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A Church Family of **Bemers**

Every local church gathers as a diverse group of members who have been drastically transformed by the power of God through the Holy Spirit and the redemption power of Jesus on the cross. These assorted members with many and various skills, spiritual gifts and talents, have no reason to live and work together in harmony, but here we are as a congregation on the corner of Walnut and 4th – being an active, kind and merciful community. We still minister to our neighbors near and far even if our pastor has retired on us. We still choose to live in love and unity, with a mission-minded spirit before you. Sunday after Sunday, you will be led in worship and service by the Lord and each other.

In my final missive, I invite you to strive to embrace one of the three types of **bemers** (members). This new word has nothing to do with “cars” but building up through your witness and stabilizing your church family while going through the “call process”. Therefore, as **bemers**, you may experience some changes and transformations in the ways in which the church life is conducted. As you wait on the Holy Spirit to lead you through this “calling time”, I invite you to embrace these positive values for becoming even a more faithful **bemer** (member).

1. Bemers who attend worship

Attending is the most basic way members build each other up. It's the most obvious way to show commitment to the Lord and your church home. There's something encouraging about knowing a brother or sister is simply going to be present at a church service, and you are going to worship God, together.

The writer of Hebrews tells the believers to “stir one another up to love and good deeds” and to “encourage one another”. How are they to do this? By “not forsaking the assembling of the believers” (Heb. 10:23–25). You cannot build others up if you're not meeting with them regularly and faithfully in worship. But it's not the same during “the call process”! That doesn't matter. Be in your pew and support the leadership leading worship and the members who are seated about you.

2. Bemers who encourage others

Consider Paul's words about Tychicus, the lay pastor sent to lead the church at Colosse in Asia Minor, Colossians 4:1 “I have sent him to you for this very purpose, which you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts” (Col. 4:8). Why does he send his friend? Encouragement for the Colossians, to model the role of Paul in ministry.

The encouraging member commends, applauds, praises, thanks, comforts, supports, and volunteers for members in the church family. We often think of encouraging as merely giving praise, like a spectator at a rally or a game. That's a fan mentality. You need to be a leader and giver of grace to others for their good work and offerings.

Furthermore, encouragement is not mere flattery. It's not just being nice or telling people what they want to hear. Rather, true encouragement is honest and sincere. It commends those who serve well, and it also urges on, bolsters, those who are struggling in their walk with the Lord. Such kindness layered on others is a great blessing to the church body during a pastoral transition. Be the one who encourages.

3. Bemers who offer patience

Patience is vitally important both for the individual believer and the congregation as a whole during the call process. We do not have an excess of candidates in the seminary. After all, the Christian journey you know was never an Olympic

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September-October, 2024

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2024 Congregational Watchword:

I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. Psalm 63:4

Our Mission Statement:

L - Lead all people to Jesus Christ.

O - Obey God's Commands.

V - Value and nurture spiritual growth.

E - Encourage Christian service.

Our Motto:

In Essentials: Unity;

In Non-Essentials: Liberty;

In All Things: Love.

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.

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sprint but more like a marathon. Your walk with the Lord is a process of seasoned maturity.

All this means we have to learn to cope and embrace each other's weaknesses and shortcomings. We have to learn to forgive without holding grudges and disciple one another with all patience. A patient member graciously puts up with other people's botches. They realize that no church is perfect—and as a result, they are tenderly patient. A church with patient members is a church where members confront one another in love, encourage one another in hope and forgive one another abundantly. Why? Because we are in this transitional call process – together.

My friend travelers, pursue these qualities in your own life and lift up others during this transitional call process. Pray that you will build up the church membership as faithfully patient, encouraging and active members.

Finally, remember – during this “call process” – be more kind and helpful with the leadership and flexible with each other. Why? Subsequently, people come before programs. Programs enhance the person's journey through faith.

We need more **members**.

See you around town. *Pastor John*

Remember what the founding **member** of the renewed Moravian church once said, “I have but one passion - it is He, it is He alone. The world is the field and the field is the world; and henceforth that country shall be my home where I can be most used in winning souls for Christ.”
Nicolaus Zinzendorf

We are called to win souls for the Lord, with or without a pastor at the helm. Continue to love people into this delightful congregation of believers in Jesus. Your acts of evangelism are the life blood of our congregational soul. *Pastor John*

A Sweet Morsel of Wisdom

Found this on a Dove chocolate wrapper. I think it is another way of **member** evangelism.

It said: “Your vibe attracts your tribe”.

Beginning Sept. 1

Important Information for the Congregation

One Call Now: If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office,

330-364-8831, Monday-Friday, during the hours of 8-4 p.m.

After office hours, please contact **Sue Henriksen, 330.447.6952**

The **Elder on Call** is responsible for hospital or home visitation where needed.

Day	Elder Responsible	Cell Phone
Sunday	Steve Rondinella	330.827.4513
Monday	Scott Minor	330.432.7036
Tuesday	Elizabeth Snider	330.802.0822
Wednesday	Pamela Duncan	330.340.7476
Thursday	Brian Cronebach	330.340.5549
Friday	Leslie Seats	937.479.4028
Saturday	Jen Peveto	330.243.1493
Backup	John Stubbins, Jr.	330.987.0144

Church Office ~ 330-364-8831

Administrative Assistant will contact Elders
when people are hospitalized or need a special visit.

Elder assigned for the day will contact
Backup person or another Elder if they are not available.

Pastor on Call

Rev. Denny Rohn ~ 610-216-7467 cell

Joint Board Chair & Board of Trustees President & Fiscal Officer

Julie Williams 330.933.9707

See the back page for a complete list of the Board of Trustees.

Tar Hollow Reflections

Each day at camp – we have time early in the day to be alone with the Lord and reflect on a written spiritual guide – a tryst time. I offer two snippets of written material from that experience. For I found their reflections pertinent to our current church family situation: entering the “Call System”. Listen and tryst on the insights of these two authors, **Jenna Boewe** and **Camryn McGlumphy**, as they relate to your journey of faith and your mutual call journey.

The simple yet profound lyrics of the children’s song, “O Be Careful”, beautifully echo this truth:

*O be careful little eyes what you see
O be careful little ears what you hear
O be careful little hands what you do
O be careful little tongue what you say
O be careful little feet where you go
O be careful little heart who you trust
O be careful little mind what you think
Chorus: For the Father up above is looking down in love*

These verses remind us to be mindful of what we allow into our lives and how we respond. Our eyes, ears, hands, tongues, feet, hearts, and minds are all influenced by our surroundings, and it is our responsibility to guard them carefully.

So how can we change our surroundings to encourage a better product?

1. **Evaluate Your Relationships:** Take a moment to assess the people in your life. Are they encouraging you to be your best self? Are they drawing you closer to God? If not, it might be time to reconsider the amount of influence you allow them to have.
2. **Choose Uplifting Content:** Be intentional about the content you consume. Seek out materials that inspire you, teach you, and bring you joy. Let go of content that brings you down or leads you away from your values.
3. **Create a Positive Environment:** Cultivate spaces that foster your spiritual and emotional growth. This could be a quiet corner for prayer, a tidy workspace, or simply a clutter-free home. Your environment can greatly influence your mindset and productivity.

Remember, you are the product of your surroundings. Choose wisely, and let your environment reflect the goodness and wisdom of God. - Jenna Boewe

What does it mean for God to be **trustworthy**?

The word *emet* is a common word used to describe God in the Bible and is translated as “faithfulness” or “truth”. So, saying God is “full of *emet*”, we are saying that He is trustworthy. But trust isn’t always an easy thing. For example, God promised the Israelites that He would give them a king of peace that would rule forever and ever, but Israel’s kingdom collapsed and they found themselves without a home or a king. They wondered if God was truly faithful to His promises and cried out to Him,

Psalm 89:49 **Where is your loyal love that you swore to David in your *emet*?**

Ultimately, God answered their cries in the person of Jesus – the embodiment of God’s trustworthy character. Jesus is the faithful king whose Kingdom will endure forever, and He invites all people to trust in Him. When it’s hard to trust God because our circumstances make it difficult, we can remember the history of God’s trustworthy character. God has always been faithful in the past and will remain true into the future. - Camryn McGlumphy

A Lesson of 1/3rds

An old mentor of mine back when I was a student pastor in Bethlehem PA, shared with me this lesson about leaving the church when you move on to another call or in my case toward retirement. I found this lesson most valuable across many lines of leadership, coaching, teaching.

Pastor Francis taught me the lesson of 1/3rds.

When you leave: 1/3 of the people will miss you deeply; 1/3 of the people will be glad to see you go; and 1/3 of the people will not realize you left for three months.

I must say, Pastor Francis was “spot on”. I have experienced that in my journey of faith in the five calls and eight churches I have served in the past 40 years as a pastor. It doesn’t matter what 1/3 you land on in this scenario, what matters most is that you persist in kindness, prayerfulness, faithfulness and patience with your Lord, your Joint Board, your staff and your “tribe”. You will walk through the valley of the “call process” together.

Pastor John



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Convo 2025

Convo is a tradition that youth and young adults in the Moravian Church have enjoyed since 1957. Held every two years, Convo traditionally rotates between a gathering here in North America for high schoolers and a gathering elsewhere in the Moravian Unity for young adults. Beginning with the 2025 Convo for high schoolers, the Board of World Mission is honored to be taking on the role of planning and implementing these gatherings on behalf of the Moravian Church in North America. Please save the date for the 2025 Youth Convo and spread the word to any high school-aged Moravians. Registration and more information will soon be available at MoravianMission.org/Convo.

Save the Date:
Convo 2025

For High Schoolers Who Have Completed Grades 9-12

July 2-7, 2025 | Florida International University in Miami

MIA
Mission In Action

Come and see how the Moravian Church has been a church with an active mission. Find out where the Church might be MIA or missing in action today. Discover how we, individually and together, can put God's Mission into action today.

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Choir: Worship, Fellowship, Family

by Lee Elliott

When I moved here 20 years ago, I attended nearly every church in town, looking for the one that would be mine. I was used to singing in an excellent choir, and wanted to find that here. Dover First is where I landed.

Randy told me that the choir has actually been functioning since 1842. That is so amazing. Any time-anywhere that I have sung with our choir, I have been so proud. It is evident to anyone who listens that we are singing from our hearts and loving every minute of it.

What people don't see is how strongly we all feel about worshipping through good music. What they don't see is how we are taught by Randy, not only the proper ways to sing, but finding the emotions and caring we all experience when singing (even when "forced" to sing in Latin or German). We are so fortunate to have instrumental musicians and soloists join us frequently to enrich our presentations. We have bells and brass, cellos, flutes, oboes, guitars, organ and pianos to add to the beauty of our music. Music is everywhere in our church, and we thrive on it.

We share something special on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. You can feel the love for the music and for fellow singers. It has been hard for a few years now as we lose our elderly (You can't officially leave this choir unless you die, and even then, you are lovingly remembered) and lose our young ones to other activities.

If it were to come down to only two or three of us left, I would be there. I hope that as we move forward, singers will come back and new singers will find new happiness here, especially if you are a low type of man. Come on...you knew I meant a bass.

Music Department News

We start the Fall year again bringing the musical groups together. Summer has been a time of refreshment but now we are focused on offering our gifts to the worship service. We thank God for the gifts He has given to us so that we use them to offer praise to Him. It is a true privilege to be in music ministry. Here is our current schedule of musical groups and rehearsals.

Chancel Choir

To our best calculations and information from the diaries, the Chancel Choir has entered its 182nd year of service to Christ and the congregation. Over a period of years, many individuals have experienced the joy of singing. This group has the opportunity to provide music in the worship service, participate in area musical events and has performed several times at the Kent State Tuscarawas Campus and the Performing Arts Center. The choir is a very faithful and committed group of individuals who sing together, care for each other, and become a family.

Rehearsals: Wednesday, 6:30pm. Choir Loft.

Reeves Handbell Choir

This group has been serving since the late 1970's, providing joyous and meaningful music to the worship service and events outside of the congregation. Reeves Bells began with monies generously given by the Reeves Foundation over a period of years. The foundation has funded a 5 octave set of Schulmerich Handbells and a 6 octave set of Mallmark Handbells. We are very thankful for their generosity.

This group is by invitation and currently there are no openings for players. Rehearsals are scheduled within the playing season.

Muller HandBell Ensemble

The Muller Ensemble is a recently organized group for a smaller ensemble of players who wish to play for worship and enjoy ringing. The group meets based on the playing schedule throughout the church year.

Music is an integral part of the worship fabric of the Moravian church and our congregation. If you have a desire to join a group, wish to sharpen your skills, please contact the music director and begin the conversation.

Soli Deo Gloria,
G. Randall Gibbs, Director of Music



Moravian Music Weekend in Lititz

Saturday and Sunday; Sept. 21 - 22, 2024

Participate in Choir & Band

Play & Sing / Learn & Share

Register now and make plans to attend a music weekend for choral and instrumental music! You may arrive Friday evening or Saturday morning. \$50 for adults; \$10 for youth and students, 17 and under. Individual participants will secure their own accommodations in the Lititz/Lancaster area. More information can be found at www.moravianmusic.org. You are encouraged to find the best deal. Lititz Moravian Congregation, 8 Church Square, Lititz, PA.

Moravian Music Weekends are filled with opportunities for musicians of all levels and abilities to come together in harmony and fellowship. You will learn some new music and enjoy some old favorites. Workshops, talks, and local tours will be offered.

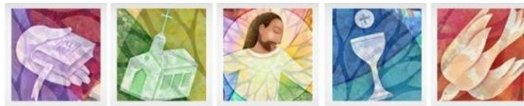
An extended band prelude and concert by the choir with the Lititz Moravian Collegium Musicum rounds out this enriching and fulfilling weekend.

Dr. Jeffrey Gemmell, Music Director of Lititz and Assistant Professor of Choral Studies at Millersville University, where he conducts University Choir, Chorale, and the Cantilina Women's Chorus. Don Kemmerer, Director of the Bethlehem Municipal Band, will lead the band program. Workshops will be offered by Dr. Christopher Ogburn and Dr. Jeffrey Gemmell. Lititz Moravian Congregation, 8 Church Square, Lititz, PA. Please visit www.moravianmusic.org, **336-725-0651** for more details and updates.

erik@moravianmusic.org

Erik J Salzwedel





Faith Formation

September 16, 1741: Jesus Christ is declared Chief Elder of the Moravian church. Here in 2024 that seems like a no-brainer, of course Jesus is the head of the church! But during that time of rapid change, the responsibility of this role had become too much for one person and the leaders of the early Moravian church had to discern who their next Chief Elder would be. Leonard Dober was granted his request to step away from this role and his pastoral and other duties were divided among him and several others.

Does this story resonate with you? We as a congregation are entering a time of change, a leader is retiring, others leaders will share his responsibilities for a time. We don't yet know who the next pastor of Dover First Moravian Church will be. Jesus still leads.

As we look back on almost 15 years of Pastor John shepherding this flock, we give thanks for all the ways he cared for us, encouraged us, taught us, led us in worship, prayed for us, and more. It will take time to discern who our next pastor will be. In the meantime, other leaders will share many responsibilities. This congregation is blessed with a wide variety of talents, some we know about and some we are about to discover! We will see different faces and hear different voices in worship and Sunday school and beyond. Jesus still leads.

As we move through this time of uncertainty, remember to "encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." (1 Thessalonians 5:11) We can look to our Savior for examples of patience, and grace, and in all things love. Jesus still leads.

In Faith, Love, and Hope,
Carolyn

Decluttering Check-In



How did your spring (or summer) cleaning go? Did you declutter more or less than you hoped? Is it time to empty your "time will tell" bin?

Thursday, September 5 from 5-6:30 p.m.
we will have a decluttering reunion. Join us in the first floor living room as we share our successes, both large and small!

Rally Day

Everyone is invited as we celebrate the beginning of a new Sunday school year with breakfast, a story, and a fun activity to help us take a closer look at things that change and things that stay the same within our church family.



Sunday, September 8, in the Social Hall
8:45 a.m. Breakfast is served
9:00 a.m. Program begins

Second Grade Bible Presentation



On **Sunday, September 8**, during worship we will present Bibles to our students entering second grade. We pray these Bibles will help to nurture these students' understanding of and relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Come help us bless these students, and all our students and teachers as they begin the new school year.

Sunday School – Classes for All

*Sunday School returns with classes for all ages beginning **September 15**.
Join us each Sunday from 9-9:45 a.m.*

Pre-K Class: We're moving! Kids age 3 and up who are not yet in kindergarten are moving to **Room 212** (second floor). **Pam Duncan, Becky Mastin, and Sharyn Dusenberry** will lead them with Bible stories, songs, crafts, activities and of course play time. *Curriculum: PCUSA's Follow Me for Young Children.*

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Kindergarten to 2nd Grade: Kids entering kindergarten through 2nd grade will gather in **Room 214** this year. **Erin Perkowski, Stacy Stubbins, and Kelli Argento** will use Bible stories, songs, and creative activities to encourage Biblical practices. *Curriculum: PCUSA's Follow Me for Young Children.*

3rd to 6th Grade: New room, new materials, new Biblical connections! Kids entering 3rd to 6th grade will gather in **Room 213** (confirmation room) this year. **Tessa Compton, Jerica Shuss, and April Yoder** will lead students on a journey through the Bible, making connections between passages of the Old and New Testaments. Each student will receive a new Connect Bible to use and keep. *Curriculum: Sparkhouse's Connect.*

Seekers: Join **Steve Mastin** for Bible Study every Sunday morning. All are welcome, no matter where you are in your faith journey, or whether you've studied the Bible for years or not at all. Moravians are life-long learners! **(Basement Kitchen)**

Seeds of Faith: It's a season of change for Seeds of Faith! Join this discussion-based group as **seven different leaders** each present a different topic and perspective. We'll begin a new study every 4-6 weeks so watch for updates as we go. Is there a subject you would like to study, or perhaps lead for a few weeks? Contact Carolyn Menapace with any and all ideas! **(Room 215)**

Sunrise Sunday School: This class is held from **8-8:45 a.m.** All are welcome and those who are rehearsing or preparing in the hour before worship are especially encouraged to attend. Carolyn Menapace will lead studies of various books and narratives in the Bible, plus seasonal studies for Advent and Lent. **(Room 215)**

Adults and Teens: *We welcome you to try out all of the adult classes to find the right fit for you. Attend Sunday School together and make Sunday morning a time to worship and learn together as a family!*

Tuesday Morning Zoom

A **Bible Study** that you can join from anywhere, beginning **September 17!** This is a great chance to connect with members and friends near and far, from the comfort of your home. Attendees use computers, laptops, tablets, and phones to "Zoom" in and enjoy learning and lively conversation.

Carolyn Menapace will lead the way, beginning with a study of the book of Mark. Join us for a deeper dive into some of the scripture readings we will hear in worship this fall.

Contact Carolyn for help getting set up on Zoom, or for a one-on-one Zoom session so you can get comfortable with the technology.



Book Club Is Back!

Our faith-based book club returns this fall. We will meet **one Saturday morning each month at Missions Café at 8:00 a.m.** Check out our fall selections:

September 21: The Girl's Still Got It (Liz Curtis Higgs) *Based on the book of Ruth, this is a perfect complement to our trip to Dutch Valley on September 26!*

October 12: Worth Fighting For (John Pavlovitz) *Watch for an opportunity to join Jami Haswell-Vandock and Raleigh Moravian Church in a livestream with the author!*

November 18: Things Seen from Above (Shelley Pearsall) *Courtney Wallace is organizing the 2024 One Book, One Community project. Her selection is a youth novel that will appeal to adults as well. Read it with your favorite middle- or high-schooler and bring them to breakfast!*

Christian Education Commissioning



Christian Education can happen anytime and anyplace. But as we welcome the new Sunday School year and the return of formal Christian Education to our church, let's re-dedicate ourselves to this mission!

Teachers, parents, Christian Education Committee members, Elders, Trustees, and all church members: join us **Sunday, September 22**, in worship when we will all have the opportunity to answer the call to support and participate in Christian Education at Dover First.

Fall Prayer Walk



This season's prayer walk is scheduled for **Sunday, September 22**, 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.

Ruth at Ohio Star Theater

Our trip to Dutch Valley and the Ohio Star Theater is getting closer!

Thursday, September 26

Dinner at 5:00 pm ~ Ruth at 7:00 pm



The final cost for dinner and the show is **\$63.00 per person**. If you signed up for tickets, please drop your payment off in the church office or place it in the offering by **Sunday, September 8** (cash or check made out to First Moravian Church). After that date unpaid tickets are not guaranteed.

Fall Festival



The Christian Education Committee and Randy and Nancy Gibbs invite all Tuscarawas County Moravians to a **Fall Festival on the Farm!**

Sunday, September 29, from 4-6:00 p.m.

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)

Halloween Parade

Come watch the Dover Lions Club Halloween Parade!

Wednesday, October 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m.



Bring a lawn chair and grab a spot along 4th Street. We will enjoy popcorn and caramel apples while we wait for the parade to step off at 6:45 p.m. Both parking lots will be available for parking.

Fall Retreat 2024



Save these Dates...Mark your calendar for **November 1-3**, for the **Fall Retreat** at **Camp Lutherhaven** in Albion, IN. Everyone in **grade 6 through age 21** is invited. Watch for more details in the Sunday bulletins.

Our Mission, Outreach, and Fellowship

Prayer Shawl Ministry

by Edith Santee and Susan Paden



This September, the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is celebrating its 20th year. WOW! Where have the last 20 years gone? We would love to have members, new members, and friends join us.

Are you in need of a prayer shawl? If you know of someone in need, please let us know.

You are invited to join us in the church living room the first Sunday afternoon of each month (usually) at 1:00. We really have a lot of fun and would love to fill the living room with members and friends knitting and crocheting. Don't know how to knit or crochet? Come join us this fall!

Ecumenical Men's Fellowship Breakfast by Tom Armstrong

Men...don't miss our **Fall Kick-off Breakfast!** The food will be delicious and the fellowship will be enjoyable! So, invite your friends and mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 21, from 9-11 a.m.** in the **social hall** at the **First Moravian Church of Dover**. Looking forward to seeing you on the 21st.

Men's Fellowship Ecumenical Breakfast Schedule 2024-2025
9-11:00 AM – Usually the 3rd Saturday of the month.

- Sept. 21 – First Moravian Church**
319 N. Walnut Street, Dover
- Oct. 19 – Winfield Community Church**
5247 State Route 516 NW, Dover
- Nov. 16 – Christian & Missionary Alliance Church**
228 E. Third Street, Dover
- Dec. 21 – First Moravian Church**
319 N. Walnut Street, Dover
- Jan. 18 – St. Joseph Catholic Church**
613 N. Tuscarawas Avenue, Dover
- Feb. 15 – Schoenbrunn Moravian Community Church**
2200 E. High Avenue, New Philadelphia
- Mar. 15 – Ragersville Zion United Church of Christ**
8831 Crooked Run Road SW, Sugarcreek
- Apr. 19 – Salvation Army**
809 Emmett Avenue NW, New Philadelphia
- May 17 – St. John's United Church of Christ**
409 N. Wooster Avenue, Dover



Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheons by Marcia Harding, Julie Williams, and Susan Corder



The Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheons will return on **Friday, September 6, from 11:00-1:00 p.m.** The luncheons will be **Dine-in or Carry-out** and **deliveries available to businesses with a minimum order of \$25 or more.**

The menu will be **soups, sandwiches and desserts.** Proceeds from our luncheons help the Moravian Women contribute to missionary efforts at home and around the world. We appreciate all your support in making our luncheons a success. If you can help work, please contact **Marcia Harding, 330-343-2104, or Julie Williams, 330-933-9707.**

Dates for the Friday luncheons are as follows: **Sept. 6, October 4, November 1, December 6, March 7, and April 4.** Plan to help work, support the luncheons, and let your friends know they can dine-in or get carry-out!



Sugar Cake Baking Tuesday, September 17 Price: \$7.00 each

Place your orders early by calling Susan Paden, 330-364-7101.
Additional baking dates are as follows: **October 15, November 19, December 17 & 19, February 18, March 18, April 15**



Sugar Cakes are sold seven times a year by the Moravian Women to help continue their mission of making a difference in the lives of God's people here and abroad. **The Moravian Women Advisory Board is asking for your help in increasing our sales.** Please talk to your relatives, neighbors, friends, and co-workers. Free delivery this year will once again be available for orders of 4 cakes or more and the order is placed prior to Tuesday's baking. Place your order by calling **Susan Paden, 330-364-7101.**

We hope you will participate in our activities. Take time to enjoy the fun and fellowship. Again, we thank you for your continued support and look forward to another year of serving the Lord together in Ministry.

Upcoming Activities...

Moravian Women's Christmas Party

Mark your calendars and save the date for the **Moravian Women's Christmas Party** on **Thursday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m.** Bring a friend!

Soup Orders will be taken on **Sunday, December 29 and January 5**. Place your order early to be sure to get your favorite soup! Soup will be made on January 10, and can be **picked up on Sunday, January 12**, after the 10:00 worship service. **Quarts of soup will sell for \$8.00 each**. Watch future newsletters and Sunday bulletins for the choices available.

Thank You Notes!

Dear Friends at Dover First,

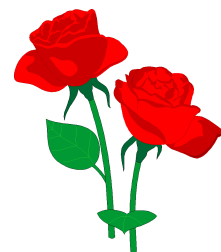
Thank you to everyone who sent cards, called and prayed for my recovery following my knee replacement surgery this summer. I especially want to thank Susan Corder for filling in the office for me. It's been another long summer, but you all have helped me through.

Thank you.
Sue Hoffman

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for helping us to celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. To all those who took the time to send us a card, thank you again. We are blessed with all the love.

Thank you
Allen & Jane Gasser



Dear Church Family,

I wish to express my gratitude for your prayers, cards, text, phone calls and gift certificates after my fall which resulted in a broken rib. (I now have to say YES when my doctor asks if I've fallen lately. ☐) Healing is a slow process, but I'm handling it well with God's help and thanks to all of your love.

Much appreciated, Brenda Crilow

Dear Dover First,

Thank you to Pastor John for his visit while I was in Hennis Nursing Home. Also, thanks for the phone calls, cards, flowers, and prayers during my recovery from my knee replacement. My church family is the best.

Linda Bayer



Dover Family Tree News

Our Deepest Sympathy

You are in our thoughts and prayers,
May the *love* of friends *comfort* you at this time.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended...

...to **Mary Ann Angel** on the death of her sister and brother-in-law, Sue & Dave Lepisto, of Gilbertsville, Kentucky on July 29. A memorial service was held on Aug. 4, at Collier Funeral Home of Benton, KY with Bro. Aaron Dowdy officiating.

...to **Etta Grimm and family** on the death of her son, Terry Grimm, at his home in Akron, on June 26, 2024. A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, July 20, at the Sons of Herman in Akron.



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## Joint Board Meeting for 2024

**Monday, September 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall**

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Here is a complete list of Joint Board Members (Elders & Trustees)

Elders ~ Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

By-Laws of the First Moravian Church of Dover: The duties of the Elders include overseeing the spiritual care and oversight of the congregation and its membership. Elders strive to secure faithful compliance with the enactments of the Unity, Provincial and District Synods, with "The Moravian Covenant for Christian Living," the section on discipline in the Book of Order, and the established rules of the congregation. The members of the Board of Elders decide all applications for admission to membership and decide all cases of dismissal.

Jennifer Peveto	2022-2024 ~ 1st term	330.243.1493
Leslie Seats, Secretary	2022-2024 ~ 1st term	937.479.4028
Elizabeth Snider, Vice-chair	2022-2024 ~ 1st term	330.802.0822
Brian Cronebach	2020-2025 ~ 2nd term	330.340.5549
Pamela Duncan, CEC Rep.	2023-2025 ~ 1st term	330.340.7476
John Stubbins	2023-2025 ~ 1st term	330.987.0144
Scott Minor	2024-2026 ~ 1st term	330.432.7036
Steve Rondinella	2021-2026 ~ 2nd term	330.827.4513

Trustees ~ Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

The duties of the Board of Trustees include overseeing the planning, development and maintenance of church properties. The trustees plan the budget of annual expenses associated with supporting the work of the congregation. The trustees review the monthly expenses against the budget and insure payment of the pastor's salary, staff salaries, and provincial obligations. Requests for funds and purchases from the staff, congregational ministries, and external groups are reviewed. Reports from the Treasurer and Financial Secretary are monitored monthly to gauge progress towards meeting all obligations.

Seth Corder	2022-2024 ~ 1st term	330.204.4820
Julie Williams, Pres., Fis. Off.	2019-2024 ~ 2nd term	330.933.9707
April Yoder, V-President	2019-2024 ~ 2nd term	330.401.2873
Karol Jones, Sec. & CEC Rep.	2020-2025 ~ 2nd term	330.343.8236
Gary Martin	11/2023-2025 ~ 1st term	330.204.1926
Greg Miller	2023-2025 ~ 1st term	330.340.3861
Bev Antonelli	2024-2026 ~ 1st term	330.340.2522
Brenda Crilow	7/2023-2026 ~ 2nd term	330.243.6682
Dan Yeager	2021-2026 ~ 2nd term	330.364.6951

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### Financial Secretary

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| Julie Williams, Trustee Fis. Off. | 330.933.9707 |
| Jenny Shoup, Cooper Accounting    | 330.440.7434 |

### Church Treasurer

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| Barbara Gennert, Treasurer | 330.364.8831 |
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Church Office & One Call Now:
330-364-8831

Worship Services:
Sundays Year-round: 10 a.m.

Sunday School:
Sept.—May: 9:00 a.m.

Pastor:

Administrative Assistant:
Karen Baker

Director of Music:
G. Randall Gibbs

Director of Faith Formation:
Carolyn Menapace

Custodian:
Sam Paden

Web-Site: www.doverfirstmoravianchurch.org

Sunday, September 15, begins our new Sunday School year.

We will have classes from 9-9:45 a.m. each Sunday.
Come and help fill our Sunday School rooms each Sunday
with lots of youth and adults. Friends are always welcome!

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*You are invited to come and worship with us  
each Sunday at 10 a.m. in September and October.*



On **Sunday, October 6, at 10:00 a.m.**

*World Communion* will be observed  
and the Rev. Dennis G. Rohn will bring the message.

***Bring your family and friends.***

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Beverly Christians know to "Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. Always remember these commands I give you today. Teach them to your children, and talk about them when you sit at home and walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 New Century Version (NCV)
Godspeed, P. J.



Change Service Requested

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