

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

February 1, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Licensed Lay Pastor	Marie Couts (330-401-1212)
Greeters	Michael & Kristin Becker
Nursery	Available if needed by a parent and child
Usher	Steve Rondinella
Director of Music	G. Randall Gibbs
Director of Faith Formation	Carolyn Menapace
Custodian	Sam Paden
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Call to Worship: Chimes

Watchword for the Week: In Unison *The Moravian Daily Texts*
For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18

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 "Join We All with One Accord" Károly Köpe

*** Hymn** "Join We All with One Accord" H. 525

* Liturgy

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good:

Response: God's steadfast love endures forever!

L: This is the day which the Lord has made:

R: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

R: God's mercy endures forever!

L: We have been called to be the Body of Christ.

R: Christ made us a priesthood of believers.

L: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you are called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, who is above all and through all and in all.

R: But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

L: The gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.

R: These gifts were given for the equipping of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for building up the Body of Christ.

Together, we pray:

We offer you our thanks, O God, for all those blessings that have brought us together and that have made us a congregation in Jesus Christ. We thank you for the many saints of time past and for those who have worked in the present to make possible this special day in the life of our congregation, for the planning and discussions that have occurred, for the work of the Joint board and the Eastern District Executive board, and for the direction and leadership of the provincial elders. May your guiding hand and your holy will be manifest to us in the events that have led up to this moment. Amen.

Hymn "Praise the Lord! You Heav'n's, Adore Him" H. 454

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

*** Offertory Response – Hymn 650, vs. 3**

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

Offertory Prayer

Installation of Marie Couts as Licensed Lay Pastor by Brother Seth Angel, Eastern District Executive Board

Members and friends of the First Moravian congregation, we are gathered together today to install Sister Marie Couts as Licensed Lay Pastor of this congregation, an office for which she has been chosen, in consultation with the Joint Board of this Congregation, with the Eastern District Executive Board, and with the approval of the Provincial Elders' Conference for licensure.

(Sister Couts shall rise)

Sister Couts, do you now promise, in the presence of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, and of this people, that by the grace of God, you will endeavor to discharge all the duties of your calling; being careful at all times to conduct yourself as becomes a servant of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

I DO.

(The Members of the Joint Board shall rise.)

Do you, the elected leaders of this congregation, promise to support Sister Couts as she carries out her duties among you, sustaining her with your love and prayers, and upholding with her the doctrine and discipline of the church?

WE DO.

(The congregation shall rise.)

Will you, the members and friends of this congregation, now receive Sister Couts in due love and honor, as your licensed lay pastor? Will you encourage her in all her endeavors among you, joining her in prayer and work for the extension of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in this community? Will you participate with her in the struggle to know the truth and to follow the will of God as she shares in directing the life of this congregation?

WE WILL.

I charge you, then, members and friends of the First Moravian congregation, to remember the Biblical definition of the Church: The Church is the body of Christ and we are members of it with Christ as our Head. All of us have been baptized into the one body by the same Spirit. While each of us has an individual identity and purpose, the fulfillment of our lives is found in being a part of the Body. All of you, together, are Christ's Body, and each one a member of it, and of one another.

(Joint Board members, EDEB and PEC members present, and all ordained pastors present are invited to come forward for the "laying on of hands" surrounding Sister Couts.)

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, and by the authority of the Provincial Elders' Conference, I declare Sister Marie Couts to be duly installed as Licensed Lay Pastor of the First Moravian Church of Dover. Let us pray.

Prayer

(The Right Hand of Fellowship is extended to Marie Couts as the following hymn is sung.)

Hymn

"We Bid You Welcome in the Name"

H. 432

*We bid you welcome in the name
of Jesus, our exalted Head.
Come as a servant; so He came,
and we receive you in His stead.*

*Come as a shepherd; guard and keep
your fold from all that fosters sin,
and nourish lambs, and feed the sheep,
the wounded heal, the lost bring in.*

*Come as a teacher, sent from God,
charged his whole counsel to declare;
lift o'er our ranks the prophet's rod,
while we uphold your hands with prayer.*

*Come as a messenger of peace,
filled with the Spirit, fired with love;
live to behold our large increase,
and die to meet us all above.*

Prayer Heart Lovefeast

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

**Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

*Jesus loves me! This I know
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me." (Refrain)*

*Jesus loves me this I know,
tho' my hair is white as snow,
tho' my sight is growing dim
still He bids me trust in Him. (Refrain)*

*Tho' my steps are oh so slow,
with my hand in His I'll go,
on thru life let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way. (Refrain)*

Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live. **(Refrain)**

H. 470, vs. 1& 3

Fairest Lord Jesus! King of creation!
Son of God and Son of man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly, I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy my crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

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.

Grace:

God is great, God is good,
Let us thank God for our food. Amen.

Anthem

“People Need the Lord” arr. McDonald
Chancel Choir

Hymn

Jesus makes my heart rejoice,
I'm his sheep and know his voice;
he's a Shepherd, kind and gracious,
and his pastures are delicious;
constant love to me he shows,
yea, my very name he knows.

H. 662, vs. 1

Scripture: Micah 6:1-8

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Sermon: “Fluently Spoken Here”

Prayer

*** Hymn “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire” H. 590**

*** Benediction**

Postlude

“Be Thou My Vision”
Reeves Bell Ensemble

Krug

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.



Today, our youth will serve a lovefeast during worship. You will be invited to take a “Prayer Heart” with the name of a young member of the congregation. Keep this heart and pray for them all month long.



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



A light lunch and our Annual Church Council Meeting
will follow in the social hall 5 minutes after
the worship service has concluded.

Playground Sunday

February 15, during 10:00 a.m. worship:

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

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



Change Can Make A Difference Offering



Feb. 15, we will collect our quarterly **“Change Can Make A Difference Offering”**. The offering will go to the **Michael and Ceci Tesh family to help with the building of a new school**.

Flowers

The flowers are in honor of our church family, given by Dave Trustdorf.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

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

One Call Now Messages

If you are having any issues receiving messages from the One Call Now system, please contact Sue Henriksen, 330-447-6952. Thank you.

Stewardship Moment

For it is in giving that we receive.

St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), founder of Franciscans

Attendance from Sunday, Jan. 18

Sunday School 26 Worship ~ 10 AM 69

Prayers for the People

We extend our **sympathy and prayers to the family of Larry Sears**. Details are pending at this time.

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

Feb. 2	Tyler Walter
Feb. 4	Noah Corder; Anniv: Scott & Sharyn Minor, Rob & Anna Kimble
Feb. 5	Brielle Raus
Feb. 6	Stan Gerber
Feb. 7	Jean Richardson

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday	10:00 AM	Installation of Marie Couts and Prayer Heart Lovefeast ó Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Light Lunch followed by Church Council ó Social Hall
		Pick up Soup Orders ó Social Hall
		<u>NO</u> Prayer Shawl Ministry
Monday	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting ó Church Office
	9:00 AM	Deadline: March/April Newsletter articles are due in the church office.
	1:00 PM	Counting ó Living Room
	6:00 PM	Mor. Women Ex. Bd. Meeting ó L. Room
		Buckeye Adult Classes: M & W – ESOL 6-9:00 PM – Basement
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday	10:30 AM 6-7:00 PM	Praying In Color @ Shirley Thompsons Men’s Bible Study ó Living Room <u>NO</u> Chancel Choir
Thursday	6-7:30 PM	The Chosen ó Living Room
Friday	Noon	Bible Study ó Living Room
Saturday	2:00 PM	Mary Jane John Funeral ó Sanctuary followed by Reception ó Social Hall
Sunday	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunrise Sunday School ó Room 215 Sunday School ó C.S. Rooms Worship & Installation of Church Officers ó Sanctuary



Do you enjoy making a difference in the community? **Sole Purpose** is looking for a new leader. Julie Pfeiffer is moving to Louisville, Kentucky, and is no longer able to lead the group. Any interest in leading Sole Purpose? If so, please contact Steve Rondinella, 330-827-4513; Becky Mastin, 330-204-9520; or Karen at the church office, 330-364-8831.

Our Worship Opportunities



*Worship with Us
Sunday at 10 A.M.*

Feb. 8 ~ Worship & Installation of Elders, Trustees, C. E. Committee and Sperling-Zimmerman Representative

Feb. 15 ~ Worship, Prayground & *Change Can Make a Difference Offering* for Michael and Ceci Tesh family to help with the building of a new school.



Ash Wednesday Worship ~ 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 18 ~ Worship in the Sanctuary

Bring your family and friends each week!

Our Christian Education Opportunities



Soup-er Sunday

The Christian Education Committee invites you to a "soup-er" fun afternoon **Sunday, February 15**.

Bring a crock pot of soup (or chili, side dish, or dessert) to church with you and take it to the Social Hall before worship. **Bring** your favorite game too!

After worship we will enjoy lunch, have a chili cookoff, play games and even work on a service project – tying fleece blankets to donate to a local organization.

Invite your friends and family to join you for worship, fellowship, and service!



Breakfast Book Club

February: Love Is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times (Bishop Michael Curry)
Sat., Feb. 21, at 8:00 a.m. at Missions Café.

Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities



The Replacements

Valentine Lunch



Friday, February 13

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 P.M.



If you have had a hip, knee, shoulder, or any kind of a replacement, come join us.



Sugar Cake Baking

Tues., Feb. 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. Place an order by calling **Susan Paden, 330-364-7101**.

Men's Community Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, February 21 ~ from 9-11 AM
Schoenbrunn Community Moravian Church
2200 East High Avenue, New Philadelphia



This ecumenical breakfast is for all men in the community.

T- County Moravian Mission Trip in 2026

Who: Anyone in the 11th grade and up can come on this mission trip. **Dates:** **July 3-12, 2026**



Lodging & Meals: Laurel Ridge Camp & Retreat

Conference Center in North Carolina, with most meals being provided by Laurel Ridge. **Work:** We will work in nearby mountainous terrain community's and at Laurel Ridge.

Our first meeting is March 1, at 1:00 p.m. in the First Moravian Church of Dover, Social Hall Corner.

If interested, contact Sam Paden at 330-987-1769 or psampaden@roadrunner.com or come to the meeting.