

THE SCHOENBRUNN SCROLL



December 2019

Schoenbrunn Community Moravian Church

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

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Youth Assistant: TBD
CEC Member of the Month: McKenna Cannon
Trustee of the Month: Doug Miller

2019 Congregational Watchword –

“I made the earth, and created humankind upon it; It was my hands that stretched out the heaven, and I commanded all their host.”

Isaiah 45:12

December Newsletter

The Christmas season is finally upon us. It is now socially acceptable to put up our Christmas trees, put the festive lights on our house, and we can belt out “It’s Beginning to Look Like Christmas” on those family car rides without eye rolls from our friends and family. Brothers and sisters, what are you most looking forward to this Christmas season?

Spiritually, we have many opportunities to prepare our hearts for the coming Christ-child this month. Our shared advent Communion service at Sharon Moravian on December 1st at 6p.m. and our lovefeast at the village on December 8th at 2 p.m. always seem to get my heart in the Christmas spirit. This Advent season in worship I will be doing a sermon series on some of our favorite Christmas stories and books including the *Polar Express* and *It’s a Wonderful Life*, and our kids will have their Christmas Pageant on *The Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Seuss on the 22nd. There will be many opportunities to feel Christmas cheer during our worship services this December.

December can be a whirlwind of activities and events. It will feel like there is always one more present to wrap, cookie to bake, or card to write. Yet, we can’t lose sight of why Christmas is so important to us. Luke 2:11 said, “Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.” Welcoming the Messiah in our hearts has to be at the center of our Christmas experiences or Christmas becomes just another holiday. It has to be a day where we remember that God can equip the most surprising people in the most surprising places to carry out the important missions of the church. If we want to keep Christ in Christmas, the first place we should look this Christmas season is our very own hearts.

REMINDER: Submit January Newsletter information before **December 22nd**

Blessings,
Pastor Ben

Prayers of the Faithful from 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: Adam Porter, Bret Penik, Charles Dalton IV.

Healing, Comfort and Peace: Eric McGovern, The Ervin Family, Daniel Johnson, Mary Ann, Ellenton, Joyce Saino, Manny Weaver, Kendra Shilling, Ava Faucett, Wendy Lippert, Al & Kathy Henline, Janet West, Carol Roth, Jim Green, Bob McCoy, Baron May, Prince Ray, Janie Martin, Linda Free, Chuck & Elinor Baily, Jack Ream, Linda Bonnell, Clara Gorby, Emma Shamel, Howie Stevens, Jeff Edwards, Norm Kadri, Julie Thomas, Eleanor Settle, Don Settle, Brad Miller, David Norman, Denise Ralston, Dave Andreatta, Barry Hunn, Jim Eichel, Jordan Hamel, Willie Gardner, Carolyn Weist, Hannah Kloesz, Emily Settle, Denny Drumm, Ken Lewis, Betsy VanDeVilde, Sarah Blakeley, Joe Northrop.

Families Bereaved: Shelly Ervin, Joanne Porter, Markajon family, Jim Harrison, Barbara Wolf, Mary Gardner, Nikki Hreha, Keith Hayes.

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 will be December 2nd.**

Women's Fellowship Breakfast— December 21st at 9:00 AM at The Mill in New Philadelphia. Come and Bring a Friend!

In Good Company—The Bible study is meeting on **December 14th** They normally meet on the Second Saturday of the month.



Fellowship

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.



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Birthdays

Robert Shoup— 12/01
Jean-Anne Baker— 12/02
Becky Canfield—12/09
Sharon Belknap— 12/10
Linda Bonnell—12/11
Aubree Swaldo— 12/11
Terry Bonnell— 12/13
Rylan Swaldo— 12/14
Debbie Baker— 12/24
Janet Jenkins—12/24
Letticia Wright— 12/29

Anniversaries

Jim & Linda Karcher— 12/28

ELDER REPORT: NEXT MEETING: December 16th @ 7 p.m. cember 11th @6:30

Elders Meeting Summary: . We discussed worship feedback, community feedback, and prayer concerns. A lot of positive feedback was given for the Concert that Cares and plans for a February concert were made. A Christmas sermon series was discussed and we helped craft a congregational letter for financial help with the denominational assessments.

CEC REPORT: Next Meeting: December 3rd @ 7 p.m.

CEC Meeting Summary: At the November 5th meeting we finalized plans for the combined Sunday School class and Advent Workshop, both to be held on November 24th. We discussed our final youth member of the month and care packages for college students. We reviewed signups for the Christmas program and chose directors. It was decided that we will not staff the nursery in 2020 but will keep it available for families to use during worship as needed.

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).

The November/ December Joyful Noise offerings will be dedicated to Adopt- A- Village.

TRUSTEE REPORT: NEXT MEETING: Wed. December 11th @ 7:00



Trustees Meeting Summary: The trustees met on Wednesday November 13th. They were pleased about the \$12,000 they received from the Larger Life Foundation for the roof. They decided to place \$10,000 in Moravian

Ministries Investments, which remains accessible to utilize. They discussed the fall card party, made future plans for addressing the HVAC system, and helped craft a congregational letter asking for financial assistance with our assessments. Changes to the building facility use were recommended to the joint board.

Electronic Giving: Contact our financial secretary, Paula Drumm, for more information or download an application from our website (scmchurch.org) and mail it to church.

JOINT BOARD REPORT: NEXT MEETING: Wednesday De-

Joint Board Meeting Summary: The Joint Board met on Monday September 16th and re-capped the day of mission. They were impressed with the turnout and discussed future missions sites. Plans were made to put out and supply the front blessing box with blessing bags. Pastor Ben will fill it during his office hours. The board decided to adopt missions of the month for 2020 and will use the other book shelf the youth painted to collect supplies for these missions. Agenda items for the town hall were discussed. It was decided that a covered dish would not be needed, because we have had many food events this month.

WOMEN'S BOARD REPORT: NEXT MEETING: Monday November 4th @ Bob Evans

Women's Board Meeting Summary: The Women's Board met November 4, 2019. A meal was served to the T4C Share a Christmas on Nov.7th. We will be serving Christmas Dinners to the Stamp Club on Dec.4, and the Coin Club on Dec. 9. A donation of \$100.00 was sent to the Share a Christmas. We have Moravian stars for sale, contact Linda Karcher if you would like to purchase one. The Women's Christmas dinner will be held on December 18 at 6:00 pm at Millie Weston's Farm, this is a covered dish meal. This is for all women of the church. There will be no Ruth Circle meeting in Dec.

**Financial Info (as of)
October 2019**

Contributions - \$9067.57
Expenses - \$9667.57
Budget - \$94,307.00
YTD Income - \$74,767.71
YTD Expenses - \$86,936.52

We are **\$13,118.00 behind** on our Provincial and District Assessments and Medical Insurance.

Attendance Info:

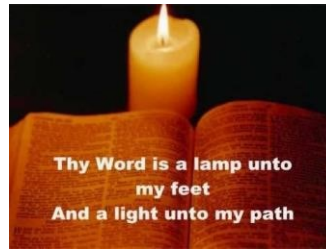
October Average Worship (48)
Sunday School (26)

Help us Raise the Roof Fund!

We already raised over \$2000 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!

“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 1st– First Sunday of Advent

“O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.”– Isaiah 2:5

Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

Sunday December 8th– Second Sunday of Advent

“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 15th– Third Sunday of Advent

“Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 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 22nd – Fourth Sunday of Advent*Christmas Pageant**

“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

Tuesday December 24th – Christmas Eve @ 7p.m *Candlelight Lovefeast**

“Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-4, John 1:11-14

Sunday December 29th – First Sunday of Christmas *Anniversary Lovefeast/ Ugly Sweater Christmas**

“I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which he is to be praised,

according to all the Lord has done for us .” - Isaiah 63:7

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

Youth Sunday

December 1st, January 5th

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

- 1– Floyd & Dalene Swinderman
- 8– Jim & Linda Karcher
- 15– Aubree & Tiffani Swaldo
- 22– Mary-Ann Creal & Cheryl Kastor
- 24– The Martin’s
- 29– Jim & Linda Karcher

Ushers

- 1– John & Stacey Kastor
- 8– Aimee Pasquinnelli & Carol Fantine
- 15– Rylan & Ross Swaldo
- 22– Millie Weston & Martha Dalcoma
- 24– Letticia & Madison Wright
- 29– TBD

Nursery

- 1– Letticia & Madison Wright
- 8– Tiffani Swaldo & Charlotte Menapace
- 15– Katy Rabes & Allee Baker
- 22– McKenna Cannon & Chloe Martin
- 29– Paula Drumm & Ryan Kastor

Friendly
Reminders



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.

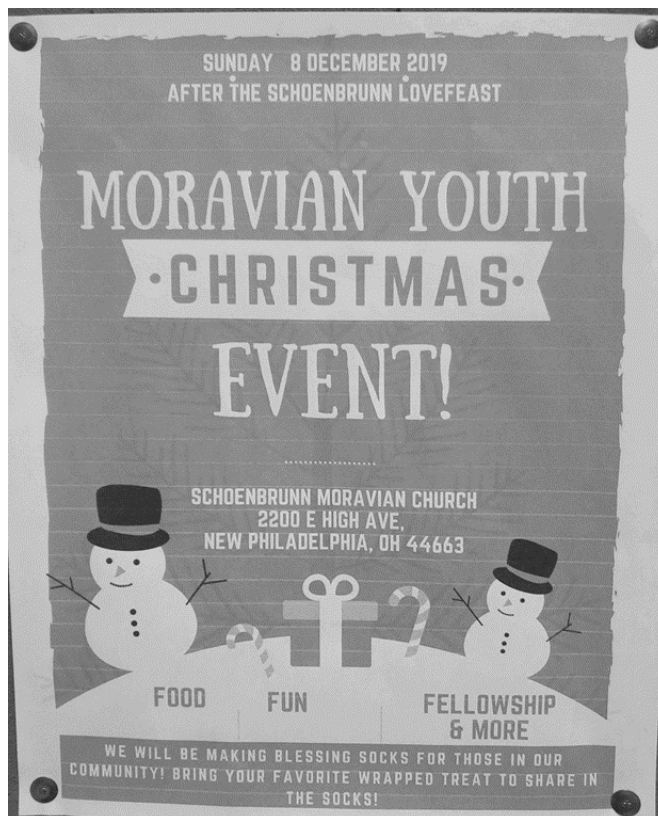
Worship Recordings: Homebound or out of town?



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**

- November 30th– Mission Trip Meeting @ 10 a.m.**
- December 1st– Advent Communion @ Sharon 6 p.m**
- December 4th– Stamp Club Dinner**
- December 8th– Schoenbrunn Village Lovefeast**
- December 8th– County-Wide Youth event @ Schoenbrunn**
- December 9th– Coin Club Dinner**
- December 11th– Joint Board**
- December 18th– Women’s Dinner Christmas dinner @ Millie’s**
- December 22nd– Sunday School Christmas Pageant**



“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

Cares and Prayers is a new ministry we started at our church. We will not meet in December. Come join us for fellowship, snacks, and prayers for our loved ones.



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 Linda Bonnell at 513-348-6232.

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.



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**

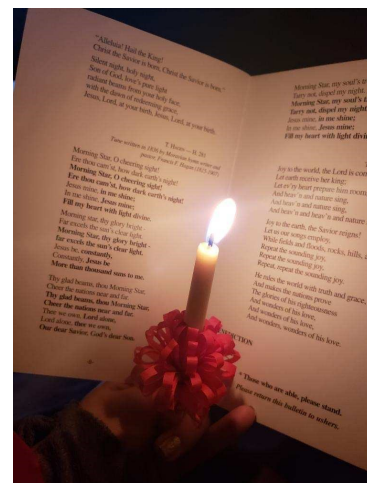
Our next Food on the Fly will be **December 11th** from 4:30p.m—6p.m . The Cost will be \$8. If you are interested in volunteering please contact

Floyd Swinderman at 330-343-8122. Thanks!



Schoenbrunn Village Lovefeast

2p.m. December 8th



News from Eastern District / Northern Province

- Sr. Christine Johnson has accepted the call to College Hill Moravian Church in Bethlehem, PA. She will begin her call in December.
- 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.
- Sr. Desna Henry Gouldbourne, who has been serving under appointment at the United Moravian Church in Harlem, New York City, was installed under call on November 17th,

Youth Member of the Month Nicklas Jude Menapace, 9years old

What school do you go to, and what grade are you in?
New Philadelphia South Elementary, 4th grade

What is your favorite part of school?
Gym

What is your least favorite part of school?
Grammar

Who are the people and pets in your family?
Bill, Carolyn & Charlotte

What is something that makes your family special?
Golfing with my grandparents

Where is your favorite place in the world?
Disney World

What is something you are good at?
Baseball

What is your favorite food?
Papa John's pizza

What is your favorite part of church?
Game night

What job would you like to have when you are an adult?
You Tuber

News from Ohio Moravian Churches

- **Dinner on the Run** at Uhrichsville Moravian. Thursday, December 5th 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 January 22nd 7-8

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!



November Pictures

Concert That Cares



Advent Workshop

