

REDEEMER MORAVIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

MARCH ~ 2026

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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

We associate the month of March with familiar phrases such as *“In like a lion and out like a lamb”* and *“Beware of the Ides of March.”* As a child, I felt that March always arrived with a warning attached. In my imagination, the days between March 1 and March 31 felt uncertain, shaped by shifting weather and the sense that something was changing. March felt like a threshold—a turning point between winter’s grip and spring’s promise.

My husband, Mike, recently reminded me that the phrase *“in like a lion and out like a lamb”* can be stated in the reverse. If it begins with the roar and bluster of a lion, it may close in quiet calm and if the month begins gently, like a lamb, it may end with the fierce winds of a lion. That insight feels true not only of the weather, but of life itself. March reminds us that uncertainty is part of the journey, and faith calls us to move forward in hope even when the path is unclear.

For people of faith, this familiar phrase holds even deeper meaning. Jesus entered our humanity as the Lamb of God, humble and vulnerable, bearing the weight of the world’s sin. He went out as the Lion of the tribe of Judah—strong, victorious, and saving. In this sacred movement from vulnerability to power, from suffering to redemption, we find our assurance. What may begin in uncertainty is held by God’s purpose, and what feels fragile is never without hope.

As we journey through March—and through this season of Lent—may we trust that God is present in every shifting moment. Whether our days roar with challenge or rest quietly in peace, Christ walks with us, leading us through change and into new life.

Walking with you in faith, love, and hope,
Pastor Tracy

40th YEAR CHALLENGE MARCH UPDATE

November 2025 - November 2026

1. FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

February – Egg Noodles
Collected – 29 items

2. NEW VISITORS

February = 0 (18 total)
40th year GOAL – 40

3. ABOVE and BEYOND FUND

\$12.781 running total
40th year GOAL = \$40,000

MARCH’S COLLECTION – Mac & Cheese

FEBRUARY BOARD REPORT

Pastor's report was given.

Financial report approved.

- 40th year Challenge progress reported
- Discussed community Good Friday, April 3,
- New Fee Schedule Approved
- Property and Assessments
- Roof repair discussed work begins March 9
- Maintenance updates: Bathroom Repair
- New groups Building Use
- Worked on annual report to the Province

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

POTLUCK LUNCH

On March 22 as culminate our focus on the five senses with the sense of taste we will be having communion during worship.

Following worship there will be a POTLUCK LUNCH. All are invited to stay for lunch. Sign up for the potluck on the sheet on the side bulletin board.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER

Sunday March 29, 10:30 Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion Worship

Thursday April 2, 7:00 Maundy Thursday Holy Week Reading and Holy Communion

Friday April 3, 7:30 Good Friday Tenebrae at Highland Presbyterian Church, 6909 Smoky Row Rd.

Sunday April 5, Easter Sunrise TBD Breakfast, 8:00

Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30

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

Sarah and Mark Mathias, Penny Surber, Tracy Pryor Poole and family, Susan's brother, Penny Surber mom, Gloria Reisinger, All ESL students, Vicki's co-worker Amber, Karen's sister-in-law Lori, Keith Sc Jenifer Russell, John Hammond, ESL students and teachers, Vicki's mother Mitzi, Lance Fox's in-laws 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

BAPTISM

On Sunday, March 1 we welcomed into our congregation, through infant baptism, Henry Callum Hall, son of Alex and Elaine Hall and little brother to Harper. Henry was born on August 21, 2025. Welcome Baby Henry!

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.

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.

OMMC RACIAL JUSTICE PILGRIMAGE

The Ohio Moravian Ministries Commission has received a Pilgrimage Grant from the Moravian Church Northern Province Racial Justice Team. OMMC is planning a trip to the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center in Wilberforce, Ohio, on Saturday, April 18. The grant will pay for travel expenses and museum admission. This trip is open to all Ohio Moravians and friends. Watch for more information and sign up by March 22! **MORE DETAILS and SIGN UP ON THE SIDE BULLETIN BOARD**

T- County Moravian Mission Trips in 2026

Do you feel the call to do some mission work this summer? Anyone in the 11th grade and up can come on these mission trips. **Dates: 3-12 July 2025.** Lodging: Laurel Ridge Camp & Retreat Conference Center in North Carolina, with most meals being provided by Laurel Ridge. We will work in a nearby mountainous terrain community's and at Laurel Ridge. More information will be shared after the first team meeting (March 1).

If interested, contact Sam Paden at 330-987-1769 psampaden@roadrunner.com .

CALENDAR

MARCH

4 Wednesday ESL 7:00
5 Thursday Choir 7:00
8 Sunday Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30 (Scent)
9 Monday WORK BEGINS IN THE OFFICE
as part of the roof project
10 Tuesday Joint Board 7:00
11 Wednesday ESL 7:00
12 Thursday Choir 7:00
15 Sunday Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30 (Touch) **Joyful Noise**
17 Tuesday Hanamizuki 12:30
18 Wednesday ESL 7:00
19 Thursday Choir 7:00
SLAC 7:00
22 Sunday Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30 (Taste)
POTLUCK LUNCHN 11:45
25 Wednesday ESL 7:00
26 Thursday Choir 7:00
29 Sunday Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30, Palm Sunday

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS

9 - Rylan Sheridan
11 - Dave Blum
11 - Lesley Davies
16 - Kaylyn Hammond
27 - Elaine Hall

HAPPY MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

15 - Sydney & Rylan Sheridan 1
18 - Cheryl & Josh Gillotte 9



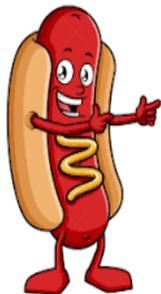
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GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY - APRIL 10

6:00-8:30

We will provide **HOT DOGS** on the grill, **BUNS**,
and an assortment of **TOPPINGS** and **WATER**.



- Bring your favorite side dish.
- Bring your own drink (if preferred)
- Bring your favorite games.
- Bring your friends and family.

Please let us know how many are coming on the
sign-up sheet in the sanctuary, on FB event page,
or email the church office (info@redeemermoravian.org).

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.
