REDEEMER MORAVIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER - 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

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I often send the message "**coming home**" to our family text thread. This message indicates that I am on my way to the house. I want them to know that I am leaving a meeting or appointment in order that they can estimate the time of my arrival. We send this message to one another so meals can be prepared, or evening schedules can be arranged, or simply so we can anticipate that time of connection.

Sometimes we may say that we are going "home" because we are traveling to a favorite place. It may not be a place where we currently live, but it feels like a spiritual home. Going "home", in this context, may mean a week at church camp, getting together with our favorite people, traveling to favorite spot, or going back to the place where we grew up. On a ball field, "coming home" means making it to home plate. The word "homecoming" is another way to say the same thing. Homecoming may suggest high school and college sports and celebrations as well as family reunions. Many churches have an annual "homecoming" celebration. In some Caribbean congregations this invitation to "come home" is centered around Mothers' Day.

"Coming home" can mean different things to different people, depending on the context and culture. It is most often practiced and expressed in daily rituals and ceremonies like taking off our shoes, changing into comfy clothes, lighting a candle, offering a prayer of gratitude, pouring a cup of tea, or turning on favorite music. What activities help you feel and express "coming home"? What are the daily ceremonies and rituals that foster a sense of connectedness and deepen your relationship with yourself, those around you, and the divine?

Our annual watchword says that the Divine longs to come home with us. How do we welcome this invitation in our daily life? Perhaps we welcome the Spirit to "come home" through holiday rituals such as giving thanks, sharing a meal, lighting a candle, and offering prayer. As we celebrate this season of thanksgiving let us practice "coming home" in ways that deepen relationships, inspire faith, and extend God's kindness and mercy in the world.

"From our very first breath, we are in relationship. With that indrawn draft of air, we become joined to everything that ever was, is and ever will be. When we exhale, we forget that relationship by virtue of the act of living. Our breath commingles with all breath, and we are a part of everything. … We are born into a state of relationship, and our ceremonies and rituals are guides to lead us deeper into that relationship with all things. … Relationships never end; they just change. In believing that lies the freedom to carry compassion, empathy, love, kindness and respect into and through whatever changes. We are made more by that practice." (Richard Wagamese, Embers: One Ojibway's Meditations, p. 44)

In all things love, Pastor Tracy



40th YEAR CHALLENGE UPDATE

1. FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION
October – Collected canned fruits and vegetables
Collected – 72 cans!

2. NEW VISITORS
October - 0
(48 total)
40th year GOAL – 40!
We did it!

3. ABOVE and BEYOND FUND
October = $350
Total = $19,631
40th year GOAL = $40,000

NOVEMEBER (our last month of colleting letters in Redeemer Church)
COLLECTION – Hot cake mix (pancake mix) - 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.

OCTOBER BOARD REPORT
Pastor's report
Financial reports approved.
40th year Challenge update
Discussed:
- Parsonage repairs
- Phone providers for church
- Rental fees
- Building Use requests
- Church Council November 15th
- Budget & Open Board Positions

2026 CHURCH BOARDS

Members serving on the Joint Boards for 2026 are:

Elders:	**Trustees:**
Dee Brooke	Carl Dufford - President
Gail Dufford - Jt. Brd. Secretary	Don Gerbig
Jenny Hammond	Marcie Hoffman
Susan Heeter	Michael Kilmartin
Karen Jackson	Dan Minard - Vice Pres.
Vicki Minard - Vice Chair	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!



"Lamb Jam" Evie Blum offers 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, an activity is provided 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: Gail Dufford, Thomas Merrick, 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

ESL CLASSES

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

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

COMING SOON!

ANNUAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Our Annual Church Council meeting will be Sunday, **November 15** following worship (11:45). Hear important information about the repairs of the church, board reports and budget planning. Elections will take place for Elder and Trustee positions that are open. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Bring finger food snacks to share.

ADVENT DECORATING

Sunday, **November 22** stay after worship to help Deck the Halls. We will have pizza after worship, set up the tree, and decorate the sanctuary for Advent. Please join us.

ADVENT COMMUNION SUNDAY

The First Sunday of Advent Communion evening service will be held on **Sunday, November 29** at Sharon Moravian Church at 6:00 p.m. The Rev. Darrell Johnson will be coordinating.

SCHOENBRUNN VILLAGE ADVENT LOVEFEAST

The Advent Lovefeast will be held at Schoenbrunn Village on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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1	Sunday	Adult Sunday School 9:30
		Worship 10:30
4	Wednesday	ESL 7:00
5	Thursday	Choir 7:00
8	Sunday	Adult Sunday School 9:30
		Worship 10:30
		Holy Communion
10	Tuesday	Hanamizuki 12-3
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
		Church Council 11:45
18	Wednesday	ESL 7:00
19	Thursday	Choir 7:00
22	Sunday	Adult Sunday School 9:30
		Worship 10:30
		Advent Decorating 11:45
24	Tuesday	Hanamizuki 12-3
25	Wednesday	ESL 7:00
26	Thursday	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
29	Sunday	Adult Sunday School 9:30
		Worship 10:30
		Advent Communion 6:00
		Sharon Moravian Church





DURING THIS TIME OF THANKSGIVING WE'D LIKE TO THANK *ALL* OF THOSE WHO VOLUNTEER IN MANY WAYS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.



…to **Ellen Rinehart** updating our website

…to **Dan Minard, Michael Kilmartin, Thomas Merrick, Andrew Crockett** and **Carl Dufford** for mowing.

…to **Carl Dufford and Dan Minard** for keeping all the mowers in working condition and for constant repairs around the church and parsonage.

…to **Vicki Minard** for providing the Joyful Noise message every other month.

…to **Evie Blum** for planning and leading Lamb Jam.

…to **Vicki Minard and Marcie Hoffman** for leading ESL classes.

…to **Gail Dufford** for office work, arranging scripture readers, setting up for meals, and cleaning out the flower beds.

…to **Everyone** who provided our delicious birthday cakes each month.

…to **Marcie Hoffman and Jenny Hammond** for setting up coffee and cookies every Sunday morning.

…to **Susan Heeter** for her time preparing music for Sunday mornings and delivering items to Smoky Row Food Pantry.

…to **Dave Blum** for choosing music and directing our choir.

…to our **Joint Board** members and **Worship Committee** who offer inspiration and leadership.

…to **Pastor Tracy** for time given above and beyond.

…to **Everyone** who donates time, food, and supplies for all our church's needs.

…to **Anyone** who has volunteered but may have been accidently left from this list.

Two little words that mean a lot…Thank You!

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