

## Our Worship Opportunities



*Worship with Us*

*Sundays at 10:00 A.M.*

### *Sundays in Lent*

**Mar. 15, 22 & 29 ~ Marie Coutts** will bring the message.

**Mar. 29 ~ Palm Sunday Worship & Confirmation**

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### *Wednesdays in Lent ~ in the Social Hall* *5:15 p.m. Supper / 5:45-6:45 p.m. Study*

The Rt. Rev. Dan Edwards, a member of the congregation, will lead our study: **“Four Gospels, Four Christs?”**

Carolyn Menapace will host a “prayground” for kids during the study time.

***Sign up in the lobby now to help provide a meal. We are requesting donations of soup and bread. Thank you!***

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### *Holy Week Readings ~ 2:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.*

**Mar. 30 ~ Monday Readings**

**Mar. 31 ~ Tuesday Readings**

**Apr. 1 ~ Wednesday Readings**

**Apr. 2 ~ Maundy Thursday Readings  
& Holy Communion**



**Apr. 3 ~ Good Friday Readings**

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**Apr. 5 ~ 7:00 a.m. Easter Dawn Service**  
*@ Historic Schoenbrunn Village*

**10:00 a.m. Easter Worship @ First Moravian - Dover**

***Bring your family and friends!***  
***Let's Worship Together!***

## **First Moravian Church**

**319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622**

*March 15, 2026*

*10:00 A.M.*

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<b>Licensed Lay Pastor</b>	Marie Coutts (330-401-1212 cell)
<b>Greeter</b>	Jodi Hillyer
<b>Nursery</b>	Available if needed by a parent and child
<b>Liturgist</b>	Leslie Seats
<b>Usher</b>	Chevelle Swartz
<b>Director of Music</b>	G. Randall Gibbs
<b>Director of Faith Formation</b>	Carolyn Menapace
<b>Custodian</b>	Sam Paden
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Karen Baker <b>Office:</b> 330-364-8831
<b>Web Site</b>	<a href="http://www.doverfirstmoravianchurch.org">www.doverfirstmoravianchurch.org</a>

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### **Call to Worship: Chimes**

**Watchword for the Week: In Unison** *The Moravian Daily Texts*

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.** Psalm 23:6

**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* “Larghetto” *Handel*

\* *Hymn* “To Your Temple, Lord, I Come” *H. 553*

\* *Liturgy – Adoration* *Page 18*

**Prayers of the People**  
“The Lord’s Prayer” *H. 828*

*Anthem* “We See the Mountains Lifted High Before Us” *arr. Hopson*  
*Chancel Choir*

**Holy Scripture**  
John 9:1-41 *Page 105*

*Hymn* “Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound” *H. 783*

## Children's Moment

Pamela Duncan

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

### Hymn "Jesus Loves Me! This I Know" H. 726

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

## Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

### \* Offertory Response – Hymn 648, vs. 2

As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live;  
freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants  
give.

Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and  
sea;  
we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.

### Offertory Prayer

Message: "You Have Seen Him"

### Prayer

\* Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" H. 719

### \* Benediction

Postlude "Air" from Watermusic Suite Handel  
Julia Kandel, April Yoder, Pamela Schmitzer, Flutes

## Chimes

\* Please stand if you are able.

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**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.



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 my wife, Lai Lonie Rees,  
given by Bruce Rees.

**Flowers:** If you desire to provide flowers for **Sun., April 12**, please contact Karen in the church office, 330-364-8831. Thank you.

## One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Barbara Gennert is sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

## Stewardship Moment

To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own. ó Anne Morrow Lindbergh (1906 ó 2001), aviator and writer

## Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 21 Worship ~ 10 AM 94  
Mid-Week Lent 25

## REMINDER:

**When members are hospitalized or need a special visit, please contact Pastor Marie Coutts at 330-401-1212 or by email: [mcouts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcouts@sbcglobal.net) or call the church office, 330-364-8831. Thank you.**

## 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.): Richard & Zoe Ann Kelley, Ron & Bette Kohl.

## Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Mar. 15 Todd Handrich  
Mar. 16 Lillian Gerber  
Mar. 17 Camryn McGlumphy; Anniv: John & Cinda Pixler  
Mar. 18 Dan Yeager, Tammi Everett  
Mar. 20 Dana Randazzo  
Mar. 22 Francie Bente, Abby Wyant  
Mar. 23 Cheryl Wallace, Lauren Coutts, Darlene Reese

## The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship ó Sanctuary
Monday	8-8:00 PM	Sugar Cake Prep. ó Kit. & S. Hall
	8:45 AM	Counting ó Living Room
	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting ó Church Office
	4:00 PM	Sugar Cake Mixing ó Kit. & S. Hall
<b>Buckeye Adult Classes: M &amp; W – ESOL 6-9 PM – Basement</b>		
Tuesday	All Day	Sugar Cake Baking & Sales ó Kit. & S. Hall
	10:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
	6:00 PM	CEC Meeting ó Social Hall
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompsons
	5:15 PM	<b>Lent Supper – Social Hall</b>
	5:45-6:45 PM	<b>Lent Study – Social Hall</b>
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir ó Choir Loft Men's Bible Study ó Room 215
Friday	Noon	Bible Study ó Living Room
Saturday	8:00 AM	Breakfast Book Club @ Missions Café
	9-11:00 AM	Men's Breakfast @ Ragersville UCC
	Noon-6:00 PM	Set up & Clean up ó Social Hall for Baby Shower ó Social Hall
	2-5:00 PM	
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday School ó C.S. Rooms
	10:00 AM	Worship ó Sanctuary
	Noon-5 PM	Confirmation Retreat @ Fry's Valley Moravian Church



### Prayer & Lay Leadership:

*Deepen your prayer life. Strengthen your leadership. Enrich your community.*

Join us for two 90-minute live webinars via Zoom exploring how prayer shapes personal faith and congregational life. These sessions offer a unique perspective—its theology, creativity, and role in leadership—led by gifted Moravian educators.

**Hosted by:** The Eastern District Executive Board

### Session 3: Prayers for Worship

*Led by the Rev. Dr. Riddick Weber*

**Date: March 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Note date change!**

Wondering how pastoral, intercessory, and invocation prayers differ or what to say in an offertory prayer? Learn the purpose of key worship prayers & simple ways to craft them.

### NEW Session 4: Praying on the Spot

*Led by the Eastern District Executive Board*

**Date: April 27, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.**

Have you ever been asked to pray in public without any warning? What goes through your mind in that moment? Are there tips that can help you offer a meaningful prayer? Yes! Come and explore with us as we share practical guidance and encouragement for praying confidently and faithfully when called upon.

*Recordings of Sessions 1 and 2 are coming soon and will be posted on our website.*

**Scan the QR Code to Learn More & Register**

Visit our website at [www.moravian.org/equip](http://www.moravian.org/equip)

For questions email [amy@mcnp.org](mailto:amy@mcnp.org)





## New Educational Opportunities for Lay Leaders

Considering an online course? Two 6-week courses begin in April and are especially helpful for those serving in congregational ministry. These classes are taught by Moravian pastors and are open to anyone interested in deepening their learning.

Each district will contribute \$300 toward course, leaving only a small fee for the student. Before registering, please email your district executive board president (listed below) to let them know you plan to take one or more classes.

### Individual and Congregational Care

*Taught by the Rev. Tammie Rinker*

**Dates: Wednesdays, April 15—May 20 • Time: 7–8:30pm**

Develop skills for ministering to others through attentive listening, compassionate presence, appropriate referrals, and self-awareness. Explore practical ministry approaches for situations such as grief, illness, and addiction, with attention to healthy boundaries and trauma-informed, culturally-aware care.

### Faith Formation and Education

*Taught by the Rev. Desna Henry Goulbourne*

**Dates: Thursdays, April 11—May 21 • Time: 7–8:30pm**

Learn how to nurture lifelong faith formation through theological reflection, developmental insight, and practical ministry tools. Gain ideas for creating inclusive, intergenerational learning experiences that support spiritual growth in educational and ministry settings.

**Register for Classes Today!**

<https://www.moravian.edu/school-theology/academics/compass>

### District Executive Board Presidents

- Canadian District – Dave Jones, [davejones@mcnp.org](mailto:davejones@mcnp.org)
- Eastern District – Melissa Johnson, [melissa@mcnp.org](mailto:melissa@mcnp.org)
- Western District – Jason Andersen, [jason@mcnp.org](mailto:jason@mcnp.org)

## Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities



### *Sugar Cake Baking*

**Tues. ~ Mar. 17**

**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 to continue their mission of reaching out to others in need at home and around the world.

**Place your Easter order early by calling  
Susan Paden, 330-364-7101.**

### *Men's Community Fellowship Breakfast*

**Saturday, March 21**

**from 9-11 AM**



**Ragersville Zion United Church of Christ  
8831 Crooked Run Road SW, Sugarcreek**

This ecumenical breakfast is for all men in the community.

Bring your appetite and enjoy a delicious breakfast!

There will be great food and fellowship!

### **T-County Moravian Mission Trip: July 3-12**

We are still looking for missionaries to come on the Journey!! **Contact Sam Paden, 330-987-1769**, if you are interested.

**Next Meeting: Sunday, April 12, at 1 p.m.**

at First Moravian Church, Dover, in the basement



**Fundraiser: April 26, 11:15-1 p.m.  
Spaghetti Dinner with a  
Pie Auction and Quilt Silent Auction**

**First Moravian Church  
319 N. Walnut Street, Dover**



## Our Christian Education Opportunities

### Lent Supper & Study

Join us in the Social Hall Wednesday evenings in Lent for a soup supper and church-wide study.

The Right Reverend Dan Edwards will lead our study: **“Four Gospels, Four Christs?”**

We will look at Jesus’ birth, teachings, death, resurrection, and the Great Commission through the perspective of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.



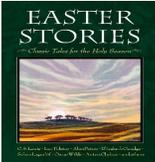
**Supper** will be served at **5:15 p.m.**  
The **Study** will be **5:45-6:45 p.m.**

Carolyn Menapace will host a “prayground” for kids during the study time.



**Sign up in the lobby now to help provide a meal. We are requesting donations of soup and bread. Thank you!**

### Breakfast Book Club



**March: Easter Stories: Classic Tales for the Holy Season** (compiled by Miriam LeBlanc)  
**Saturday, March 21, at 8:00 a.m. at Missions Café**

*This thoughtfully curated collection of 27 short stories is perfect for the Easter season. Read one story, or read them all, and join us for breakfast and conversation!*

### Prayground Sunday

**March 22, during 10:00 a.m. worship:**

Children of all ages are encouraged to join us in the sanctuary for worship.

After the Children’s Moment we will move to the Prayground for a quiet activity. Then we will present our creation as part of our offering.



## OMMC Pilgrimage

### Toward Racial Justice & Healing

Join other Ohio Moravians on a one-day trip to the National Afro-American Museum & Cultural Center in Wilberforce, Ohio on **Saturday, April 18.**

We will meet at Schoenbrunn Moravian at 7 a.m. and return at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**Sign up in the lobby by March 22.**

*Please contact Carolyn Menapace with questions.*

Van travel and museum admission will be paid for through a Northern Province Racial Justice Team pilgrimage grant.

Your only cost will be lunch on the way home.



### Spring Rally: April 10-12

Spring Rally will be held at the FFA Leadership Center in Trafalgar, IN. Youth in 6<sup>th</sup> grade through age 21 are invited!



Visit <https://msync.weebly.com> for registration and more details.  
**Registration will be due by Tuesday, March 31.**

**To reserve a seat on the van** leaving from Dover First, contact Carolyn Menapace at [christian.edu@doverfirstmoravianchurch](mailto:christian.edu@doverfirstmoravianchurch) or 330-204-7089. **Cost is \$20 per rider**, payable to First Moravian Church.