

THE SCHOENBRUNN SCROLL



April 2020

Schoenbrunn Community Moravian Church

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

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2020 Congregational Watchword –

“He destines us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will.”

Ephesians 1:5

April Newsletter

Greetings Schoenbrunn Family,

After some prayerful consideration, the joint board has decided to make the difficult but necessary decision to cancel in-person worship and activities for the month of April. This was not a decision we made lightly, but we wanted to follow the recommendation of the Moravian Church- Northern Province and the state of Ohio.

I would like to reiterate that this does **not** mean participating in the life of the church is not possible in April. It just means that for the immediate future that participation will just have to look different. Our recorded worship services can be viewed at scmchurch.org and you can participate in small group opportunities via Zoom. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for small-group opportunities.

It was especially tough making this decision knowing that the Holy Week Readings, Palm Sunday, confirmation, Easter sunrise, and Easter worship all happen in April. We are going to try hard to make the best of difficult circumstances. The joint board is already discussing creative ways to worship virtually. For example, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunrise worship will be available via Zoom. I will bless the elements, but you get to decide what elements from your house to bring to the table. After all, Maundy Thursday is an intimate gathering among friends. We will have some once in a lifetime worship opportunities this spring!

I want to share with you one of the my favorite quotes from the Dr. Seuss classic *The Grinch Stole Christmas*. “It came without ribbons, it came without tags. It came without packages, boxes, or bags.” — The Grinch. Maybe Christmas (he thought) doesn’t come from a store. Maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more.”

The same can be said about Easter this year. It will come without sunrise at the village, lilies, our spiffy Easter dresses and suits, and many of our favorite traditions. Perhaps, this year we can be intentional at focusing on the real reason for the season. May the resurrection hope offered to you by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be the gift you cherish this Easter season. The first Sunday we are able to person we will celebrate Easter once again!

Pastor Ben

REMINDER: Submit May Newsletter information before **April 18th**

Prayers of the Faithful from March

"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: Adam Porter, Bret Penik, Charles Dalton IV.

Healing, Comfort and Peace: CRV-19 Victims, CRV-19 First Responders, Jennifer, Troy Coventry, Carol Fantine, Jeanne Holland– Vincer, Tim Northrop, Chuck Leonard, Hennis Nursing Home, Eric Renner, John Czepak, Phillip Keller, Amanda Lippert, George Kail, Rebecca Toyberg Nolan, Joyce Swaldo, Jim Shamel Sr., Jean, Becky Williams, Abby Sprowl, Dave Metzger, Brenda Ramey, Janet West, Lori, Vaughn Stull, June Butler, Joan Borne, Jeff Edwards, Willie Gardner, Stephanie, Amy Behrend, Sanette Fleming, Todd Steele, Jim Menapace, Karen, Bonnie Meese, Stacey Kastor, Ellenton, Ava Faucett, Bob McCoy, Linda Free, Eleanor Settle, Don Settle, Emily Settle, Brad Miller, David Norman, Denise Ralston, Dave Andreatta, Hannah Kloesz, Denny Drumm, Sarah Blakeley, Joe Northrop.

Families Bereaved: Linda Bonnell, Officer Andrew Keller, Vaughn Stull, Finnley Slater, Mark Bodnar.

Homebound: Lynne Capretta (Northwoods).

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 New Philadelphia. All women and men are welcome. This month's meeting is cancelled

Women's Fellowship Breakfast— at The Mill in New Philadelphia. Come and Bring a Friend! This month's meeting is cancelled.

In Good Company— (women's Bible Study) The Bible study is meeting on the second Saturday of the month @ 9:30 at the home of Paula Drumm. All women are welcome. We will be starting a new book in January "Setting a Table in the Kingdom of God" by John D. Rights.



Fellowship



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Birthday/Anniversary Cake

Sign-up

Sign up is at the bottom of the stairs in the narthex. Cakes are \$42.00.

Specify type preferred or that you plan to provide your own.

Birthdays

Millie Weston— 04/03
Jackie Porter—04/11
Linda Northrop— 04/12
Chloe Martin— 04/15
Allee Baker—04/17
Carter Korns— 04/20
Jim Shaffer— 04/22
Nick Menapace 04/24
Clara Gorby— 04/25

Anniversaries

Jill and Jim Shaffer— 04/12
John and Stacey Kastor— 04/28

ELDER REPORT: NEXT MEETING: Mon. April 20, 7pm via Zoom

Elders Meeting Summary: The board met via e-mail due to CRV-19. We discussed worship feedback, community feedback, and prayer concerns. We prayed for the eradication of the virus and for all those impacted by it. Confirmation Sunday is tentatively being moved to Pentecost (May 31st). We are working at finding a home for our stuffed animals, because Cleveland Clinic can not accept donations because of CRV-19.

CEC REPORT: Next Meeting: Monday March 30 @ 7 pm via Zoom (April Meeting)

CEC Meeting Summary: At the March 2nd meeting we discussed the next Youth Sunday which will fall on Palm Sunday (April 5th). It was decided to not use the bean bags or have kids bring in toys for Children's' Chat, but we will include the youth in another way, possibly involving the palm fronds. We began planning for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 11th at 10:00 AM. We are looking at doing a slightly different activity this year that can include a wider age range. Other T-County Moravian Youth will be invited to join us. We also planned for a Combined Sunday School class on Easter (April 12th).

**Please note, ALL events are cancelled through May until further notice.

Sunday School: New classes began Sunday, September 29th. We have classes for all ages at 9:15 AM every Sunday morning: Growing in Grace & Gratitude for kids in Pre-K through 6th grade (Emily Lippert, Katy Rabes, Erica Hansen-Stafford, Allee Baker); Videos that Teach for 7th grade and up (Becky Canfield & McKenna Cannon); Bible Study for adults (Paula Drumm), Contemporary & Seasonal Studies for adults

(Danielle Rossi & Carolyn Menapace), and Confirmation for interested middle school students (Pastor Ben Lippert).

April Mission of the Month// Joyful Noise

offerings will be dedicated to Hospice House.

TRUSTEE REPORT: NEXT MEETING: Wed. Tuesday March 31th @ 6:30 (April Meeting)

Trustees Meeting Summary: The board met on Wednesday March 11th. They recapped the pound auction and card party. The board made plans to accept two new refrigerators which were donated. Plans were made to switch out the new sign. A new sink at the parsonage was approved and a new light fixture.

JOINT BOARD REPORT: NEXT MEETING: Mon March 16 @ 6:30

Joint Board Meeting Summary: The Joint Board met on Monday March 23rd via Zoom. They voted to follow the PEC recommendation and cancel all in-person activities and worship services through the month of April. Plans were made for online services and activity. The congregation will celebrate Easter the first Sunday we can worship in-person together again. The board also is strongly encouraging people that are able to keep giving online donations or mail them in. They crafted a quarterly letter that will be sent out to the congregation at the end of March. It was decided that the proceeds for the next Concert That Cares will go to a camp scholarship fund in honor of Linda Bonnell.

WOMEN'S BOARD REPORT: NEXT MEETING:

Treasurer's Report for Jan-March 2020:

Contributions - \$19,147.43

Expenses - \$19,290.28

We have paid \$4500.00 towards the Pastor's medical. We will not pay any Provincial or District Assessments until we are back meeting in the church. Please continue to send in your contributions, either by mail or online. As you can see we are just making ends meet.

Attendance Info:

February Average Worship (53)

Sunday School (22)



Masks for All

If you have sewing skills and a machine, our communities need your help! The UBC Central Elders want to encourage individuals and small groups to make CDC-compliant face masks for everyday people who have to venture into public.

We provide the patterns.

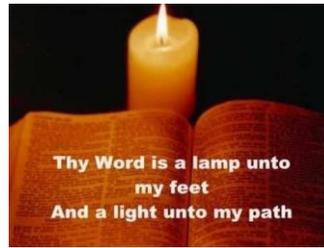
We reimburse you for materials.

You make them, and get them to the people in your community.

For more information contact Castleton Hill Moravian office at 484-619-8846 or office@castletonhill.org

“We are Christ Centered”

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



Sunday April 5th– Palm Sunday

“but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ” Phillipians2:8-9

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Phillipians 2:5-11, Matthew 21:1-11

Thursday April 9th– Maundy Thursday

Exodus12:1-4, 11-14, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday April 10th– Good Friday Worship

Isaiah 52:13– 53:-12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1– 19:42

Sunday April 12th-Easter

“So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. .”-

Colossians 3:1

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2,14-24, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-18

Sunday April 19th - The Second Sunday In Easter

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. ” - 1 Peter 1:3

Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

Sunday April 26th – The Third Sunday of Easter

“You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God ” - 1

Peter 1:23

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, Luke 24:13-35, Acts 2-14a, 36-41, 1 Peter 1:17-23

Youth Sundays

Games for all the youth after worship 11:45—12:45. Snacks for the kids will be provided. The first Sunday of every month the kids are encouraged to bring in a toy from home and Pastor Ben has to try to teach his children’s lesson based on the objects they bring. It’s a lot of fun for the children and adults!



**Where Doors and Hearts are
Open to All
Schoenbrunn Community Moravian Church
Worship 10:30 AM**

Greeters

Keep an eye out for our sign-up sheet for May and June!

Ushers

Keep an eye out for our sign-up sheet for May and June!

Nursery

Unstaffed– please see a CEC member with any questions

*Friendly
Reminders*

The church office will be sending out reminders to the volunteers who have signed up to help with this ministry.



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.

Worship Recordings: Homebound or out of town?



You can download and listen to our entire worship service online. Visit our website (scmchurch.org) and click on the links titled: Download our Messages.

**Around our Church and Moravian
Community**

April 5th– Palm Sunday

April 9th– Maundy Thursday Worship Via Zoom

April 10th– Good Friday

April 12th– Easter

*See information below for details on the Provincial Holy Week Reading services.



Holy Week Worship Via Zoom

Thursday April 9th, 7pm

**Bring your own Communion elements
to Worship**

Easter Sunrise 7 a.m.

How to Join?

1. Click on the link at 7 p.m. <https://zoom.us/j/8022223798>
2. Call 1-408-638-0968 and type in the meeting id # 802 222 3798 (just like a conference call)

“We are Christ Sent ... Loving All”

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

We will meet **Tuesday May 12th** at the church. Come join us for fellowship, snacks, and prayers for our loved ones. We meet from 1:30–3:00 in the fellowship hall.



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 very rewarding experience! Please let me know if you can help.

Thank you, Floyd Swinderman

Rummage Sale Reminder

As you do fall cleaning, remember we have a storage unit to keep treasures until our garage sale. Contact Terry Bonnell for storage needs.

Pastor Ben will be holding **regular drop-in office hours** on Mondays from 1:30-4 pm, and on Thursdays from 9-11:30 am. Appointments can also be made for other times by calling/texting 330– 440-4705 or by emailing

pastor@scmchurch.org.

An appointment with Pastor Ben can be done via phone or Zoom during the CRV-19 restrictions



Church Website –

<http://scmchurch.org>

Facebook – [https://](https://www.facebook.com/scmcpoh/)

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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 will be **May 13th** from 4:30p.m—6p.m . The Cost will be \$8. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Floyd Swinderman at 330-343-8122. Thanks!



Help us Raise the Roof Fund!

We already raised over \$3000 towards our \$6000 goal. For every \$100 we raise we get to rip off one of the old shingles and see our beautiful new roof! Thanks for your support!



News from Eastern District / Northern Province

- Western District Synod which was scheduled for April will be moved to November due to CRV-19 precautions.
- Eastern District Synod will be held on campus at Moravian College from June 24th– 27th 2020.
- The Tuscarawas County Mission Trip will be July 4th – July 11th at Tricklebee Café in Milwaukee, WI. If you are interested in joining us please contact Pastor Ben for more details.
- Sister Pat Honzer will be retiring from Easton Moravian Church at the end of April. Pat served at Fry's Valley Moravian Church.

News from Ohio Moravian Churches

- **Dinner on the Run** Is cancelled this month due to CRV-19. It is at Uhrichsville Moravian. from 4-6:00 PM pick up your dinner - only \$8 for 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.



Spiritual Companionship Small Group Wednesday May 27th 7-8pm

Bring your own meal with you we will eat together as a group from 6:30-7 and meet from 7-8. Spiritual Companionship is a small discussion group that meets to deepen their spiritual relationship with God and others. The meal is optional you are welcome to join us at 7 as well! Come join us!

****Please note, we will not be meeting during March due to Lent.**



We just want to thank all of you who continue to give online and mail in your tithes and offerings! It allows us to focus on ministry during these difficult days. Keep up the good work!

- SCMC Trustees & Pastor Ben

Youth Sunday – March

