and discern if it might meet ministry needs in our community.

So what's dinner church?

It is all the elements of a church service, including prayers, music, message and communion, set around a dinner table, or tables depending on the size of the gathering.

Our pilot worship experience will take place on Sunday, August 23, with dinner and worship starting at 5:00pm. Weather permitting we'll do this first one in the pavilion...it's a wonderful space we want to utilize more, other pastors think it's awesome and want to help. Of course if it's too hot, too cold, to weatherey in general we'll move inside the fellowship hall. For this first one we're asking Manna to take care of things with our support, if we go forward with this we'll do it and they will support us...with their tips and tricks that make dinner church go more smoothly.

Ways to get involved beyond showing up for worship...

In their current form Manna doesn't have the depth of musical leadership we do, and so there is an open invitation for our folks to jump in. We're obviously not going to pack the organ across the parking lot for Ryan, so there's an opportunity for others to step in. As this one is scheduled to be outside, it lends itself to acoustical offerings, we've been asking around for guitar players in the congregation, we have a line on a couple but there is always room, and we're open to a bit of creativity.

Umm, fire pit? Are you thinking about the fire pit?

When we think about the pavilion, our attention naturally shifts a few feet and hey, what about our beloved fire pit ministry? Is this going to be that? Maybe...there are a couple of paths here, dinner church that is taking place in the pavilion, the more laid back casual approach we had with the fire pit ministry, is it possible to combine these two really good things? Yes...especially because we're doing our pilot experience in August, so likely it won't yet be fire pit weather, gives us a chance to discern how things might work going forward. Is it possible that we'll think dinner church is awesome and stick with this more structured alternative worship, or that it was neat and all but let's get the old way of lawn chairs and more casual going again, could we end up doing both? All things are possible, together we'll prayerfully discern how to best worship God in our beautiful corner...and have a little fun while we're at it.

If you're interested in attending, please use the QR code or follow the link in the newsletter and bulletin emails to the registration form Manna set up... gives a way to estimate the food needs.

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!

August 2026 Worship Services

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

Sunday, August 9, 2026—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Moravian Pentecost 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
Baptism
Education Sunday/Blessing of Backpacks

Manna Dinner Church ~ Sunday, August 23rd at 5:00 PM in Schoeneck Pavilion

Join us as we kick off Outdoor Ministry at Schoeneck with an informal worship and communion service around a family-style meal.

Campfire and Smores, weather permitting (will be in Fellowship Hall if raining)

KIDS WELCOME!

Register: <https://forms.gle/xK2H1USYji6RjqzA8>



**Starting September 13, 2026
our regular 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Worship Services will resume.**

Future Worship Services

Sunday, September 6, 2026—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Last 9:30 AM
Summer Worship

Sunday, September 13, 2026—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Regular
Worship Schedule resumes with 2 Worship Services at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday, September 20, 2026—Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 27, 2026—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

B.C. And Beyond...

Life has changed greatly since the BC years: before Covid. It seems to have actually become a strong reference point for society, in general: Before Covid.

BC is now some six years ago! Hard to fathom. Many lives were lost. Home schooling/online learning and classes, home deliveries from stores and restaurants, which began as a means of survival for many businesses are now a part of everyday life. We have adapted to many new norms.

During the restrictive period, our worship continued via live stream, while we remained in isolation. I can't actually recall when technology progressed from John Miller recording Sunday services to online, but it now continues each week, barring technical difficulties. Zoom meetings are common.

Our extending of the right hand of fellowship has seen some changes. Many of us, and understandably so, are more germophobic. We might wave or fist bump, extend an elbow rather than an actual handshake. Our pews contain bottles of hand sanitizer to use before and/ or after to feel safer about physical contact.

While it's important to respect boundaries, something feels missing for me. What part of our shared worship has the greatest impact on you? We would all have different reflections to share about our worship experience: the music, scriptures, message. Is a physical hand shake comforting, or does it cause anxiety?

Hopefully sharing a sign of peace (which many years ago was only exchanged twice during communion services, to the person on your right and your left.) should be a comforting gesture each Sunday, whether we are greeting our fellow worshipers or welcoming visitors to our Beautiful Corner church family.

May it be a comforting gesture to all of us.

Peace be with you all,
Susan Fraser

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Board of Elders

July Board of Elders meeting:

- 1) Encouragement of handshake greeting during worship
- 2) Increasing Pastor Ian's hospital visits for members of congregation
- 3) Discussed members in our prayers

Board of Trustees

July Board of Trustees meeting:

- 1) The roofing project budget will be reviewed at a Church Council Meeting on Sun. July 19th. Pending the outcome, the roof repairs/ replacement may begin shortly.
- 2) There will be no meeting in August. This will be the summer break.
- 3) Cosmetic updates throughout the building
 - * Grove improvements - The tables have been painted and a fall hazard has been patched.
 - * Room 7 has been painted.
 - * Jack Breidinger continues to seamlessly maintain the building.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



Community Dinner Wednesday, August 26, 2026



Baked Sausage
4:00 - 5:30 PM
(or while supplies last)

Dine In Only
Meals are absolutely free
Any home baked goods are appreciated!

Save the Date!

The next Community Dinner
will be on:

Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Ohio Baked Chicken
Mobile Pick Up Only!

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
August 2nd August 9th August 23rd

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

Future Dates for Community
Dinner:

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

No Dinner in October



Garden Art Making Party
A Fundraiser for Essentials Café
Thursday, September 3rd
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
In Fellowship Hall

The previous event was such a success; we are offering an evening session.

Build your own upcycled garden art from glass, ceramic plates and accessories.
No Experience Needed! All Supplies provided.

\$30 per person (Cash only. Pay on day of class)
All proceeds go to Essentials Cafe
Sign-up by Sunday, August 30th



FROM THE TRUSTEES

Special Envelopes for August

The purple trimmed envelope 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 possibility of making it ADA accessible has also been discussed. The project budget will depend in part on how much money comes in from these envelopes.



The Essentials Cafe is a pay-what-you-can cafe in Bethlehem, PA. They strive to create a place of equality where everyone has the opportunity to eat, find welcome, and contribute as volunteers. Patrons at the Cafe donate what they can to eat food together in a warm and hospitable environment. Volunteers work together to grow, cook and serve food in warm welcoming ways.



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

JUNE 2026 ATTENDANCE

<u>Sunday Worship</u>	<u>In</u> <u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>Church</u> <u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Sunday</u> <u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u> <u>Adult</u>	<u>Staff</u>
7-June	27	62	89	9	7	18	2
14-June	29	46	75	11	8	11	2
21-June—9:30 AM		77	77				
28-June		68	68				
Total	56	253	309	20	15	29	4
Average*	28.00	63.25	77.25	10.00	7.50	14.50	2.00
* Average was divided by 2							

June 21-Father's Day Brunch

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous contributions to Moravian Open Door over the last 3 months. We have received the following:

April 21, 2026	\$167.00
June 9, 2026	\$105.00
June 21, 2026	\$ 95.00

Your generosity keeps the mission and vision of MOD alive. On behalf of our residents, staff, and Board of Directors, we thank you for your contribution, prayers, and support.

Blondel Jones-Grant, President, Board of Directors

Susan Attzs-Mendoza, Executive Director

Christian Education... for all ages

The week of VBS at Schoeneck with “Kickin’ it Old School” went by so fast! Beautiful weather, only one day of rain, lots of help, wonderful children, and lots of dancing with Miss Sarah and loads of fun! Oh....and lots of water fun on Friday!

We had 29 children throughout the week, some dividing their days between sports camp, cheer leading camp and whatever, but still enjoying VBS when they could. 6 attendees were from Schoeneck and we had children from 7 different churches around the area. A handful of children that had not indicated a church affiliation, so they will definitely be invited to join us on Rally Day if they choose. 30 youth and adult volunteers helped make things run smoothly and fill in where needed.

Our daily offering totaling \$194.71 will be given to Manna of Bethlehem. We also collected and still are collecting canned goods and nonperishables to be given to Manna. There is a table in the Fellowship Hall that you may place additional items on until the end of August if you choose.

Thank you to all who made monetary donations via our church envelopes, to all those that helped during our “tracing and cutting parties”, our set up and decorating evenings, and your support to again make a successful VBS at Schoeneck.

Thankful and Blessed!

Pam Stampf

Sunday School Coordinator

VBS Director

What Is... The Festival of August 13th?

In 1722 some families from Moravia, who had kept the traditions of the old Unitas Fratrum, fled from persecution in their homeland and found a place of refuge on the estate of Count Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf near Saxony in Germany.

A small village was built and its inhabitants hoped to live together as a community of awakened believers according to the example of the apostolic church. The village was named Herrnhut, which can be translated as ‘the Lord’s watch.’

Under Zinzendorf’s protection, Herrnhut attracted more Moravian refugees as well as many believers and religious seekers from other places. As the community grew, differences among the inhabitants caused serious conflicts, leading to a severe crisis in 1726.

Zinzendorf assumed a larger leadership role in Herrnhut and, in May 1727, introduced a communal covenant known as “The Brotherly Agreement” which outlined his vision of Herrnhut as a community based on Christian love. Under Zinzendorf’s care, they spent the summer of 1727 studying scripture and praying together in small groups, focused on the First Letter of John.

Then, on August 13, 1727, during a Holy Communion service at the Lutheran parish church in Berthelsdorf, the members of the Herrnhut community experienced a profound moment of spiritual renewal and reconciliation. It was like an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which manifested itself in that, as one person observed, “we learned to love one another.”

So great was the blessing felt during this communion, and so great and lasting was its influence that it has been called both a Moravian Pentecost and the Birthday of the Renewed Moravian Church.

The unity that we celebrate on August 13th, recalling the spiritual renewal that the brothers and sisters of Herrnhut experienced in 1727, is a gift of God to the Moravian community of faith.

At Schoeneck, we commemorate the spiritual renewal of the Moravian Church with a celebration of Holy Communion — renew-ing our own covenant with Christ.



*The Lutheran Church of Berthelsdorf
in Herrnhut, Germany.*

Dear Ladies of Schoeneck,

Thank you so very much for your thoughtful and kind prayer shawl gift. I use it every morning, and I thank God for each of you every time. I wrap it around myself to pray. May God bless each of you.

So much love,
Dawn Searock

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry,

What a wonderful gift I received from your Ministry. I extend "Expressions of Happiness" (the name of my picture on the card) for all that the shawl has brought my way.

Every time I'm in prayer, I wrap the shawl around me and then send prayers forth. Thus, I've heard good reports from people who have received healing, comfort and for answers to their prayers.

Again, I thank you so much and may God's goodness and mercy follow each and every one of you.

In Christian Love,
June

Dear Loraine,

Thank you so much for the Prayer Shawl. I cannot express how much I appreciated your cards, supportive words and prayers throughout my treatments. I have been feeling cold during this journey, so the shawl from your church was the perfect gift.

Please share my sincere appreciation with your Prayer Shawl Ministry for their kindness.

Love,
Denise



Dear Schoeneck Congregation,

I want to thank the congregation for their positive thoughts, prayers, cards and phone calls as I travel on this recovery journey for the shoulder replacement. Physical therapy has become more intense these past sessions. I still have months to go ~ about 3-4 months. I am working towards the goal of being able to drive.

Thank you to all involved with The Community Dinners. You are all greatly appreciated.

I also want to thank Sarah and Sue for remembering me each Sunday during the Joys & Concerns.

This past year has been a journey, ups and downs and it isn't over. But with God's help and all the prayers, I will come through it.

May God continue to bless the people of Schoeneck's Church.

Hugs,
Diane Hriniak



**MORAVIAN DAILY TEXTS 2027
PRE-ORDER SPECIAL**

Orders placed before August 13, 2026 will receive a 10% discount. Order forms are located on the table outside the church office and are **due on Sunday, August 2, 2026**. Please pay when submitting the order.

Camp Hope 80th Anniversary Celebration

Join us on Saturday, August 8, 2026, as we celebrate 80 years of Camp Hope! Enjoy a day of outdoor worship, fellowship, family activities, swimming, games, and a community picnic. Whether you're reconnecting with camp or visiting for the first time, everyone is welcome! Attendance is free. Picnic dinner is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child with advance registration. Register here: www.camphope.org.

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 AUGUST

FLOWERS - \$10.00

8/2 Open
8/9 Marianne Sweitzer
8/16 Open
8/23 Roger & Laurie Woolley
8/30 Open

BULLETINS - \$10.00

8/2 Melody Stocker
8/9 Robin Foulk
8/16 Open
8/23 Open
8/30 Marianne Sweitzer



AUGUST TRUSTEE

Jonah Rampulla

AUGUST ELDER(S)

Shared

AUGUST RECYCLING SPONSOR(S) \$45

Glenn & Carolyn Hertzog

AUGUST LOVEFEAST \$100

Sponsor(s): No Lovefeast Scheduled

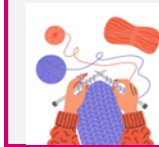
Baker: No Lovefeast Scheduled

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



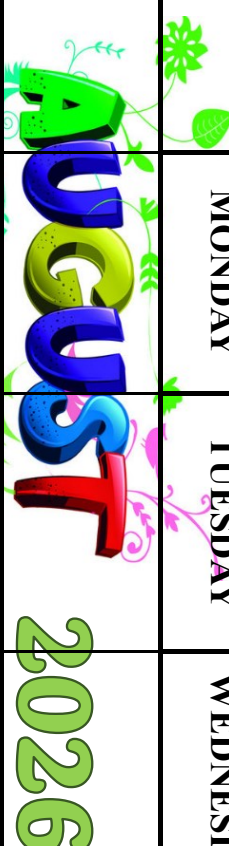
Women's Bible study
Will be taking a summer break and will resume in September.

Schoeneck Moravian Health Ministry Blood Pressure Screening will be Sunday, August 16, 2026 after Worship Service.



Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 6:00 PM, Room 11

Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters	Scripture Readers	Nursery
Sunday, August 2, 2026 10th Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 AM	Allene & Mike Rampulla	Shirley W. Smith	Glenn Hertzog	Sharon Schuler & Gayle Searock
Sunday, August 9, 2026 11th Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 AM	Jill & Corey Beil	Mackenzie Rampulla	Franklin Homme	Catherine Hahn and Lorena Roberts
Sunday, August 16, 2026 12th Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 AM	JoAnn Heckman & John Beitel	Elaine Bittner	Glenn Hertzog	Mike & Allene Rampulla
Sunday, August 23, 2026 13th Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 AM	Laurie & Roger Woolley	Sandy & Kevin Love	Ryan Morrow	Brenda & Andy Loiacano
Sunday, August 30, 2026 14th Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 AM	Sharon Schuler & Gia Zullo	Tammy Mehlig	Laurie Woolley	Charisse Geiger & Tammy Mehlig

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
10th Sunday after Pentecost 2 9:30 AM Worship Service with Summerfest & Baptism Joyful Noise Snack & Yak after Service	3	NO Elders Meeting 4	6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, Rm 11 5	7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6 6	7	8
11th Sunday after Pentecost 9 9:30 AM Worship Service Moravian Pentecost Holy Communion with Summerfest Snack & Yak after Service	10	NO Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM Grief Support Group, Zoom 11	1:00 PM AFSCME R 11 6:30 PM CEM, Rm 10 12	7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6 13	14	FH and kitchen being used for Private Party 15
12th Sunday after Pentecost 16 9:30 AM Worship Service with Summerfest Blood Pressure screenings after service 12:30 PM Family Reunion in Pavilion	17	Volunteer Summer Lunch Program 18	Volunteer Summer Lunch Program 19	Volunteer Summer Lunch Program 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6 20	Volunteer Summer Lunch Program Set up FH for 8/22 21	FH being used for Reunion 22
13th Sunday after Pentecost 23 9:30 AM Worship Service with Summerfest~ Snack & Yak after Service 5:00 PM Outdoor Ministry— Manna Dinner Church in Pavilion	24	6:30 PM Visitation & Caring Meeting, Rm 6 25	4:00-5:30 PM Community Dinner Dine In Only 26	7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, Rm 6 27	28	29
14th Sunday after Pentecost 30 9:30 AM Worship Service with Summerfest Baptism Blessing of Back packs	31	 25	 26			

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Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow him.

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



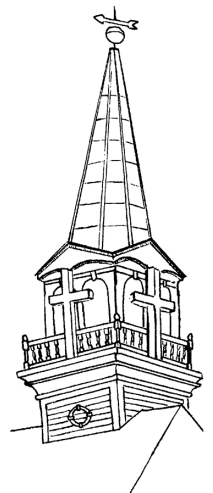
2026

Our Mission Statement

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

Summer Worship Service Schedule

9:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary
& 9:30 AM Livestream will begin June 21,
through September 6, 2026



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