

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

August 17, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Part-time Pastor	Denny Rohn (610-216-7467 cell)
Greeters	Edie Santee & Sarah Kosmala
Nursery	Available if needed by a parent & child
Worship Leader	Bethanie Moser
Youth Ushers	Moser family
Director of Music	G. Randall Gibbs
Director of Faith Formation	Carolyn Menapace
Custodian	Sam Paden
Administrative Assistant	Karen Baker Office: 330-364-8831
Web Site	www.doverfirstmoravianchurch.org

Children's Festival Lovefeast

Call to Worship: *Chimes*

Watchword for the Week: In Unison *The Moravian Daily Texts*

Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking
to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Hebrews 12:2

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 "Prelude on Spanish Hymn" arr. Jones

* **Hymn** **"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"** Bateman

Come, Christians, join to sing:	Join now in praise, and sing
Alleluia! Amen!	Hallelujah, Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King:	Praise to our heavenly King,
Alleluia! Amen!	Hallelujah, Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,	By love and gratitude
before his throne rejoice;	Still be the song renewed,
praise is his gracious choice.	And be our hearts subdued,
Alleluia! Amen!	Hallelujah, Amen!

* **Liturgy for Pentecost** – (Begin after 1st Hymn) **Pages 95-98**

Prayers of the People

"The Lord's Prayer" **H. 828**

Scripture Lessons:

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3 **Page 259**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:5-7 **Page 83**

Children's Moment

Carolyn Menapace

During the singing, children are invited up for the Children's Moment.

Hymn **"Jesus Loves the Little Children"**

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world;
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight;
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

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

Message: **"And a Child Shall Lead Us."**
The Rev. Dennis G. Rohn

Lovefeast

Serving

"This Is the Day"

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made,
That the Lord hath made.
I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord hath made,
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

"Lord of the Dance"

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Chorus: Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all, in the Dance said he.

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance said he. **(Chorus)**

"Joy, Joy, Joy"

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart. (Where?)
Down in my heart. (Where?) down in my heart.
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart. (Where?)
Down in my heart to stay.

And I'm so happy, so very happy.
 I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.
 And I'm so happy. So very happy.
 I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart. (Where?)
 Down in my heart. (Where?) down in my heart.
 I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart. (Where?)
 Down in my heart to stay.

And I'm so happy, so very happy.
 I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.
 And I'm so happy. So very happy.
 I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

"Jesus Loves Me! This I Know" H. 726, vs. 1-3

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

Refrain:

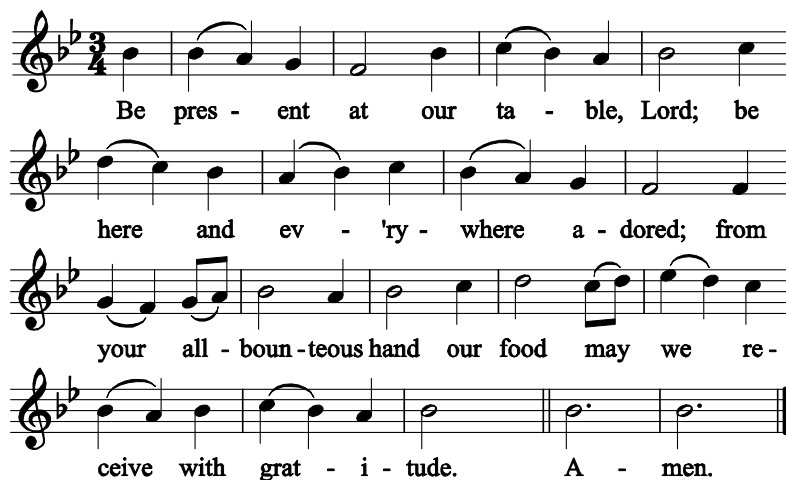
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
 yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

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

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

Moravian Table Grace

We sing the Moravian table grace and partake together.



Be pres - ent at our ta - ble, Lord; be
 here and ev - 'ry - where a - dored; from
 your all - boun - teous hand our food may we re -
 ceive with grat - i - tude. A - men.

Words: John Cennick (1740).
 Music: William Knapp (1738).

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Partaking and Camp Messages

Collecting

"Children of the Heavenly Father" H. 667, vs. 1-2

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
 Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own shall tend and nourish, in his holy courts they
 flourish.
 From all evil pow'rs he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears
 them.

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

H. 723

I am Jesus' little lamb; ever glad at heart I am;
 for my Shepherd gently guides me, knows my need and
 well provides me,
 loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
 When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, into pleasant pastures
 leads me;
 when I thirst, he bids me go where the quiet waters flow.

Who is happy as I am, even now the Shepherd's lamb?
 And when my short life is ended, by his angel host
 attended,
 he shall fold me to his breast, there within his arms to rest.

*** Benediction**

*** "Bless, O Lord, We Pray"**

H. 445

Bless, O Lord, we pray, your congregation;
 bless each home and family;
 bless the youth, the rising generation;
 blessed may your dear children be;
 bless your servants, grant them help and favor;
 you to glorify be their endeavor.
 Lord, on you we humbly call;
 let your blessing rest on all.

Postlude

"The Master Has Come"
 Courtney Wallace, Soprano

Bish

Chimes

* Please stand if you are able.

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Please note: If you have a cell phone, please turn it off 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.

Our **thanks** to **all who helped with the service** by sharing their gifts for the Lord and God's people today.



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



Ushers are needed for **Sept. 14, 21 & 28**. To volunteer for one Sunday or multiple Sundays, please **contact Bethanie Moser, 330.432.3814**. Thank you for being a church volunteer.

Worship Attendance from Last Sunday ~ 10 AM 86

Elder: Bethanie Moser, 330.432.3814, is available after the service or call during the week if you have a joy, a concern, need prayer, or have a question.

Children in Worship

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." - Mark 10:14b

This summer, our nursery will be open but unstaffed as we invite all ages to worship together in the sanctuary. Let us explore recapturing the "family in worship" and re-examine how we can better incorporate children in our worship space. Faith is "caught" not "taught" and our children have a great deal to learn from us – and we from them!

A TIP FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS: Collect the names of each child of the congregation and pray for them each day.

A TIP FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS: Encourage your child to use the worship activity materials located at the back of the sanctuary.

FOR KIDS IN WORSHIP: Today in worship, use a blank "frame" or other piece of paper to draw a picture of the lovefeast in our sanctuary. Write your name on it and leave it on the activity table at the back of the sanctuary. We will add it to our youth bulletin board in the lobby.



Change Can Make A Difference Offering

Save your change and dollar bills and bring it with you to church on **Sept. 28**. Our quarterly collection will go to the **Tyler Cox family** this time. Tyler needs a kidney transplant. He is the son-in-law of Doug and Angie Miller, members at Schoenbrunn Moravian Church. Let's help Tyler and his family with some of their medical bills. Thank you.

Flowers

The flowers are in honor of Stacy Stubbins, given by her sons Parker and MJ, mother Cheryl, sister Crystal, and niece Stephanie.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Carol Staley is sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Stewardship Moment

God has given us two hands--one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing. *Billy Graham (1918 – 2018), evangelist, minister, civil rights advocate*

Prayers for the People

Our **sympathy and prayers** are extended to **Steve and Kim Wassem and family** on the death of Kim's uncle last week.

Amberwood: Laura Colvin; **Hennis** (Dover): Bonnie Auman;
Northwood: Etta Grimm; **Park Village** (Dover): Joyce Brewer, Bill Cozart, Suzanne Rinderknecht; (New Phila.): Linda Earley, Ron & Bette Kohl.

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Aug. 18	Becca Duncan, Tucker Shuss Anniv: Dave & Betty Angel
Aug. 20	Kathy Gerber, Skyanna Minor Anniv: Todd & Kami Stanley
Aug. 21	Patsy Raus; Anniv: Steve & Sue Burgess
Aug. 22	<i>Anniversary Congratulations!</i> <i>Richard & Marilyn Rainsberger ~ 60 years</i> 711 Parkdale Drive, Dover, OH 44622
Aug. 23	Scott Booth, Cloey Colwell
Aug. 24	Quinn Burgstaller; Anniv: Scott & Lorrigan Booth



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The Dover Moravian Messenger

School starts this week...Drive carefully.

Monday 7:30 AM Counting ó Living Room
9:00 AM Staff Meeting ó Church Office
6:00 PM Mor. Women Ex. Bd. – Living Room

Buckeye Adult Classes: GED – M & F – Noon-3 PM; ESOL – M & W – 6-9 PM - Basement

Wednesday 10:30 AM Praying in Color @ Deis Hill Shelter

Thursday 9:00 AM MMAS Trustees Meeting –
The Moravian Ministers Aid Society Trustees will meet
in the **church living room:** Adrian Schaar, President/Treasurer;
Linda Earley, Vice-president; Larry Kutcher, Secretary;
Eric McGlumphy, Jack Shores, Dan Smith, and Pastor Denny Rohn.

Sunday 10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary

Dover High School Student Parking at First Moravian Church ~ August 2025 – May 2026



Currently, there are a few parking spaces remaining.

Each registered student/faculty or staff member will be issued a new parking pass to be displayed on their vehicle at all times when using their designated space in our overflow lot (next to Salon Destiny). Their space will be available to them except on days when there is a funeral or special event at the church.

Stop in the church office to complete the paperwork for a parking pass. First come, first served.

Our Worship Opportunities



loving
God



growing
together



serving
others

Our Mission, Outreach, & Fellowship Opportunities

Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheon



Friday, September 5 ~ 11:00 – 1:00 p.m.
First Moravian Church Social Hall

Proceeds from our luncheons help the Moravian Women contribute to missionary efforts at home and around the world. We appreciate all your support in making our luncheons a success. **If you are willing to donate items for this luncheon, sign-up sheets are in the lobby, along with reminder sheets to take with you.**

Church Food Pantry: The Board of Elders decided at their meeting on August 5, 2025, to end the Church Food Pantry due to: 1) Lack of use, and 2) Food expired. We were throwing out more food than we were giving out. The last time it was used, two families were given food assistance in February 2025. Each time food was given, it was logged in the Church Food Pantry card catalog.

We will continue our **Helping Hand Fund** where we can give a grocery card if a member of the congregation needs any help. **Please consider giving to the Helping Hand Fund in November (use your Nov. 16 Helping Hand offering envelope)** or anytime during the year, just mark your check or envelope Helping Hand. Please see the November/December newsletter for details.

Thank you to all who have given to the food pantry in the past.

Ecumenical Men's Fellowship Breakfast

by Tom Armstrong

Attention all Men... don't miss our **Fall Kick-off Breakfast!** The food will be delicious and the fellowship will be enjoyable! Invite your friends and mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 20, from 9-11 a.m.** in the social hall at the **First Moravian Church of Dover.** The kitchen crew is looking forward to serving you on the 20th. Come and fellowship with us!

Men's Breakfast Schedule 2025-2026

9-11:00 AM - Usually the 3rd Saturday of the month.

Sept. 20 – First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover



Oct. 18 – Sacred Heart Church

139 Third Street NE, New Philadelphia

Nov. 15 – Christian & Missionary Alliance Church

228 E. Third Street, Dover

Dec. 20 – First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover

**Jan. 17 – St. Joseph Catholic Church hosting at
Knights of Columbus Hall**

346 W. 9th Street, Dover

Feb. 14 – Schoenbrunn Moravian Community Church

2200 E. High Avenue, New Philadelphia

Mar. 14 – Ragersville Zion United Church of Christ

8831 Crooked Run Road SW, Sugarcreek

Apr. 18 – Salvation Army

809 Emmett Avenue NW, New Philadelphia

May 16 – St. John's United Church of Christ

409 N. Wooster Avenue, Dover

Our Christian Education Opportunities

SACRED GROUND:

A Film and Reading-based Dialogue on Race and Faith

On Zoom, every other Monday

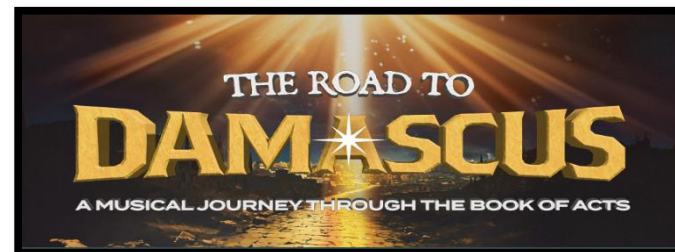
1:30-3 p.m. or 7-8:30 p.m. (ET)

August 25-November 17; January 5-February 16

Learn the multiracial history of our country that you may have missed growing up and now school teachers are not supposed to teach. Full Communion Sacred Ground is an 11-part series built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories, and the stories of our families. Join Episcopalians, Lutherans, Moravians, and others to learn how race continues to shape our nation and how we might respond in faith, lament, and action.

Full Communion Sacred Ground is free but it requires an investment of your time and heart. There are about two hours of film-watching and reading between each session. Each person will be part of the larger group and a small dialogue circle. Participants are urged to attend each session, to build trust and depth in the circles. Sacred Ground will challenge and reward you, as we work toward becoming Beloved Community.

Go to www.episcopalchurch.org/sacredground to learn more about Sacred Ground. Contact Rev. Maria Tjeltveit at sacredground.beth@gmail.com if you have questions or the full course. Scan the QR code to learn more.



Thursday, September 18

Join your church family for a Dutch Valley buffet dinner and "The Road to Damascus!"

Dinner at 5:00 p.m. ~ Show at 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$64.00 per person

Payment is due by August 31. Mark for "**Dutch Valley**" and place in the offering plate or drop off in the church office. (*Checks can be made out to First Moravian Church.*)

Rally Day

The church family gathers together to celebrate the beginning of a new Sunday school year! Arrive early for breakfast and stay to learn about worship. Why do we do the things we do? Come find out as a family of faith!

Sunday, September 7, in the Social Hall

8:30 a.m.: Breakfast is served

8:45 a.m.: Program begins





Welcome Back to Sunday School!

Classes for all ages begin
September 14, at 9 a.m.

Nursery: The nursery will be unstaffed but open for families to use during Sunday School.

Pre-K to 2nd Grade: Kids in Pre-K to 2nd grade will gather in Room 214. Becky Mastin, Erin Perkowski, and Stacy Stubbins will use Bible stories, songs, and creative activities to encourage Biblical practices.
Curriculum: PCUSA's Follow Me for Young Children.

3rd to 7th Grade: Kids in 3rd to 7th grade will gather in Room 213. Tessa Compton, Jerica Shuss, and April Yoder will lead students on a journey through the Bible, making connections between the Old and New Testaments. *Curriculum: Sparkhouse's Connect.*

Seekers: Join Steve Mastin for Bible Study every Sunday morning. All are welcome, no matter where you are in your faith journey. (First-floor Living Room)

Seeds of Faith: Join this discussion-based group as different leaders present different topics and perspectives. (Second-floor – Room 215)

Sunrise Sunday School: Carolyn Menapace will lead three sessions from **8-8:45 a.m.** The first session will be **October 26 through November 23.** All are welcome, especially those who are rehearsing or preparing in the hour before worship. (Second-floor – Room 215)

Adults and Teens: *We welcome you to try out all of the adult classes to find the right fit for you. Attend Sunday School together and make Sunday morning a time to worship and learn together as a family!*

Zoom Bible Study ~ Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

A Bible Study that you can join from anywhere! This is a great chance to connect with members and friends near and far, from the comfort of your home.



Join Carolyn Menapace and Pastor Denny Rohn for "Our Victorious Lamb," a Moravian study of the book of Revelation. **September 9 through November 25.**

Contact Carolyn for help getting set up on Zoom, or for a one-on-one Zoom session so you can get comfortable with the technology.

Confirmation for Adults

Pastor Denny will lead a six-week introduction to the revised Moravian Catechism on Wednesday evenings this fall.

We will gather in the Social Hall, **September 17 through October 22. A light supper will be served at 5:15.** We will enjoy a meal together and explore this new version of the **Moravian Catechism** from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

Many of us have never studied the catechism, and if we did it was a previous version used during our own confirmation as middle-schoolers. Now is your chance for a refresher!

