

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

October 19, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Part-time Pastor	Denny Rohn (610-216-7467 cell)
Greeter	Michael Russell
Nursery	Cheryl Stephens & Stacy Stubbins
Worship Leader	John Stubbins
Scripture Reader	Greg Miller
Usher	Chevelle Swartz
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*

Proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. 2 Timothy 4:2

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 "Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten"
"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"
E. I. Erbe 1854-1927

* **Hymn** "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" **H. 712**
1. Congregation 2. Solo 3. Congregation

* **The Church Litany** **Page 5**
Omit hymn on page 8. We will sing "**The Lord's Prayer**" **H. 828**

Anthem "Simple Gifts Canon" *arr. Moore*
Chancel Choir

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 121 **Page 633**
Luke 18:1-8 **Page 83**

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.*

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

* **Offertory Response – Hymn 815, T. Solid Rock**

*Our tithes and off'rings, 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.*

Offertory Prayer

Hymn "He Leadeth Me" **H. 787, vs. 1, 3, 4**

The Message: "The Tug of God's Love"
Tom Armstrong

Prayer

* **Hymn** "God Renew Us by Your Spirit!" **H. 632**

Scripture 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 **Page 230**

* **Festival Doxology** **See Insert**

Silent Meditation

Postlude "Improvisation on Solid Rock" *arranged*

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 Tom Armstrong** for bringing the message today. Tom is a retired school teacher, but remains active by organizing the schedule each year for the Ecumenical Men's Fellowship Breakfasts. In fact, he and Steve Mastin started the Ecumenical Men's Breakfasts. Tom also sings in the Chancel Choir. Whenever there is a need, just ask Tom and he is willing to step up and do whatever is needed. We are blessed to have Tom as a member of our church family.

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

Elder: John Stubbins, 330.987.0144, 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 **clear glass vase of fall flowers** is in honor of my wife, Becky Kutcher, on her birthday today, from her hubby.

The **two gold vases of flowers** are in memory of Stephen Rinderknecht, Alan Rinderknecht, Deborah Rinderknecht, and Margaret and Herbert Zollar, given by Suzanne Rinderknecht and family.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Roger and Mary Spies are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Stewardship Moment

If the only prayer you said in your whole life was 'thank you', that would be enough. - Meister Eckhart, theologian, philosopher, mystic

Attendance from Sunday, Oct. 5

Sunday School ~ 24 Worship ~ 10 AM 84

Prayers for the People

We extend our sympathy and prayers...

...to **Randy and Nancy Gibbs and family** on the death of Nancy's sister, Linda Nussbaum, on Wednesday, October 15, in Michigan.

...to **Paula Hale and family** on the death of her mother-in-law, Betty Hale, on Tuesday, Oct. 14, in Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital.

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

Oct. 19	Becky Kutchr, Alex Swartzentruber, Paula Hale
Oct. 20	Lee Elliott, Emma Stanley Anniv: Justin & Erin Perkowski
Oct. 21	Jennifer Wasseem
Oct. 22	Susan Henriksen
Oct. 23	Stephanie Levengood
Oct. 24	Doyle Martin, Maelin Burke Anniv: Russ & Amy Korns
Oct. 25	Ron Kohl
Oct. 26	Anniv: Ross & Dana Randazzo

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The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday 11:15 AM Ministers Aid Society Mtg. ñ Sanctuary

Fall Prayer Walk

This fall we will drive, eat, and walk! Come spend a Sunday afternoon with your church friends and family as we explore God's autumn artistry at the **Johnson Woods State Nature Preserve in Marshallville, Ohio.**



Today, October 19, we will caravan from the church after worship. Stop for **lunch at Dravenstott's Restaurant in Orrville,** then continue to Johnson Woods. The walk will be on a 1.4-mile wheelchair-accessible boardwalk.

Monday 8:00 AM Sugar Cake Prep. ñ Kit. & Social Hall
9:00 AM Staff Meeting ñ Church Office

Buckeye Adult Classes: M & W – ESOL 6-9 PM – Church Basement.;
M & F – ESOL & GED Noon-3 PM – Dover Library

4:00 PM Sugar Cake Mixing ñ Kit. & Social Hall
4:30 PM Counting ñ Living Room

Tuesday All Day Sugar Cake Baking ñ Kitchen & Social Hall
10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study
6:30 PM Reeves Handbell Choir ñ Room 211

Wednesday 10:30 AM Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompson's
6:30 PM Chancel Choir ñ Loft

Saturday 10-6 PM Set-up for Sunday ñ Social Hall

Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday School ñ C.S. Rooms
10:00 AM Worship ñ Sanctuary

11-2:00 PM Celebrating G. Randall Gibbs ~ 50 yrs. of Service
Light refreshments following worship ñ Social Hall & Kitchen

Monday, Oct. 27 – Fall Clean-up of the Church Grounds

Attention all Volunteers...We need your help starting at 10 AM to remove all the expired flowers, fallen leaves, etc. from our flower beds around the church building. **If you can help, contact Sam Paden, 330-987-1769, or Julie Williams, 330-933-9707. Rain date** will be **Tuesday, October 28.**

Our Worship Opportunities



*Worship with Us In-person
Each Sunday at 10:00 A.M.
Bring your family and
friends! Help fill our pews!*

Oct. 26 ~ The Rev. Dennis G. Rohn will bring the message. Also, special recognition will be given to **G. Randall Gibbs** on his **50th anniversary** as our **Church Organist & Director of Music.**

Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities



Sugar Cake Baking

Tuesday, October 21

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. Place an order by calling **Susan Paden, 330-364-7101.** Order early!

**Music Legacy – 50 Years of Service
at First Moravian Church of Dover, Ohio**



G. Randall Gibbs

Our very own **Director of Music, G. Randall Gibbs, will be celebrating an extraordinary milestone: 50 years of faithful service to our church and community.** Randy began his musical ministry with us as organist playing for his first worship service on October 19, 1975. He soon became director of the Chancel Choir. Randy started the Handbell program with the beginning of the Reeves Handbell Choir in the late 70s. This began a music legacy that continues to this day.

Randy has helped vocalists in and outside the church to understand the beauty and scriptural understanding of sacred music, and nurtured a long line of vocal choirs, ranging from cherubs to adult. And, he has been an inspiration and help for many pastors and church leaders.

For half a century, Randy has graced us with his dedication, talent, and passion for enriching our worship services through music. His commitment has been a testament to his love for Jesus Christ and has touched countless lives within our congregation and beyond.

You are invited to join us for a brief recognition of his service on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 10:00 AM. Light refreshments will be served in the church social hall following our worship service, continuing until 2:00 PM.

Thank you, Randy, for 50 years of music ministry.

**Moravian Disaster Response Update:
Typhoon Halong in Alaska
October 14, 2025**

The Board of World Mission is the agency that helps coordinate the North American Moravian response to disasters around the world.

The BWM is closely monitoring the situation in western Alaska after devastating flooding struck multiple communities in the wake of Typhoon Halong, which reached Alaska as a powerful storm system over the weekend. The storm brought hurricane-force winds, widespread flooding, and severe damage to coastal villages across the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region.

Through news outlets, we know that several communities with strong Moravian ties have been directly impacted, including Kongiganak, Bethel, Napakiak, Kwigillingok, Napaskiak, Kipnuk, Quinhagak, and Tuntutuliak. Early reports indicate significant damage to homes and infrastructure. In Kwigillingok, floodwaters swept homes from their foundations, while in Bethel and surrounding villages, flooding has inundated roads and boardwalks and disrupted power. Kongiganak and Napakiak have also reported widespread destruction to critical structures. Hundreds of people have taken shelter in schools and community buildings.

BWM has not yet received direct updates from the Alaskan Province, and much remains unknown at this early stage, but it is clear that the impact of this storm is widespread and severe, and additional Moravian communities may also have been affected.

We ask for your prayers for the individuals, families, and entire communities affected by this disaster, and for those who are working tirelessly to bring aid and relief in the aftermath of the storm.

The Board of World Mission, through Moravian Disaster Response (MDR), stands ready to offer support in the weeks and months to come. Your gifts make it possible for us to respond quickly to urgent needs, provide resources for rebuilding, and accompany our partners through the long recovery ahead.

100% of the donations received for our MDR Fund go to providing relief for these disasters. You can assist us with our disaster response efforts by giving online at MoravianMission.org/Give. Please designate your gift to “MDR” to ensure that funds can be directed to the disaster relief efforts where there is 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



What's Coming Up . . .



Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheon



Dine-in or Carry-out available



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



Friday, November 7, 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 7th.

Christmas is just around the corner...

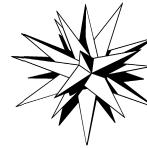
Advent begins November 30...



Get your shopping done early by purchasing

Moravian Advent & Christmas Stars...

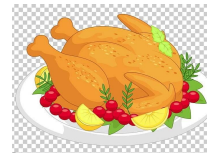
Great Gifts throughout the Year!



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.

First Moravian Church of Uhrichsville

315 N. Water Street, Uhrichsville OH



Turkey Dinner

Thursday, October 23,
beginning at 4 PM

Take-out Only

While supplies last – No advance tickets or reservations;
all sales at the door

Dinners include: Turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy,
corn, applesauce & dessert

Adult Dinners: \$12

Kids Dinners: \$6

Men's Lunch for Men 50+

Tuscarawas County Senior Center

425 Prospect Street, Dover

October 29, 11:30-1:00 PM

Sheriff Orvis Campbell shares his journey from local roots to respected leadership – built on grit, heart, and hard-won lessons.

NO COST ~ Lunch is sponsored by the Senior Service Network of Tuscarawas County. **Lock in your seat by Wed., Oct. 22**

Call 330-364-6611 or stop by the front desk

Our Christian Education Opportunities

Trunk or Treat

St. John's UCC has invited us to their community Trunk-or-Treat! **Monday, October 27, 6-7:30 p.m.**

Decorate your trunk or hatchback and bring some candy to pass out. You can set up at 5:00 p.m. or later in St. John's UCC parking lot (409 N. Wooster Ave.).

Your decorations can be as simple or elaborate as you like. Bible stories, fall themes, Halloween decorations (just not too scary!). Any theme you choose is fine.

Need inspiration? Search Google or Pinterest for "Trunk or Treat" for an endless supply of ideas!



Come watch the
Dover Lions Club Halloween Parade!

Wednesday, October 29, 5:30-7:30 p.m.



Bring a lawn chair and grab a spot along 4th Street. We will enjoy popcorn and caramel apples while we wait for the **parade to step off at 6:45 p.m.**



Both parking lots will be available for parking.



Sunrise Sunday School

Our first session of Sunrise Sunday School will be the first four Sundays in November from **8-8:45 a.m.** Join Carolyn Menapace in the second floor living room **November 2, 9, 16, and 23** as we study the lectionary texts for those weeks.

All are welcome. Those who are rehearsing or preparing in the hour before worship are especially encouraged to attend. Watch for additional sessions in January and April 2026.

Fall Retreat: November 14-16



Camp Zimmerman

Please note: **Change of Location**

Camp Zimmerman, located at
10397 Williams Road SW, Gnadenhutten, Ohio

Program Leader: Rev. Ben Lippert
"Walk the Talk"

Registration time will be on **Friday, November 14**, from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** **Dinner will be provided.** This is a great opportunity to experience a retreat close to home!

All youth in 6th grade through age 21 are invited!

Buckeye Career Center Opportunity

If you or someone you know might be **interested in teaching GED classes day or night**, please contact **Mindy Haney, Aspire Coordinator, at Buckeye Career Center.** It is a 7-hour commitment each week. Mindy can be reached at Buckeye: **330-339-2288 ext.1562** or email her at: mhaney@buckeyecareercenter.org if you are interested in the position.

News from Sharon Moravian



Pastor Lloyd Gooden to Retire

Thank You for Your Ministry.

Dear Church Family,

It is with both joy and a touch of bittersweet emotion that we announce Pastor Lloyd will retire from active ministry on October 26, 2025. Over the past eight years, Pastor Lloyd has shepherded our Sharon congregation with wisdom, compassion, and unwavering faith.

We invite you to join us in a special Farewell luncheon on October 26, following the 10:30 service, in the fellowship hall to celebrate his legacy here at Sharon and share stories of how God has worked through his ministry.

As we enter this season of transition, the Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees will meet as a Joint Board to guide the church in its transition period, in partnership with the Eastern District Board. We ask for your prayers. Thank you for your faithfulness and trust as we step into God's new season for all of us here at Sharon.

We have as a Joint Board joined in a contract with Pastor John Wallace. Pastor Wallace will be an interim pastor serving the congregation on a part-time basis, beginning November 1, 2025. More information and schedules will be announced in the near future.

With gratitude and hope,

Francis Picchetti, Vice-President of the Board of Elders
Bill Westbrook, President of the Board of Trustees



... **Two Music Concerts**

Coming in November and December
to First Moravian Church of Dover!

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.



Harmony Ringers

Coming soon to Dover, Ohio, Harmony Ringers will present a concert in our sanctuary on **Saturday afternoon, December 13, at 3:00 p.m.**

Born in the summer of 2011, in Canton, Ohio, Harmony Ringers is a **powerhouse handbell choir** that's been captivating audiences ever since.

Led by the talented Christine Allison, the ensemble is made up of hand-picked ringers who bring their passion and skill to every performance.

They are proud to be Stark County's premier auditioned community handbell choir. So, keep an eye on them, and prepare to be amazed! To learn more go to their website: harmonyringersofoh.org

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this concert on the 13th!

