

THE SCHOENBRUNN SCROLL



December 2020– January 2021

Schoenbrunn Community Moravian Church

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

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Elder of the Month Dec.: Becky Canfield

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Elder of the Month Jan: Leticia Wright

Trustee of the Month Jan: Paula Drumm

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

Greetings Schoenbrunn Family,

It is with heavy hearts that we share with you that the joint board has made the difficult, but necessary decision to suspend in-person worship for the remainder of 2020. This includes Christmas Eve worship. We in good conscious do not want to put anyone in our church family at risk as COVID-19 cases rise locally and nationally.

I know it is sad to lose another one of our heartfelt traditions to the craziness of 2020. Yet, we must remember that suspending in-person worship is not canceling it. We still will have plenty of opportunities to worship our coming Savior this Advent season and we will get to experience a once-in-a-lifetime Christmas Eve opportunity. The Joint Board will be sending “Lovefeast Care Packages” to families that will include a candle, hot chocolate, and a traditional Moravian Bun. We will have special music from many of our church families. You can join us for Christmas Eve Worship at 7:00 p.m via Zoom.

I encourage you to remember that a non-traditional Christmas, may be the most traditional Christmas there is. Mary and Joseph didn’t want to give birth to Jesus in Bethlehem, they certainly did not want to do it at a crowded inn, and they most certainly did not want to have to take a detour through Egypt to get home to protect the life of their infant son Jesus. Yet, the beauty and amazement of Christmas came anyway. Luke 2:16-18 said, “So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.”

Plan A may fail. Plan B may falter. Plan C may cause you to face-plant. It may take plan Z to get you where you need to go this Christmas season. We have Biblical proof that God can do amazing things with Plan Z.

May we all be guided to find the beauty in the Christmas surprises God has in store for us this year. A Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones!

Blessings,

Pastor Ben & SCMC Joint Board

REMINDER: Submit February– March newsletter info by **January 24nd**

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.

Healing, Comfort and Peace: Karen Bush, Missy Martin, Jackie Pasquinelli, Aimee Pasquinelli, Mitch & Sharon Belknap, Rocco Scalabrino, The Tanner Family, Norm Kadri, Warren Toyberg Sr., Linda Free, Charles Leonard, Brad Miller, Jeff Fahner, John Swinderman, Emily Lippert, Linda Karcher, Patsy Carlisle Dale Peterman, Jeff, Junior Miller, Janet West, Justin Miller, Jaxson, John Meek Sr., Darrin McMillen, Tom Jones, Linda Bennington, Maliyah and Brea, Teachers, students, and staff at School, COVID-19 Victims.

Families Bereaved: Emma Shrock, Jim Shamel Sr., Steve Stewart, Patricia Walker, Evan, Helen Rosenberry, Barbara Berry, Jacob Sperry, Caroline Tanner, Angie’s Mom, Paul Peterman, Ryker Anslow, 2 Claymont students, Nathan Clark, Jerry Foster, John Walton, Jack Bailey

Homebound: Lynne Capretta (Northwoods).



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

“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 meets on the second Saturday of the month (August 8th) @ 9:30 at Paula Drumm’s house. All women are welcome. They will not be meeting in December and will discuss meeting on Zoom in January.



Fellowship

ELDER REPORT: NEXT MEETING: Monday December 14th following Joint Board

Elders Meeting Summary: The Elders met on Monday October 19th and on November 11th via email. They discussed data for suspending/ returning to in-person worship, Christmas plans, gratitude for the Concert that Cares, and shared prayer concerns for the congregation.

CEC REPORT: Next Meeting: Monday December 7th@ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

CEC Meeting Summary: Held on Monday, October 5th and November, 2nd at the church. Plans were made for the upcoming Halloween Party at the October 5th meeting. Aimee was able to get a Pumpkin donation from Boltz. At the November meeting plans were made to make Advent workshop bags for families to take home. Items for the bags were discussed and purchased. The board is going to look into doing a virtual kids Christmas program this year. The board was happy with the response to virtual Sunday School this year.

Sunday School: Sunday School continues to take place every other week on Zoom. While in-person worship is suspended we are meeting from 9:30– 10:15 at the same Zoom location we have for worship. This class is open to all ages and will be held every other week.

Mission of the Month// Joyful Noise offerings will be dedicated to Friends of the Homeless in December and Noah’s Hope in January.

TRUSTEE REPORT: NEXT MEETING: Wednesday December 9th@ 6:30

Trustees Meeting Summary: The board met on Wednesday, November 11th via Zoom. They discussed plans for the in-person suspension. They made plans to fix a water leak in the men’s bathroom and also discussed furnace maintenance. Plans to walk the building during Pastor Ben’s quarantine were made.



JOINT BOARD REPORT: NEXT MEETING: Monday December 14th @ 6:30

Joint Board Meeting Summary: The Joint Board met for a special meeting on Zoom Wednesday, November 11th and decided to suspend in-person worship for the next two Sundays due to the rising cases of COVID-19. The Board met after worship on the 22nd and decided to suspend in-person worship for the rest of the year, including Christmas Eve. Plans were made for a virtual Christmas Eve and it was decided that the Food on the Fly Team would be permitted to continue operations if they wanted

to in December. The board will reassess a return in 2020 at their December meeting.

WOMEN’S BOARD REPORT: NEXT MEETING:

Treasurer’s Report as of October 2020:

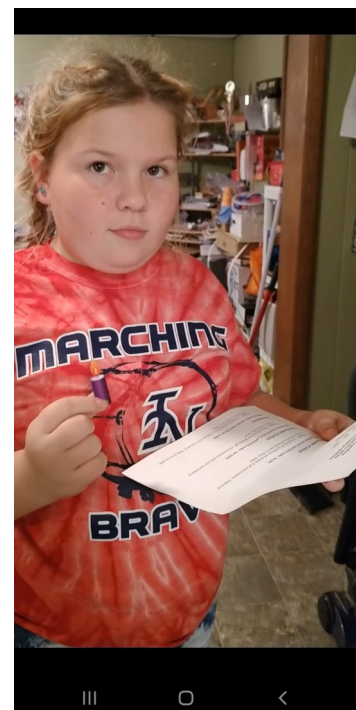
Contributions -	\$ 7,516.35
YTD -	\$80,515.64
Expenses -	\$ 9,005.19
YTD -	\$92,476.38
Budget	\$93,775.62

Your continued offerings are greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work Schoenbrunn! Thanks, Jackie



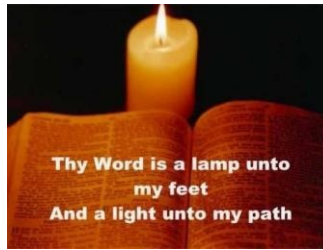
Thanks to all who ordered poinsettia’s. We will include them in a recorded service prior to Christmas Eve and will arrange a time they can be picked-up or delivered. Thanks for your flexibility!

Paige Martin lighting her Advent Wreath from her CEC Advent Workshop Bag



“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 6th—Second Sunday of Advent * Holy Communion on Zoom**

“He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom .”- Isaiah 40:11

Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15, Mark 1:1-8

Sunday December 13th – Third Sunday of Advent

“May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-29

Sunday December 20th– Fourth Sunday of Advent

“The mighty one has done great things for me; and holy is his name. .”- Luke 1:49

2 Samuel 7:1:1-11, 16, Luke 1:47-55, Romans 16:15-27, Luke 1:26-38

Thursday December 24th – Christmas Eve

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

Sunday December 27th—First Sunday of Christmas

“ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ”- Galatians 4:4-5

Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:22-40

Sunday January 3rd —Second Sunday of Christmas

“ In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of our trespass, according the riches of his grace.”- Ephesians 1:7

Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:10-18

Sunday January 10th—Epiphany

“ Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in his holy splendor.”- Psalm 29:2

Genesis 1:1-15, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

Sunday January 17th– Second Sunday of Epiphany

“ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them.. ”- Psalm 139:17

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday January 24th —Third Sunday of Epiphany

“ Trust in him at all times, pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us..”- Psalm 62:8

Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

Sunday January 31st —Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

“ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding ”- Psalm 111:10

Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28



Youth Sundays

Kids are encouraged to bring their favorite Christmas ornament for our first worship service of December on **Sunday December 6th**. Join in the holiday fun!

**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.

**Around our Church and Moravian
Community**

- December 2nd– Nom. Committee @11a.m. on Zoom
- December 9th– Food on the Fly
- December 13th – Zoom Sunday School Begins @ 9:30
- December 14th– Joint Board@ 6:30 on Zoom
- December 24th– Christmas Eve on Zoom @ 7 p.m.
- December 27th – Zoom Sunday School @ 8:30
- January 10th- Zoom Sunday School @ 9:30
- January 17th– Church Council
- January 24th- Zoom Sunday School @ 9:30

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



Joining Up for Worship or Sunday School

Virtually

How to Join?

1. Click on the link at <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) and password 3303391940 to join via phone.

*** You can also view our worship livestream on our Facebook page

“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 are not able to meet this month, but we ask that you keep sending cards and letters to members of the congregation and your loved ones. Let's remain in prayer for one another!



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.— Floyd and Dalene Swinderman

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 Covid-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's will be **Wednesday December 9th and January 13th** from 4:30p.m—6p.m on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The Cost will be \$8. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Floyd Swinderman at 330-343-8122. Thanks!



News from Eastern District / Northern Province

- Sr. Eileen Edwards, living in Edmonton, Alberta has accepted the call to serve as pastor of the Palmer Township Moravian Church in Easton, PA.
- Sr. Tracy Pryor, pastor of the Great Kills Moravian Church on Staten Island, New York, has accepted a bi-vocational ½ time call to serve Church of the Redeemer Moravian Church in Dublin, Ohio. Tracy and her husband Michael hope to also advance their ministry, *Earth & Cup* at the location of the congregation. She will conclude her ministry at Great Kills on January 31, 2021 and begin service in Ohio on February 15, 2021.
- Eastern District Synod will be held virtually from June 23-26th, 2021.
- Sr. Sue Koenig, pastor of the Graceham Moravian Church in Thurmont, Maryland, has accepted a 3/4 time call to serve as pastor of the First Moravian Church of Easton, PA. She has also accepted a 1/4 time call to assist the PEC and the Racial Justice Team in the implementation of the provincial action plans

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 13th.** 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 3rd and January 7th 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.
- The Shared Advent Communion Service at Sharon and Lovefeast service at Schoenbrunn Village have been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.



Advent in the Sanctuary



Pictures From the CEC Halloween Party



Concert That Cares/ City-Wide Prayer For Hope

