

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

August 24, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Part-time Pastor	Denny Rohn (610-216-7467 cell)
Greeters	Richard & Marilyn Rainsberger
Nursery	Available if needed by a parent & child
Worship Leader	Scott Minor
Scripture Reader	Stacy Stubbins
Usher	Denny Rohn
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*

The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him. Psalm 103:17

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 "Variations on Royal Oak" arr. te Velde
I. Musette II. Duo

* **Hymn** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" **H. 467**

* **Liturgy – Creation** (Omit the first hymn) **Page 26**

Prayers of the People

"The Lord's Prayer" **H. 828**

Holy Scriptures

Hebrews 12:18-29 **Page 244**

Luke 13:10-17 **Page 78**

Children's Moment

Tessa Compton

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

Hymn "Hallelujah!"

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah; Praise ye the Lord!

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah; Praise ye the Lord!

Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah; Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah,

Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord!

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

* **Offertory Response – Hymn 817**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Hymn "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" **H. 542, Red**

Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879 (1874)

STEPHANOS 8.5.8.8. (269, C)
Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877 (1868)

1. I am trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee,
2. I am trust - ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,
3. I am trust - ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood,
4. I am trust - ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,
Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.
For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.
Ev - ery day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need. A - MEN.

Message: "You Are Set Free"
Rev. Johnathon Hogan
Cleveland Clinic Chaplain

* **Hymn** "Come, You Sinners" **H. 765**

* **Benediction**

Silent Meditation

Postlude "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Old Hundredth
Nielson/Young

Ruth Anne Dingwell, G. R. Gibbs

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.

We **welcome** and **thank** the **Rev. Johnathon Hogan**, Cleveland Clinic Chaplain, for bringing the message this morning. Rev. Hogan has a degree in Religious Ministry from Rochester College in New York, and a Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

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.



Ushers are needed for **Sept. 14, 21 & 28**. To volunteer for one Sunday or multiple Sundays, please **contact Bethanie Moser, 330.432.3814**. Thank you for being a church volunteer.

Elder: Scott Minor, 330.432.7036, is available after the service or call during the week if you have a joy, a concern, need prayer, or have a question.

Sunday, Sept. 7 – There will be a **Special Church Council meeting following worship**. See Page 6 of this bulletin for the details.

Flowers

The flowers are offered as a sign of our gratitude to Pastor Denny, Randy Gibbs, the Joint Board, and everyone who has helped with Sunday worship while we continue our search for a new pastor, given by Lorrigan and Scott Booth.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Steve and Julie Williams are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Stewardship Moment

Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity,
I know I am moving from fear to love.

Henri Nouwen (1932 – 1996), priest, professor, writer, theologian

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It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35

**Attendance from Last Sunday** ~ Worship ~ 10 AM 107

### 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.): Linda Earley,  
Ron & Bette Kohl.

### Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Aug. 26 Heather Fether  
Aug. 29 Anniv: Scott & Cyndi Walter  
Aug. 30 Lindsay Begue, Bev Handrich, Scott Jones,  
Lori Smith

### *The Dover Moravian Messenger*

Monday 7:30 AM Counting ó Living Room  
9:00 AM Staff Meeting ó Church Office

**Buckeye Adult Classes: GED – M & F – Noon-3 PM; ESOL – M & W – 6-9 PM - Basement**

Tuesday 7:00 PM OMMC @ Sch. Moravian Church  
Noon or 12:30 PM Carpet Cleaning ó Rms. 212, 214, Nursery,  
L. Rm., Narthex, Main Rug

Wednesday 10:30 AM Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompsonø

Sunday 10:00 AM Worship ó Sanctuary

### **Dover High School Student Parking at First Moravian Church ~ August 2025 – May 2026**



**Currently, there are a few parking spaces remaining.**

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.

Stop in the church office to complete the paperwork for a parking pass. First come, first served.

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| <b>First Moravian Church of Dover, Ohio</b><br>Church Office: 330.364.8831                                                                                                                                                                     |                                    |              |
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## Our Worship Opportunities



*Come Worship with Us*

*Each Sunday at 10:00 A.M.*

**August 31 ~ Message by The Rev. Dennis Rohn**

**Sept. 7 ~ Worship & Special Church Council Meeting**

Following worship there will be a **Special Church Council meeting** to elect **two delegates and two alternates** to the **45<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Moravian Church, Northern Province**. Synod will be held **June 25-26, 2026**, in **Minneapolis, Minnesota**. Travel days will be Wednesday, June 24, and Saturday, June 27. **Please plan to attend this Special Church Council Meeting.**

*Bring your family and friends!*

## Our Mission, Outreach, & Fellowship Opportunities



### **Change Can Make A Difference Offering**

Save your change and dollar bills and bring it

with you to church on **Sept. 28**. Our

quarterly collection will go to the **Tyler Cox**

**family** this time. **Please see page 7 in the bulletin today**

**for additional information.** Tyler needs a kidney transplant. He is the son-in-law of Doug and Angie Miller, members at Schoenbrunn Moravian Church. Let's help Tyler and his family with some of their medical bills.

Thank you.

## YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE

### Living Kidney Donor Needed for Tyler Cox



Please keep **Tyler Cox** in your prayers. Tyler, husband of **Alicia (Miller) Cox**, members of **Schoenbrunn Moravian**, has been diagnosed with **end-stage kidney disease** and is in urgent need of a **kidney transplant**.

Tyler was born with only one kidney and has been on **home dialysis** for the past **two years**, four days a week, nearly four hours each treatment. He is currently on the transplant list at **Ohio State Wexner Medical Center**, where the average wait time is **3–5 years or longer**.

### Could You Be the Answer?

If you are **healthy**, between the ages of **18–70**, and feel led to consider becoming a **living kidney donor**, Tyler may be able to accept your transplant.

After **prayerful consideration**, if you are willing to explore this life-saving act, please visit:

□ <https://wexnermedical.osu.edu/transplant/living-kidney-donation>

□ 614-293-6724, option 3.

If you are unable to donate, please consider **sharing this information** with others who might be willing and able to help.

Let's lift up Tyler and Alicia with love, support, and prayer during this difficult time.

*"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2*

**First Moravian Church of Dover, Ohio, *Change Can Make a Difference* Offering will go to the Tyler Cox family on Sept. 28.**

## Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheon



**Friday, September 5 ~ 11:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

### First Moravian Church Social Hall

Proceeds from our luncheons help the Moravian Women contribute to missionary efforts at home and around the world. We appreciate all your support in making our luncheons a success.

**If you are willing to donate items for this luncheon, sign-up sheets are in the lobby, along with reminder sheets to take with you.**

### Sugar Cake Baking & Sales



**Tuesday ~ Sept. 16**

**Additional information is in the September/October Newsletter.**



### **Men...Mark Your Calendars**

Come for a delicious breakfast  
with great fellowship and a speaker!

### **Ecumenical Men's Breakfasts**

**September & December**

#### **Men...don't miss our Fall Kick-off Breakfast!**

The fellowship will be enjoyable and the food  
will be fabulous! Bring your friends! Mark your calendars for  
**Saturday, September 20**, from **9-11:00 a.m.** in the **social  
hall at the First Moravian Church of Dover.**



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Our **December Breakfast** will be on **Saturday, December 20**,
from **9-11:00** in the **social hall at the First Moravian Church
of Dover. Invite a friend!**

Locations & dates vary - See future bulletins and
newsletters, for the complete schedule.

Our Christian Education Opportunities

SACRED GROUND:

A Film and Reading-based Dialogue on Race and Faith

On Zoom, every other Monday

1:30-3 p.m. or 7-8:30 p.m. (ET)

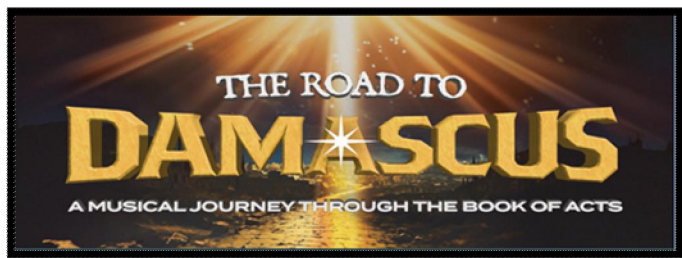
August 25-November 17; January 5-February 16

Learn the multiracial history of our country that you may have missed growing up and now school teachers are not supposed to teach. Full Communion Sacred Ground is an 11-part series built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories, and the stories of our families. Join Episcopalians, Lutherans, Moravians, and others to learn how race continues to shape our nation and how we might respond in faith, lament, and action.

Full Communion Sacred Ground is free but it requires an investment of your time and heart. There are about two hours of film-watching and reading between each session. Each person will be part of the larger group and a small dialogue circle. Participants are urged to attend each session, to build trust and depth in the circles. Sacred Ground will challenge and reward you, as we work toward becoming Beloved Community.

Go to www.episcopalchurch.org/sacredground to learn more about Sacred Ground. Contact Rev. Maria Tjeltveit at sacredground.beth@gmail.com if you have questions or the full course. Scan the QR code to learn more.





Thursday, September 18

Join your church family for a Dutch Valley buffet dinner and "The Road to Damascus!"

Dinner at 5:00 p.m. ~ Show at 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$64.00 per person

Payment is due by August 31. Mark for "**Dutch Valley**" and place in the offering plate or drop off in the church office. *(Checks can be made out to First Moravian Church.)*

Rally Day

The church family gathers together to celebrate the beginning of a new Sunday school year! Arrive early for breakfast and stay to learn about worship. Why do we do the things we do? Come find out as a family of faith!

Sunday, September 7, in the Social Hall

8:30 a.m.: Breakfast is served

8:45 a.m.: Program begins



Second Grade Bible Presentation

On **Sunday, September 7**, during worship we will present Bibles to our students entering second grade.



We pray these Bibles will help to nurture their understanding of and relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Come help us bless these students as they begin the new Sunday School year.

Zoom Bible Study – Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

A Bible Study that you can join from anywhere! This is a great chance to connect with members and friends near and far, from the comfort of your home.



Join Carolyn Menapace and Pastor Denny Rohn for "Our Victorious Lamb," a Moravian study of the book of Revelation. **September 9 through November 25.**

Contact Carolyn for help getting set up on Zoom, or for a one-on-one Zoom session so you can get comfortable with the technology.



Welcome Back to Sunday School!

Classes for all ages begin
September 14, at 9 a.m.

Nursery: The nursery will be unstaffed but open for families to use during Sunday School.

Pre-K to 2nd Grade: Kids in Pre-K to 2nd grade will gather in Room 214. Becky Mastin, Erin Perkowski, and Stacy Stubbins will use Bible stories, songs, and creative activities to encourage Biblical practices.
Curriculum: PCUSA's Follow Me for Young Children.

3rd to 7th Grade: Kids in 3rd to 7th grade will gather in Room 213. Tessa Compton, Jerica Shuss, and April Yoder will lead students on a journey through the Bible, making connections between the Old and New Testaments. *Curriculum: Sparkhouse's Connect.*

Seekers: Join Steve Mastin for Bible Study every Sunday morning. All are welcome, no matter where you are in your faith journey. (First-floor Living Room)

Seeds of Faith: Join this discussion-based group as different leaders present different topics and perspectives. (Second-floor – Room 215)

Sunrise Sunday School: Carolyn Menapace will lead three sessions from **8-8:45 a.m.** The first session will be **October 26 through November 23.** All are welcome, especially those who are rehearsing or preparing in the hour before worship. (Second-floor – Room 215)

Adults and Teens: *We welcome you to try out all of the adult classes to find the right fit for you. Attend Sunday School together and make Sunday morning a time to worship and learn together as a family!*

Confirmation for Adults

Pastor Denny will lead a six-week introduction to the **revised Moravian Catechism** on **Wednesday evenings** this fall.

We will gather in the Social Hall, **September 17 through October 22. A light supper will be served at 5:15.** We will enjoy a meal together and explore this new version of the **Moravian Catechism** from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

Many of us have never studied the catechism, and if we did it was a previous version used during our own confirmation as middle-schoolers. Now is your chance for a refresher!

