

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

November 2, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Part-time Pastor	Denny Rohn (610-216-7467 cell)
Greeters	Marla Cappell & Barb Wilson
Nursery	Beth & Steve Rondinella
Worship Leader	Bethanie Moser
Scripture Reader	Melanie Cronebach
Usher	Becky Kutcher
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

Chimes

Watchword for the Week: In Unison *The Moravian Daily Texts*
Jesus said, “For the son of man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10

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 “Laudation” Martin

Call to Worship – Psalm 18 Scott & Cyndi Walter

* **Hymn** “*The God of Abraham Praise*” **H. 468**

Children’s Moment Carolyn Menapace
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.*

Children Sing “Zacchaeus”

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

* **Offertory Response – Hymn 815** T. Tallis Canon
*Our tithes and offerings, Lord, we bring;
 with grateful hearts to you we sing.
 You are the source of ev’ry gift,
 to you our song of thanks we lift.*

A Call to Prayer

“*To This Holy Place of Prayer*” Text: Artis Weber
 Chancel Choir

Prayers of the Congregation

Congregation:

*Now we pray that we can see
 that this sanctuary be
 set apart on earthly land,
 sanctified by Holy Hand.*

Holy Scriptures

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

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Hymn

“*Come, You Sinners*”

H. 765

Message:

“*It’s All About the Details*”
 Lorrigan Booth

Prayer

* **Liturgy: Peace and Justice**

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* **Benediction** “*The Lord Bless and Keep You*” Christian Gregor
 Chancel Choir

Silent Meditation

Postlude “*It Is Well with My Soul*” arr. Bish
 Courtney Wallace, Soprano

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 **Lorrigan Booth** for bringing the message.

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.



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.

Flowers

The flowers are in memory of our dad, Max Espenschied, given by Holly, LaRene, and Melanie Espenschied and families.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Larry and Becky Kutcher are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

One Call Now Sponsors are needed for the following weeks:

Jan. 4, 18 & 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22; and Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. If you desire to sponsor one week or more, please call Karen Baker in the church office, 330-364-8831. **Cost: \$15 per week.**

Stewardship Moment

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

Faith itself grows when we give generously and sacrificially.

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Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 26 Worship ~ 10 AM 111

Prayers for the People

Our **sympathy and prayers** to **Phyllis Miller and family** on the death of her sister-in-law, Sondra Grove, of Strasburg, 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

Nov. 2	Sue Hoffman
Nov. 3	Wesley Skaggs, Caden Burke
Nov. 4	Mary Lou Keener, Bonnie Lindsey, Jill Martin
Nov. 5	Tim Matheny, Bruce Rees
Nov. 6	Will Everett
Nov. 7	Donna Keller
Nov. 8	Suzanne Rinderknecht
Nov. 9	Dan Peveto

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday 10:00 AM Worship ĩ Sanctuary



Today at 1:00 PM **Prayer Shawl Ministry** ĩ Liv. Room
Members, new members, and friends, please join us. We have a lot of fun knitting and crocheting. **If you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl, please let us know.**

Edie Santee, Susan Paden, Pamela Schmitzer

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

Monday 6:00 PM Mor. Women Adv. Bd. Mtg. ĩ Living Room

7:00 PM Book Club to KSU ~ Meet the Author

We have an opportunity to hear from the author, Elizabeth Camarillo Gitierrez, of our November Book Club selection, “My Side of the River”, in Founders Hall of KSU-Tusc on **Monday, November 3, at 7:00 p.m.** A book signing will follow.

Tuesday Election Day ~ Don’t Forget to Vote

	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting ĩ Church Office
	10:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
	4:30 PM	Counting ĩ Living Room
	6:00 PM	Nominating Committee Mtg. ĩ L. Room
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Praying In Color @ Shirley Thompson&
	6:00 PM	Men& Bible Study ĩ Living Room
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir ĩ Choir Loft
Thursday	8-8:00 PM	Luncheon Prep. ĩ Kit/S.H./Lobby & L. Rm.
	6:30 PM	Reeves Bells ĩ Room 211
Friday	11-1:00 PM	Community Luncheon ĩ Kit/S.H./Lobby & L. Rm.
	Noon	Bible Study ĩ Room 215
Saturday	4-6:00 PM	Birthday Party ĩ Kit. & Social Hall
Sunday	Fall Retreat Deadline – Registration Paperwork & Payment	
	8:00 AM	Sunrise Sunday School ĩ Living Room
	9:00 AM	Sunday School ĩ C.S. Rooms
	10:00 AM	Worship & Holy Communion ĩ Sanctuary

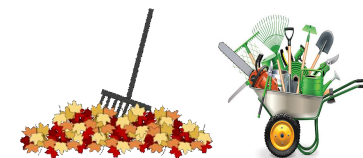
Special Thanks to the Volunteers

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

Volunteers included:

Julie Williams, Becky Mastin, Bev Antonelli, Terry Burrell, and Gary & Sandy Martin.

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. 9 ~ Worship & Holy Communion
The Rev. Dennis G. Rohn will
bring the message.



Nov. 16 ~ Jud Compton will bring the message.

Nov. 23 ~ Youth Sunday ~ The Youth will lead the service.



Advent Begins

Nov. 30 ~ Worship & Advent Lovefeast ~ 10 A.M.



**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.

Bring your family and friends each week!

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 14, at 7:00 p.m. The group is under the
direction of Franklin Miller, choral director at Legacy
Christian School at Sugarcreek, Ohio.

Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities

Helping Hand Sunday ~ Nov. 16

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. 16, or any other envelope and mark it
Helping Hand. Your special offering will add to the Helping Hand
Fund which is used to give many types of assistance to those in
our congregation in need throughout the year.

Ecumenical Men's Breakfast



Don't miss our next **Men's Breakfast!**

The fellowship will be enjoyable and

the food will be fabulous! Bring your friends! Mark your
calendars for **Saturday, November 15, from 9-11:00 a.m.**
at **Dover Alliance Church.**





Moravian Disaster Response to Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica – 10/30/25 UPDATE

The Board of World Mission (BWM) continues to receive reports from the Jamaica and Cayman Islands Province of the Moravian Church following the devastating impact of the Category 5 Hurricane

Melissa. Damage, power outages, and loss of water and cell service are widespread, with the western side of the island—particularly St. Elizabeth Parish—suffering the most significant devastation.

People on the eastern side of the island are still working to contact those in the hardest-hit western communities. The hurricane made landfall near New Hope, very close to the Camp Hope facility, the province's youth camping and retreat center. A formal report, with more detailed and comprehensive information about the impact on the Moravian Church, its members, and its facilities, from leadership in Jamaica, will be received once they complete an initial assessment. BWM has received direct reports that Springfield Moravian Church, built in 1847 and located approximately 15 miles northeast of Camp Hope, was completely destroyed and White Hill Moravian Church has sustained significant damage. Multiple Moravian school buildings in the Westmoreland and St. Elizabeth areas have also been impacted. Other reports and photos we have received indicate that additional churches and homes have sustained similar heavy damage.

We are maintaining contact with several partners and church leaders, though damage assessments are still underway. The need for recovery assistance is expected to be immense, and your support through the Moravian Disaster Response (MDR) Fund is urgently needed to help meet those needs as they are identified in the coming days and weeks.

We are also maintaining contact with partners and leaders in Cuba and Haiti, who were also impacted by this storm.

100% of donations to our MDR Fund go toward providing relief for these disasters. **You can assist us with our disaster response efforts at MoravianMission.org/Give (scan QR code). Please designate your gift to “MDR” to ensure funds are directed to the disaster relief efforts with the greatest need. Please make checks payable to “Board of World Mission” and send to:**



Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018



Sugar Cake Baking

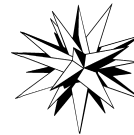
Tuesday, November 18

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.**



Advent begins November 30...

**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.

One Call Now Update

We have a wonderful communication system in place which many of you help to support with your weekly sponsorship. The system has served us well since 2016 and it is now time for refreshing.

Even if you are already signed up, we are asking you to complete the form below to confirm your phone number and what messages you would like to receive.

If unanswered, messages will go to your voice mail as long as it is set up and not full. The system will attempt to reach your number eight times. If not answered by then (by you or by your voice mail), the message will not be delivered. When a call is being sent out your caller ID will show the church number.

Place the completed form in the basket at the back of the sanctuary, return it to the office, or email / call **Sue Henriksen** at sue.henriksen@yahoo.com or **330-447-6952** no later than **Sunday, November 23.**

Name _____

Phone Number for Messages _____

Mark all calls you wish to receive:

____ Messages for the entire congregation (occasional)

____ Wednesday updates (weekly)

____ The Moravian Daily Texts (daily)

____ Prayer Chain calls (as needed)



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 23**, from **Noon-5:00 p.m.** Extra hands would be appreciated.

There will be a **light lunch served at 11:00 a.m.** followed by decorating the church. Parents with small children are encouraged to bring your children for the **holiday movie** which runs until **2:00 p.m.** Children may attend the movie, while the parents help to decorate the church.

Our Christian Education Opportunities



CEC Game Night

All ages are invited for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun! Invite your friends and family and join a Euchre tournament or learn to play Boomwhackers!



Bring a pizza or other food to share for dinner and **bring your favorite game** on **Sat., Nov. 15, from 5-7 p.m.** CEC will provide drinks and paper products.



TUFF Bags Packing

Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m.



Sign up in the lobby to help pack bags of food for kids in Tuscarawas County. All ages are welcome to help. We will meet at the TUFF Bags warehouse and packing will take approximately one hour.

OMMC Advent Study

"I Give You a New Commandment...Love One Another"

The Northern Province Racial Justice Team's Advent Study Series. Each session includes scripture, theological reflection, a guest speaker/video presentation, and time for conversation.

Mondays on Zoom: 10:00-11:15 a.m. – Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22

Tues. at Sch. Moravian: 6:30-7:45 p.m. – Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23

Monday and Tuesday content each week will be the same – attend either session each week.

Sign up in the lobby to receive the Zoom link.



Thank You Notes!

Dover First Moravian Church,

We want to sincerely **thank you** for your generous donation and welcoming Alicia with such kindness. Alicia truly enjoyed having the opportunity to share the message with you all.

Your support, encouragement, and prayers for Tyler mean so much to our family.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Alicia & Tyler Cox

With Gratitude and Thankfulness



The practice of saying and being thankful in writing often does not include an emotional element. However, Sunday, October 26, 2025, covered the entire spectrum of gratitude and thankfulness in serving Christ for 50 years within the First Moravian Church of Dover. I am so thankful to this congregation for many years of worship, friendship, opportunities to serve Christ...the list has no end.

I think of the many people who have served along with me, providing vocal music, playing handbells, four and six-handed piano duets, brass instruments, flutes...the list has no end. You cannot do this without committed, dedicated people. First Moravian has that!

Many hands were involved in the planning of my recognition this past Sunday. It was a first-class act. My gratitude to the planning committee: Scott & Cyndi Walter, Beth & Steve Rondinell, Lee Elliott, Susan Paden, Lorrigan Booth, and Jill Craddoc. Also, my thanks to the Rev. Dennis Rohn, Karen Baker, and Sam Paden who were involved in this event.

Looking back, this congregation has had a profound impact in Nancy's and my life. Nancy, the best wife I ever had, has been a constant helpmate in this journey. Our children, Aaron and Rebekah, were sealed in the waters of baptism and proclaimed their faith in confirmation. Our grandsons, Landon, David, Simon, and Austin, were baptized here. Our parents, Melvin and Betty Kern and Lola Gibbs, joined this congregation and spent the remainder of their lives here. This church has become our family home.

Soli Deo Gloria – to God Alone Glory.

G. Randall Gibbs