

REDEEMER MORAVIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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2026 CRMC Watchword:

“Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.” John 14:23

In the last evening Jesus spends with the disciples he tries to offer them words of encouragement and hope. He knows is going away, but he does not want them to feel orphaned or abandoned. The disciples, of course, have lots of questions. Jesus tries to reassure them saying, “In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.” Judas presses him for more in verse 22, “How is it that you reveal yourself to us and not to the world?”

Jesus doesn’t want Judas or the others to think he means to keep his presence hidden or secret so he clarifies with the text that is our 2026 watchword: “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them and we will come to them and make our home with them.” It is no coincidence that as his followers continue to love him, the world will see that they are keeping to his teaching and following his commands. Jesus promises that as they love and honor him by keeping to his teaching, their community will be characterized by mutual care, respect, love, and acts of service. Love for Jesus is love in action.

To live this kind of love, the disciples will most certainly need the presence of God in their midst. Jesus assures them that God [we] will come and make God’s [our] home among those who show love. God shows up whenever and wherever there is beloved community in action.

What a great watchword for us! As we move into this new year may our watchword serve to remind us that God’s love comes to us – dwells among us- as we seek to live and love as Jesus commanded. Within the beloved community in action – God shows up for us and through us - we are never alone. As we remember and follow the example and teachings of Jesus, God’s love reaches out and dwells among us. God’s presence within us inspires and empowers us to love and care for those around us in need. Our mutual love and service encourages and fosters deeper connection and community. The more we love those Jesus loves the more the world can see God’s love dwelling within us. Let us remember and live Jesus’ teaching that we may dwell within God’s presence, forming and re-forming beloved community in a new year!

Pastor Tracy



REVIEW of 40th YEAR CHALLENGE

1. FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

January – Diapers and Deodorant
GOAL – 40 items every month

R - Ravioli – 70 cans
E - Elbow Macaroni- 57 boxes
D - **Diapers/Deodorant**
E E - Egg Noodles
M - Mac & Cheese
E - Energy Bars (granola bars)
R - Ramen

C - Canned Meat or Beans
H - Hand Soap or Hand Sanitizer
U - Unsweetened Applesauce
R - Rice
C - Canned Veggies or Fruit
H - Hot Cake Mix (pancake mix)

JANUARY'S COLLECTION – Diapers & Deodorant
(December: 57 boxes of elbow macaroni)

2. NEW VISITORS

DECEMBER = 8 (16 total)
40th year GOAL – 40

3. ABOVE and BEYOND FUND

December = \$300 (\$8,300 total)
40th year GOAL = \$40,000



DECEMBER BOARD REPORT

Pastor's report was given.
Financial report approved.
- 40th year Challenge progress
- Roof repair and mold removal
- Maintenance updates
- New groups Building Use
- Financial status of Redeemer discussed
- Approved Baptism for Feb. 15th.

CHURCH BOARDS

Members serving on the Joint Boards for 2026 are:

Elders:

Dee Brooke
Gail Dufford – Jt. Brd. Secretary
Jenny Hammond
Susan Heeter
Karen Jackson
Vicki Minard - Vice Chair

Trustees:

Carl Dufford
Don Gerbig
Marcie Hoffman
Michael Kilmartin
Dan Minard - Vice Chair
Keith Schneider

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The adult Sunday School class continues. "Story-Tellers, Poets, and Prophets" is a study of the Bible. You are welcome to join us any time at **9:30 am** for coffee/tea and conversation... bring a friend and your favorite Bible (or borrow one from the library if you forget).

PRAYER CONCERNS

Susan's brother, Tracy's mom, Fran's mom, Gloria Reisinger, New ESL students, Gloria Reisinger family, Vicki's co-worker Amber, Karen's sister-in-law Lori, Keith Schneider, Jenifer Russell, John Har, ESL students and teachers, Tracy's friend (recovering from surgery), Vicki's mother Mitzi, Lance Fox's in-laws and family, Susan's brother and his wife, Keith's friend, Karen's friend Kathy, Joshua Dufford (job), Joan Daley, Marsha's family, Mike (cancer), Joe and Judy (tumor and blood disorder), Elizabeth Rendi (transplant list), all healthcare staff, Ukrainians, the Middle East, Slovenians
PRAISE: ESL students and program. those who give freely to assist in the church, diverse people gathering together, those who serve faithfully



WATCHWORDS

On December 28 during worship, we drew the 2026 Watchwords. Individuals may still draw their Watchword if they were unable to on the 28th.

THANK YOU

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who donated items to support the Smoky Row food pantry to help those in need this winter. We took 138 items including socks, gloves, mittens and hats, scarves, blankets and 1 coat. We also donated a dozen activity books for their holiday gift collection.

MUSIC

Thank you to Mark Meyers who played for our Christmas Eve service and to others who shared their musical talents that evening.

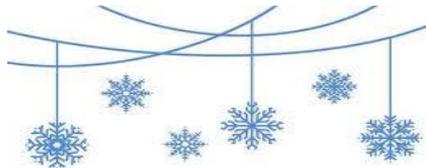
CHURCH FAMILY

We appreciate your generosity at Christmas with the gift card from the congregation as well as the personal cards, gifts, and savory treats. They were such a surprise and blessing. Thank you for all you have done to bless us this past year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! - The Pryor-Pooles

Thank you all so much for your generous gift this Christmas. Worshipping with you every week has been a real blessing in my life. Thanks again! Susan Heeter

LADIES'S NIGHT OUT

There were 11 ladies who gathered and shared a festive night out at Two Rivers Restaurant in Powell. We appreciate Gail Dufford for organizing a wonderful evening of connection and re-connection with Redeemer family and friends during the holiday season!



WELCOME

We welcome our newest group using the building – The Hart of God Global Apostolic Center. This congregation will be using our building for worship on Sunday afternoons, 3:30-6:30. We are happy to welcome you.

ESL CLASSES

Classes meet Wednesdays at 7:00 in the church library. To register please email the church office or pick up a registration form from our community service bulletin board.

FOOD PANTRY



Redeemer has an ongoing collection for food pantry items. We continuously give to the Smoky Row Food Pantry. Your donations are always appreciated.

Any nonperishable, unopened, unexpired items will be accepted. Monetary donations also accepted, payable to Smoky Row Food Pantry. You can drop your items off at the church.

SPACE AVAILABLE

The Church of the Redeemer has space available for groups or organizations to rent on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. We welcome non-profits who are looking for a place to gather for meetings and/or services, whose beliefs and standards align with ours, and are a helpful institution by nature. The Sanctuary, Sunday School classrooms and Fellowship Hall are spaces available on certain days and times. Rental rates are listed in our Fee Schedule which can be given to those who inquire.

Inquires can be made by calling the church and leaving a message at (614)766-5030 or by email at info@redeemermoravain.org.

**If you know of someone looking for space,
please share this information with them or have them contact the church.**

CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 4 Sunday Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30, Communion
- 7 Wednesday ESL 7:00
- 8 Thursday Choir 7:00
- 11 Sunday Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30,
Joint Board Installation
Take down decorations
- 13 Tuesday Hanamizuki 12:30-3:30
- 13 Tuesday Joint Board 7:00
- 14 Wednesday ESL 7:00
- 15 Thursday Choir 7:00
- 18 Sunday Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30, Joyful Noise
- 21 Wednesday ESL 7:00
- 22 Thursday Choir 7:00
- 25 Sunday Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30
- 28 Wednesday ESL 7:00
- 29 Thursday Choir 7:00



EARTH and CUP

Earth and Cup is a nonprofit 501c3 ministry co-founded by Pastor Tracy and Mike with a holistic approach to healing and transformation. Redeemer Moravian partners with Earth and Cup by offering classroom space for movement classes and activities. Earth and Cup offers group classes, private sessions, and workshops for the community on a pay-as-able basis. All are welcome!

Find out more and discover upcoming classes/private session/workshops at <http://earthandcup.com/>
You may also email them directly at: earthandcup@gmail.com.
