

# First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

January 11, 2026

10:00 A.M.

<b>Interim Part-time Licensed Lay Pastor</b>	Marie Couts (330-401-1212)
<b>Greeter</b>	Dave Trustdorf
<b>Nursery</b>	Jud & Dawna Compton
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Leslie Seats
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Jud Compton
<b>Usher</b>	Sam Paden
<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>

## Call to Worship: Chimes

**Watchword for the Week: In Unison** *The Moravian Daily Texts*  
A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick  
he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

Isaiah 42:3

**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** "The Shepherd's Song" Dobrinski  
Reeves Bell Choir

**\* Hymn** "This Day Is Holy to the Lord" H. 821  
T. Worship  
This day is Holy to the Lord;  
this day the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice with one accord  
and in his name be glad.  
Come, let us worship and bow down,  
with thanks appear before his throne;  
he to our songs of praise and prayer  
will lend a gracious ear.

**\* Liturgy – Stewardship** Page 154

**Prayers of the People**  
"The Lord's Prayer" H. 828

**Holy Scriptures**  
Epistle Lesson: Acts 10:34-43 Page 134  
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17 Page 3

**Hymn** "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" See insert  
See page 3 for this email only H. 321, T. St. Anne

## Children's Moment

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

**Hymn** "Little Children, Welcome!" H. 679, vs 1

Little children, welcome! Earth is yours to live in;  
arms of love protect you, little children, welcome!

## Anthem

"The Coventry Carol"  
Chancel Choir Women

The Coventry Carol is a late 15<sup>th</sup> early 16<sup>th</sup> century English carol embedded in a local guild play. The text by Robert Croo (1534) is based on a melody from 1591. The carol is scripturally based in Matthew 2:16-18.

## Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

**\* Offertory Response – Hymn 815**

Our tithes and off'rings, Lord, we bring;  
with grateful hearts to you we sing.  
You are the source of ev'ry gift,  
to you our song of thanks we lift.

## Offertory Prayer

**Message:** "Endings and Beginnings"  
Marie Couts

## Prayer

**\* Hymn** "You're Our Strength and Motivation" H. 622

## \* Benediction

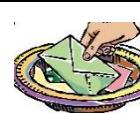
**Postlude** "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day" McChesney  
Reeves Bell Choir

## 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.



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



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

**Hymn 321 "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"**  
T. St. Anne

*Christ, when for us you were baptized,  
God's spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove and yet  
as urgent as a flame.*

*God called you "My beloved son,"  
the suff'ring servant true,  
sent you the kingdom to proclaim,  
God's holy will to do.*

*Straightway and steadfast until death  
you then obeyed God's call  
freely as Son of man to serve  
and give your life for all.*

*Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,  
your cross on us be signed,  
that, likewise in God's service, we  
may perfect freedom find.*

**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.

**Name Tags:** As a courtesy, please wear your name tag on Sunday morning, so our Interim Part-time Licensed Lay Pastor Marie Couts can learn your name. She already knows many of you, but for those she does not know, this is a way for her to learn your name. If you do not have a name tag, please contact Karen in the church office and a name tag will be made available for you. Thank you.

**2026 Congregational Watchword**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9

**Flowers**

The two vases of flowers are given in memory of Florence Keplinger, our former church secretary for 17 years.

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

Stan and Karen Baker are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

**Stewardship Moment**

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

**Attendance from Last Sunday**

Sunday School 17 Worship ~ 10 AM 81

**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.): Ron & Bette Kohl.

**Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support**

Jan. 14 Jack Sweitzer  
Jan. 15 Janet Zimmerman  
Jan. 18 Katie Walter, Jodi Hillyer, Grant Couts

## The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday 10:00 AM

Worship ó Sanctuary

**SOUP'S 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 Today and Jan. 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!

11:00-1:00 PM VBS Team Meeting ó Social Hall  
Counting ó Living Room  
Christmas Decorations Taken Down & Stored

Monday	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting ó Church Office
	6:00 PM	Trustees Meeting ó Social Hall
	7:00 PM	CEC Meeting ó Living Room
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Elders Meeting ó Room 215
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Praying in Color @ Shirley's
	6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study ó Living Room
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir ó Loft
Thursday	6-7:30 PM	The Chosen ó Living Room
Friday	Noon	Bible Study ó Living Room
Saturday	8:00 AM	Book Club @ Missions Café
	9-11:00 AM	Men's Breakfast ó St. Joseph Cath. Church hosting @ Knights of Columbus Hall 346 W. 9 <sup>th</sup> Street, Dover
	10-6:00 PM	1-4 PM Baby Shower ó Kitchen & S. Hall
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
	6:00-8:30 PM	Soup Orders taken in Lobby Bowling Bash @ Wabash Lanes

## Our Worship Opportunities



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

**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.

**Opportunities** are like sunrises. If you wait too long, you miss them.  
- William Arthur Ward

### VISION 2026:

The annual **Church Council** for all communicant members of First Moravian Church of Dover will be held after the 10 A.M. Worship service on **Sunday, January 25**.

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

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.

**Interim Part-time Licensed Lay Pastor:****Marie Couts 330.401.1212****Joint Board Chair: Rebecca Mastin****Joint Board Members****Board of Elders**

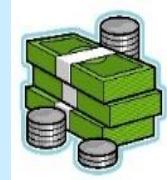
Brian Cronebach	2020-2025, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	330.340.5549
Pamela Duncan, CEC Rep.	2023-2025, 1 <sup>st</sup> Term	330.340.7476
John Stubbins	2023-2025, 1 <sup>st</sup> Term	330.987.0144
Scott Minor	2024-2026, 1 <sup>st</sup> Term	330.432.7036
Steve Rondinella, Vice-chair	2021-2026, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	330.827.4513
Leslie Seats	2022-2027, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	937.479.4028
Cheryl Stephens, Secretary	2025-2027, 1 <sup>st</sup> Term	330.987.3933

**Board of Trustees**

Karol Jones, Sec./CEC Rep.	2020-2025, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	330.343.8236
Gary Martin	11/2023-2025, 1 <sup>st</sup> Term	330.204.1926
Greg Miller	2023-2025, 1 <sup>st</sup> Term	330.340.3861
Bev Antonelli	2024-2026, 1 <sup>st</sup> Term	330.340.2522
Daniel Yeager	2021-2026, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	330.364.6951
Rebecca Mastin, President	2025-2027, 1 <sup>st</sup> Term	330.204.9520
Dave Yoder, Vice-President	2025-2027, 1 <sup>st</sup> Term	724.272.4822
Jodi Hillyer	2025-2027, 1 <sup>st</sup> Term	330.340.4785

**REMINDER: When members are hospitalized or need a special visit, please contact the church office, 330-364-8831. Thank you.**

**New Church Directories** will be available soon in the church office upon request. The directory includes names, addresses, telephone numbers & email addresses of church members. What better way to keep in touch with your church family? If you desire a new directory (one per family), **please contact the church office, 330-364-8831**, and a directory will be made available for you. Cost: \$ Donations Accepted. Thank you.

**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 **25<sup>th</sup>**. 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. 9<sup>th</sup> 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!



## 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](http://www.moravian.org/equip)

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



## Our Christian Education Opportunities

### Upcoming CEC Events – Save the Dates!

- **The Chosen – Thursday evenings Jan. 15 – 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)

### VBS Team Meeting:

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



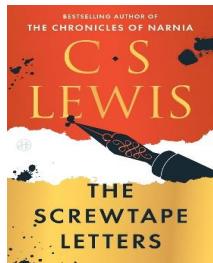
Celebrations

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.*



### **A Note of Thanks!**

***A note of thanks to the church members*** who shared your time and kindness through phone calls, get well cards, visits and many, many prayers for my good health. I thank the Lord for bringing me back to good health and the ability to return to church and worship with you soon. Thank you again.

Greg Miller