

THE SCHOENBRUNN SCROLL

December 2021-January 2022

Schoenbrunn Community Moravian Church

"Christ called, Christ centered, Christ sent ... Loving all."



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Elder of the Month December: Becky Canfield

Trustee of the Month December Paula Drumm

Elder of the Month January: Danielle Rossi

Trustee of the Month January: Kathy Cummings

REMINDER: Submit February- March info by
Sunday, January 23rd

2021 Congregational Watchword –

"The LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous." Psalm 146:8

Greetings Schoenbrunn Family,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The Christmas season is finally upon us and there is so much to be grateful for. A year ago, COVID-19 cases were spiking across the the country, and an in-person worship service was not possible. **This year we will be able to have a traditional Moravian Christmas Eve Candlelight and lovefeast service at 7 p.m.** We will have one service and we will have overflow seating in the fellowship Hall. Seating capacity in the sanctuary is limited.

We will also have our lovefeast service at Schoenbrunn Village at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 5th and we will have our CEC Christmas program during worship on Sunday, December 19th. God is good and there is much to salute this Christmas season! Psalm 145:9 said, The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works."

Christmas is such a busy season. If we are lucky we have finally gotten most of our Christmas presents picked out by Black Friday. It can be an anxious process during the holidays to try to remember everything we need to do and every person we would like to have a gift for. Please, take some time this Christmas season to think about a Christmas present for the church. We would really appreciate a donation to the furnace fund if you are able. We have already raised \$3,9000 and would love to raise at least \$10,000. Any gift goes a long way!

The trustees will be sending a proposal to Church Council for furnace and air conditioning renovations this winter/ spring. We want to take care of this issue before an emergency forces us to do so. This proposal will include 4 new furnaces, an AC Unit, and 3 split air-conditioning units for air-conditioning for the fellowship hall. We were fortunate to be a \$5,000 recipient of a Larger Life grant. With \$10,000 in congregational fundraising, other donations, and funds from the Denzer Trust we are hoping to make these repairs without needing to loan any money. Will you help us reach our goal?

Christmas Blessings from Pastor Ben and SCMC

Prayers of the Faithful from October– 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, Kyle Springer, Nathan Zinser, Anna Sandoval, Carter Baker.

Healing, Comfort, and Peace: Tammy Eichel, Bev Sears, Waukesha, Ava Winner, Kathy Roth, Jeanne Tanner, John Meek Sr., Jodi Krafts, Rev. Mike Lonergan, Rev. Jim Ferrone, Rebekah Cole, Haiti Missionaries, Jim Marsh, Maryann Davis, Brad Miller, Leah Miller, John Harmon, Rita Keller, Alyssa Harbold, Hallie McGlumphy, Carol Fantine, Doug Miller, Angie Miller, Scott Edwards, David McKinney, Carol Messinger, Bob Lippert, Amanda Lippert, Bill Karcher, Ryan Kastor, Mitch Drumm, Colton Korns, Tyler Cox, Linda Fisher, Tim Northrop, Kay Walton, Heather Penrod, Aimee Pasquinelli, Fred Sullivan, Jackie Pasquinelli, COVID-19 Victims.

Families Bereaved: Marianne Beadle, Bob Miller, Dawson Quillin, Amber Sherrell, Bob Belknap, Claudia Clark, Robyn Boyd, Shirley Walters, Zach Wright.

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— Second Monday (unless otherwise noted) at 6:00 PM at Bob Evans in New Philadelphia. All women and men are welcome. The next meetings will be on **December 13th and January 10th**

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 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 in-person or Zoom gathering will be.



Birthdays

Jean-Anne Baker-12/02
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
Letticia Wright- 12/29
Kaylee Hansen- 01/09
Linda Karcher- 01/17
Justin Miller- 01/18
Ben Lippert- 01/19
Cheryl Bihari- 01/30

Anniversaries

Jim & Linda Karcher- 12/28
Chuck & Erica Dalton- 12/31



Fellowship

ELDER REPORT: Next Meeting: Monday, December 13th Following Joint Board

Elders Meeting Summary: The Elders met on Monday, November 15th via Zoom. They discussed worship feedback, prayer concerns, COVID-19 updates, and other items on the agenda. The board made plans for Christmas Eve Worship and decided that one in-person service with streaming and overflow seating will take place. The board decided that special music will take place during the love-feast portion of the service. They approved the baptism request of Ensley Dalton on November, 21st. Danielle Rossi is the congregational representative on the nominating committee and McKenna Cannon is the lay representative.

CEC REPORT: Next Meeting: Monday, December 6th @ 7 p.m.

CEC Meeting Summary: We made final plans for the Advent Workshop and Christmas Program. The Christmas Program will be digital this year – we can't wait to show you the video on December 19th during worship!

Sunday School:

Emily Lippert, Katy Rabes, and Allee Baker are leading classes for Youth through 6th grade.

Becky Canfield is continuing the Videos that Teach class for 7th grade and up.

Paula Drumm is leading the Advent DVD series "Because of Bethlehem" in Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Ben will lead an adult class on Boundaries in Fellowship Hall beginning January 2nd.

Paula Drumm will resume Bible Study (on the book of James) in the church office in January.

Attendance: Average Sunday School attendance for October was 14. The Year-to-date average is also 14.

TRUSTEE REPORT: Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 22nd @ 7 p.m.

Trustees Meeting Summary: The Board met on Wednesday, November 22nd via Zoom. The treasurer's report was approved. Upgrades to the parsonage for new carpeting in the master bedroom and some additions to the bathroom were approved. A thank you gift was sent to Neil Rupe on behalf of the congregation– since he generously gave us his striper. The board discussed a proposal to send to the joint board and church council for furnace and air conditioning replacements and additions. Paula Drumm will be the board nominating committee representative and Rick Swaldo will be the lay appointment.

JOINT BOARD REPORT: Next Meeting: Monday, December 13th @ 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Joint Board Meeting Summary: The board had a special meeting after worship on November 7th to discuss COVID-19 protocols. The board voted to return to optional masks in worship beginning November 28th, but they still

will be requiring people to wear them when they sing. The board will keep monitoring the situation and make changes when necessary. The board will be meeting on December 13th to send a budget to church council and discuss agenda items for council.

Treasurer's Report as of October 2021

Contributions - \$ 8,151.65

YTD - \$ 68,590.35 (08/31)

Expenses - \$8,300.87

YTD - \$ 64,535.43 (08/31)

Budget \$ 93,901.91

Your continued offerings are greatly appreciated. Common Ministries for the Province and Eastern District as well as the Major Medical expenses are now paid in full.

Keep up the good work Schoenbrunn!

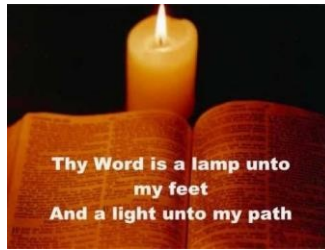
Schoenbrunn Village Lovefeast

Sunday, December 5th @ 2:00 p.m.



"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 5th —Second Sunday of Advent

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them."- Luke 1:68
Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 1:68-79, Luke 3:1-6

Sunday, December 12th —Third Sunday of Advent

"Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth." - Luke 3:5

Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

Sunday, December 19th —Fourth Sunday of Advent

"He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly"- Luke 1:52

Micah 5:2b-5a, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-55

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

"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, ^[d] full of grace and truth."- John 1:14

Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:104, John 1:1-14

Sunday, December 26th— First Sunday of Christmas

"Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven."- Psalm 148:13
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52

Sunday, January 2nd— Second Sunday of Christmas * Drawing Watchwords**

"God has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to the good pleasure that he set forth in Christ."- Ephesians 1:9
Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:10-19

Sunday, January 9th— Epiphany *Holy Communion**

"God says, do not fear for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."- Isaiah 43:1

Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 16th — Second Sunday of Epiphany

"Now there are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are a variety of services, but the same Lord.."- 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 23rd— Third Sunday of Epiphany

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer."- Psalm 19:14

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21

Sunday, January 30th- Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

"For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face."- 1 Corinthians 13:12

Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, Luke 4:21-30



Youth Sundays

Kids are encouraged to bring a favorite Christmas present from home for worship service on **December 26th**. We will not have an activity after Church for December.

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

Greeters

Keep an eye out for our when our sign-up sheet can return!

Ushers

Keep an eye out for our when our sign-up sheet can return!

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. You can also view our bulletin for Zoom worship services there.

**Around our Church and Moravian
Community**

December 5th– Advent Lovefeast at Schoenbrunn Village

December 8th– Food on the Fly

December 13th– Joint Board/ Elders

December 19th– CEC Christmas Program

December 22nd– Trustees

December 24th– Christmas Eve worship @ 7p.m.

December 26th– Ugly Sweater Christmas

January 2nd– Drawing Our Watchwords

January 12th– Food on the Fly

January 16th– Church Council

January 17th– Joint Board Reorganization

**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 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.

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.

****Drop in-office hours are not available during the pandemic, but Pastor Ben is always glad to schedule a visit at the church or in your home.**



Church Website –

<http://scmchurch.org>

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

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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**

Cares and Prayers

We are meeting **Tuesday, January 11th at 1 p.m.** In the fellowship hall to pray and write cards. All are welcome!



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 me know if you can help.— Floyd and Dalene Swinderman

Thank you, Floyd Swinderman

Our next Food on the Fly's will be **Wednesday, December 8th, and Wednesday, January 12th** from 4:30 p.m—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!



Christmas Eve Worship

7 p.m.

Limited seating.

Overflow seating will be available in the fellowship hall.



News from Eastern District / Northern Province

- The Provincial Elders Conference has decided to postpone Provincial Synod scheduled for the summer of 2021 and will plan to have Synod in 2022.
- Rev. Dr. Nola Reed Knouse the Director of the Moravian Music Foundation and Gwyneth Michel the assistant director will both be retiring in the summer of 2022. We thank them for their combined 45 years of service!

Thank you for your Home-
less Shelter Donations!



Scrip Order Forms

Doug Miller wants to pass along that he will still be accepting 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 12th and January 9th** 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 December 2nd and January 6th 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.



Ugly Sweater Christmas Sunday, December 26th



Furnace Fund



Over \$3900 by 11/21. Keep up the good work! Even the smallest donations will help us reach his goal!

Pictures From October



Advent Workshop

