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Sunday Worship: 9:30am
315 N. Water St
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The Moravian Motto:

In Essentials, Unity... In Non-Essentials, Liberty... In All things Love

NEWS FROM OUR CONGREGATIONS

News from the Fry's Valley Moravian Congregation

We gather for in-person worship each Sunday at 9:30am.

On Sunday, June 16, we celebrated the 167th anniversary of the Fry's Valley Congregation.

Shana Angel, Gina Green, and Pastor Dave represented the congregation at 2024 Eastern District Synod.

Seth Angel was elected to serve as the Ohio regional representative to the Eastern District Executive Board, and Shel Green was elected to serve on the District Spiritual Formation Ministry Team.

With the support of the Shared Ministry Team, beginning in this Fall, Shel Green will coordinate GYG (God's Youth Group) and will be launching a new Grade 7-High-School aged youth group (name TBD) for members and friends of all 3 congregations.

On July 15-19 our joint Vacation Bible School, SCUBA, was offered at Fry's Valley. Special thanks to everyone who helped!

We hosted our annual Summer Chicken Barbeque on August 17- and a great time was had by all.

On August 25, we welcomed Travis Green into the Fry's Valley Moravian Family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Fry's Valley members continue to provide dinner at the Friends of the Homeless on the 2nd Tuesday bi-monthly. To help, please contact Connie Kinsey. Approximately every 6 weeks Fry's Valley members also provide desserts for the Ladles of Love free community dinner. To help with this, please contact Carol Hoffman.



News from the Gnadenuhthen Moravian Congregation

We gather for worship each Sunday at 10:45am.

Cheryl Foote Bob Geiger, and Pastor Dave represented our congregation at 2024 Eastern District Synod. Marie Couts served as the Chair of the Synod Planning Committee.

The new sanctuary door providing access to the handicap ramp has now been painted. A taskforce has begun exploring replacement of the sign in front of the church.

We express our sympathy and resurrection hope to the family of Charles "Chuck" Miller, who passed away on July 10. A service celebrating Chuck's life was offered on July 16.

We express our sympathy and resurrection hope to the family of Francis "Bud" Boring who passed away on July 29.

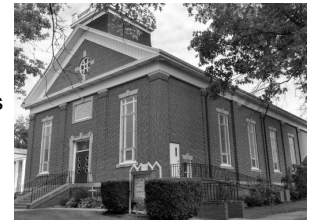
We celebrated our 224th anniversary on August 18, 2024 with a special worship service and covered dish luncheon afterwards. The covered dish featured an intense church trivia contest by Mike Swaldo, with the "Heckewelder Cutthroats" team winning the day!

We express our sympathy and resurrection hope to the family of Nancy Roth, who passed away on August 21. A service celebrating Nancy's life took place on August 27.

In conjunction with other local churches, we anticipate participating in a community worship service on the Sunday of the Apple Butter Days Festival (Oct 13). This service and community lunch will be one of the two sites for the TCounty Moravian Day of Service, with Moravian volunteers serving in a variety of visible and 'behind the scenes' ways to help make this possible.

We are beginning the second round of the new Usher/Greeter rotation. Interested in participating as either an usher or greeter? Please contact the church office.

Our Ladles of Love bakers continue to provide desserts monthly for the Ladles of Love Community dinner.



News from the Uhrichsville Moravian Congregation

We gather for worship each Sunday at 9:30am

Carolyn Davis and Pastor Dave in represented Uhrichsville Moravian at 2024 Eastern District Synod.

The repainting of the Church Sanctuary interior has now been completed. Work is underway to repave the church parking lot, and toward adding a gate to secure the parking lot during the week.

Our Annual Church Picnic Covered Dish took place on Aug. 25 at the home of Linda Spring. This was a great time of food, games, fellowship and fun!

Plans continue to come together for the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Congregation on October 27. That Sunday, the worship service will take place at 3pm. The Moravian Joyful Singers and Moravian Joyful Noise Ringers will participate, we will enjoy our customary Anniversary Lovefeast, our guest speaker will be Rev. Dave Bennett, Provincial President, and a fellowship dinner will be offered afterwards. Moravians from throughout the county will be welcome to be part of our special day.

Sunday worship services leading up to the Anniversary are now featuring an 'Anniversary Moment' with readings from the historical church diary.

In order to focus energies on the 150th Anniversary, the Joint Board elected not to offer a Turkey Dinner this year.

We continue to host Ladles of Love (Free Community Dinner) for take-out on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Ladles of Love is currently providing about 360 free meals to the community each month! Note we will take the month of July OFF.

Dinner on The Run continues to offer affordable take-out meals for purchase on the 1st Thursday of each month. Help welcomed!





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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



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Uhrichsville 1st Moravian Church

In-Person Sunday Worship: **9:30am**
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Uhrichsville, OH 44683
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Gnadenhutten Moravian Church

In-Person Sunday Worship: **10:45am**
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This is your...

Fall 2024 edition of *The Newsletter of the Shared Ministry of the Fry's Valley, Gnadenhutten, and Uhrichsville Moravian Congregations*. Within this newsletter you will find...

- Words from the Pastor on thankfulness for our many blessings this summer
- Fall Programming information, including kickoff's for God's Youth Group, a new Grade 7 through high school youth group, our joint choir and bellchoir, and our midweek hybrid group study of "The Chosen".
- A special 2-week hybrid study: "In All Things Love: Learning to Listen, Discuss, and Disagree"
- Initial Information on the 2024 Moravian Day of Service
- Uhrichsville Moravian's upcoming 150th Anniversary Celebration
- Photos from our Summer children and youth programs
- The Joint Ministry Calendar for upcoming months.
- The Current Preaching and Worship Volunteer Schedule
- General news of interest to members of our 3 congregations...

Read on for further details... And join us as we follow Christ together!



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“...And cultivate thankfulness...”

Colossians 3:15 *The Message Translation*

In weekly worship when we share the Prayers of God’s people, I often speak of the importance of gratitude- especially expressing gratitude to God. How easy it is to overlook the good that surrounds us, to take for granted the people who enrich our lives, to fail to notice the ‘simple gifts’ and daily blessings we have received. We have much to be thankful for– if only we pause to notice! But how easy it is to forget this. When we or someone we love is faced with a challenge, it’s only natural to pray for God’s help (& right to do so!). But if you’re like me, when things turn out well and the challenge passes, how easy it is to simply ‘move on’ to the next challenge-without a thought toward offering a ‘thank you’ for receiving that desired outcome.

The importance of Gratitude

If we, as congregations, pause to consider this last summer, we have so much to be thankful for! In the last newsletter we were encouraged to pray for the kids and youth around us. Now, looking back, we can give thanks for a Vacation Bible School full of laughing kids. Through support of our partnership, every congregation played a role in helping these kids learn more about the love of God. And we can give thanks for the tired but smiling adults who helped make it possible. And let’s give thanks for Camp Tar Hollow- and the way a group of teens and post-highs, including 6 youth from our congregations, experienced a week of deep and meaningful connection with friends old and new- and came to know the peace and joy of God’s presence in community. And having served at Camp Bethany, I witnessed first-hand how that camp was a source of tremendous blessing for 47 2nd-6th graders- 20 of them connected to our ministry partnership! How wonderful to see seeds of faith planted in their hearts even as they had the time of their lives! *(And if you haven’t yet watched the video of our Camp Bethany kids sharing their experiences, you can find it as part of our 8-18-24 online worship service on YouTube).* We can give thanks for the many adult volunteers who gave freely of their time, and the generosity of our congregations and the funding from our denomination that ensured that no cost barriers prevented any of these participants from attending. And speaking of generosity- our congregations volunteered to contribute school supplies to help enable the campers at Bethany to prepare 100 back-to-school kits for children in need- and not only did our members provide all that had been asked of us- you provided nearly double the amount! Thanks be to God- and to all those who contributed- for this act of kindness to kids.

A summer with so much to be thankful for!

But we have more to be thankful for: Thanks be to God for over 2 dozen of our members who– via video clips or in person, led the opening worship service that set the tone for 2024 Eastern District Synod. Thanks be to God for all those who were served this summer through the food ministries of our congregations- take-out meals through Ladles of Love; dinners at the homeless shelter, provisions through the blessing box; funeral lunches for grieving families. And we can be grateful for the warm fellowship many experienced serving at fundraising meals like Uhrichsville Moravian’s Dinner on the Run, or the Fry’s Valley Chicken BBQ, not to mention at least one covered dish gathering in each congregation this summer.



Before we jump into Fall- with all its busyness- let’s be intentional about ‘cultivating thankfulness’ as the scripture says. Let’s take a moment to pause... notice... and give thanks... for the blessings of this last summer.



And a bit of ‘late-breaking’ news: earlier this year I mentioned our partnership’s efforts to pursue a 2025 Lilly Clergy Renewal Grant on my behalf. As this newsletter is going to press, we received word that our proposal was not among those selected for funding. This is a disappointment! Yet there is a peace in knowing that we gave it our best. And as the Sabbatical Grant Taskforce submitted the proposal, we chose to prayerfully place the outcome in God’s hands (the one who knows best), And in that spirit, I hope you’ll join me in accepting this result with thanksgiving as well. When we trust God, life’s “No’s” as well as life’s “Yes’s” are an opportunity for thanks. And I offer special thanks for the many people from each congregation who pulled together for this. Thank you!

With gratitude, *Pastor Dave*

Come Sing With Us!

The **MORAVIAN JOYFUL SINGERS**, the joint vocal choir of the Fry's Valley, Gnadenhutten, and Uhrichsville Moravian congregations is welcoming new voices! Practices take place each **Wednesday** from **6:00-6:30pm** in the Gnadenhutten Church Sanctuary. If you would like to participate, or for more information, please contact director Pam Fouts (740-254-4463). Come join us and share the music!



Tuscarawas County Moravian DAY OF SERVICE

**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER
13**



2 Worship Sites

Service Opportunities

On Sunday, October 13, we will join with other local Moravian congregations in *The Moravian Day of service*. In place of our regular Sunday services, we will share in special opportunities to gather for joint worship and to serve others in Christ's name. Mark your calendars, and see your weekly announcements for further details!

Hybrid Group : "The Chosen, Season 3"



Beginning **Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7:00pm** all are welcome to watch and discuss Season 3 of *"The Chosen"*. *The Chosen* is the hugely popular mini-series centered on Jesus and his first followers. Participants can attend in-person (Room 105 at Gnadenhutten Moravian Church) or by ZOOM (If you've not participated in a Weds Group before and need the ZOOM link, please contact the office [740-254-4374]). Hope you can join us!

"In All Things Love: Learning to Listen, Discuss, and Disagree"

As followers of Jesus, how can we discuss difficult or controversial subjects in a way that honors Christ and respects those with different views?



On Wednesday Oct 9 & 16, 7pm, the midweek 'Chosen' study will be paused for this timely, two-week class facilitated by Byrnes Craig. You are welcome to participate on ZOOM or in person (Gnaden Room 106). Remote participants who aren't currently receiving midweek study ZOOM links please contact our church office for the link. All are welcome to attend!

2024 Eastern District Synod Shared Ministry Congregations Lead Opening Worship



Over 2 dozen members of our 3 congregations helped lead the opening worship service of Eastern District Synod-Serving in person or on video, Special thanks to Shana Angel, Scott Minor, and Pastor Dave for visioning and coordinating the service. A video of the service is available on our Shared Ministry youtube channel.

Dinner on the Run



1st Thursday of the month.

4pm-6pm (while meals last)

@ Uhrichsville Moravian Church

315 N. Water St, Uhrichsville, OH 44683

Individual Ham loaf, a choice of parslid potatoes or mac'n cheese, green beans with bacon, a roll, and cake for dessert—\$8

To order ahead that day, Call 740-922-0886 after noon

"Ladles of Love"

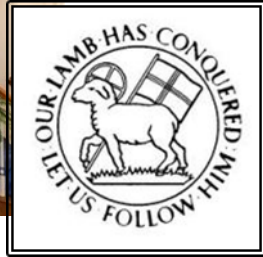
Free Takeout Community Dinner

5:00pm, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

@ Uhrichsville Moravian Church

315 N. Water St, Uhrichsville, OH 44683





**150th Anniversary
Worship Celebration**

**First Moravian Church
Of Uhrichsville**

Sunday October 27, 3:00pm

*Join us for our 150th Anniversary Worship
as we welcome Rev. David Bennett, provincial president,
who will share message; The Moravian Joyful Noise
Ringers & Moravian Joyful Singers, our combined
handbell & vocal choirs.*

We hope that you will also join us, following worship,
for dinner and a time of fellowship and reminiscing; re-
connecting with old friends and making new ones.

*If you plan to join us, we ask that you let the office know. You
can call (740) 922-0886, (740) 254-4374 or email of-
fice@sharedmoravianministryohio.org.*



SUMMER CAMPING FOR YOUTH OF ALL AGES!
CAMP TAR HOLLOW
CAMP BETHANY & SCUBA VBS



YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Exciting NEW and RENEWED youth group gatherings will begin on September 8th, 2024!

God's **Y**outh

Group

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8,
2:00PM**

At Gnadenhutzen Moravian Church (133 S. Walnut) for youth K-6th Grade.

Join us for an hour of fun, faith and fellowship.

We are so excited to see our old friends again and looking forward to meeting a ton of new friends!

**Youth Group Yet
to Be Named**

**Sunday, September
15 2:00pm**

At Gnadenhutzen Moravian Church (133 S. Walnut)

For youth 7th-12th grade.

We are so excited to offer this opportunity for our older youth to come together and create those life long friends