

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

August 16, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Licensed Pastor	Marie Coutts (330-401-1212 cell)
Greeter	Jill Craddoc
Nursery	Available if needed by a parent & child
Usher	Gary Martin
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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The Lovefeast

“Lovefeasts” were born in the first gathering of Christians after Pentecost. With the coming of the Holy Spirit, early Christian believers met and broke bread with one another, showing their union and equality before God. (Acts 2:42-47)

Moravians first used the “Lovefeast” in 1727. On August 13, 1727, at a communion service held in a little Lutheran Church in Berthelsdorf, which was near Herrnhut, Germany, the congregation experienced the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit. Following the service, the people wanted to remain together and continued talking and singing hymns. As they returned to Herrnhut, Count Zinzendorf sent food to a few homes so they could continue to meet for prayer and fellowship. As the Count watched the people sharing, he was reminded of the early meal following the day of Pentecost as recorded in the Book of Acts -- which were called “agape meals” (agape meaning the highest form of love) – and the lovefeast was reborn.

Moravians continue to share in lovefeasts on occasions of celebration and remembrance. Genuine love and deep concern – Christian for Christian – is the heart of the lovefeast. Since it is not a sacrament, all may partake of the food – and through the message of the hymns and the partaking of the simple meal – we remember our Savior’s words, “love one another as I have loved you.”

Diener (which means server) distribute simple food and beverage, and after all have been served, grace is sung and all partake together.

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.



The Offering Plate is located on the stand as you enter the sanctuary. Scan the QR code for online giving.



Flowers

The two clear vases of white flowers are from the wedding of Rachel Paden and James Smith held yesterday in our sanctuary.

The bouquet of white daisies is in honor of James Graef on his 95th birthday, given by his daughter, Cheryl Stephens.

Flowers are needed for **Oct. 25**. If you desire to provide flowers for this Sunday, please contact Karen in the church office.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Tom & Karen Armstrong are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Attendance from Last Sunday ~ 90

Prayers for the People

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

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Aug. 16 *James Graef, Happy 95th Birthday!*

Rachel Paden Smith

Aug. 17 Nathan Pfeiffer

Aug. 18 Becca Duncan, Tucker Shuss

Anniversary Congratulations!

Dave & Betty Angel ~ 63 years

Aug. 20 Kathy Gerber, Skyanna Minor

Anniversary Congratulations!

Todd & Kami Stanley ~ 31 years

Aug. 21 Patsy Raus

Anniversary Congratulations!

Steve & Sue Burgess ~ 44 years

Aug. 22

Anniversary Congratulations!

Richard & Marilyn Rainsberger ~ 61 years



The Dover Moravian Messenger

Today 10:00 AM Worship, Lovefeast & Backpack Blessing ñ Sanct.
 11:00 AM Seeds of Faith Sign-ups ñ Living Room
 11:30 AM Sole Purpose *Pasta Dinner* Fundraiser ñ S. Hall



Monday 4:30 PM Counting ñ Living Room
Buckeye Adult Classes: T & Th – GED 9-Noon; ESOL 6-9 PM – Basement

Tuesday 6:00 PM CEC Meeting ñ Social Hall
 Thursday 10:00 AM Archives Work ñ Use Elevator ñ Basement

Sunday 10:00 AM Worship ñ Sanctuary



Volunteers Needed to Visit Dave Trustdorf

We need volunteers to visit Dave Trustdorf, starting Monday, August 17, through Saturday, August 29. If you are willing to visit Dave for one day or multiple days, please **sign the sheet on the small table in the Lobby today.** Thank you.

Altercare Country Lawn, Room 303
 10608 Navarre Road
 Navarre, OH 44662

Our Worship Opportunities



Sunday Worship at 10:00 A.M.

August 16 ~ Message: "Marbles and Grapes", Lovefeast & Backpack Blessing followed by the **Sole Purpose Pasta Dinner** in the social hall

August 23 ~ Message: "**The Welcome Mat**" by Marie Coutts

August 30 ~ Installation Service of The Rev. Jay Petrella
Bring your family and friends!

Our Mission, Outreach & Fellowship Opportunities

Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheon



Friday, September 4 ~ 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 for this luncheon, sign-up sheets are in the lobby, along with reminder sheets to take with you.**

Additional information will be in the September/October Newsletter and in future Sunday bulletins.

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



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 as soon as possible.

Currently, we have 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.

Men...Mark Your Calendars

Come for a delicious breakfast

with great fellowship and a speaker!

Ecumenical Men's Breakfasts

September 19

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 19, from 9-11:00 a.m. in the social hall at the First Moravian Church of Dover.

Sugar Cake Baking & Sales



Coming in October ~ Tuesday, October 20

Additional information will be in the September/October Newsletter and in future Sunday bulletins.

Our Christian Education Opportunities

Gearing Up for Sunday School

As we prepare for the new school year, we will have an opportunity to learn more about each class and sign up to teach or help.



**Today, August 16, after worship
Seeds of Faith/Adults (Living Room)**

We tried out three class resources last May. Samples will be available as a refresher and a sign-up sheet will be offered. Volunteer to lead a class or two, or more!



All past teachers are encouraged to attend. If you have not taught recently but are curious, please join us to learn more.

ELIJAH
— PROPHET OF FIRE —

Dutch Valley Dinner and a Show

Come with us to dinner and a show! **Thursday, September 17**

Dinner: 5:00 pm ~ Show: 7:00 pm ~ Sign up in the lobby

Cost for **family-style** meal and show is \$68.00

(or \$47.00 for show only)

Payment is due by August 23.

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.)