

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

Mo Willems, a beloved children’s author, writes about the adventures of an elephant named Gerald and his best friend Piggie. When Piggie announces she has a surprise, Gerald discovers that “waiting, is not easy.” Throughout the book Gerald exclaims, “is it time?” and Piggie continually replies, “Not Yet!!” As we waited on snowplows to plow our roads and the sun to come out and clear sidewalks we were in touch with the impatience and urgency of Gerald. Being stuck indoors in bitter cold weather we wondered how long it would take to dig our way out. Indeed, waiting is not easy.

As I think about the challenge of waiting and the longing we may have for answers to prayers I am reminded of the woman with the flow of blood in the gospels (Matthew 9:20, Mark 5:25, Luke 8:43). Twelve long years of physical pain and suffering had left her physically exhausted and financially ruined. She had suffered, endured, and spent everything she had as the days and weeks and months passed without a cure. Everything – her connection with others, her status in society – had been spent. She waited in hope for healing and when she hears of Jesus’ presence nearby, she feels an unexplained hope welling up within her. Amid the chaos of his arrival, she spends her waning strength to come close enough to touch the fringe of his cloak. In that moment she begins to feel a rising sensation of healing and wholeness returning to her body. Jesus stops in his tracks and looks around at the crowd. “Who touched me” he demands. The woman comes forward despite uncertainty about how she may be received by Jesus and the crowd. Instead of shaming her, an unclean woman, for touching him Jesus applauds her bravery, her faith, and affirms the image of God within her. He addresses her as “daughter”.

In the month of February, we begin the season of the Christian year known as Lent. These five weeks followed by the week leading up to Easter are traditionally thought of as a time of waiting and contemplation. The scriptures and music provide us with the opportunity to deepen our reflection on the nature of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection. Like our long wait for a spring thaw, the season of lent can seem drawn out and the minor hymns arduous compared to the joyousness of Easter. Like the woman in the gospels, we too may feel drained and emotionally spent by unanswered prayers and the suffering of the world around us. Waiting, is not easy. One of the ways we will wait together, bring comfort, and experience renewed hope in this season is by connecting with the senses of sight, sound, scent, touch, and taste in our worship. Using our five senses, over the span of five weeks, we will explore the significance of Christ’s incarnation throughout our Lenten journey. Join us for this sense-ational experience each week starting on Ash Wednesday, February 18th!

Pastor Tracy

REVIEW of 40th YEAR CHALLENGE

November 2025 - November 2026

1. FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

January – Diapers/Deodorant

Collected – 44 items

2. NEW VISITORS

JANUARY = 2 (18 total)

40th year GOAL – 40

3. ABOVE and BEYOND FUND

\$11,700 running total

40th year GOAL = \$40,000

R - Ravioli – 70 cans
E - Elbow Macaroni- 57 boxes
D - Diapers/Deodorant 44 items
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)

FEBRUARY'S COLLECTION – Egg noodles



JANUARY BOARD REPORT

Pastor's report was given.

Financial report approved.

- 40th year Challenge progress reported
- Roof repair discussed
- Mold removal complete
- Maintenance updates
- New groups Building Use
- Ash Wednesday and Lenten series discussed
- Set Game Night Date – April 8, 6:00-8:30
Hot Diggity Dog Night

2026 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 President
Don Gerbig
Marcie Hoffman
Michael Kilmartin
Dan Minard - Vice Pres.
Keith Schneider

LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

During the Five Sundays of Lent our worship services will be focusing on the Five Senses. Using our five senses, over the span of five weeks, we will explore the significance of Christ's incarnation throughout our Lenten journey. Join us for this sense-ational experience each week starting on Ash Wednesday, February 18th!

1st Sunday in Lent – Sight 2nd Sunday – Sound 3rd Sunday – Scent 4th Sunday - Touch 5th Sunday - Taste

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

Tracy Pryor Poole and family, Susan's brother, Penny Surber, Fran's mom, Gloria Reisinger, All ESL students, Vicki's co-worker Amber, Karen's sister-in-law Lori, Keith Schneider, Jenifer Russell, John Hammond, ESL students and teachers, Tracy's friend (recovering from surgery), Vicki's mother Mitzi Lance Fox's in-laws and family, 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



SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathies to Pastor Tracy and her family. Tracy's mother passed into the nearer presence of our Lord on February 2. Our heartfelt prayers are with her as she and her family face this loss.



NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Sydney and Rylan Sheridan on the birth of baby Kate!
Kathleen Virginia arrived on January 15. Blessings to Grandpa and Grandma Lute, too.



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.



GAME NIGHT

Mark your calendars for APRIL 10. We will have our Hot Diggity Dog Game Night from 6:00-8:30. Dogs on the grill and plenty of toppings to create our own hot diggity dog. Delicious sides as well. And games!

PLAN TO COME FOR FOOD and FUN!

More info in March.

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.



SPRING RALLY - Mark your calendar!

Spring Rally 2026 April 8-10 6th grade—age 21
Indiana FFA Conference Center, Trafalgar, IN
Registration information coming soon!



ALSO, mark your calendar for **Tar Hollow 2025 - July 19-25** 7th grade—age 21
Check www.msycm.weebly.com for more information.

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

1 Sunday	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30, Communion
4 Wednesday	ESL 7:00
5 Thursday	Choir 7:00
8 Sunday	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30, Rev. Lesley Davis
10 Tuesday	Joint Board 7:00
11 Wednesday	ESL 7:00
12 Thursday	Choir 7:00
14 Saturday	HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
15 Sunday	Worship 10:30, Baptism
18 Wednesday	Ash Wednesday, 6:30 ESL 7:00
19 Thursday	Choir 7:00
22 Sunday	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sense - Sight
24 Tuesday	Hanamizuki 12:30-3:30
25 Wednesday	ESL 7:00
28 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.

