

THE SCHOENBRUNN SCROLL



Winter 2024/ 2025

Schoenbrunn Community Moravian Church

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

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December

Elder of the Month: Paula Drumm
Trustee of the Month: Letticia Wright

October

Elder of the Month: Tim Reynolds
Trustee of the Month: Randy Weston

February

TBD

REMINDER: Spring Newsletter info by **February 16th**

2024 Congregation Watchword – 2 Chronicles 14:11

“Lord, there is no one like you to help the powerless against the mighty. Help us, Lord our God, for we rely on you.”

Winter Newsletter

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas! We can no longer deny it. The air is getting cooler, the music at the malls are playing Bing Crosby, and decorations are popping up at another neighbor's house every single day.

What makes it feel like Christmas for you? For me, it is usually when I am assembling a nativity set that my mom painted with a freshly decorated Christmas tree in the background. Spiritually, it is usually hearing Moravians all across the county singing joyfully during Advent Communion at Sharon Moravian and our Lovefeast service at Schoenbrunn Village.

Siblings in Christ, what are you doing to help your spirit feel ready for the Christmas season? This season can be fast-paced and we can lose sight of the reason for the season trying to add check marks to a never-ending to-do list.

Slow down a bit and listen to the stirring of God's love within. Isaiah 9:6 said, “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

We know what we have to do this Christmas season. Sometimes we may wonder how we will accomplish it. But we must never lose sight of the reasons why we do it.

Important Winter Dates

November 24th– Advent Workshop after worship

December 1st– Advent Communion @ Sharon Moravian 6 p.m.

December 8th– Lovefeast @ Schoenbrunn Village @ 2 p.m.

December 22nd– Christmas Program and Annual Report info due

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

January 5th– Anniversary Lovefeast and Drawing Watchwords

January 6th– Moravian Women's Christmas Dinner @ 6 p.m.

January 19th– Church Council after worship

March 5th– Ash Wednesday

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: Mallory Norman, Victims of Hurricane Helene and Milton, Blue Mountain Wildfires, Dale Peterman, Sharon Belknap, Paige Martin, Ron Martin, Isaiah Yoder, Becky Larson, Marco Baraldi, Karen Chaney, Angel Creager, Bob Tuttle, Stefanie Sexton, Sami Krocker, Caleb Johnson, Bethany Feutz, Wendy Brown, Karen Chaney, Rev. Scott Anderson, Carter Korn, Janie Martin, Norm Kadri, Evelyn Bennett, Linda Slater, Paula Belknap, Laura Cadle, Peyton Neff, Linda Karcher, Bob Lippert, Stacey Kastor, Rev. Eric Renner, Millie Weston, Mary Childs, Art Thrasher, Carol Mendoza, Rusty Bonnell, Shana Norman, Ginny Miller, Veronica Knisely, Joe Bihari, Linda Bennington, Libby Pasquinelli, Tom Hackathon, Tim and Tammi Reynolds, Missy Martin, Shawn Regula, Evan Davis, Rev. Brandon Keck, Steph Heavilin, Tyler Cox.

Families Bereaved: Trisha Sample, Mark Levengood, Raymond Corona, Susan Daniels, James Miller, Jimmy Wilson, Alvin Conkey, Rev. Steve Patrick, Sharon McNutt, Joseph Bonamico, Bev Sears, Tammy Bennett.

“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. The next meeting will be the Moravian Women’s Christmas dinner on **January 6th at 6 p.m.**

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
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
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 9th @ 6:30

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. They made plans for our Moravian Day of Service, our Day of Hope featuring our Beneath the Shade Panel. Feedback from the Day of Hope was very positive. Plans were also made for the Christmas season. It was decided to have Ugly Sweater Christmas on December 22nd and January 5th will be our anniversary lovefeast. Scripture readers for December will be open to the congregation.

CEC REPORT: Next Meeting: Monday, December 2nd @ 630 p.m.

CEC Meeting Summary:

The board met in September, October, and November. Plans were made for game night, the Halloween Party, the Advent workshop, and the Christmas program. It was decided to have the Advent workshop on November 24th and the Christmas program on December 22nd. Feedback from the fall Sunday school classes has been positive.

TRUSTEE REPORT: Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 11th @ 6:30

Trustees Meeting Summary: The board met in October and November. Food on the Fly continues to be going strong. The fall card party had strong attendance as well. The board thanked Libby Pasquinelli for her work around the church. They continue to discuss lighting options for the back parking lot. We graciously received a donation of extra letters for our sign from Midvale Methodist. Plans for assessments were made.

JOINT BOARD REPORT: Next Meeting: Monday, December 9th @ 6:330

Joint Board Meeting Summary: The board met in September. Feedback was discussed for a recent town hall on the assessments and the organ. Plans were made to make sure we are up to date on our elevator inspections with Ohio Elevator and Lift. Plans were made for the upcoming day of mission.

Trustees

Letticia Wright (President, women's board)

Angie Miller (Secretary/ CEC)

Joyce Swaldo (Advertising. Fundraising)

Ron Martin (parsonage)

Randy Weston (Church Maintenance)

Elders

Paula Drumm (Vice-Chair, Secretary)

Katy Rabes (CEC)

Linda Northrop (Hospitality, Women's Board)

Tim Reynolds (prayer chain)

Pastor Ben (Prayer chain and OMMC)

Treasurer's Report For Nov. 2024

	Owe	Paid
Common Min.	\$7,807	\$0
Medical	\$15,200	\$11,075
District Admin	\$2, 139	\$2,139

We owe \$11,932.00 in assessments for the remainder of the year.

Advent Workshop and Candle Wrapping

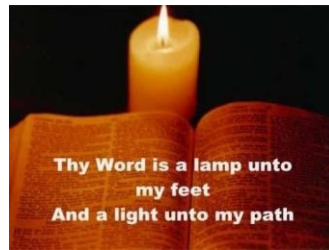
Sunday, November 24th

Following worship



“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

“Jesus said, Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” - Luke 21:33

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, Luke 21:25-36, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Sunday, December 8th —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 15th —Third Sunday of Advent

“Bear fruit worthy of repentance.” - Luke 3:8

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

Sunday, December 22nd - Fourth Sunday of Advent

“God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly.” - Luke 1:52

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

Tuesday, 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 of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, John 1:1-14, Hebrews 1:1-12

Sunday, December 29th —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 5th- Anniversary Lovefeast Second Sunday of Christmas

“God has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ.” - Ephesians 1:9

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

Sunday, January 12th – First Sunday of Epiphany * Holy Communion**

“God said, ‘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 19th– Second Sunday of Epiphany *Church Council**

“Now there are varieties 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 26th– 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 8:1-10, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21



The Lippert family would like to thank everyone who helped make Autymn’s birthday/ Adoption party so special. Thank you!!

The Lipperts

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

Greeters

We will have a sign-up sheet in the narthex for the spring months

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.

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

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Keep an eye on weekly emails and the



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.

Cares and Prayers

Our next meeting will be in **January** in the fellowship hall. Pay attention to announcements for more information. All are welcome!

Missions of the Month

November– BOWM Hurricane Relief

December– T-County Girls Group

T- County Moravian Missions for 2025

Do you feel the call to do some mission work this spring and summer? Anyone high school aged and up can come on these mission trips. There are two opportunities. Both mission teams will stay at Laurel Ridge Camp and Retreat Conference Center, N.C. for lodging. Most meals provided by Laurel Ridge. We will work in nearby community and at Laurel Ridge. Dates are 4-12 April 2025 and 13-22 June 2025. Go on one or both mission trips.

If interested, contact Pastor Ben Lippert at 330-440-4705 pastor@scmchurch.org or Sam Paden at 330-987-1769 psampaden@roadrunner.com for more info. Our next meeting will be January 5th, 1pm at Schoenbrunn Church.

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://](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**

Our next Food on the Fly dinners will be on **December 11th and January 15th** 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

Schoenbrunn Village Lovefeast

December 8th

2 p.m.



News from Eastern District / Northern Province

- Brother John Fritz, will be retiring from Advent Moravian Church in Bethlehem, PA at the end of December. We uplift the Fritz family and the Advent congregation in prayer during this season of transition.
- Bishop Amy Gohdes-Luhman, was hired as the director of mission engagement for the Board of World Mission. We uplift in prayer the Gohdes–Luhmnan family and Waconia Moravian Church during this season of transition.
- Brother Andy Kilps, has decided to step away from ordained ministry. Please be in prayer for Andy, his family, and the Hope Moravian Congregation during this season of transition.



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 8th and January 12th.** 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 5th at Uhrichsville Moravian from 4-6:00 PM. Pick up your dinner for only \$8! A home-made 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.
- Keep an eye out for upcoming information on our fall day of service!



Calling all Moravian Star soloists! This year at Christmas we are inviting all our Moravian Morning star alumni to sing at the Village and in worship this year. Contact Angie Miller if interested.



David and Karen Green joined us in worship in September to celebrate their 50th anniversary. They were married at Schoenbrunn. Congrats!!

Fall Pictures

