

REDEEMER MORAVIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER - 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

Celebrating 41 years of JOYFUL witness

Last October we set ambitious "40th Year" goals to see what God could do through a shared commitment to service, stewardship, and spiritual growth. Throughout the year, we embraced opportunities to partner in God's mission.

FOOD PANTRY GOAL: Donate 40 items each month to the Smoky Row Brethren's Church Food Pantry.

RESULT: Thanks to the generosity of members and friends we donated 487 food and personal care items. We exceeded our monthly goals except February. An outstanding achievement!

WORSHIP GOAL: Welcome 40 new worship visitors.

RESULT: We welcomed 48 visitors during the year. Our worship service continues to be enriched by inspiring music, prayer, joyous laughter, children, and friendly faces of all ages. Members strengthened our ministry through mission trips, camping programs, special musical, worship leadership, a Racial Justice Pilgrimage to Wilberforce, and participation in Provincial synod. We welcomed new community gardeners and new ministry partners who share our facility. Together, we made our 40th year a remarkable season of mission and service! Thank you for opening your hearts and extending Christ's welcome to all. YOU are making a difference in Dublin and beyond!

ABOVE & BEYOND FUND GOAL: Raise \$40,000 for mission and special projects.

RESULT: While we did not reach our fundraising goal, the resources raised helped support major roof repairs and shingle replacement after ongoing building issues were identified. The Joint Board recognizes setting the clearly inspired significant generosity, and electronic giving has made participation easier than ever (see QR code and website on next page). We remain encouraged by what we accomplished and invite you to continue supporting our shared mission in the year ahead.

As we celebrate a successful year and look towards 2027, join us for a Service of Holy Communion and covered-dish lunch with special guest, the Rev. David Bennett, on **Sunday, October 4**. Our annual Anniversary & Harvest lovefeast will follow on **Sunday, October 18th**.

Pastor Tracy



40th YEAR CHALLENGE AUGUST UPDATE

November 2025 - November 2026

1. FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

September – Collected rice
Collected – 53 packages!

2. NEW VISITORS

September - 4
(48 total)
40th year GOAL – 40!
We did it!

3. ABOVE and BEYOND FUND

September = \$500
Total = \$19,281
40th year GOAL = \$40,000

OCTOBER COLLECTION – Canned fruits and vegetables - REDEEMER CHURCH

To make an Electronic Gift to Church of the Redeemer *
you may use the this QR code or cut and past the
following link in your browser:

https://mmfa.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1165

*Please designate in memo if donation is for regular offering or ABOVE & BEYOND FUND. You will be provided with a receipt from the Moravian Ministries Foundation.



SEPTEMBER BOARD REPORT

Pastor's report was given.

Financial reports approved.

- 40th year Challenge progress reported (2 more months)
- Parsonage repairs discussed
- Phone providers for church discussed.
- AC unit on left side of sanctuary needs replacement. Estimated cost \$11,659. Board researching grant and payment options.
- Seeking solutions regarding removal of groundhog under concrete equipment pad at back of office.
- 2027 Mission grant ideas
- Moved Church Council to November 15th
- Discussed congregation conversations about stewardship – next steps TBD.
- Mower updates
- Discussed website and social media announcements

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The adult Sunday School class will continue our Bible series: "Story-Tellers, Poets, and Prophets." **This fall we will encounter the end of the Moses narrative and begin the transition to Joshua's story!** Follow along with the Israelites as they transition from nomadic life in the wilderness to one of settlement in the Promised Land. You are always welcome to join us **in the library on Sundays 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).

GLIMPSE



"Glimpse" is a weekly online discussion group led by David Blum (Redeemer member and volunteer choir director). Join friends from around the Moravian Church in a Bible study and reflection centered around the upcoming week's scripture texts (from the Revised Common Lectionary). This event is open to all who seek God's presence and voice in the context of the contemporary world and congregational worship. Curious? Come join in!

Join Zoom Meeting – Tuesday @ 7PM (ET)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82583967826?pwd=NfbpkKWYQvhlYe9KI9cquQqB7PO0pS.1>

Meeting ID: 825 8396 7826

Passcode: 176481

MINISTRY TO CHILDREN – LAMB JAM!



An addition to our worship service is "Lamb Jam". 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 over to the side of the sanctuary. Each week's activity is themed with the scripture/sermon focus for the week.



PRAYER CONCERNS: Fordham family, Steve Gray cancer, Penny Surber, Susan's brother, Fran's mom, all ESL students and teachers, Vicki's co-worker Amber, Karen's sister-in-law Lori, Keith Schneider, Jenifer Russell, John Hammond, Vicki's mother Mitzi, 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: Changing of the seasons, Lori successful surgery, Vicki's eye surgery. Susan and Steve's safety



THE CHOIR IS BACK!

Choir has resumed practices on Thursdays at 7:00pm.

Ever wish you were in the choir? Now is the time to start!

Directed by Dave Blum.



ESL CLASSES

Classes meet Wednesdays at 7:00PM in the church library. If someone you know would like to join please have them contact the church by phone or email.

The REV. DAVE BENNETT – OCT. 4

On Sunday, October 4, The Rev Dave Bennett, the President of the Provincial Elders Conference Moravian Church (North), is joining us for worship and Holy Communion at 10:30. We will share in a covered dish lunch after worship in the fellowship hall. Come join us! All are welcome.



ANNIVERSARY LOVEFEAST

Join us on Sunday, October 18, 10:30 for worship as we celebrate our 41st anniversary of the church with a lovefeast service. All are welcome.



ABOVE and BEYOND CHALLENGE

Our 40th year goal was \$40,000 giving to Above and Beyond account. At the end of September we have reached \$19,081. We challenge you over the next 2 months to help us reach half (or more!) of our goal - \$20,000 – we only need \$919!

Please consider a little extra giving in October and November.

ANNUAL CHURCH COUNCIL DATE CHANGE

In order to provide a more accurate financial report the Joint Board decided to move the Annual Church Council meeting a week later – to Sunday, **November 15** following worship. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Bring finger food snacks to share.

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.

OCTOCBER CALENDAR

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1 Thursday	Choir 7:00
4 Sunday	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 World-wide Communion w/The Rev. Dave Bennett and covered dish Lunch
6 Tuesday	Hanamizuki 12-3
7 Wednesday	ESL 7:00
8 Thursday	Choir 7:00
11 Sunday	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30
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 41 st Anniversary Lovefeast JOYFUL NOISE!
20 Tuesday	Hanamizuki 12-3
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.

