

THE SCHOENBRUNN SCROLL



Winter 2025/2026

Schoenbrunn Community Moravian Church

“Christ called, Christ centered, Christ sent ... Loving all.”

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December

Elder of the Month: Jean-Anne Baker
Trustee of the Month: Randy Weston

January

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February

TBD

REMINDER: Spring newsletter info by Feb 15th, 2026.

2025 Congregation Watchword – 2 Timothy 1:12

“And for this reason, I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ”

Winter Newsletter

What were you doing on Christmas Eve night five years ago in 2020? It may be hard to remember, but we celebrated Christmas Eve worship from home. I have to admit it was a bizarre feeling leading Christmas Eve worship from a computer. Despite the change in venue I found it to be a moving worship service and one that I will remember for the rest of my life.

It is important to remember that online Christmas Eve worship was not plan A or plan B for that matter. However, we would be wise to remember that very few elements of the Christmas story involve plan A. Mary never planned on getting pregnant as a teenager. Joseph never planned on caring for an unexpected child. Neither of them expected to become parents before they knew each other as a married couple.

I am sure it was a very difficult journey, but by trusting in God, Joseph and Mary found a way to persevere. Luke 2:16-17 said, “ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child .” Mary and Joseph learned to treasure the detours.

If the Christmas cookies aren't perfect or every gift is wrapped just so, it will be ok. If the Christmas cards don't get sent out on time or there are nights you are too exhausted to keep up with your Christmas to-do list, it will still be ok. The first Christmas wasn't perfect either. The important thing is that we treasure imperfect moments with the people we love and the creator who gifted us this one special life.

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Ben

Prayers of the Faithful from September-November

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone." 1 Timothy 2.1

For all families and churches of Tuscarawas County (Sunday); for the ministries of our Eastern District and Northern Province (Monday); for the shared work of the worldwide Moravian Unity (Tuesday); for all who risk their lives for the gospel (Wednesday); for refugees and victims of terror around the world (Thursday) and for those who work to provide shelter, healing, and peace (Friday); for all those impacted by Hurricane Harvey & for all our mission trip teams assisting people in need (Saturday).

Military & Families: Jack Pasquinelli, Carter Baker, Adam Porter, Bret Penik, Kyle Springer, Nathan Zinser, Anna Sand-oval, Ben Miller.

Healing, Comfort, and Peace: Jessica Skiles, Norm Kadri, Paige Martin, Art Thrasher, Tami Reynolds, Tim Reynolds, Janet Jenkins, Bob Lippert, Tracey Culp, Missy Martin, Rev. Brandon Keck, Steph Heavilin, Tyler Cox, Alyssa Graber, Shawn Regula, Mandy Forlina, Gloria Wentling, Rev. Segundo Regaldo, Bill Hensel, Mandy Lewis, Ray Black, Joan Ferone, Sam Coco, Cliff Nickerson, Eric from Bob Evans, Angie Weston, Leo Culler, Sally Jeandervin, John Meek, Joe Dalcoma, Amy Smith, William May, Scott Porter, Bev Lorant, Stella, Judy Black, Patrice Yacko, Becky Williams, Nate Siegler, Amanda Meiser, Shawn Chapman, Brenda Stafford, Fred Swaldo, Cody Tingler/

Families Bereaved: Hannah Smith, Jacob Bierwith, Carol Boltz, Dave Andreatta, John Shaw, Joan Beorn, Trenton Haney, Rev. Jill Lovett, Max Arnett, Kathy Fruchey, Josh Barr.

Homebound: Linda Bennington (Amberwood), Lynne Capretta (Northwood Inn), Ginny Miller (Northwood Inn), Dave and Janet Jenkins (Schoenbrunn— Divinity Rehab)

Prayer Chain: Please call Dalene Swinderman 330-447-5556 or email pastor Ben at pastor@scmchurch.org if you would like the prayer chain to join you in prayer for yourself or someone close to you.

"We are Christ Called"

We Grow Together in Faith

Ruth Circle— First Monday (unless otherwise noted) at 6:00 PM at Bob Evans in Dover. Our next meeting is Monday, December 1st at 6 p.m. There will be no Christmas party this year.

In Good Company— (women's Bible Study) The Bible study meets on the second Saturday of the month @ 9:30 at Paula Drumm's house. All women are welcome. Check-in with Paula to see when the next gathering will be.

Anniversaries

Jim & Linda Karcher— 12/28
Erica & Chuck Dalton— 12/31
Joe & Martha Dalcoma— 02/21

Birthdays

Jean-Anne Baker— 12/02
Raelynn—12/07
Becky Canfield— 12/09
Sharon Belknap— 12/10
Aubree Swaldo— 12/11
Terry Bonnell— 12/13
Rylan Swaldo— 12/14
Debbie Baker— 12/24
Janet Jenkins— 12/24
Ensign Dalton— 12/28
Letticia Wright— 12/29
Kaylee Hansen— 01/09
Linda Karcher— 01/17
Justin Miller— 01/18
Ben Lippert— 01/19
Veronica Knisely— 01/28
Cheryl Bihari— 01/30
Paige Martin— 02/02
Jill Shaffer— 02/18
Alex Knisely— 02/20
Paula Drumm— 02/21
Dalene Swinderman— 02/26

ELDER REPORT: Next Meeting: Monday, December 8th after Joint Board

Elders Meeting Summary: The board met in September, October, and November. They prayed for our church and church family, discussed worship feedback, building uses, and new member requests. Ray and Judy Black were approved as new members. The Board made Advent and Christmas plans. They decided to open up December to the congregation for Scripture readings.

CEC REPORT: Next Meeting: Monday, December 1st @ 630 p.m.

CEC Meeting Summary:

The board met in September, October, and November. Updates on the Sunday school classes were given. Plans were made for Advent workshop and the CEC Christmas program on Sunday, December 21st. Feedback from the Halloween party was given.

TRUSTEE REPORT: Next Meeting: Monday, December 8th after Joint Board

Trustees Meeting Summary: The board met in September, October, and November. Food on the Fly continues to be going strong. Proceeds from selling a portable sound system were given to assessments. A parsonage walk-thru was conducted in November. Thanks to Tom Baker for all his painting around the church!

JOINT BOARD REPORT: Next Meeting: Monday, December 8th @ 6:30

Joint Board Meeting Summary: The board met in September. Updates were made to the building use forms to include changes about adding a lock box and a thermostat cover. It was determined to leave the cost of renting the fellowship hall the same. Plans were made for the day of service. Updates were given by both boards. Plans to communicate assessment given were made to the congregation.

Trustees

Leticia Wright (President, fundraising)

Angie Miller (Secretary/ CEC)

Ron Martin (Vice– President, Church Maintenance)

Tim Northrop (parsonage and Church Maintenance)

Randy Weston (Grounds)

Elders

Paula Drumm (Vice-Chair)

Katy Rabes (CEC and Secretary)

Jean-Anne Baker (Hospitality and CEC)

Becky Canfield (Sign-up Lists)

Jackie Pasquinelli (Women's Board)

Pastor Ben (Prayer chain and OMMC)

Assessments Update

Total Owed- \$25, 178.00

Total Paid- \$17, 073.59

Amount to Pay by 12/31:- \$8,104.41

Update given on 11/12

Any extra gifts towards assessments

In the month of December will greatly be appreciated!

Christmas Eve

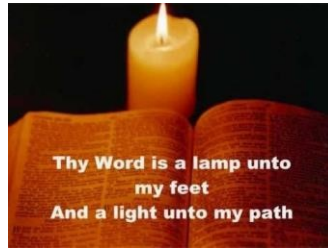
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Candlelight Lovefeast



"We are Christ Centered"

"Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:1-5 NRSV).



Sunday, December 7th—Second Sunday of Advent Holy Communion**

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." - Matthew 3:2

Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

Sunday, December 14th —Third Sunday of Advent

"Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God." - Isaiah 35:4

Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Sunday, December 21st —Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved." - Psalm 80:19

Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 10-14, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

Wednesday, December 24th —Christmas Eve Worship @ 7 p.m

"The word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." - John 1:14

Psalm 147:1-6, Zechariah 6:7, Revelation 19:1-8, John 1:1-14

Sunday, December 28th - First Sunday of Christmas

"I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us." Isaiah 63:7

Isaiah 63:7-9, Psalm 148, Hebrews 2:10-18, Matthew 2:13-23

Sunday, January 4th – Epiphany **Anniversary Lovefeast and Drawing Watchwords

"Arise, shine; for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." Isaiah 60:1

Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Matthew 2:1-12, Ephesians 3: 1-12

Sunday, January 11th —First Sunday After Epiphany ** Holy Communion

"A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice."

Isaiah 42:3

Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Matthew 3:13-17, Acts 10:34-43

Sunday, January 18th– Second Sunday After Epiphany * Church Council potluck**

"God is faithful; by him you were called into fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." - 1 Corinthians 1:9

Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, John 1:29-42, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Sunday, January 25th– Third Sunday After Epiphany

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1

Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 4-9, Matthew 4:12-23, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18



CEC Christmas Program

Sunday, December 21st

During Worship

Welcome Ray and Judy!



Keep an eye on weekly emails and the Facebook Page for info about upcoming worship services.



Joining Us for Worship Virtually

How to Join?

1. Go to our Facebook page and follow along with our Livestream

*** We are not currently using Zoom for our worship live-stream.

We are Looking for volunteer drivers to help the first Thursday of each month to deliver food to people who are not able to go to the Dover-Phila Food Pantry from 11-2. It is a very rewarding experience! Please let us know if you can help.— Floyd and Dalene Swinderman

Around our Church and Moravian Community

Sunday, November 30th— Advent Communion @ Sharon Moravian 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 7th— Advent Lovefeast @ Schoenbrunn Village 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 21st— CEC Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 24th— Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, January 4th— Anniversary Lovefeast

Sunday, January 18th— Church Council

Monday, January 19th— Joint Board Reorganization

Wednesday, February 18th— Ash Wednesday



Would you like to place flowers in the sanctuary in memory of or in honor of someone? Please use the forms which are available at the bottom of the stairs to order flowers or reserve a date to bring your own.

Please direct any questions to Linda Karcher.

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Our Partners in Ministry

Compass

Sexual Assault Crisis Line is 330-339-1427.

Friends of the Homeless Shelter

Regular volunteer training is available. Call 330-602-6100 for information and to register.

Community Hospice

Hospice welcomes your Gifts and Service: Office Volunteers, Respite Care Volunteers (for families), Delivery Volunteers (supplies) Volunteer Training. Contact Vicki Indorf at 330-343-7605.

SCMC @ Dover/NP Food Pantry

Volunteers are needed to help clients with grocery shopping and loading from 5:30 PM– 8:00 PM (or until all are served).

Moravian Food Delivery for the Dover/NP Food Pantry

SCMC delivers on the first Thursday of the month. Floyd Swinderman is SCMC Coordinator.

Cares and Prayers

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, December 2nd** in the fellowship hall. Pay attention to announcements for more information. All are welcome!

Missions of the Month

November- Board of World Mission– Hurricane Melissa

December- T– County Girls Group Home

January– TBD



Pastor Ben is always happy to schedule an appointment for a pastoral visit. These can be in-home, at the office, or at a local coffee shop. These can be set up by calling/texting 330– 440-4705 or by email at:

pastor@scmchurch.org.



Church Website –

<http://scmchurch.org>

Facebook –

<https://www.facebook.com/scmcnpoh/>

Reminders – Would you like to be notified of upcoming events via

text? The church has set up the Remind App for text updates (the same app that is used in many schools). To sign up, please text **@schoenbru** to the number **81010**

Our next Food on the Fly dinners will be on **December 10th and January 14th** from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. **The Cost is \$10.** If you are interested in volunteering please

contact

Floyd Swinderman at
330-343-8122. Thanks!

Schoenbrunn Village Lovefeast

December 8th

2 p.m.



News from Eastern District / Northern Province

- Brother Eric Renner was installed on November 9, 2025. We uplift in prayer, brother Renner, his wife Kristi, and the Hope congregation during this season of transition. We also uplift in prayer Shepherd of the Prairie Moravian Church, and Canaan Moravian Church in North Dakota that will be entering the call process.
- Brother Lloyd Gooden has been granted permission to retire from active ministry at Sharon Moravian Church. His final Sunday will be October 26th. We uplift brother Gooden in this season of transition and uplift Sharon Moravian Church as they enter the call process.
- Brother John Wallace has accepted an appointment to be the interim pastor at Sharon Moravian Church. We uplift brother Wallace and his family at this time.
- Please hold Gloria Reisinger, past administrative assistant to the provincial office, in your thoughts and prayers. Gloria has been placed on in-home hospice care as she continues to battle cancer. We uplift Gloria and her family in prayer.



Scrip Order Forms

Doug Miller accepts SCRIPT order forms. You can either drop your forms off in the scrip mailbox at the church or text Doug your orders and mail the check to the church. **Orders are due by December 14th and January 11th.** They can either be picked up at the church or arrangements can be made for delivery.

News from Ohio Moravian Churches

- **Dinner on the Run** is on December 4th at Uhrichsville Moravian from 4-6:00 PM. Pick up your dinner for only \$8! A homemade ham loaf dinner with parsley potatoes, green beans, roll, and dessert! Pre-ordering is not required, but you may call ahead to ensure availability: 740-922-0886.



Ohio Moravian Ministries Commission

- Shana Angel was congratulated on her new position as Area Director of Faith Formation for Ohio and Toronto.
- Moravian Nights at the Park went well this summer and had an average attendance of 12.
- The Tuscarawas County Moravian Day of Service is October 12. Worship will be at Schoenbrunn Village at 10:00 a.m. followed by service opportunities at four locations. Lunch will be at Uhrichsville Moravian at 1:00 p.m. \$500 was allocated for Ladles of Love meal prep that day.
- Camps Tar Hollow and Bethany both went well. The Fall Retreat will be held November 14-16 at Camp Zimmerman in Gnadenhutten – a great opportunity for local residents to attend!
- Schoenbrunn Village is interested in partnering with local Moravian churches on an event July 4th, 2026 for the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.
- Sharon Moravian is hosting a Jerk Chicken meal on October 11, the last one before Pastor Lloyd's retirement. Dover First is hosting a Churches for Middle East Peace speaker on September 21. Dover First invites all local Moravians and friends to a Fall Festival on September 28th at Randy and Nancy Gibbs (4-7:00 p.m.)
- The next meeting date was moved from November 25 to November 24, still at 7:00 p.m. at Schoenbrunn Moravian Church.

Fall Pictures



Advent Workshop

