

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

November 16, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Part-time Pastor	Denny Rohn (610-216-7467 cell)
Greeters	Bill & Pat Woodward
Worship Leader	Bethanie Moser
Usher	Steve Rondinella
Nursery	Dylan & Leslie Seats
Director of Music	G. Randall Gibbs
Director of Faith Formation	Carolyn Menapace
Custodian	Sam Paden
Administrative Assistant	Karen Baker
Web Site	Office: 330-364-8831 www.doverfirstmoravianchurch.org

Call to Worship: *Chimes*

Watchword for the Week: **In Unison** *The Moravian Daily Texts*
Brothers and Sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.
2 Thessalonians 3:13

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "O Gott du frommer Gott" *Peeters*
 "O God, Thou Faithful God"
 Pamela Schmitzer & Julia Kandel, Flutes

* *Hymn* "Most Gracious God and Lord" **H. 488**

Introit "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple" **Root**
 Chancel Choir

* **Liturgy of Confession** **See Insert**
Page 11 – We will sing "The Lord's Prayer" **H. 828**

Anthem "Sing a New Song to the Lord" *arr. Sleeth*
 Chancel Choir

Scripture Lessons: **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13** **Page 222**
 Luke 21:5-19 **Page 87**

Prayers of the Congregation

Congregation: "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" **H. 825**
Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,
incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace. Amen.

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. Hamburg**
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 "Sing a New Song to the Lord" **H. 547**

Scripture: Psalm 98

The Message: "Leveling a New Song"
 Jud Compton

Prayer

* *Hymn* "Joy to the World" **H. 294**
 Vs. 1 & 2, T. Coronation
 Vs. 3 & 4, T. Antioch

* Benediction

Response: "The Lord Bless and Keep You" Christian Gregor
 Chancel Choir

Silent Meditation

Postlude "Intervention #8" *J. S. Bach*
 Pamela Schmitzer & Julia Kandel, Flutes

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 **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.

Don't forget to complete your One Call Now Update. Forms are available on the Offering stand as you enter the sanctuary. Completed forms can be placed in the basket or dropped off in the church office. The deadline is **next Sunday, Nov. 23.**

Flowers

The flowers are in memory of
Sandra and Mark Shores, given by Jack Shores; and
in memory of Vic Gessner, given by Winnie Gessner.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Scott and Lorrigan Booth are sponsoring
our One Call Now this week.

One Call Now Sponsors are needed for the following weeks:
Jan. 18; Feb. 1, 8 & 15; 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

Stewardship is partnership with God. – Unknown

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 30 Worship ~ 10 AM 82

We are pleased to report we will be sending **\$1,795** to the
Moravian Music Foundation in honor of G. Randall Gibbs' 50th
anniversary as Director of Music here at the First Moravian
Church of Dover. Thank you to all those who contributed.

Prayers for the People

Amberwood: Laura Colvin; **Green Meadows:** Steve Burgess;
Hennis (Dover): Bonnie Auman; **Northwood:** Etta Grimm;
Park Village (Dover): Joyce Brewer, Bill Cozart, Suzanne
Rinderknecht; (New Phila.): Ron & Bette Kohl.

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Nov. 17 Mary Ann Angel, Matt Spies, Colt Crilow
Nov. 18 Rick Holmes, Sandy Martin
Nov. 19 Anniv: John & Cheryl Wallace
Nov. 20 Sarah Kosmala, Joyce Brewer
Nov. 22 Zackary Hoop

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday	11:15-12:30 PM	Practice for Youth Sunday ĩ Sanctuary
Monday	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Sugar Cake Prep ĩ Kit. & S. Hall Staff Meeting ĩ Church Office Counting ĩ Living Room
	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Sugar Cake Mixing ĩ Kit. & S. Hall Nominating Committee Mtg. ĩ L. Rm.

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

Tuesday	All Day 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Sugar Cake Baking ĩ Kit. & S. Hall Zoom Bible Study Reeves Bell Rehearsal ĩ Room 211
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Wednesday	10:30 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompson's Men's Bible Study ĩ Living Room Chancel Choir ĩ Choir Loft
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Friday	Noon	Bible Study ĩ Living Room
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Sunday	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9-9:45 AM 10:00 AM	Sunrise Sunday School ĩ Room 215 Sunday School ĩ C.S. Rooms Choir Rehearsal ĩ Choir Loft Youth Sunday Practice ĩ Social Hall Worship ĩ Sanctuary
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11:30 AM	Advent Light Lunch – Kit. & Social Hall
Noon-2:00 PM	Kid's Movie – Social Hall
11:30 – 2:30 PM	Confirmation Class – Basement
Noon-5:00 PM	Decorate the Church for Christmas

3:00 PM	Reeves Bell Rehearsal ĩ Room 211
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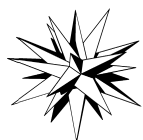
Our Worship Opportunities



Worship with Us Each Sunday at 10:00 A.M.

Nov. 16 ~ Jud Compton will bring the message.

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



*Coming Up
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.

Dec. 7 ~ Worship – Second Sunday of Advent

2:00 p.m. Christmas Lovefeast and Candlelight service at Historic Schoenbrunn Village ~ Dress warmly for this simple gathering of family and friends in worship. The service includes many Moravian traditions for the Advent/Christmas season and lots of carols to sing.

Bring your family and friends!

Handbell Concert – Saturday, December 13



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!

Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities



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.**

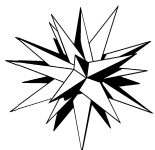


Decorating the Church for the Christmas Season

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 11:30 a.m.** followed by decorating the church. Parents with small children are encouraged to bring your children for the **Kid's Movie** which runs until **2:00 p.m.** Children may attend the movie, while the parents help to decorate the church.



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.

Coming Up . . .



Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheon



Dine-in or Carry-out available



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



Friday, December 5, 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 5th.

Trimming of Candles

At our Christmas Eve services, each worshipper will receive a lighted beeswax candle with a red frill. Many volunteers are needed to place the frills on the **500+ candles**.

We have scheduled one time for the **Trimming of Candles**. If you have never helped, plan to come and learn how to trim the candles on **Tuesday evening, December 9, from 6-9 p.m.** in the social hall. Mark your calendars, everyone is invited to help, come, and bring a friend!



Moravian Women Christmas Party



All Moravian Women are invited to the **Christmas Party on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Social Hall**. We look forward to an enjoyable lovely evening of food, fellowship, and festivity in celebration of our Lord Jesus' birth.

Sign-up sheets are in the lobby, so please let us know if you will attend.

Bring a friend.

Our Christian Education Opportunities

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.

