

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

May 3, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Licensed Pastor	Marie Coutts (330-401-1212 cell)
Greeter	Jane Newland
Nursery	Cheryl Stephens & Stacy Stubbins
Scripture Reader	Denny Rohn
Liturgist	Scott Minor
Usher	Doyle Martin
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*

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

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 "Largo on Hayn, Tune 82D" arr. Handel

Anthem "Come Bless the Lord" Lau
Chancel Choir

* **Hymn** "God Reveals His Presence" **H. 554**

Prayers of the People

Concluding with **H. 825**

*Hear our prayer, O Lord,
hear our prayer, O Lord,
incline your ear to us,
and grant us your peace. Amen.*

Children's Moment

Carolyn Menapace

Hymn "Little Children, Welcome!" **H. 679, vs 1**

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

*Little children, welcome! Earth is yours to live in;
arms of love protect you, little children, welcome!*

Teacher and Nursery Volunteer Appreciation

* **Hymn** "We Thank You, God, for Teachers" **T. Aurelia**

*We thank you, God, for teachers
who help us learn your Way,
who show by their example
how we can serve and pray,
who find great joy in worship,
who listen with concern;
for in their loving witness,
they help us want to learn.*

*We thank you, God, for children
and older people, too,
Who value times of learning
and want to grow in you,
who seek your precious kingdom
and wisdom from above;
for wise ones of all ages
still seek to learn your love.*

*We thank you, God, for churches
that welcome one and all,
that nurture every person
in answer to Christ's call.
So fill us with your Spirit,
and give us life anew,
that we may help each other
live faithfully in you.*

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Gifts of Love (Geneva Press, 2000)*

Message: "A Prophet, a Savior, and an Apostle"
Scripture Lessons within the Message:

Isaiah 40:21-31	Page 741
1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Page 179
Mark 1:29-39	Page 36

Prayer

Hymn "Called Together and United" **H. 624**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory Response

T. Hymn to Joy

*For your blessings in our church life,
for your gifts to us this day,
we respond with gifts that have grown
as for you we work and pray.
Make us servants, ever faithful,
always willing, Lord, to be,
talent growers in your service
ever living faithfully.*

Prayer

*Liturgy – Discipleship

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* Benediction

Postlude

“Tune 82D”

Moravian Lower Brass

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.

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.



Sunday, May 17: Playground 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 Playground for a quiet activity. Then we will present our creation as part of our offering.



ATTENTION: ALL TRUSTEES & ELDERS



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

Thank You Teachers and Volunteers!

Our final day of Sunday school before summer break is **May 17**.

Today, we recognize the faithful and loving service of our 2025-26 Sunday School teachers, substitutes, and nursery volunteers. Thank you all!



2025-26 Sunday School Teachers and Staff

Bev Antonelli
Kelli Argento
Linda Bayer
Josh Compton
Jud Compton
Tessa Compton
Jennifer Corder
Ruth Anne Dingwell
Lori Kutcher
Becky Mastin
Steve Mastin
Brooke McGlumphy
Scott Minor
Erin Perkowski
Jen Peveto
Ade Schaar
Carol Schaar
Anja Seats
Dylan Seats
Leslie Seats
Jerica Shuss
Trevor Shuss
Stacy Stubbins
Tristan Yackey
April Yoder

2025-26 Nursery Volunteers

Dawna Compton
Josh Compton
Jud Compton
Tessa Compton
Jennifer Corder
Seth Corder
Brenda Gordon
Becky Mastin
Erin Perkowski
Justin Perkowski
Jen Peveto
Matthew Peveto
Beth Rondinella
Steve Rondinella
Anja Seats
Dylan Seats
Emma Seats
Leslie Seats
Mia Seats
Elizabeth Snider
Cheryl Stephens
Stacy Stubbins

CALL STORIES

Many Bible stories tell us about certain persons who were “called” by God to do things God wanted them to do.

BIBLICAL CALL STORIES

Moses: Exodus 3:1-4:23

Jonah: The book of Jonah

Gideon: Judges 6 and 7

Samuel: 1 Samuel 3:1-4:1

Abraham: Hebrews 11:8

Mary: Luke 1:1-56 and 2:1-7

Peter, Andrew, James and John: Matthew 4:18-22

Women at the tomb: Matthew 18:5-8

Saul/Paul: Acts 9:1-22

Reflect on the persons called and note the similarities and differences in the stories. Were any of these persons looking for a call or an answer to a need they had? Did God send a “helper” or another voice to confirm the call? Did those called feel inadequate to respond?

Other observations?

Write your own “call” story. In other words, “why did you begin to serve in your particular role, and what causes / or brings you joy in your service?”

BIBLICAL CALL STORIES

Read the various call stories listed on the other side and respond to the following questions for each.

- In what geographical place or places did this call happen?
- Around what period of time in history did this call take place?
- Who initiated or began this call?
- Do you have any idea why this person was called? In other words, what need was there for this person to be called?
- Who brought the call to this person, and how was it brought?
- What happened to help to prove that this was a divine calling? In other words, was there some kind of sign given?
- Did the person resist the call? If so, how?
- How did the person begin to carry out the call?

Flowers

The spring flowers are in memory of John H. and Vi M. Arnold, given by their family, Steve, Sherri, and Katherine Arnold.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Becky and Steve Mastin are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

One Call Now Sponsors are needed. This ministry helps you stay connected to the congregational needs, church events, and the informational flow for our church family. **If you currently receive these messages, please consider sponsoring a week. The cost is \$15 per week.** For a list of dates available, please contact Karen Baker in the church office, **330-364-8831, to sign up for one week or multiple weeks.**

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 22 Worship ~ 10 AM 69


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

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; **One Call Prayer Concerns:** Lori Smith.

One Call Prayer Concern names will remain on the Prayer List for two weeks. If prayers are needed for a longer period of time, please call the church office.

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

May 3	Roger Spies - <i>Happy 91st Birthday!</i>	
	Marla Gasser, Alexis McCarthy	
May 5	Teresa Swartzentruber, April Yoder	
May 7	Melanie Cronebach	
May 10	Jason Perkowski	
	Anniv: Alex & Jerriann Swartzentruber	

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Today	10:00 AM	Worship ó Sanctuary
	11:15-12:15 PM	S.S. Teacher Appreciation ó L. Rm.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



This small group will meet **Today, May 3**, in the church living room at **1:00 p.m.**
 Questions: Contact Edie Santee, Susan Paden or Pamela Schmitzer.

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

Buckeye Adult Classes: M & W – ESOL 6-9 PM – Basement

Tuesday	9:00 AM	Bake & Bag Cookies for Chalk Walk ó Kit/SH
	10:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
		Archives Work ó Archives Room
	6:00 PM	Elders Meeting ó Social Hall

Wednesday	9:00 AM	Bake & Bag Cookies for Chalk Walk ó Kit/SH
	10:30 AM	Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompsonø
	6:00 PM	Menø Bible Study ó Living Room
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir ó Choir Loft

Thursday	9:15-11 AM	Chalk Walk ó Parking Lot, SH & Kit and Downtown
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Friday	9:15-11 AM	<u>Rain Date:</u> Chalk Walk
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Sunday	8:00 AM	Sunrise Sunday School ó L. Room
	9:00 AM	Sunday School ó C.S. Rooms
	10:00 AM	Worship & S.S. Choir Sings ó Sanctuary

Fri., May 15 7-8:30 PM Student Piano Recital



Regina Brubaker from Legacy Christian School in Sugarcreek, will have a small student recital in our sanctuary to give her students the opportunity to play this piano. Plan to attend!

Our Worship Opportunities



loving
God



growing
together



serving
others

Worship Each Sunday

at 10:00 A.M.

May 10 ~ Happy Mother's Day!

During Worship the **Sunday School Choir will sing.**

May 17 ~ There will be a *Prayground* for children during **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.

May 24 ~ Pentecost Holy Communion

Our **2026 Graduates** will be recognized during worship.



May 31 ~ Worship followed by VBS Decorating

Bring your family and friends!

Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities



Annual Chalk Walk

by Steve Rondinella

Thursday, May 7
(Rain date: Fri., May 8)

from 9:15 – 11 a.m.



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Dover Avenue students in 4th & 5th grade

(480 students & faculty) will be participating in our church sponsored **Chalk Walk**. They will use their artistic talent to create unique designs on the sidewalks of downtown Dover.

We are in need of cookies or cookie dough. Also, we need volunteers to help the day of the event; and to bake and bag cookies on May 5 & 6 in the social hall at 9 a.m. (Please no nuts or peanut butter in the cookies.) Please deliver cookies or dough to the church kitchen **on Monday, May 4, starting at 9 a.m.**

Any leftover cookies will be frozen and used for social hour after Sunday worship. Leftover cookie dough will be sent to camps for our youth.

Thanks to all for helping continue this outreach program.

**Dover High School Student Parking
at First Moravian Church ~ August 2026 – May 2027**



It's Time to Register for a Student Parking Pass!

We will continue to provide a **total of 20 parking spaces** for Dover High School students. **Even if your student had a space this past school year, they still need to complete a new form for the 2026-27 school year and return it to Karen in the office by May 21, 2026.**

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.

An Afternoon of Music

Bradley Hunter Welch

Concert Organist

Today, May 3, at 3:00 p.m.



The Presbyterian Church, 142 North Fourth Street
(across from the court square) Coshocton, Ohio.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear a **FREE** concert performed by this amazing artist on our sanctuary Taylor and Boody tracker-action organ.

This free concert is made possible by the Joe R. Engle Recital Fund in conjunction with the Coshocton Dogwood Festival of the Arts.

For more information, call the church: 740-622-0486.

Community Ecumenical Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to the
Community Ecumenical Men's Breakfast
on **Saturday, May 16**, from **9-11:00 a.m.**
at **St. John's United Church of Christ.**



Don't miss the great food and fellowship! If you have any questions, please contact Tom Armstrong.

Our Christian Education Opportunities

Vacation Bible School Sign-ups



Sign up in the lobby or contact Carolyn Menapace to volunteer for Vacation Bible School.

We need lots of helpers ready to have lots of fun **June 8-12**. *Come help kids celebrate God's love for us!*

Registration opens May 4, for kids 4 years old through 5th grade (completed). Register at doverfirstmoravianchurch.org or fill out a form in the church lobby or office. *Please complete registrations by May 27.*

A Card of Thanks

Thanks...People like you, who show they care...are very special and very rare!

We would like to thank our church family for your thoughts, prayers & cards during the passing of our wife, Mom, Grandma & Great-Grandma.

A special thanks to Marie for her beautiful graveside service and her support during this difficult time.

The Family of Jacque Graef