

Elder Connection: Leslie Seats, 937.479.4028, 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 flowers are in memory of my husband, J. Marc Cappell, given by Marla Cappell and family.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Gene and Lin Sidel are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

One Call Now Sponsors are needed for **Mar. 22, Apr. 12 & 26, May 3, 17, 24 & 31.** If you desire to sponsor a week (\$15.00), please contact Karen in the church office, 330-364-8831.

Stewardship Moment

They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. *Matthew 2:11*

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 19 Worship ~ 10 AM 61
Christmas Eve ~ 6:30 PM 289

Prayers for the People

Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital: Cinda Pixler;

Amberwood: Laura Colvin; **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

Jan. 4	Violet Schmitzer; Anniv: Beau & Rosey Smith
Jan. 5	Dennis Duncan, Shawn McCarthy
Jan. 6	Becky Mastin
Jan. 8	John Levengood, Kennedy Hale, Julie Heavilin
Jan. 10	Pam Smith
Jan. 11	Cynthia Seaman

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship & Holy Communion ó Sanctuary
The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet today , in the church living room at 1:00 p.m. Questions: See Edie Santee, Susan Paden, or Pamela Schmitzer		
Monday	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting ó Church Office
	9:00 AM	Counting ó Living Room
	6:00 PM	Moravian Women Adv. Bd. Mtg. ó Rm. 215
	7:00 PM	CEC Meeting ó Living Room
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Nominating Committee Meeting ó L. Room
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompson's
	6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study ó Living Room
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir ó Choir Loft
Thursday	6:30 PM	The Chosen ó Living Room
Friday	Noon	Bible Study ó Living Room
Sunday	8:00 AM	Sunrise Sunday School ó Room 215
	9:00 AM	Sunday School ó C.S. Rooms
	10:00 AM	Worship ó Sanctuary
	11:00 PM	Soup Orders taken in Lobby VBS Team Meeting ó Social Hall

A Friendly Reminder:



- Please keep the church office informed of **new additions to your family, new addresses, new email addresses, and telephone numbers.**
- If you would like to **receive the newsletter via email**, please notify the church office with your email address.
- If you would prefer to **receive the newsletter via the post office**, please let us know in the church office and your name will be added to our mailing list.
- If you **misplace your Sunday bulletin or bi-monthly newsletter**, just go directly to the church website doverfirstmoravianchurch.org and select what you would like to read. Information on the website is in color, so be sure to check it out!



Prayer & Lay Leadership: A Three-Part Educational Webinar Series

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

Join us for a three-part series of 90-minute live webinars via Zoom exploring how prayer shapes personal faith and congregational life. Each session offers a unique perspective—its theology, creativity, and role in leadership—led by gifted Moravian educators.

Join one, two, or all three sessions—each stands alone while contributing to a richer understanding of prayer.

Who Should Attend: Lay leaders, worship assistants, educators, musicians, and anyone seeking to deepen their understanding and practice of prayer.

Hosted by: The Eastern District Executive Board

Session 1: The Heart of Prayer

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jennika Eckhaus and Pastor Theresa Fisher

Date: January 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Explore the foundations and expressions of prayer. Learn simple, practical ways to deepen your spiritual life—whether you're new to prayer or seeking renewal.

Session 2: Preparing Meaningful Devotions

Becky Lepore & the Rev. Mikayla Sauerbrey

Date: February 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Asked to offer devotions at a gathering? Looking to provide spiritual grounding for your group? Learn practical tools for creating meaningful moments of prayer and connection.

Session 3: Prayers for Worship

Led by the Rev. Dr. Riddick Weber

Date: March 25, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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.

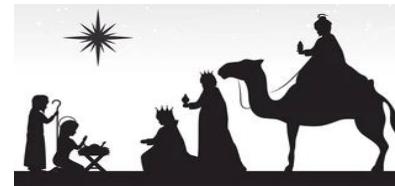
Scan the QR Code to Learn More & Register

Visit our website at www.moravian.org/equip

For questions email amy@mcnp.org



Our Worship Opportunities



*Come Worship with Us
Sundays at 10:00 A.M.*



**Jan. 4 ~ Meditation & Epiphany
Holy Communion ~ The Rev. Dennis G. Rohn**

Jan. 11 ~ Marie Couts will bring the message.

Jan. 18 ~ Tessa Compton will bring the message.

Jan. 25 ~ John Kelly will bring the message,
followed by a light lunch and **Church Council** in the
Social Hall.

VISION 2026:

The Church Council will give direction for Vision 2026 and beyond by:

- Electing three (3 yr. term) Elders to the Board of Elders
- Electing one (2 yr. term) Elder to the Board of Elders
- Electing three (3 yr. term) Trustees to the Board of Trustees
- Electing one (1 yr. term) Trustee to the Board of Trustees
- Electing a member to the Christian Education Committee
- Electing a representative to the Sperling-Zimmerman Home Committee
- Receiving reports from all ministries
- Approving the ministry budget for 2026



Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities

Change Can Make A Difference Offering



Sunday, January 25, we will collect our quarterly **“Change Can Make A Difference Offering”**. This time the offering will go to the **Michael and Ceci Tesh family to help with the building of a new school.**

Save your change and dollar bills and bring them with you to church on the **25th**. Thank you.

Men's Community Fellowship Breakfast



Saturday, January 17

from 9-11 AM



St. Joseph Catholic Church

Hosting at Knights of Columbus Hall at 346 W. 9th Street, Dover

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!

SOUP'S ON! On **Sunday, February 1**, you will once again have the opportunity to purchase quarts of homemade soup prepared by the Moravian Women following the morning worship service. Soup choices are **Cheesy Broccoli, Chicken Noodle, Stuffed Pepper and Vegetable Beef**. **Preorders will be taken in the lobby Jan. 11, 18 & 25**. The cost will be \$8.00 per quart.

Proceeds from the soup sale will be used to support the ongoing funding of projects within our congregation, community and the world. Nothing tastes better than a warm bowl of soup on a cold wintry day!

Our Christian Education Opportunities

Upcoming CEC Events – Save the Dates!

- **The Chosen – Thursday evenings Jan. 8 – Feb. 26** we will watch an episode of *The Chosen*: Season 4 each week.

Join us in the living room from 6-7:30 pm. To watch an episode and read the scripture that inspired it. All ages are welcome – bring a friend!

All episodes are free to watch online if you miss a week or would like to enjoy them at home:

<https://watch.thechosen.tv>



- **Sun., Jan. 11, after worship to 1:00 p.m.**

VBS Team Meeting in the Social Hall
(All are welcome as we begin planning for VBS 2026!)

- **Sun., Jan. 18, from 6-8:30 p.m.**

Ohio Moravian Bowling Bash at Wabash Lanes
\$10.00 per bowler includes shoe rental, unlimited games, and snacks. Bring your friends and family!



- **Sun., Feb. 1, during 10:00 a.m. worship**

Prayer Heart Lovefeast

- **Sun., Feb. 15, after worship Soup-er Sunday in the S. Hall**

Potluck, chili cookoff, games, Boomwhackers, fleece blanket project, and more! All members and friends are encouraged to stay for lunch and fellowship.

- **Wed., Feb. 25, from 5:15-6:45 p.m.**

Lent supper and study begins. (Five Weds: Feb. 25-Mar. 25)

Mark Your 2026 Calendar

A few important **Camp, Rally & Retreat** dates to remember in 2026:

Spring Rally: April 10-12 in Indiana

(Currently in 6th grade to age 21)



Tar Hollow (completed 7th grade – age 21): **July 19-25**

Camp Bethany (completed 2nd – 6th grade): **August 3-7**

Fall Retreat: TBD (Fall of 2026 ~ in 6th grade to age 21)

VBS Team Meeting:

Stay after worship on **Sunday, January 11**, to join our 2026 Vacation Bible School team!

We're trying a new program this year, so come get a preview of what we will be doing and help brainstorm ideas for music, stations, and decorations.

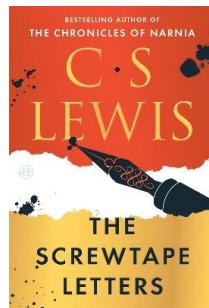
We will meet in the Social Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bring a lunch, or we will order take-out.



Breakfast Book Club

Saturday, January 17, at 8:00 a.m. at Missions Café.

The Screwtape Letters
(C.S. Lewis)



An imaginative series of letters on the importance of taking a deliberate role in Christian faith by portraying a typical human life, with all its temptations and failings, seen from devils' viewpoints.



**MORAVIAN
Bowling
BASH**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

\$10 PER BOWLER

6:00–8:30 PM

WABASH LANES

Shoe rental, unlimited games, and snacks included

Call or text Carolyn Menapace at 330-204-7089 to receive updates in case of inclement weather, or check the Dover First Moravian Facebook page.

