

REDEEMER MORAVIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

APRIL ~ 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

This Lenten season, our worship invited us to connect with Christ in a truly embodied way—through the five senses: sight, sound, smell, touch, and taste. We explored how each sense can deepen our faith, reminding us of the incarnation and the presence of Christ in our daily lives.

As Easter arrives, the stories continue to encourage us to notice God’s presence through our senses. Matthew tells us the women arriving at the tomb feel an earthquake and hear the stone being rolled away from the tomb. John tells us that Mary’s recognition of Jesus in the garden comes after she hears his familiar voice, breaking through her grief. Jesus continues to invite the disciples to taste, touch, and see. A week later, Jesus invites Thomas to touch his nail-scarred hands and side. As the disciples return to fishing (John 21) their nets remain empty until the resurrected Jesus calls to them from the shore. They are drawn by the aroma of a fire and the taste of breakfast and find renewal, deepened faith, and hope. Jesus is risen, indeed.

These moments invite us to seek signs of resurrection in our own experiences—through what we see, hear, smell, touch, and taste. May our senses lead us to renewal and hope, helping us celebrate the joy of Christ’s resurrection in both ordinary and extraordinary ways

Pastor Tracy



40th YEAR CHALLENGE MARCH UPDATE

November 2025 - November 2026

1. FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

March – Mac and Cheese
Collected – 104 items

2. NEW VISITORS

March = 2 (20 total)
40th year GOAL – 40

3. ABOVE and BEYOND FUND

March \$1250 = \$14,031 total
40th year GOAL = \$40,000

APRIL’S COLLECTION – **Energy bars (granola bars)** REDEEMER CHURCH

MARCH BOARD REPORT

Pastor's report was given.

Financial report approved.

- 40th year Challenge progress reported
- Palms Sunday palms, readers needed
- New Fee Schedule Approved
- Property Assessments soon
- Game Night and Der Dutchman sign ups
- Groundhogs
- Building Use requests approved
- Discussed gardens
- MMFA protocol for deposits and reporting
- Set date for Joint Board Retreat, PEC plan

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

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

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

Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30



DER DUTCHMAN

Our congregation/friends of the congregation annual dinner at Der Dutchman, Plain City, will be held on Saturday, May 2, 6:00-9:00. Questions can be answered and reservations can be made by contacting Gail Dufford at gdufford22@gmail.com.

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).

MINISTRY TO CHILDREN

A new addition to our worship service is Ministry to Children. Evie Blum will offer an option for ministry to children that would allow the children stay in the sanctuary and would (hopefully) allow their parents a moment to worship with a little less distraction, while keeping the children involved in the day's worship theme.



Each week, she will provide an activity at a small table placed up front but way over to the side (near the prayer room). Each week's activity will be themed with the scripture/sermon focus for the week.

ROOF REPAIR UPDATE

As of the sending of this newsletter the sag in the roof and been raised and the area to be shingled has been completed. Next the soffit and fascia will be repaired. We would like to thank Roy Yoder for his expertise, input, and direction in getting this project completed.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Peace in our world, nation's leaders, Iran, service men and their families, 121st Rickenbacker unit, Sarah and Mark Mathias, Penny Surber, 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 I Keith Schneider, Jenifer Russell, John Hammond, ESL students and teachers, Vicki's mother Mitzi, 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



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.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Redeemer Moravian Church - 3883 Summit View Rd. – Dublin
15 x 15 - foot plots available
\$30 donation optional to help defray costs (plowing, water, etc.)
Reserve your spot today!
Leave message at 614-766-5030 or email us at info@redeemermoravian.org
Provide: Name, phone number & email address.



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.



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. **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

1 Wednesday	ESL 7:00
2 Thursday	Maundy Thursday Communion 7:00
3 Friday	Tenebrae 7:30
5 Sunday	Sunrise Service 7:00am Easter Breakfast 8:00ish Adult Sunday School 9:30 Easter Worship 10:30
8 Wednesday	ESL 7:00
9 Thursday	Choir 7:00
10 Friday	HOT DIGGITY DOG GAME NIGHT 6:00
12 Sunday	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30
12 Sunday	Der Dutchman dinner <u>reservations due</u>
14 Tuesday	9:00-3:00 Hanamizuki
14 Tuesday	Joint Board 7:00
15 Wednesday	ESL 7:00
16 Thursday	Choir 7:00
19 Sunday	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30
22 Wednesday	ESL 7:00
23 Thursday	Choir 7:00
26 Sunday	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30
29 Wednesday	ESL 7:00
30 Thursday	Choir 7:00
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2 Saturday	Der Dutchman Dinner 6:00
2 Saturday	2:00-5:00 Hanamizuki set up/practice
3 Sunday	3:30 Hanamizuki Concert



Hot Doggity Dog

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.
