First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

June 14, 2026 *10:00 A.M.*

Licensed Pastor	Marie Couts (330-401-1212 cell)
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Call to Worship: ***Chimes***

Watchword for the Week: <u>In Unison</u> *The Moravian Daily Texts*

The Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:5

Welcome and Announcements ~ We ask you to **sign and pass the register** in your row. **Visitors:** Please check the box marked "Visitor" and include your complete mailing address.

Prelude *"Children of the Heavenly Father"* *McClusky*

**** Hymn*** ***"For the Beauty of the Earth"*** ***H. 538***

Liturgy on Christ's Love for Children

Leader: God says: I like youngsters. I want people to be like them. I only want children in my Kingdom; this has been decreed from the beginning of time. Youngsters – twisted, humped, wrinkled, white-bearded – all kinds of youngsters, but youngsters. There is no changing it; it has been decided. There is room for no one else.

Response: They brought children for him to touch; and the disciples scolded them for it. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them 'let the children come to me; do not try to stop them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'

L: I like little children because my image has not been dulled in them. They have not botched my likeness; they are new, pure, without a blot, without a smear. So, when I gently lean over them, I recognize myself in them. I like them because they are still growing, they are still improving. They are on the road, they are on their way. But with grown-ups it seems there is nothing to expect any more. They will no longer grow, no longer improve. They have come to a full stop. It is disastrous – grown-ups thinking they have arrived.

R: Lord, help us to possess the sensitivity and gentleness of children. Help us to view your people and the wonders of your world with the accepting eyes and loving hearts of the young.

L: I like youngsters because they are still struggling, because they are still sinning. Not because they sin, you understand, but because they know that they sin, and they say so, and they try not to sin anymore.

R: Lord, deliver us from the bonds of disillusionment, the sadness of disappointment, the devastation of rejection. Help us to be open to your love which frees us to understand, accept and love all your children.

L: But above all, I like youngsters because of the look in their eyes. In their eyes I can read their age. In my heaven, there will be only five-year-old eyes, for I know nothing more beautiful than the pure eyes of a child.

It is not surprising, for I live in children, and it is I who look out through their eyes. When pure eyes meet yours, it is I who smile at you through the flesh. But on the other hand, I know of nothing sadder than lifeless eyes in the face of a child. The windows are open, but the house is empty. Two eyes are there, but no light. And, saddened, I stand at the door, and wait in the cold and knock. I am still eager to get in. And the child is alone. The child gets stout, hardens, dries up, gets old. Poor old child!

R: Bring light to our eyes and renew your Spirit in our hearts. Help us to speak your language in the moments we touch others. Make of each of us a blessing, O Lord, for we need your presence in our lives to bring joy and a nurturing spirit to your world.

L: Alleluia! Alleluia! Open, all of you, little old children! It is I, your God, the Eternal, risen from the dead, coming to bring back to life the child in you. Hurry! Now is the time. I am ready to give you again the beautiful eyes of a child. For I love youngsters, and I want everyone to be like them.

R: Amen.

The leader sections of this liturgy are adapted from the poem "Prayers," by Michel Quoist

Hymn ***"Jesus Your Arms Are Open"***

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Jesus, your arms are open to children full of life,
who know a playful child-hood with laughter free of strife,
a preview of the kingdom perfected by your love,
surrounded by the presence of peace come from above.

Jesus, your arms are open to children filled with grace,
who trust you without question, who know your warm embrace.
We look to their example, their simple faith, so true;
Jesus, your arms are open for us to live in you.

VBS Singers "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

**** Offertory Response – Hymn 817***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 18:1-5	**Page 19**
Mark 10:13-16	**Page 47**

VBS Singers

Message: **"Balloons Belong in Church"**

Hymn ***"Jesus Loves Me! This I Know"***

Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

<u>Refrain</u>

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Jesus loves me this I know,
tho' my hair is white as snow,
tho' my sight is growing dim,
still he bids me trust in Him.

Refrain

Tho' my steps are oh so slow,
with my hand in His I'll go,
on thru life let come what may,
he'll be there to lead the way.

(Please Stand)

Refrain

I love Jesus, does he know?
Have I ever told him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
that I love him every day.

*** Benediction**

Postlude *"God of Grace"* *arr. Manz*

Chimes

Celebrating

All God's children

2026

Vacation Bible School

** Please stand if you are able.*

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Please note: Please silence your cell phone during the worship service. If you would like to recycle your bulletin, place it in the box near the ushers' table at the back of the sanctuary.

The Offering Plate is located on the stand as you enter the sanctuary. Scan the QR code for online giving.

TODAY from 11-1 PM

VBS Family Potluck Picnic – Social Hall

The entire congregation is invited to our Indoor Picnic.

The CEC will grill hot dogs and provide paper products and beverages.

Sunday, June 21: Prayground during 10 a.m. worship

Children of all ages are encouraged to join us in the sanctuary for worship. After the Children's Moment we will move to the Prayground for a quiet activity. Then we will present our creation as part of our offering.

Flowers are needed for the following Sundays:
July 26, August 9 & 30, and September 20.

If you desire to provide flowers for one Sunday, please contact Karen Baker in the church office, 330-364-8831. Cost: Two vases are $40; roses cost more.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Greg and Janie Miller are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Worship Attendance Last Sunday ~ 73

Prayers for the People

Amberwood: Laura Colvin; **Country Club:** John & Cinda Pixler; **Hennis** (Dover): Bonnie Auman; **Northwood:** Etta Grimm; **Park Village** (Dover): Joyce Brewer, Bill Cozart, Suzanne Rinderknecht; (New Phila.): Richard & Zoe Ann Kelley.

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

June 14 Anniv: Brett & Brianne Yackey
June 15 Caden Yackey, Tessa Compton
June 16 Joan Hill
June 17 Anniv: Craig & Cindy Laughlin, Sam & Terrie Krantz

Congratulations!

June 19 *Anniv: Larry & Becky Kutcher, 55 years*

June 20 Pamela Sweitzer, Ed Luthy

Thank You Notes!

Thank you to the **Chocolate Walk volunteers** who handed out chocolate to the participants. Our church building was one of the stops on the walk held yesterday, June 13.

Thank you so much for the Prayer Shawl,
I love it and the Bible is so pretty.
Thank you!
Delaney Erickson

Today	10:00 AM	Worship & VBS Choir Sings ï Sanctuary
	11-1:00 PM	VBS Congregation Family Picnic ï S. Hall
	1-3:00 PM	Remove VBS Decorations ï Entire Building
Monday	9:00 AM	Counting ï Living Room
	9-Noon	Remove VBS Decorations
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Action Now ï Social Hall & Kitchen
Buckeye Adult Classes: T & Th – GED 9-Noon; ESOL 6-9 PM – Basement		
	6:00 PM	CEC Meeting ï Social Hall
	7:00 PM	Reeves Bell Rehearsal ï Room 211
Friday	11:30-1 PM	The Replacements @ Pangrazioôs

The Replacements Lunch
at Pangrazio's
223 W. 3rd. Street, Dover

Friday, June 19, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 P.M.

If you have had a hip, knee, shoulder,
or any kind of a replacement, come join us.

Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship ï Sanctuary

Coming Up…Mark Your Calendars…

Summer Prayer Walk:

This season's prayer walk will be **Sunday, June 28.**

Come spend an afternoon with your church friends and family as we explore God's artistry at the Johnson Woods State Nature Preserve in Marshallville, Ohio.

We will caravan from the church after worship (meet in the lobby at 11:45 a.m.), stop for lunch at Dravenstott's in Orrville, then continue to Johnson Woods. The walk will be on a 1.4-mile wheelchair-accessible boardwalk.

Our Worship Opportunities

Worship Each Sunday at 10:00 A.M.

June 14 ~ Worship & VBS Choir Sings
Following worship…**VBS Potluck Picnic**…The entire congregation is invited!

June 21 ~ Father's Day! Bring your family to church.

June 28 ~ Worship – Following worship we will caravan to Dravenstott's in Orrville, where we will have lunch, then to Johnson Woods for our Prayer Walk.

July 5 ~ Worship & John Hus Holy Communion
Please plan to attend.

Bring your family and friends!

Our Christian Education Opportunities

Keep the tradition alive!!

Join us in the church kitchen at **5:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, June 25,** for a **Sugar Cake Baking Class** which will teach the basics of how Sugar Cakes are made here at First Moravian Church of Dover. It is open to **everyone from 7th graders to our most senior brothers and sisters in Christ**, and it will include hands-on instruction in this artisanal baking skill.

Not only is Sugar Cake baking one of the most important fundraisers for the Moravian Women (allowing us to offer financial assistance to charities locally, nationally, and internationally), but it is a tradition within our denomination that goes back to our earliest roots in the United States.

In order to know how many supplies we need, please text Lorrigan Booth at 330.340.4702 TODAY, and let her know you plan to attend.

Summer Church Camps

Tar Hollow – July 19-25
For those who have completed 7th grade – Age 21
Program: Built On the Rock

Camp Bethany – August 3-7
Campers must have completed 2nd grade – 6th grade
Program: Jesus Is a Friend

More details are on the flyers in the lobby or go to:
www.msymc.weebly.com or
https://msymc.weebly.com/bethany.html

Mark Your Calendars…OMMC has announced **Moravian Night** at **Trumpet in the Land** is **Thursday, July 30**. Call the box office and mention Moravian Night and receive your **tickets** for **$15.00 each.**