

# First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

September 22, 2024

10:00 A.M.

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<b>Liturgist</b>	Steve Rondinella
<b>Organist Today</b>	Mary Lou Keener
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Greg Miller
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Elizabeth Snider
<b>Director of Music</b>	G. Randall Gibbs
<b>Director of Faith Formation</b>	Carolyn Menapace
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## Call to Worship: Chimes

**Watchword for the Week: In Unison** *The Moravian Daily Texts*  
**Jesus said, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”** Mark 9:35

## Welcome and Announcements

*Prelude* “Sunday Song” Mendelssohn  
“Jesus Is All the World to Me” Hughes

\* **Liturgy – Grace** Pg. 31-34

## Prayers for the Children of God

Merciful Lord, hear us as we consider the needs of the world and your people as we pray, *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for your church in all places around the world and give you thanks that we share one faith and one hope that begins and ends with you.  
*Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for the needs of our nation, for those who live in states we have never seen, for those who face natural disasters we have not experienced and who we hope to serve in their time of need.  
*Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for this congregation. May we share one another’s joys and burdens.  
*Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for those desperate for cures, those waiting for a miracle, those who need diagnosis and comfort and prayer. Deliver the sick from fear and pain, give sleep to the restless and comfort to those in need.  
*Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for the dying and those who sit at bedsides weeping. Bring comfort and deliverance, Lord, for our eternal rest is always in you.

*Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We ask these prayers in the name of our savior Jesus Christ who reigns with you and the holy spirit, one God everlasting.

## The Lord’s Prayer

**Scripture Lessons: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a** Page 248  
**Mark 9:30-37** Page 46

**Hymn** “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” H. 723, vs. 1  
*During the singing, children are invited up for the Children’s Moment.*

**Children’s Moment:** Carolyn Menapace

\* **Hymn** “Help Us, O Lord, to Learn” H. 666

**The Message:** “Let the Children Come”  
Carolyn Menapace

## Christian Education Commissioning

Leader: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge God, and God will direct your paths. We are called into a Christian fellowship by the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the eternal purpose of God the Father, by the Holy Spirit, and as members of Christ’s Body, the Church, to serve all people by proclaiming the Gospel and witnessing to our faith by word and deed.

**All: With God’s help, we offer ourselves to proclaiming the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior, and witnessing to our faith by word and deed. We acknowledge our need for lifelong learning that equips us to be good stewards of the gospel entrusted to our care.**

The Triune God as revealed in the Holy Scripture of the Old and New Testament is the only source of our life and salvation; and this Scripture is the sole standard of the doctrine and faith of the Moravian Church and therefore shapes our life. We realize that our Christian faith must continuously be nourished if it is to remain living and vital. Therefore, we desire to grow in our Christian lives through family devotions, personal prayer and study, and the opportunities for spiritual development offered by the Church.

**With God’s help, we offer ourselves to grow in our Christian**

**lives through the study of the Holy Scriptures, regular attendance at worship, daily devotions, and participation in Sunday School classes, small groups, Christian fellowship and service.**

As parents, remembering that our children belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, we will bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and will take all possible care to preserve them from every evil influence. For this reason, we will seek to prove ourselves as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, setting an example for our children, both in the home and in the church.

**God of truth, bless all your children as they seek to grow in faith, inspire and encourage them; give them faithful teachers, mentors and leaders; and grant them the guidance and wisdom of your Holy Spirit. Through your word, direct their way and lead them safely to a mature Christian faith.**

We pray for all expressions and forms of Christian Education, for all who teach and all who learn, that through the faithful use of their gifts all may grow in love and gratitude to God and in relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for and give thanks for those in our congregation who have been called to teach and serve, and we call upon them to offer themselves to their special calling.

(Parents, please stand)

Parents and those assisting with the raising of children, will you offer yourselves to fulfill your special calling?

**Parents: We offer ourselves to the special calling we have received. With God's help, we promise to set an example for our children, and to encourage them in their Christian development. We promise to provide for their attendance at worship and Sunday School, and for their participation in other opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship.**

(Teachers and Bible Study Leaders, please stand)

Teachers and leaders, will you offer yourselves to fulfill your special calling?

**We offer ourselves to the special calling we have received. With God's help, we promise to participate regularly in worship and study, to prepare for our classes and meetings, and to encourage and show Christian love to each participant, recognizing them as a unique child of God, and a sister or brother in Christ Jesus.**

(Elders, Trustees, and Christian Education Committee Members, please stand)

Elders, Trustees, and Christian Education Committee Members, will you offer yourselves to fulfill your special calling?

**We offer ourselves to the special calling we have received. With God's help, we promise to participate regularly in worship, prayer and study, to prepare for and attend meetings faithfully, and to provide the best possible resources for Christian Education in our church. We promise to support and encourage all those called to Christian Education leadership in our congregation, and to provide and participate in opportunities for lifelong learning.**

(standing)

Members and friends of the congregation, will you offer yourselves to fulfill your special calling?

**We present and offer ourselves to the special calling we have received to proclaim the Gospel and witness to our faith by word and deed. We acknowledge and accept our responsibility for our own spiritual nurture and the spiritual nurture of others in our congregation, especially the young. With God's help, we promise to be faithful in worship, prayer and study, to encourage, nurture, and set an example for others, and to support those called to Christian Education leadership in our congregation through prayer, participation, and the sharing of gifts.**

We have offered ourselves to God. Help us now, O God, to fulfill our calling and grow in wisdom and knowledge and grace through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

\* *Hymn* "Bless All Those Who Nurture Children" H. 665

\* **Benediction**

\* **Benediction Response – Hymn 553, vs. 5**

*From thy house when I return,  
may my heart within me burn,  
and at evening let me say,  
"I have walked with God today."*

*Postlude*

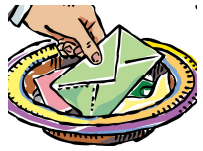
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\* *Please stand if you are able.*

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**Please note:** If you have a cell phone, please turn it off during the worship service.



The Offering Basket is labeled and located on the table on the right as you enter the sanctuary.

**Greeters:** Gary and Sandy Martin

**Nursery:** Due to the flooring replacement project down the hall past the nursery, the nursery will be temporarily closed in September. **Room 212 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor** is available if needed by a parent and child. A smart TV will be placed in the room for live-streaming worship. Thank you for understanding!

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 given by Michael and Bethanie Moser and family.

### One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Dan and Marcia Harding are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

### Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 35 Worship ~ 10 AM 76

## Stewardship Moment

Giving is not a debt you owe; it is a seed you sow.

*Unknown*

## Prayers for the People

**Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital:** Joyce Watkins; **Amberwood:** Laura Colvin; **Hennis (Dover):** Bonnie Auman; **Park Village (Dover):** Joyce Brewer, Bill Cozart, Mary Prince, Suzanne Rinderknecht, Milly Sudduth, Jerry Warner.

## Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Sept. 22 Ellen Rhinehart  
 Sept. 25 Ken Egler, Jake Armstrong, Julianna Kornis  
 Sept. 26 Annette Graef  
 Sept. 27 Steve Rondinella  
 Sept. 28 Jon C. Stingel; Anniv: Cole & Kendal Craddoc  
 Sept. 29 Pamela Duncan  
 Sept. 30 Dave Angel

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## The Dover Moravian Messenger

**Today 1-2:00 PM Autumn Prayer Walk @ Sharon Moravian Church Cemetery**

Join us today for our **Prayer Walk** at **Sharon Moravian Church**, from **1-2:00 p.m.** That congregation is graciously welcoming us to walk and pray through the **cemetery** behind the church.



Come learn a bit about this “God’s Acre” as we offer prayers for this particular season in the life of the church.

Monday 7:45 AM Counting ó Living Room  
9:00 AM Staff Meeting ó Church Office

Tuesday 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study

**Buckeye Adult Classes: W – GED 9-N; T & Th – ESOL 9-N & 6-8:30**

Wednesday 10:30 AM Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompsons  
6:30 PM Chancel Choir ó Choir Loft

Thurs., Sept. 26 5:00 PM Dutch Valley Dinner followed by  
7:00 PM Ruth @ Ohio Star Theater ó Sugarcreek

Thursday-Friday Wax Floor ó 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Restrooms / Hallway / Lobby

Friday & Saturday 7:30-9:30 PM Lantern Tours @ Schoenbrunn Village

Sunday 8:00 AM Sunrise Sunday School ó Living Room  
9:00 AM Sunday School Begins ó C.S. Rooms  
10:00 AM Worship ó Sanctuary  
4-6:00 PM **Fall Festival @ Randy & Nancy Gibbs’ Farm**



The Christian Education Committee and Randy and Nancy Gibbs invite all Tuscarawas County Moravians to a **Fall Festival on the Farm!** We will gather at the **Gibbs’ home at 2888 Crooked Run Rd. NW in New Philadelphia** for an evening of fun for all ages.

There will be food and drinks, a cider press, wagon rides, a “fry pie” cake walk, games, and a pumpkin surprise! **Bring a lawn chair or blanket** and your family & friends!

*(parking is limited ~ carpooling is appreciated)*

## Our Worship Opportunities



*Worship with Us*

*Sundays at 10:00 A.M.*

**Sept. 29 ~ Message by Lorrigan Booth**  
**“An Attitude of Gratitude – Not Just a Platitude”**



**Oct. 6 ~ Worship & Holy Communion**

The Rev. Dennis G. Rohn will bring the message.

**Oct. 13 ~ Moravian Day of Service at 10:00 AM at Sharon Moravian Church**

This year our Moravian Day of Service will be less hands and feet based and more heart and head focused. We will be doing an interactive poverty simulation that will give us a first-hand experience of just how difficult managing life on the margins can be. We will worship at 10 a.m., enjoy a lunch from 11-Noon, and from Noon-3 we will have our poverty simulation and debrief. It is suggested that participants make a \$5 donation per individual or \$10 per family for the food and the simulation. All funds will go to the Friends of the Homeless – Jack’s House of Hope project. Come join us! **Please Note: There will be no worship at Dover First on this day;** instead worship at Sharon Moravian Church.

**Oct. 20 ~ Marie Coutts** will bring the message the next two weeks.

**Oct. 27 ~ Guest Speaker: Marie Coutts**

*Bring your family and friends!*

## Our Mission, Outreach & Fellowship Opportunities

### *Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheon*



**Dine-in or Carry-out available**

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



**Friday, Oct. 4, 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

*News from the Board of World Mission*

*Moravian Church ~ North America*



Board of World Mission  
**Benefit Singstunde**  
and  
**Retirement Celebration**  
for  
**The Rt. Rev. J. Christian Giesler**

Saturday, October 5, 2024  
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Emmaus Moravian Church  
146 Main Street, Emmaus, PA 18049

**Come Celebrate  
with Us!**

You are invited to an evening of song, praise, and Good News to raise funds to provide Moravian Daily Texts Books for our sisters and brothers in the Labrador Mission Province.

Music for the evening will be provided by the Giesler family and friends.

Come ready to sing, listen, pray, and contribute to a project that is changing lives in Labrador. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Fellowship Hall.



For more information, please contact Sue Adams at 610-867-1732 or [sue@moravianmission.org](mailto:sue@moravianmission.org).

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Celebration



### Uhrichsville First Moravian Church

315 N. Water Street

**Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.**

Join us for our **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Celebration** as we welcome the **Rev. David Bennett**, Provincial President, who will share the message. The Moravian Joyful Noise Ringers, Moravian Joyful Singers, our combined handbell and vocal choirs will all present their music selections.

We hope you will also join us following worship for dinner and a time of fellowship and reminiscing; reconnecting with old friends and making new ones.

**If you plan to attend, we ask that you sign the sheet in the lobby today. A headcount is needed by Oct. 20. Thank you.**

## Our Christian Education Opportunities

### New Fall Studies

**Sign up in the lobby by September 29 to receive updates on dates and times.**

#### **Community by Andy Stanley**



Why is community so important to your spiritual life? God designed us that way. Learn why your unique story matters to God and to the people you do life with.

**Leslie Seats will lead this study. Day and time will be set according to participants' schedules.**

#### **Being a Christian Citizen**

The Provincial Elders' Conference commends this Moravian-created study as a tool for honest and respectful conversations about the challenges of being a Christian citizen in these times.

**Carolyn Menapace will lead this 5-week study in October – Tuesdays on Zoom from 10-11:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at church from 5:15-6:15 p.m.**

*(Both sessions are the same; choose either option each week as your schedule allows.)*

