

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

October 4, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Pastor	Jay Petrella
Greeter	Marla Cappell
Nursery	Available if needed by a parent & child
Scripture Reader	Pamela Duncan
Usher	Chevelle Swartz
Elder Serving	Steve Rondinella
Director of Music	G. Randall Gibbs
Director of Faith Formation	Carolyn Menapace
Custodian	Sam Paden
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Worldwide Communion Sunday

Call to Worship: *Chimes*

Watchword for the Week: In Unison *The Moravian Daily Texts*
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. Psalm 118:22, 23

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 "Bridegroom of Our Soul" Blackburn

* **Hymn** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" H. 652

* **Preparatory to The Holy Communion** See insert

Children's Moment Pastor Jay

Hymn "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" H. 723, vs. 1

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

*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.*

Prayers of the People

"The Lord's Prayer"

H. 828

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

* **Offertory Response – Hymn 454, vs. 3**

*Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer as our gift;
 young and old, your praise expressing, our glad songs to you
 we lift.*

*All the saints in heav'n adore you; we would join their glad
 acclaim;*

*as your angels serve before you, so on earth we praise your
 name.*

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

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Epistle Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

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Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" H. 511

Scripture Reading:

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:33-46

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Meditation: "Distinctly One"

Anthem "He Shall Feed His Flock" North
 Chancel Choir

* Service for Holy Communion:

In Celebration of the Holy Spirit

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Solo "It Is Well with My Soul" P.P. Bliss
 Courtney Wallace, Soprano arr. Bish

Benediction

Cong: In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Chimes

* Please stand if you are able.

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Check in with us at First Moravian Church: 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.

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.



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



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

Flowers

The flowers are in memory of Harold Auman, and Ervin and Elsie Stucky, given by Sheila Auman and family.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Don and Jean Richardson are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 20
Worship ~ 10 AM 78

Prayers for the People

We extend our **sympathy and prayers** to the **Etta Grimm family**. Etta, age 92, passed away on October 1, 2026. Funeral services will be held at the Toland-Herzig Funeral Home in Dover on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Jay Petrella officiating. Friends can call one-hour prior to the service.

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

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Oct. 4	Leah Kutcher, Karl Hoop, David Yoder
Oct. 6	Zach Wilson, Anna Egler
Oct. 7	<i>Anniversary Congratulations!</i> <i>Dan & Marcia Harding ~ 48 yrs.</i>
Oct. 10	Jaiden Garvin; Anniv: David & April Yoder, Corey & Elizabeth Snider
Oct. 11	Sue Stephens



The Dover Moravian Messenger

Today 11:30-1:00 PM Tessa Compton Cong. Walking Tour i Outside & Rm. 213

Oct. 4 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry i Ch. 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



Monday

9:00 AM	Nov/Dec Newsletter Deadline
Buckeye Adult Classes: T & Th ~ ESOL 6-9 PM – Basement	

6:00 PM Mor. Women Ex. Bd. Meeting i Rm. 215

Tuesday 9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study
5:30 PM Counting i Living Room
6:00 PM Elders Meeting i Social Hall

Wednesday 10:00 AM Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompson's
6:30 PM Chancel Choir i Choir Loft

Thursday 6-7:30 PM The Chosen i Living Room

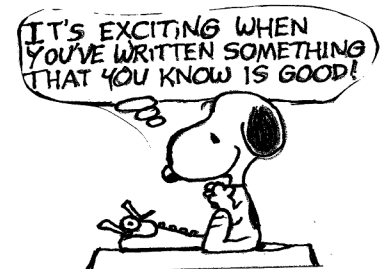
Saturday

Mark Your Calendars... Book Signing by Local Author

Our own Adrian "Ade" Schaar, long-time member, has published a second book!

"Beyond Muskrat Bottom", shares personal thoughts and feelings that most people have in common but would be too embarrassed to voice in public.

We invite you to help celebrate this event at a book signing here at Dover First on Saturday, October 10, from 2-5 p.m. in the social hall. Both books will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be served.



Sunday, Oct. 11	9:00 AM	Sunday School i C.S. Rooms
	10:00 AM	Worship i Sanctuary
	11:45 AM	Prayer Walk @ Johnson Woods in Marshallville ~ Details on page 7.

Our Worship Opportunities



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



Welcome to Worship

Oct. 4 ~ World Communion Sunday



Oct. 11 ~ Worship

11:45 – Prayer Walk @ Johnson Woods in Marshallville, OH

Oct. 18 ~ Worship

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Saturday, Oct. 24 ~ 5 PM ~ Manna Dinner Church
with the Rev. Byrnese Craig bringing the message at
Sharon Moravian Church. Plan to attend.

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Oct. 25 ~ Worship & Change Can Make A Difference Offering

Bring your family and friends!



Change Can Make A Difference Offering



Start saving your change and dollar bills and
bring it with you to church on **Oct. 25**.
Additional information will be in future bulletins.

*You're invited to join the Ohio Moravian
Congregations in partnership with Manna
and Pastor Byrnese Craig
at*



Dinner Church

Worship together around the table as we
enjoy pizza from Park Street! All are
welcome, and activities will be available for kids,
for more information, please visit
mannabethlehem.com/newphilly

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Sharon Moravian Church

Saturday, October 24 ~ 5 PM

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We are happy to accommodate
any dietary needs – to RSVP
or share dietary restrictions,
scan this QR code or call:
740-254-4374



Free-will donations to support
Manna will be accepted
with gratitude.



Our Mission, Outreach & Fellowship Opportunities

Fall Prayer Walk

This season's prayer walk will be **Sunday, Oct. 11.**

Come spend an afternoon with your church friends and family as we explore God's artistry at the **Johnson Woods State Nature Preserve in Marshallville, Ohio.**



We will caravan from the church after worship (meet in the lobby at 11:45 am), stop for lunch at Dravenstott's in Orrville, then continue to Johnson Woods. The walk will be on a 1.4-mile wheelchair-accessible boardwalk.

Ecumenical Men's Fellowship Breakfast



When: Saturday, October 17

Time: 9-11:00 a.m.

**Where:
Sacred Heart Church - NP**

All men are invited...Mark your calendar...

Enjoy a delicious breakfast with your friends!

Faith, Food, and Fellowship!

We hope to see you on the 17th.



Sugar Cake Baking

Tuesday, October 20

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 early by calling **Susan Paden.**

Advent begins November 29...

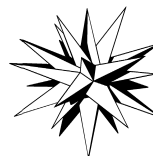
Christmas is just around the corner...



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.

Our Christian Education Opportunities

The Chosen

Thursday evenings through November 19, we will watch an episode of The Chosen: season 5 each week.

Join us in the **first floor living room** from **6:00-7:30 p.m.** to watch an episode and read the scripture that inspired it. All ages are welcome!

All episodes are free to watch online if you miss a week or would like to enjoy them at home: <https://watch.thechosen.tv>



Note: **November 5**, we will gather in the **second floor living room**.

Breakfast Book Club!

Our faith-based book club will meet **Sat., Oct. 17**, at **Missions Café** at **8:00 a.m.**

A Year of Biblical Womanhood (Rachel Heid Evans)

This book chronicles the author's year-long experiment of living strictly according to the Bible's instructions for women, blending humor, insight, and spiritual reflection.

Trunk or Treat

St. John's UCC has invited us to their community Trunk-or-Treat! **Monday, October 19, 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!**

Wed., Oct. 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Bring a lawn chair and grab a spot along 4th St. 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.



Fall Retreat

November 6-8



All youths in Grade 6 through age 21 are invited to this fall, faith-filled weekend retreat.

November 6-8 at Camp Lutherhaven in Albion, IN.

Registrations are due November 1.

For more details go to:

<https://msymc.weebly.com/fall-retreat.html>