

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

February 8, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Licensed Lay Pastor	Marie Coutts (330-401-1212 cell)
Greeters	Seth & Jennifer Corder
Nursery	Dylan & Leslie Seats
Liturgist	Steve Rondinella
Usher	Courtney Wallace
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
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Call to Worship: Chimes

Watchword for the Week: In Unison *The Moravian Daily Texts*
For I decided to know nothing among you except
Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 1 Corinthians 2:2

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 "Abiding Faith" *Nolte*

* *Hymn* "Stand Up, and Bless the Lord" *H. 531*

* **Liturgy – Discipleship** **Page 37**

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.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

* **Offertory Response – Hymn 648, vs. 2**

*As you, Lord have lived for others, so may we for others live;
freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants
give.*

*Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land
and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.*

Offertory Prayer

Installation and Rededication of Church Officers

The apostle Paul writes: "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed...There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good..."

(To Board of Elders)

You have been called by God to exercise careful oversight for the spiritual nurture of this congregation. Will you seek ways and means to foster the spiritual life and growth of the membership, to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, and dedicate your service to God's glory?

I will, God being my strength and my guide.

(To Board of Trustees)

You have been called by God to give careful spiritual oversight to the temporal affairs of this congregation. Will you be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit as you seek to be an example as true Christian stewards, calling all to faithfully respond to God's love through time, talents and treasures, and dedicate your service to God's glory?

I will, God being my strength and my guide.

(To Christian Education Committee members)

You have been called by God to develop and organize the educational and faith formation ministries of this congregation. Will you equip and enable all ages to learn the Good News of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ and to respond to Christ's call to obedience and discipleship, and dedicate your service to God's glory?

I will, God being my strength and my guide.

(To the congregation)

You have heard the promises made by your brothers and sisters in Christ. Do you accept and affirm them in their calling, promise to uphold them with your prayers, your encouragement and your readiness to help as you are called?

We do.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, I declare you to be duly installed into the offices to which you have been chosen. Be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

(Please be seated)

In a spirit of Christian unity, let us pray: Almighty God, for the opportunity to be used by you in the life of the church, for the joy of obedient service, and for the privilege of using your splendid gifts to us,

We dedicate ourselves to you.

For all the blessings of this life, for the fellowship and ministry of your Body, the Church, and for your personal presence among us to guide and bless,

We offer our thanks, dear Lord.

For the deliberations and decisions of our Boards and Committees, that they may express your will; for the leaders and members who serve in your name; and for all who will be touched as a result of our ministries,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Be gracious to us, for to you alone are due all glory, honor, and praise.

Amen.

Hymn

T. 733

*Be present with your servants, Lord;
we look to you with one accord;
refresh and strengthen us anew,
and bless what in your name we do.*

**Scriptures: Isaiah 58:1-9a
1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Matthew 5:13-20**

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Children's Moment

Pam Duncan

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

Hymn "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" H. 723, vs 1

*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.*

Hymn "O God of Light, May Our Light Shine" T. 590

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*O God of light, may our light shine
in ways that serve and honor you.
May we be loving, just and kind,
proclaiming Christ in all we do.*

*God, where your people are oppressed
and where they cry out in despair,
make us your light – to heal, to bless –
a witness, Lord, that you are there.*

*Christ, when your way is pushed aside
by those who trust in wealth and might,
make us your lamps that we may guide
a searching world to your love's light.*

*O Spirit, in this world of doubt,
we often sin and drift away.
When our own faith is flickering out,
shine on our path and light our way.*

Message: "Fitting in...or Standing out"

Prayer

*** Hymn "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" H. 688**

*** Benediction**

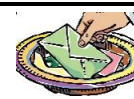
Postlude "A Tune for the Trumpet" Bach

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.



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



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

Prayground Sunday
February 15, during 10:00 a.m. worship:

Children of all ages are encouraged to join us in the sanctuary.

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.



Change Can Make A Difference Offering
Next Sunday, Feb. 15, we will collect our quarterly **"Change Can Make A Difference Offering"**. The offering will go to the **Michael and Ceci Tesh family** to help **with the building of a new school.**

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.



Church Council Results



Board of Elders

Steve Rondinella	2021-2026 ~ 2nd term
330.827.4513	
Scott Minor, V-Chair	2024-2026 ~ 1st term
330.432.7036	
Ruth Anne Dingwell	2026-2027 ~ 2 yrs. (B. Moser - term)
330.663.6784	
Leslie Seats	2022-2027 ~ 2nd term
937.479.4028	
Cheryl Stephens, Secretary	2025-2027 ~ 1st term
330.987.3933	
Pam Duncan, CEC Rep.	2023-2028 ~ 2nd term
330.340.7476	
John Stubbins	2023-2028 ~ 2nd term
330.987.0144	
Courtney Wallace	2026-2028 ~ 1st term
952.807.8342	

Board of Trustees

Bev Antonelli	2024-2026 ~ 1st term
330.340.2522	
Jean Richardson	2026 ~ 1 yr. (B. Crilow - term)
330.204.5664	
Dan Yeager	2021-2026 ~ 2nd term
330.364.6951	
Jodi Hillyer	2025-2027 ~ 1st term
330.340.4785	
Becky Mastin, President	2025-2027 ~ 1st term
330.204.9520	
Dave Yoder, V-President	2025-2027 ~ 1st term
724.272.4822	
Brenda Gordon	2026-2028 ~ 1st term
330.340.4204	
Sue Henriksen, CEC Rep.	2026-2028 ~ 1st term
330.447.6952	
Greg Miller, Secretary	2023-2028 ~ 2nd term
330.340.3861	

Christian Education Rep. ~ Stacy Stubbins

Sperling-Zimmerman Rep. ~ Sam Paden

Flowers

The flowers are given today in honor of all the Door Dash Girls who so kindly and thoughtfully prepare delicious meals and deliver with joy and love, given by Sue Canfield.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

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

One Call Now

Dover First uses the "One Call Now" phone system as one way to communicate with members and friends.

If you would like to sign up to receive these automated phone messages, please contact Sue Henriksen at sue.henriksen@yahoo.com or 330-447-6952.

You may choose to sign up for any or all of these:

- **Messages for the entire congregation** (occasional important updates such as worship updates or church closure due to weather)
- **Wednesday updates** (weekly update with upcoming events and info for the following week)
- **The Moravian Daily Texts** (our daily Moravian devotional first printed in 1731)
- **Prayer Chain Calls** (as needed to share the concerns of members and friends)

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 37 Worship ~ 10 AM 110

Stewardship Moment

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

ó 1 Peter 4:10


Prayers for the People

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. 9 Justin Perkowski
 Feb. 10 Alexis Raus, Tyler Shuss
 Feb. 13 Amy Korn
 Feb. 15 Anniv: John & Stephanie Levengood

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday		Counting ó Living Room
Monday	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Staff Meeting ó Church Office Zoom Bible Study
Buckeye Adult Classes: M & W – ESOL 6-9:00 PM – Basement		
	7:00 PM	CEC Meeting ó Living Room
Tuesday	9-Noon 6:00 PM	Door Dash Prep & Delivery ó Kit. & S. Hall Trustees Meeting ó Social Hall
Wednesday	10:30 AM 6-7:00 PM	Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompson Men's Bible Study ó Living Room NO Chancel Choir ó Feb. 11, 18 & 25
Thursday	6-7:30 PM	The Chosen ó Living Room
Friday	11:30-1:00 PM Noon	The Replacements @ Grinders Bible Study ó Living Room
Saturday		Happy Valentine's Day!
Sunday, Feb. 15	8:45 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunrise Sunday School ó Social Hall Sunday School ó C.S. Rooms Worship ó Sanctuary Soup-er Sunday – Social Hall



Soup-er Sunday

The Christian Education Committee invites you to a **"soup-er" fun afternoon Sunday, February 15.**

Bring a crock pot of soup (or chili, side dish, or dessert) to church with you and take it to the Social Hall before worship. **Bring** your favorite game too!

After worship we will enjoy lunch, have a chili cookoff, play games and even work on a service project – tying fleece blankets to donate to a local organization.



Invite your friends and family to join you for worship, fellowship, and service!



Sole Purpose Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast in March has been cancelled.

Our Worship Opportunities



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

Feb. 8 ~ Worship & Installation of Elders, Trustees,
C.E. Committee and Sperling-Zimmerman
Representative

Feb. 15 ~ Worship, Playground & 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



Bring your family and friends each week!

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/equip

For questions email amy@mcnp.org



Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities



The Replacements at Grinder's



Friday, February 13

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.



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.

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.

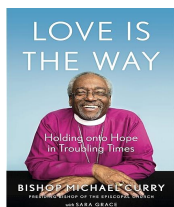
Sole Purpose Needs a Leader



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



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.

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!

MY CHURCH

Recently, I came across this poem we published in the newsletter in the 90's.



MY CHURCH

Author Unknown

My church is composed of people like me.

We make it what it is.

*I want it to be a church that is a lamp to the path
of the Pilgrims, leading them to goodness, truth
and beauty.*

It will be, if I am.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help to fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

*It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I
am a generous giver.*

*It will bring other people into its worship and
fellowship, if I bring them. It will be a church of
loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and
a church with a noble spirit—if I, who make it
what it is, am filled with these.*

*Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate
myself to the task of being all the things that I
want my church to be.*