

Schoeneck Moravian Church



Sunday Worship

Summer Schedule

Last Sunday will be
Sunday, September 6, 2026

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

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
In-Person
10:30 AM Livestream
Will resume on
Sunday, September 13, 2026

9:15 AM Sunday School
for All Ages

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The Joyful Noise Newsletter September 2026

In case you missed it...my life is going to the dogs...well one dog I guess.

On September 13 I'll be flying out to Oregon to train with a new guide dog. This will be my fourth guide, all from Guide Dogs for the Blind (GDB) on the West coast. I've been without a guide dog for five years now, I retired Janine when I moved from Alberta to the Lehigh Valley. Why so long? Partly needing to get my non-dog-guided orientation up to par, partly procrastination, and partly the long wait, for me about 2.5 years once I was on the list...if you walk at an average pace it takes about a year for a class placement, I walk at a rather brisk pace so it just takes longer for an appropriate dog to come through training and be matched.

This is a good opportunity for a Frequently Asked Questions segment...
What kind of dog will it be?

A Labrador retriever, GDB trains labs almost exclusively, and we know from experience that my wife Eileen's allergies aren't to labs, works out nicely. Male, female, black, yellow, not sure on that, it's all about the fit. GDB hasn't used chocolate labs, you breed for that color, and physical traits, skills, and health are more important in a working dog than color.

Do I get to name the dog, and/or what's the dog's name?

The dog I get will have been in training for about 20 months, so yup he/she will already have a name, I just don't know it yet. The instructors will be making final determinations on partnerships after we arrive and do some introductory training, so they don't tell you your dog's name until the last minute. In very rare instances a dog will need a name change...I mean we've got the perfect dog for you but the name is Eileen/Declan/Brian. Fun fact, no two working guides from the same school have the same name, for example until my first dog Leroy retired, the name was out of circulation. A happy coincidence: Janine's puppy raiser received a new dog to train in November, it was the next Janine 14 years later!

Will we get to pet/play with the dog?

Easiest answer...maybe. The trainers know my job and personality, they will give me indicators of pets and cuddles being ok, things like will my partner pop away from cuddles and get back to work, or do they think playing and being petted is more important than their job? Each of my previous dogs has been ok with off-work attention, and has done a good job ignoring people when on duty.

Will the dog come to church with you?

You bet, he/she will very rarely be far from my side. If you're not comfortable with a dog coming into your home if I'm on a pastoral visit, I'll of course make arrangements.

Exciting times ahead for me and my new partner...and for the congregation of course. Shameless plug: if you haven't been regularly attending Schoeneck and you want to meet the dog and see him/her in action...Sunday mornings at 8:00 and 10:30 is your best bet.

~ 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!

September 2026 Worship Services

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

Sunday, September 13, 2026—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Children's Lovefeast
Sunday School Rally Day
Regular Worship Schedule resumes with Worship Services
at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday, September 20, 2026—Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Moravian Day of Service



Sunday, September 27, 2026—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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

Future Worship Services

Sunday, October 4, 2026—Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Joyful Noise

Sunday, October 11, 2026—Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 18, 2026—Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 25, 2026—Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

What Really is a Baptism?

On August 2, 2026 something happened to me that really made me think.

I was asked by my “Church Wife” (Lori Hahn) to participate in her Great Granddaughter’s baptism. I immediately said yes. Lottie Flannigan is the daughter of Kayle Deutsch.

We did the Baptism Liturgy and I had the honor of presenting Lottie to the congregation. I could not stop smiling. When it was all over it made me think. What does this really mean? To the child, to me, and to the congregation?

To the child: Let’s face it little Lottie is not going to remember this day but the rest of us will. She doesn’t realize it yet but she was just welcomed into a new family! There are some things that we do and say while we welcome the child.

To the parents, there are some responsibilities that go with a baptism. The Pastor asks the parents and sponsors to raise the child in the way of the Lord. That’s a big responsibility. Teaching and guiding a child as they grow.

To the congregation. The Pastor asks us if we accept this child and to help raise this child in the way of the Lord. We all answer WE DO!!!

Sit back a minute and think what you just did and what it really means. It means we as a congregation have a responsibility in every baptism. We stand up and we pledge ourselves to be a part of that child’s walk with the Lord.

That is a responsibility we all need to take seriously and when we do we can all be a special part of our newest members life!!!!

So in closing I want to say THANK YOU LOTTIE!!!! You opened my eyes and my heart to really feel what a Baptism is. You are and will be loved!!!!

Michael A Rampulla
Elder

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CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roof Restoration Appeal

A Special Church Council meeting was held after the morning worship service on Sunday, July 19, 2026. The purpose of the meeting was to make the congregation aware of problems with the existing roof over Fellowship Hall and to ask for the members' support in the installation of a new roof.

Sister Kim Samsel, Trustees' president, presented the fellowship hall roof replacement project by enumerating some of its components, such as, the need to move the external gas lines on the roof. The present roof is also at the end of its useful life. The amount of money needed for the project is about \$91,000 and the funds currently on hand amount to a little more than \$25,000.

After Pastor Ian Edwards presented the motion, Church Council unanimously approved the entire roof replacement project as presented and to raise the required \$70,000 on a motion by Sister Jennie Dishong and a second by Sister Sarah Hriniaak.

In order to make this happen, the Trustees have applied for a loan to cover the majority of the expense. This will enable the work to begin as soon as possible. However, the funds will still need to be raised. The more funds raised prior to the work being done, the less will need to be borrowed.

A grant application from the Larger Life Foundation is currently in progress. If approved, this will help to defray the overall costs. Special offering envelopes have been placed in the sanctuary pews and narthex. On-line donations can also be made at schoeneckmoravianchurch.org, specifying the Roof Replacement Project under *Special Instructions*.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank you in advance for your support of this project. Please prayerfully consider your contribution. Our church is a sanctuary for so many people. Let's continue to utilize our building in service to God.

"Let us rise up and build." Nehemiah 2:18



Garden Art Making Party

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

Schoeneck Moravian Church Community Dinner

**September 30 —Ohio Baked Chicken
Mobile Pick-Up**

**4:00 to 5:00 PM or while supplies last.
Any home baked goods are appreciated!**

Ohio Baked Chicken Sale for Schoeneck members!

We know you love Ohio Baked Chicken, so the Community Dinner folks are offering pre-orders for **\$11 per quart**.

A sign up sheet for orders will be located on bulletin board outside church office from **September 1 to September 27**.

**Pick up will be on Wednesday, September 30
between 4:30 PM—5:30 PM**

Special Envelopes for September

The **orange trimmed envelope for September and October will fund the replacement of carpeting** in the sanctuary. The carpeting in the sanctuary is showing signs of wear and tear. The Trustees would like to begin to build a fund to replace the carpeting in the near future. Funds collected from these envelopes will be placed into the deferred maintenance fund and earmarked for Carpet Replacement. This project will most likely commence in 2027.



The blue envelope is for **Safe Harbor** in Easton, a transitional shelter for homeless individuals and a drop-in center for low-income adults. Donations from these envelopes will be sent directly to Safe Harbor. Schoeneck also supports Safe Harbor by serving monthly meals on a volunteer basis.



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.



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

JULY 2026 ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY WORSHIP	SANCTUARY 9:30 AM	TOTAL	SUMMERFEST CHILDREN	TEACHERS
5-July—9:30 AM	67	67	0	0
12-July—9:30 AM	0	0	0	0
19-July—9:30 AM	91	91		
26-July—9:30 AM	84	84		
Total	242	242	0	0
Average*	80.67	80.67	0	0
* Average was divided by 2				

July 5-John Hus Holy Communion

July 12-Outdoor Service with Nazareth Moravian

My family would like to thank the congregation for the prayers and thoughtful cards for the passing of my mother-in-law.

Blessings,
Sharon Schuler

Thank
you!

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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)

Christian Education... for all ages

September 13, 2026, 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) with clearances in the room, 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 back-up 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. Thank you!

Pam Stampf
Sunday School Coordinator



What Is... The Children's Lovefeast?

In the past, the members of Moravian communities lived in communal living groups called "choirs." This particular use of the word "choir" was used to describe groups of people — organized according to age, gender, and marital status — who ate, worked, worshiped, attended school, and lived in dormitories together. This communal living arrangement was intended to strengthen the unity of the Moravian society as a whole. It was believed that individuals of like age, gender, and circumstances were best prepared to encourage each other and to foster religious growth more successfully in each other.

Schoeneck is one of the few Moravian churches to still hold Covenanting Day Lovefeasts. A Covenanting Day Lovefeast recognizes all of the members of our church who would fit into one of the historical Moravian community choir groups (Married People, Children, Widows, Single Brother's etc.) Each lovefeast is a time for that choir to both reflect on and renew their covenant with God.

The congregation has an important role in the Covenanting Lovefeasts, too. We acknowledge the different members of our church family, uphold them in prayer, and celebrate with them while they rededicate their lives to God. It is a uniquely Moravian way for us to recognize that together we are one body in Christ Jesus.

During our Children's Lovefeast, we affirm the children of our church family and recognize that they are not just the future of the church, but they are an important part of our congregation now. We sing some songs that kids of all ages love to sing, and sugar cookies are served in place of Moravian sugar cake.

Music Ensembles Begin Soon!

You are invited to join us in the joy of making music this year!



Junior Handbell Ensemble

Grades 3-8

Thursday evenings from 6:15-6:45pm

Beginning Date: September 3rd

Director: Ryan Morrow

Email: rmorrow1985@gmail.com

Phone: 908-763-9440



Senior Handbell Ensemble

Grade 9-adult

Thursday evenings from 6:45-7:30pm

Beginning Date: September 3rd

Director: Ryan Morrow

Email: rmorrow1985@gmail.com

Phone: 908-763-9440



Senior Choir

Grade 9- Adult

Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm

Beginning date: September 3rd

Director: Ryan Morrow

email: rmorrow1985@gmail.com

phone: 908-763-9440



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



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 SEPTEMBER

FLOWERS - \$10.00

9/6 JoAnn Heckman
9/13 Brian, Jennie & Drew Dishong
9/20 Marianne Sweitzer
9/27 Shirley W. Smith

BULLETINS - \$10.00

9/6 JoAnn Heckman
9/13 Bill Elliott
9/20 Open
9/27 John & Lori Deutsch



SEPTEMBER TRUSTEE

Andrew Majczan

SEPTEMBER ELDER(S)

Shared

SEPTEMBER RECYCLING SPONSOR(S) \$45

Joanne Smith

SEPTEMBER LOVEFEAST \$100

Children's Lovefeast

Sponsor(s): Open

Baker: Terry Berger

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



Women's Bible Study
Will resume on Thursday, September 17th at 9:00 AM



Schoeneck Moravian Health Ministry
Blood Pressure Screening will be
Sunday, September 20, 2026
after Worship Services.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wednesday, September 2, 2026
at 6:00 PM, Room 11



Roadside Cleanup

The final 2026 cleanup is scheduled for
Saturday, October 10th at 9:00 AM.
See John Beitel for any information.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Attention Ladies, Women's Fellowship is starting back
up on Wednesday, September 9th at 11:00 AM.
Please bring a small snack to share.

Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters	Scripture Readers	Nursery
Sunday, September 6, 2026 15th Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 AM	Laurie & Roger Woolley	Catherine Hahn	Franklin Homme	
Sunday, September 13, 2026 16th Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Susan Fraser Dennis Guldner	Melody Stocker Lois Zibulnik	Donna Francisco	
Sunday, September 20, 2026 17th Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Mary Schweitzer & Joanne Smith Gayle & Frank Searock	Mary Schweitzer Brenda & Jeff Fogel	Glenn Hertzog	
Sunday, September 27, 2026 18th Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Carol & Bob Hunt JoAnn Heckman & Mim Stoudt	Kathy Makoul Amy Lirag	Laurie Woolley	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 6:00 PM Elders Meeting Rm 6 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, Rm 11	3 6:15 PM Jr Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study Rm 6	4 10:30 AM Shake & Boogie	5
15 th Sunday After Pentecost 6 9:30 AM Service with Summerfest Joyful Noise	7 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	8 6:30 PM Grief Support Group, Zoom 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting, Zoom	9 Nazareth Garden Show (FH, Kitchen, Library) 11:00 AM Women's Fellowship in FH 1:00 PM AFSCME RI 6:30 PM CEM Mtg, Rm 6	10 Nazareth Garden Show (FH, Kitchen, Library) 6:15 PM Jr Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study Rm 6	11 Nazareth Garden Show (FH, Kitchen, Library) Lovecast Baking NO Shake & Boogie	12 Nazareth Garden Show (FH, Kitchen, Library) 9:00 AM Grief Ministry Meeting, Rm 6
16 th Sunday After Pentecost 13 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Services Children's Lovefeast 9:15 AM Sunday School Rally Day 2:00 PM GS Troop 893, Rm 6 2:00 PM GS Troop 86, FH 2:00 PM GS Troop 8220, Rm 10	14 5:30 PM GS Troop 8435, Rm 6 (Tentative)	15 7:00 PM Mission & Evangelism, Zoom	16	17 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study Rm 6 6:15 PM Jr Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study Rm 6	18 10:30 AM Shake & Boogie	19
17 th Sunday After Pentecost 20 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Services 9:15 AM Sunday School All Ages	21	22 6:30 PM Visitation & Caring Rm 6 	23	24 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study Rm 6 6:15 PM Jr Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:30 PM Sr Choir 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study Rm 6	25 10:30 AM Shake & Boogie	26
18 th Sunday After Pentecost 27 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Services 9:15 AM Sunday School All Ages 2:00 PM GS Troop 8220, Rm 10	28	29	30 4:00-5:30 PM Community Dinner Mobile Pick Up			

The Joyful Noise



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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.



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Our Mission Statement

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

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

