

# REDEEMER MORAVIAN CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER MAY 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

### Holy Ground in Ohio and Meeting the Risen Christ

The Easter season reminds us that Christ’s resurrection is not only something we remember – it is something we are invited to live. Sometimes those experiences come to us quietly, in worship or prayer. Other times, they come unexpectedly, while standing in places shaped by history.

Our recent trip to Wilberforce, a historic African-American college and community in Ohio, offered such a moment. The trip was jointly sponsored by the Northern Province Racial Justice Team and the Ohio Moravian Ministries Commission. For someone who did not grow up in Ohio, it was eye-opening to learn how deeply this community- and Ohio itself- has shaped our nation’s story. Standing in a place marked by faith, learning, and perseverance, it was impossible not to sense how deeply God has worked through ordinary people who trusted Christ’s call to love, remain faithful, and endure in hope.

On Easter morning, the disciples did not set out expecting resurrection. They were burdened by grief, fear, and disappointment. Yet, the risen Christ met where they were – in gardens, on the road, and behind locked doors. He came to them speaking peace, calling them by name, and turning fear into faith. He reignited hope in God’s promised future.

In much the same way, Christ still meets us today. We encounter him in places shaped by history and in communities committed to dignity and justice, education and faithful witness. Resurrection reaches beyond the empty tomb into classrooms, churches, neighborhoods, movements, and daily life.

Ohio’s history is filled with such resurrection moments. From the early Moravian mission settlements to the Underground Railroad to institutions like Wilberforce, people of faith have listened for God’s call and responded – often at great cost. Their witness challenges us to ask how we, too, can recognize Christ in our own time and place.

Let us be attentive to risen Jesus not only in scripture, but in the stories of those around us. He continues to call us into action with the same words spoken to his disciples long ago: “Do not be afraid.” May we, like those before us, step into the new life he offers – transformed by faith, love, and hope (1 Thessalonians 1:3).

Pastor Tracy



## 40<sup>th</sup> YEAR CHALLENGE APRIL UPDATE

November 2025 - November 2026

### 1. FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

April – Energy (granola) Bars  
Collected – 43 boxes

### 2. NEW VISITORS

April = 2 (22 total)  
40<sup>th</sup> year GOAL – 40

### 3. ABOVE and BEYOND FUND

April \$1,450 = \$15,481 total  
40<sup>th</sup> year GOAL = \$40,000

## MAY'S COLLECTION – **Ramen REDEEMER CHURCH**

If you are interested in Electronic Giving for regular offering or our Above and Beyond account you may use the following QR code.



### APRIL BOARD REPORT

Pastor's report was given.

Financial report approved.

- 40<sup>th</sup> year Challenge progress reported
- Property Appraisal reviewed, next steps
- Further roofing repairs discussed
- Parsonage repairs discussed
- Building Use requests approved
- Discussed gardens
- Joint Board Retreat, PEC plan
- Approved new members by membership transfers, reinstatement, reaffirmation of faith

### 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

### JOINT BOARD RETREAT

The Joint Boards will be meeting on Saturday morning, May 16, 9:30-12:30 to discuss future plans for Redeemer Church and its place in the community. Bring a snack. Thank you Fran and Don for the location to meet.

### 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**

An addition to our worship service is Ministry to Children. Evie Blum is offering an option for ministry to children that will allow the children to stay in the sanctuary and 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 provides an activity at a small table placed up front but way over to the. Each week's activity is themed with the scripture/sermon focus for the week.



### **LEGOS NEEDED**

Evie is looking for Classic Legos for the Lamb Jam space.  
Do you have some Classic Legos you would be willing to donate?  
Please let Evie or the church office know!

### **ROOF REPAIR UPDATE**

The roof project (phase 1) has been completed along with new soffits and fascia.  
Look around before entering the building to see the improvements.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Dee Brooke health, Peace in our world, nation's leaders, Iran, service men and their families, 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



### **NEW MEMBERS**

On Sunday, April 26 we welcomed Evie and Dave Blum to our congregation. The Blums come to us by Letter of Transfer from New Philadelphia Moravian Church in North Carolina. Welcome Evie and Dave!

### **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](mailto:info@redeemermoravian.org)

Provide: name, phone number & email address.



## SUMMER CHURCH CAMPS

Calling all campers and staff! Get ready for Tar Hollow and Bethany!



**Camp Tar Hollow: July 19-25** (staff Day is July 18). For campers who have completed 7th grade through age 21.

**Camp Bethany: August 3-7** (staff Day is August 2). For campers who have completed 2nd through 6th grade.

Visit [msymc.weebly.com](http://msymc.weebly.com) for more details.

Contact the church office for printed registration forms.

## CALENDAR

### **MAY**

6 Wednesday	ESL 7:00
7 Thursday	Choir 7:00
10 Sunday	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! Piano Recital 3:00
12 Tuesday	Joint Board 7:00
13 Wednesday	ESL 7:00
14 Thursday	Choir 7:00
16 Saturday	Joint Board Retreat 9:30am
17 Sunday	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 JOYFUL NOISE
20 Wednesday	ESL 7:00
21 Thursday	Choir 7:00
24 Sunday	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30
27 Wednesday	ESL 7:00
28 Thursday	Choir 7:00
30 Saturday	Heeter Recital 2:00-5:00
31 Sunday	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30



### HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS

8 - Caleb Gillotte  
11 - Marcie Hoffman  
15 - Don Gerbig

### HAPPY MAY ANNIVERSARY

21 - Marcie & Tom Hoffman 50

**HOW CAN WE HELP?**

**FIRE AT ASHERTON OF DUBLIN APARTMENTS**

*One Dublin is taking the lead to provide assistance to the 16 families that were displaced by this fire.*

*Here is the information that is being sent out:*

“We have set up a separate GiveButter campaign to handle donations for the Asherton residents so that we can keep them completely separate as far as our budget is concerned. We are talking with the property manager of the apartment and will coordinate how best to use these funds and distribute them equally among the families.

As of now, we are planning to provide gift cards to Amazon, Wal-Mart, Kroger, etc. to help families purchase things they need. Depending on the amount of donations we receive, we might also be able to assist with security deposits and rent payments.

Once we know from residents what they actually need, we may try to coordinate things like furniture donations as well. Hopefully we will know more in the next few days and can absolutely keep you updated!

The link is: <https://givebutter.com/ashertonrelieffund>

Please direct donations there! It helps us keep them separate from the rest of our donations/budget.

Let me know if you have any questions.”

Thank you,

Brian Carr, Executive Director, 614.726.6958, <https://one-dublin.org>

**AND**

**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.**

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**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](mailto:earthandcup@gmail.com).

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