

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

October 25, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Pastor	Jay Petrella
Greeter	Shirley Thompson
Nursery	Available if needed by a parent & child
Scripture Reader	Steve Rondinella
Usher	Justin Perkowski
Director of Music	G. Randall Gibbs
Director of Faith Formation	Carolyn Menapace
Custodian	Sam Paden
Administrative Assistant	Karen Baker Office: 330-364-8831
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Call to Worship: *Chimes*

Watchword for the Week: In Unison *The Moravian Daily Texts*
You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.
 Leviticus 19:2

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 "As the Deer" Carter

* **Hymn** "Holy Spirit, Still Creating" **H. 496**

* **Liturgy: Epiphany and World Mission** **Page 65**

Children's Moment Pastor Jay
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!*

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

Anthem "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Carter
 Chancel Choir

Scripture Readings:
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 **Page 117**
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 **Page 217**

Hymn "God, Teach Us Peacemaking" **H. 687**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-46

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Message: "The Beginning of Wisdom"

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

* **Offertory Response – Hymn 648, vs. 2**

*As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live;
 freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
 Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and
 sea;
 we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.*

Offertory Prayer

* **Hymn** "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" **H. 372**

* **Benediction**

Postlude "Old Hundredth" Walther

Chimes

* Please stand if you are able.

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Please note: Please silence your cell phone 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.



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



Make A Difference Offering

Our quarterly **Change Can Make a Difference** collection will go to **Ray of Hope** today.

Flowers

The flowers are given by the Michael and Bethanie Moser family.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Barbara Gennert is sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 23 Worship ~ 10 AM 84

Prayers for the People

We extend our **sympathy and prayers** to the **Robert L. Williams family**. Bob passed away at the age of 93, on Oct. 17, 2026. A private celebration of his life will take place at a later date. Instead of donations, Bob requested that his life be honored by doing a good deed for someone in need.

Amberwood: Laura Colvin; **Country Club:** John & Cinda Pixler; **Hennis** (Dover): Bonnie Auman; **Park Village** (Dover): Joyce Brewer, Bill Cozart, Suzanne Rinderknecht; (New Phila.): Richard & Zoe Ann Kelley.

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Oct. 26	Anniv: Ross & Dana Randazzo
Oct. 27	Sharyn Dusenberry; Anniv: Steve & Julie Williams
Oct. 28	Ruth Anne Dingwell <i>Anniversary Congratulations!</i> <i>Roger & Mary Spies ~ 70 years</i>
Oct. 29	Jane Newland
Oct. 30	Doreen Ley, Andrew Burrell
Oct. 31	Aubrie Smith
Nov. 1	Erin Coutts, Happy 90th Birthday ~ Sue & Sally Sue Canfield & Sally Jaworowski



The Dover Moravian Messenger

Today	10:00 AM	Worship i Sanctuary
	11:15 AM	Annual Membership Meeting for Minister's Aid Society for all church members i Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Counting i Living Room
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
	Buckeye Adult Classes: T & Th – ESOL 6-9 PM – Basement	
	7:15 PM	Reeves Bell Rehearsal i Room 211
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompson's
	5:30-7:30 PM Dover Lions Club Halloween Parade – Parking Lots Bring a lawn chair and grab a spot along 4 th St. 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.	
	6:30 PM	NO Chancel Choir i Choir Loft
Thursday	8:30 AM	Fall Clean-up Church Grounds
	Thurs., Oct. 29 – Church Grounds – Fall Clean-up: Attention all Volunteers...We need your help starting at 8:30 AM to remove all the expired flowers, fallen leaves, etc. from our flower beds around the church building. If you can help, contact Sam Paden, 330-987-1769, or Julie Williams, 330-933-9707.	
	6-7:30 PM	The Chosen i Room 215
Saturday	 Reminder Fall Back – Turn your clocks back one-hour before going to bed Saturday night.	
Sunday	9-9:45 AM	Sunday School i C.S. Rooms
	10:00 AM	Worship
	11-Noon	Fall Retreat Deadline Youth Sunday Rehearsal i Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry i L. Room



Fall Retreat: November 6-8

All youths in Grade 6 through age 21 are invited to this fall, faith-filled weekend retreat.

Nov. 6-8 at Camp Lutherhaven in Albion, IN

Registrations are due next Sunday, November 1.

Additional information at

<https://msymc.weebly.com/fall-retreat.html>

Our Worship Opportunities



*Worship Each
Sunday
at 10:00 A.M.*

Nov. 1 ~ Worship

Nov. 8 ~ Worship

Nov. 15 ~ Worship & Holy Communion

*Nov. 22 ~ Worship followed by Advent Lunch &
Decorating the Church for the Advent and
Christmas Season*

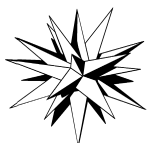
Nov. 29 ~ First Sunday of Advent

Bring your family and friends!

Our Mission, Outreach & Fellowship Opportunities

Advent begins November 29...

**Moravian Advent & Christmas Stars...
Great Gifts throughout the Year!**



The white plastic electric **Advent stars** are available in two sizes (**21-inch ~ \$30; and 12-inch ~ \$25**) in the church office or in the lobby.

The 12-inch star is designed to be used as a tree topper or hanging star. These stars make great gifts year-round: birthdays, weddings, showers, etc. Complete instructions for assembly are included.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

by Edith Santee and Susan Paden



You are invited to join us on **Sunday, November 1**, in the **church living room**.

We usually meet the first Sunday afternoon of each month **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 prayer shawls. If you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl, please let us know. We hope to see you on the 1st.

The Replacements

by Shirley Thompson



The Replacements will meet on **Friday, November 13**, from **11:30 to 1:00 p.m.** at **Mary Zifer's** located next to the church.



If you have had a knee, shoulder, hip, or any kind of replacement, then you are welcome to attend this luncheon. We will order from the menu and share stories and lots of laughter.

Mark your calendars and join us on the 13th.

Music Concert Coming Up



ZOLLIKON CONCERT
Friday, November 13 ~ 7:00 p.m.
First Moravian Church
319 N Walnut Street, Dover, OH

This choral group is made up of 68 singers under the direction of Franklin Miller.
Come join us for an evening of music!