

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

November 1, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Pastor	Jay Petrella
Greeters	Steve & Beth Rondinella
Nursery	Available if needed by a parent & child
Usher	Anja Seats
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*
Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb! Revelation 7:10

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 "Rise, O Children of Salvation" Arr. Bliss

* **Hymn** "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand" **H. 394**

* **Liturgy – All Saints** **Page 105**

Children's Moment Pastor Jay
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!*

Prayers of the People
"The Lord's Prayer" **H. 828**

Anthem "Arise and Come to Jesus" Arr. Drennan
Chancel Choir

Scripture Readings:
Micah 3:5-12 **Page 964**
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 **Page 222**

Hymn "All Who Have Gone Before Us" **H. 389**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:1-12 **Page 26**

Message: "Our Story"

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**

Hymn "For All the Saints" **H. 390**

* **Benediction**

Postlude "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand"
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 talent 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.



Poinsettia order forms are in the bulletin today. If you desire to place an order, please complete the order form and fill in the quantity and color preference: red or white.
The deadline is Sunday, Nov. 15, to place an order. Please include payment with your order form and place it in the offering plate.



Flowers

The two vases of yellow and white fuji mums are in memory of our dad, Max Espenschied, given by Holly, LaRene, and Melanie Espenschied and families.

The two vases of fall flowers are in honor of twins, Sue Canfield from Ohio, and Sally Jaworowski from Michigan, on their 90th birthday today.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Barbara Gennert is sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 25

Worship ~ 10 AM 77

Change Can Make a Difference Offering ~ 10/25/2026

Michael Tesh, Ray of Hope \$744.39

Thank you for your monetary donations.

Prayers for the People

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

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Nov. 1 Erin Coutts,
Happy 90th Birthday ~ Sue & Sally
Sue Canfield & Sally Jaworowski



Nov. 2 Sue Hoffman; Anniv: Jake & Mia Armstrong
Nov. 3 Wesley Skaggs, Caden Burke
Nov. 4 Jill Martin, Bonnie Lindsey, Mary Lou Keener
Nov. 5 Tim Matheny, Bruce Rees
Nov. 6 Will Everett
Nov. 7 Donna Keller
Nov. 8 Suzanne Rinderknecht – **Happy 98th Birthday!**



The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday **Fall Retreat Deadline – Registration Paperwork & Payment**
11-Noon Youth Sunday Rehearsal i Sanct.
11:30 PM Counting i Living Room



Today at 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry i Liv. Room
Members, new members, and friends, please join us. We have a lot of fun knitting and crocheting prayer shawls.
If you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl, please let us know. Edie Santee, Susan Paden, Pamela Schmitzer

Monday 9:00 AM Staff Meeting i Church Office
6:00 PM Mor. Women Adv. Bd. Mtg. i Living Room
7:00 PM Book Club to KSU-Tusc. ~ Meet the Author

Tuesday **Don't Forget to Vote ~ Today!**

9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study

Buckeye Adult Classes: T & Th – ESOL 6-9 PM – Basement

6:00 PM Elders Meeting i Social Hall

7:15 PM Reeves Bell Rehearsal i Room 211

Wednesday 10:00 AM Praying In Color @ Shirley Thompson's
6:30 PM Chancel Choir i Choir Loft

Thursday 8-8:00 PM Luncheon Prep. i Kit/S.H./Lobby & L. Rm.
6-7:30 PM The Chosen i Room 215

Friday 11-1:00 PM Community Luncheon i Kit/S.H./Lobby & L. Rm.
1:00 PM Depart from Dover for Fall Retreat in Albion, IN

Saturday Fall Retreat continues

Sunday 9:00 AM Youth Sunday Rehearsal i S. Hall
10:00 AM Worship i Sanctuary
Fall Retreat concludes
4-6:00 PM Birthday Party i Kit. & Social Hall

Special Thanks to the Volunteers

who helped **Sam** clean up the flower beds and church grounds last week.

Volunteers included: Julie Williams, Don Richardson, Bev Antonelli, Gary & Sandy Martin, and Becky Mastin.

Thank you so much for all your extra help – Well done!



Our Worship Opportunities



THANKFUL
grateful
BLESSED

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

Nov. 8 ~ Worship

Nov. 15 ~ Worship & Holy Communion



Nov. 22 ~ The Youth will lead the worship service.



Advent Begins



Nov. 29 ~ Worship & Advent Lovefeast



6:00 p.m. Advent Communion service @ Sharon Moravian Church. This is our gathering of six

Moravian Churches in the Valley coming together for worship and communion. What a real blessing. Don't miss this opportunity. Let's have a great turnout for this event as we praise the Lord and enhance your Advent walk, you will be enriched in the spirit.

Our Music Opportunities

Music Concert Coming Up...

Zollikon Institute Choral Group



The Zollikon choral group practices weekly preparing music to share in a worship setting. This group of **68 singers** will present a concert in our sanctuary on **Friday evening, November 13**, at **7:00 p.m.** The group is under the direction of Franklin Miller, choral director at Legacy Christian School at Sugarcreek, Ohio. Bring a friend!

Our Mission, Outreach & Fellowship Opportunities

Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheon



Dine-in or Carry-out available

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

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

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.

The Replacements

by Shirley Thompson



The Replacements will meet on **Friday, November 13**, from **11:30 to 1:00 p.m.** at **Mary Zifer's** located next to the church.

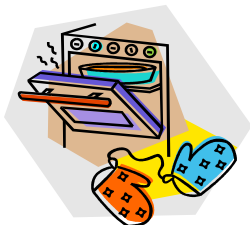


If you have had a knee, shoulder, hip, or any kind of replacement, then you are welcome to attend this luncheon. We will order from the menu and share stories and lots of laughter.

Mark your calendars and join us on the 13th.

Helping Hand Sunday ~ Nov. 15

Reminder: You can place a **special offering** in the offering plate for Helping Hands. **Please use your special offering envelope in your packet dated Nov. 15, or any other envelope and mark it Helping Hand.** Your special offering will add to the Helping Hand Fund which is used to give assistance to those in our congregation in need throughout the year.



Sugar Cake Baking

Tuesday, November 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.

Help the Moravian Women increase their sales, and by doing that, they can continue their mission of reaching out to others in need at home and around the world. **Please place your order early by calling Susan Paden, 330-364-7101.**

Ecumenical Men's Breakfast

Don't miss our next
Men's Breakfast!



The fellowship will be enjoyable and the food will be delicious! Bring your friends! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 21**, from **9-11 a.m.** at **Dover Alliance Church, 228 E. Third Street.**

Special Thanks . . . to all our

Sugar Cake Baking and Luncheon Volunteers
throughout the year.

We appreciate all our volunteers, from those who donate items for the luncheons, and to those who come and help; and to all the helpers who do prep work for Sugar Cake Baking and again to all those who show up to help on baking day.

Thank you so much for your dedication.

Advent begins November 29...
**Christmas is just
around the corner...**



**Get your shopping done early by purchasing
Moravian Advent & Christmas Stars...**

Great Gifts throughout the Year!

The white plastic electric **Advent stars** are available in two sizes (**21-inch ~ \$30; and 12-inch ~ \$25**) in the church office. **The 12-inch star is designed to be used as a tree topper or hanging star.** These stars make great gifts year-round: birthdays, weddings, showers, etc. Complete instructions for assembly are included.



Decorating the Church for the Christmas Season

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season, please contact Susan Corder, 330-204-0931. We will decorate on **Sunday, November 22**, from **Noon-2:00 p.m.** Extra hands would be appreciated.

There will be a **Potluck Lunch** on this day, so **bring a dish** to share **at 11:30 a.m.** followed by decorating the church.

Our Christian Education Opportunities

Meet the Author

We have an opportunity to hear from the author of our **November Breakfast Book Club** selection.

“The Distance to Home” author Jenn Bishop will speak about her book in the **Founders Hall of KSU-Tuscarawas** on **Monday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m.**



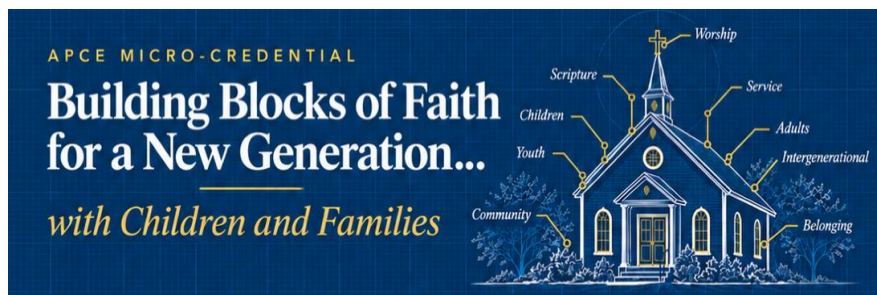
2027 Fellowship Committee



Fellowship is an important part of life in the church!

A committee is forming to plan a few events in 2027. **Sign up in the lobby by November 15**, to be a part of this new and exciting ministry!

(A meeting will be scheduled for late 2026 to begin planning.)



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Attention Church Workers / Volunteers...

***Sunday School Teachers,
Children's Ministry Directors / Leaders
Christian Education Committee Members
Family Ministry Program Leaders and***

anyone interested in Children and Family Ministries!

A new program is being offered through APCE (**Association of Partners in Christian Education**) where participants will dig deeper into these areas, and after completing 20 credit hours, a **micro-credential badge** will be awarded in this area. Each year, a different faith formation topic will be offered where you can earn additional micro-credential badges.

What is a Micro-Credential?

A Micro-Credential is a continuing education opportunity designed to strengthen your skills and confidence without the commitment of a certification or graduate program; a focused learning pathway that recognizes meaningful professional growth in a specific area of ministry.

To participate in this program, you don't need a particular title, degree, or number of years of experience. You simply need a desire to learn and grow!

How can you participate in this program?

- Become a member of APCE
- Register for the APCE Annual Event – **in person (Portland, Oregon January 27-30, 2027) or online**
- Register for the Micro-Credential Program (**January 26**)

The core class will be led by the Rev. Dr. Rebecca Davis, Professor of Christian Education at Union Presbyterian Seminary. In addition to the core class, registration for this event includes various workshops in faith formation. Following the event, participants will join a cohort for further learning and sharing.

In addition to the core class, participants will choose workshops from among the following approved options offered online or in person:

- Good Bones: Evaluating and Adapting Children's Curriculum
- Sexuality and Faith: Talking with Children
- Wonderfully Wired: Nurturing Children's Faith Through a Neurodivergent Lens
- Reimagining Children's Faith Formation in a Changing Landscape
- Cultivating a Creative Classroom for Young Disciples
- Vision, Understanding and Creativity: Leadership for Educational Ministries

Interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity?

Join a Zoom Q & A with Marie Coutts

Nov. 9, 7:00 p.m.

OR

Nov. 10, 8:00 p.m.

Contact Marie for the zoom link or for any questions:

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