

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

February 15, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Licensed Lay Pastor	Marie Coutts (330-401-1212 cell)
Greeters	Janet Zimmerman & Jane Newland
Nursery	Available if needed by a parent and child
Liturgist	Steve Rondinella
Usher	Scott Minor
Organist/Pianist Today	Mary Lou Keener
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

Call to Worship: Chimes

Watchword for the Week: In Unison *The Moravian Daily Texts*
God said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" Matthew 17:5

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 "Hour of Worship" Wilson

* **Hymn** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" H. 530

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Scriptures: Exodus 24:12-18
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

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Special Music

"Softly and Tenderly"
Kathy Bergstrom, Soprano

arr. Alexander

Children's Moment and Playground

Carolyn Menapace

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

Hymn "Little Children, Welcome!" H. 679, vs 1
*Little children, welcome! Earth is yours to live in;
arms of love protect you, little children, welcome!*

Change Can Make a Difference ~ for the **Michael and Ceci Tesh family** to help with the building of a new school

Hymn "How Good, Lord, to Be Here" H. 326

Message: "Holy Moments"

Hymn "Transfigured on the Mountain High" Text: Gilbert L. Frank
©2000 from *Sing to the Lord A New Song*, a New Moravian Songbook

*Transfigured on the mountain high, with friends all trembling at the sight
and ancient prophets standing nigh, Christ's glory shone in radiant light.*

*"This is my Son; you need not fear. He comes to give you life anew.
Pay heed to him while he is here, for on the cross he'll die for you."*

*As did those friends so long ago, we often fail to comprehend
that from Christ's wounds such love did flow and on this love we can depend.*

*Christ's sacrifice, a gift so dear, remains our hope, our shelter true.
Today, dear Lord, dispel our fear as in our faith we welcome you.*

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response – T. 817

*Praise God, all people of the light,
Praise Christ, who teaches what is right.
Now Spirit-filled, we hear the call
To share our gifts, our lives, our all.*

Offertory Prayer

* Liturgy – Adoration

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* Benediction

Postlude "Proclaim the Glory of the Lord" Liles/Borop

Chimes

* 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.



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

Prayground Sunday

Today, during 10:00 a.m. 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

The flowers are in loving memory of Merle and Lou Shanklin, given by Jan Shanklin, Kristin and Kipp.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Gary and Sandy Martin are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Stewardship Moment

There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up. *ó John Holmes (1904 – 1962), poet, professor*

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 29 Worship ~ 10 AM 65

Prayers for the People

Our **sympathy and prayers** are extended to **Bev and Ed Luthy & family** on the death of Bev's brother, **Jake Hammond**, age 82, of Allentown, PA. Jake passed away on Feb. 4, 2026. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

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

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Feb. 16 Allison Brown; Anniv: Karl & Jennifer Hoop
Feb. 17 Greg Miller
Feb. 18 Anniv: Bob & Pat Williams, Jack & Pam Sweitzer
Feb. 19 Scott Minor, Cinda Pixler, Bob Bergstrom, Jameson Garvin
Feb. 20 Dave Trustdorf
Feb. 22 Tricia Everett, Kathy Bergstrom

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship ó Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Soup-er Sunday ~ Chilli Cookoff, Games & Potluck ó Kit. & S. Hall
Monday	7:45 AM	Counting ó Living Room
	8:00 AM	Sugar Cake Set-Up ó Kit. & Social Hall
	4:00 PM	Sugar Cake Mixing ó Kit & Social Hall
Buckeye Adult Classes: M & W – ESOL 6-9 PM – Basement		
Tuesday	All Day	Sugar Cake Baking ó Kitchen & Social Hall
	2:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Praying In Color @ Shirleyø
	6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship ó Sanctuary
		Menø Bible Study ó Living Room
Thursday	6-7:30 PM	The Chosen ó Living Room
Friday	Noon	Bible Study ó Living Room
Saturday	8:00 AM	Breakfast Book Club @ Missions Café
	9-11:00 AM	Menø Breakfast @ Sch. Mor. Church
Sunday	8:45 AM	Sunrise Sunday School ó Social Hall
	9:00 AM	Sunday School ó C.S. Rooms
	10:00 AM	Worship & Holy Communion ó Sanctuary
	11-2:00 PM	Confirmation Class ó Basement



The **Sole Purpose Pancake Breakfast** in March has been cancelled.

Thank You Notes

Special Thanks to the Moravian Door Dash Girls who prepared and/or delivered the **Valentine meals** to our more mature members and friends on February 10. Many hands helped to make this all happen. We are blessed by your kindness. Thank you so much.



Members & Friends of First Moravian Church of Dover

Dear Elders of Dover First,

Thank you so much for gifting me with my very own copy of the Moravian Worship Hymnal book. Dover First ~ you've made me feel so supported and loved on my new Seminary journey!

In Peace and Love,
Tessa Compton

Our Worship Opportunities



Worship with Us *Sundays at 10:00 A.M.*

Feb. 15 ~ Worship, Prayground & **Change Can Make a Difference Offering** for Michael and Ceci Tesh family to help with the building of a new school



Ash Wednesday Worship ~ 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 18 ~ Worship in the Sanctuary

Feb. 22 ~ Worship & Holy Communion ~
Message Title: "No Turning Back"



Bring your family and friends each week!

Unity Prayer Day Offering 2026

On March 1, an offering will be collected during the worship service to support the Moravian Unity Heritage Foundation.



This offering will support preservation projects of historical buildings and other structures belonging to the Moravian Church around the Unity.

From the beginning, our Moravian forefathers erected buildings for worship and settlements and mission stations, in which Moravians dwelled and developed the Moravian way of life. The structures, many dating back to the 18th century, were tangible signs of the Moravian Church witness to the world. The Moravian building culture and Moravian architecture are part of the heritage of our faith.

This offering will assist in financially supporting the preservation of these historical structures.

ALL JOINT BOARD MEMBERS (Elders & Trustees)



Please clear your mailboxes, located outside the church office, on a **weekly basis**. Thank you.

REMINDER: When members are hospitalized or need a **special visit**, please contact the church office, **330-364-8831**. Thank you.



Prayer & Lay Leadership: A Three-Part Educational Webinar Series

Deepen your prayer life. Strengthen your leadership. Enrich your community.

Join us for a three-part series of 90-minute live webinars via Zoom exploring how prayer shapes personal faith and congregational life. Each session offers a unique perspective—its theology, creativity, and role in leadership—led by gifted Moravian educators.

Join one, two, or all three sessions—each stands alone while contributing to a richer understanding of prayer.

Who Should Attend: Lay leaders, worship assistants, educators, musicians, and anyone seeking to deepen their understanding and practice of prayer.

Hosted by: The Eastern District Executive Board

Session 2: Preparing Meaningful Devotions

Becky Lepore & the Rev. Mikayla Sauerbrey

Date: February 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Asked to offer devotions at a gathering? Looking to provide spiritual grounding for your group? Learn practical tools for creating meaningful moments of prayer and connection.

Session 3: Prayers for Worship

Led by the Rev. Dr. Riddick Weber

Date: March 25, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Wondering how pastoral, intercessory, and invocation prayers differ or what to say in an offertory prayer? Learn the purpose of key worship prayers & simple ways to craft them.

Scan the QR Code to Learn More & Register

Visit our website at www.moravian.org/equiu

For questions email amy@mcnp.org



Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities

Lasagna Dinner

Sharon Moravian Church, 740-922-5507

Mon., Feb. 16, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

\$15.00 per meal

Open to the public: Dine in or take home
Menu: Lasagna, sides, dessert & beverage

Please call the Sharon Church Office
if you would like to order meals.



Sugar Cake Baking

Tues., Feb. 17 ~ Price \$7.00 each

Free delivery is available with the purchase of
four (4) or more cakes, if ordered prior to Tuesday's baking.
Place an order by calling **Susan Paden, 330-364-7101.**

Men's Community Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, February 21 ~ from 9-11 AM

**Schoenbrunn Community Moravian Church
2200 East High Avenue, New Philadelphia**



This ecumenical breakfast is for all men in the community.

Reminder: Items for Community Luncheons



If you donated items for the
fall luncheons, please have your
items for the spring luncheons
to the church by **Wednesday, March 4, and**



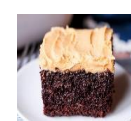
April 8. Pies need to be at the church on Friday, March 6
and April 10, by 9:00 a.m. If you do not remember what
you brought, please contact Marcia at 330-204-2252.
Thanks again for all your support.



what's coming up . . .



Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheon



Dine-in or Carry-out available



**Delivery is available to businesses
with a minimum order of \$25.**



Friday, March 6, from 11:00-1:00 p.m.
in the **Social Hall**

Spring is just around the corner, and so is our community luncheon. The luncheons have become a very special form of outreach from our congregation to folks throughout the county. Every person who walks through our doors and smells broccoli cheese soup cooking in the kitchen or unwraps a warm creamed chicken sandwich and enjoys a piece of homemade peanut butter pie is touched by your generosity and the Christian love that went in to preparing that food.

Proceeds from our luncheon will help the Moravian Women contribute to missionary efforts at home and around the world. We appreciate all your support in making our luncheon a success. If you can help work, please contact **Marcia Harding, 330-343-2104, or Julie Williams, 330-933-9707.** Plan to attend and bring your friends! We hope to see you on the 6th and then on Apr. 10.

T- County Moravian Mission Trip in 2026



Do you feel the call to do some mission work this summer?

Who: Anyone in the 11th grade and up can come on these mission trips.

Dates: July 3-12, 2026

Lodging & Meals: Laurel Ridge Camp & Retreat Conference Center in North Carolina, with most meals being provided by Laurel Ridge.

Work: We will work in nearby mountainous terrain communities and at Laurel Ridge.

Our first meeting is Sun., March 1, at 1:00 p.m. in the First Moravian Church of Dover, Social Hall Corner.

We will start the planning process. More information will be posted after the team meets.

If interested, contact Sam Paden at 330-987-1769 or psampaden@roadrunner.com or come to the meeting.

Sole Purpose Needs a Leader



Do you enjoy making a difference in the community? **Sole Purpose** is looking for a new leader. Julie Pfeiffer has moved to Louisville, Kentucky, and is no longer able to lead the group. Any interest in leading Sole Purpose? If so, please contact Steve Rondinella, 330-827-4513; Becky Mastin, 330-204-9520; or Karen at the church office, 330-364-8831.

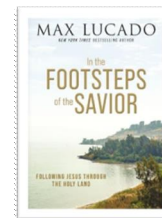
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Our Christian Education Opportunities

Zoom Bible Study

Join us on Zoom for Lent!

Tuesdays, February 17 through March 24, at 10:00 a.m. we will follow *"In the Footsteps of the Savior."* Each week includes a video set in the Holy Land exploring places where Jesus walked: Capernaum, Galilee, Jerusalem, and more.



Note: Tuesday, February 17 ONLY we will Zoom at 2:00 p.m. (instead of 10:00 a.m.).

Wednesdays in Lent

Join us in the Sanctuary at **6:30 p.m.** for **Ash Wednesday Worship** on **February 18.**

The next five Wednesday evenings we will gather in the Social Hall for supper and study.

Feb. 18	6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship
Feb. 25	5:15 p.m. Supper / 5:45-6:45 p.m. Study
Mar. 4	5:15 p.m. Supper / 5:45-6:45 p.m. Study
Mar. 11	5:15 p.m. Supper / 5:45-6:45 p.m. Study
Mar. 18	5:15 p.m. Supper / 5:45-6:45 p.m. Study
Mar. 25	5:15 p.m. Supper / 5:45-6:45 p.m. Study

Dan Edwards, a retired Episcopal Bishop and member of the congregation, will lead us as we look at Christ in all four Gospels.

Carolyn Menapace will host a "prayground" for kids during the study time.

Sign up in the lobby now to help provide a meal. We are requesting donations of soup and bread.

Thank you!



Breakfast Book Club

February: Love Is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times (Bishop Michael Curry)
Sat., Feb. 21, at 8:00 a.m. at Missions Café.