

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

September 28, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Part-time Pastor	Denny Rohn (610-216-7467 cell)
Greeters	Jim & Cindy Bowsher
Nursery	Elizabeth Snider & Stacy Stubbins
Worship Leader	Steve Rondinella
Scripture Reader	Josh Compton
Usher	Becky Mastin
Director of Music	G. Randall Gibbs
Director of Faith Formation	Carolyn Menapace
Custodian	Sam Paden
Administrative Assistant	Karen Baker Office: 330-364-8831
Web Site	www.doverfirstmoravianchurch.org

Call to Worship: *Chimes*

Watchword for the Week: **In Unison** *The Moravian Daily Texts*
There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment.
 1 Timothy 6:6

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 "Christian Hearts, in Love United" Burkhardt

Choral Introit

"Come, Let Us All with Gladness Raise"
 Chancel Choir arr. Brian Henkelmenn

* **Hymn** "Fairer Lord Jesus" **H. 470**

* **Liturgy of Christian Unity** **Page 122-126**

Prayers of the People

"The Lord's Prayer" **H. 828**

Anthem "Thanks Be to God" arr. Curry
 Chancel Choir

Holy Scriptures

Epistle Lesson: Psalm 133 **Page 636**

Gospel Lesson: John 8:12 **Page 104**

Children's Moment Carolyn Menapace

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

Hymn "Jesus Loves the Little Children" **H. 79 Root**

*Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world;
 Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight;
 Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Change Can Make a Difference Offering

* Offertory Response – Hymn 819

*For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
 with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:*

here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.

Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

Offertory Prayer

Hymn "Christian Hearts, in Love United" **H. 673**

Message: "Be Like a Sunflower: Growing in Unity,
 Purpose, and Light"

Alicia Cox

* **Hymn** "Jesus, Still Lead On" **H. 799**

Presentation to the Tyler & Alicia Cox Family

by the Minister's Aid Society

Adrian Schaar, President; Larry Kutcher, Secretary

* Benediction

Silent Meditation

Postlude "Brass Chorales" arranged

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.

We **welcome and thank Alicia Cox** for bringing the message today. Alicia is the wife of Tyler Cox, and the daughter of Doug and Angie Miller, members at Schoenbrunn Moravian Church. Alicia's husband, Tyler, needs a kidney transplant.

Change Can Make a Difference Offering Today: Our quarterly collection will go to the **Tyler Cox family**. Thank you.

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



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



Elder: Steve Rondinella, 330.827.4513, is available after the service or call during the week if you have a joy, a concern, need prayer, or have a question.

Ushers are needed for Oct. 5, 19 & 26. Please **contact Bethanie Moser, 330-432-3814**, if you are willing to volunteer for one Sunday or more than one Sunday.

Flowers

The flowers are in loving memory of Mitchell Stephens, given by his family, Cheryl, Stacy, Parker, Mitchell John, Crystal, and Stephanie.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Janet Zimmerman is sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Stewardship Moment

Giving is more than a responsibility—it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience—it is evidence of our faith.

- William Arthur Ward (1921-1994), American educator

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 28 Worship ~ 10 AM 55

Prayers for the People

Our **sympathy and prayers** are extended to **Shirley Thompson and Patty Gintz and family** on the death of Patty's husband, Andy, on Sept. 21. Calling hours will be on Mon., Sept. 29, from 5-7 p.m. and one hour before the service on Tues., Sept. 30, in Toland-Herzig Funeral Home in Dover. The service will be at 11 a.m. with Pastor Doug Kilchenman officiating. A meal will follow in the social hall of First Moravian Church of Dover.

Amberwood: Laura Colvin; **Hennis** (Dover): Bonnie Auman; **Northwood:** Etta Grimm; **Park Village** (Dover): Joyce Brewer, Bill Cozart, Suzanne Rinderknecht; (New Phila.): Linda Earley, Ron & Bette Kohl.

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Sept. 29 Pamela Duncan
 Sept. 30 Dave Angel
 Oct. 1 Elessar (Eli) DeHoff
 Oct. 2 Aaron Coutts, Alyson McCarthy
 Anniv: Justin & Bryn Maurer
 Oct. 3 Steve Mastin
 Oct. 4 Leah Kutcher, Dave Yoder, Karl Hoop

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday

4-7:00 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! Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 5

(parking is limited ~ carpooling is appreciated)

Monday	7:30 AM	Counting ó Living Room
	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting ó Church Office
Buckeye Adult Classes: M & W – ESOL 6-9 PM; M & F – GED N-3 PM		
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
	Noon	Andy Gintz Funeral Meal ó Social Hall
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompson's
	5:15 PM	Light Supper ó Social Hall
	5:30-6:30 PM	Moravian Catechism Refresher ó Social Hall
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir ó Loft
Thursday	9:00 AM	Nov/Dec Newsletter Deadline ó Ch. Office
	8-8:00 PM	Luncheon Preparation ó Kit./S.H./Lobby/L.Rm.
Friday	11-1:00 PM	Community Luncheon ó Kit./S.H./Lobby/L.Rm.
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday School ó C.S. Rooms
	10:00 AM	Worship & Holy Communion ó Sanctuary
	11:30-2:30 PM	Confirmation Class ó Basement
	1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry ó Living Room
	2-4:00 PM	Church Parsonage – Open House
	<u>Rain Date:</u> 4-7:00 PM	Fall Festival @ Randy & Nancy Gibbs' Farm

Our Worship Opportunities



Worship

Sunday at 10:00 A.M.

Bring your family and friends!



Oct. 5 ~ Worship & Holy Communion

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

Oct. 12 ~ Moravian Day of Service



10:00 AM Worship at Schoenbrunn Village

followed by service opportunities at four locations
from **10:30-12:15 p.m.**

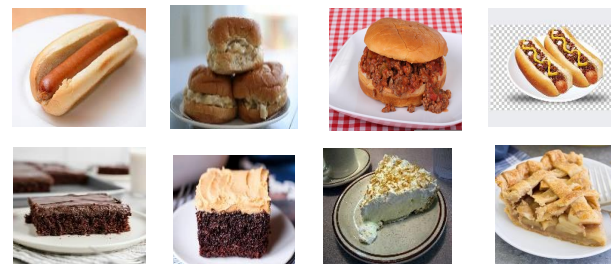
Our 4 sites this year will be: **Schoenbrunn Village; preparing a Ladles of Love meal at Uhrichsville Moravian Church; singing in the Community Choir at a community worship service in Gnadenhutten; and helping spruce up the Garden at the Reeves Museum. Lunch at Uhrichsville Moravian ~ 12:30-1:30 p.m.** \$500 was allocated for Ladles of Love meal prep that day. **Come join us!**

Please Note: There will be no worship service at Dover First on this day; instead worship at Schoenbrunn Village.

Oct. 19 ~ Worship at Dover First

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. 3, 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 3rd.

Church Parsonage Open House



You are cordially invited to the **Church Parsonage**, located at **120 Pinedale Drive, Dover**, on **Sunday, October 5**, from **2-4:00 p.m.** to see all the renovations that have been made this last year. We hope to see you there!

The Board of Trustees

Ecumenical Men's Fellowship Breakfast

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**



When: Saturday, October 18

Time: 9-11:00 a.m.

Where: Sacred Heart Church - NP

All men are invited...Mark your calendar...

...Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast with your friends!
The fellowship will be fantastic!
We hope to see you on the 18th.

Fall Prayer Walk

This fall we will drive, eat, and walk! Come spend a Sunday afternoon with your church friends and family as we explore God's autumn artistry at the **Johnson Woods State Nature Preserve in Marshallville, Ohio.**



Sunday, October 19, we will caravan from the church after worship. Stop for **lunch at Dravenstott's Restaurant in Orrville**, then continue to Johnson Woods. The walk will be on a 1.4-mile wheelchair-accessible boardwalk.



Sugar Cake Baking

Tuesday, October 21

Price \$7.00 each



Free delivery is available with the purchase of four (4) or more cakes, if ordered prior to Tuesday's baking.

Help the Moravian Women increase their sales, and by doing that, they can continue their mission of reaching out to others in need at home and around the world. Place an order by calling **Susan Paden, 330-364-7101**. Order early!

Upcoming Dinners

Camp Zimmerman Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



Sunday, Oct. 5, from 11:30-2 p.m.
10397 Williams Road SW, Gnadenhutten
Follow the red "Z" signs from Gnadon Square.

A donation will be accepted at the door. Eat in or take out.

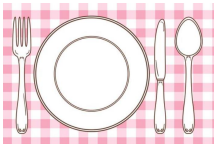
To reserve tickets, call 740-254-4821 or 740-254-9463.

The menu includes spaghetti, salad, dessert, and a beverage.

Guests are invited to tour the facility, including the cabins, lodge, chapel in the pines and Adirondack shelters and to enjoy a hike to John's Point.

Jerk Chicken Dinner

Where: **Sharon Moravian Church**
4776 Moravian Church Rd. SE
New Philadelphia
Phone: 740-922-5507



When: **Saturday, October 11, from 4:00 to 6:30 PM**
Cost: **\$15.00 per meal**

Open to the public: Dine-in or take-home

Menu: Authentic jerk chicken, salad,
baked beans, roll, dessert & drink

Please call the Sharon church office to place your order.

First Moravian Church of Uhrichsville

315 N. Water Street, Uhrichsville OH



Turkey Dinner

Thursday, October 23,
beginning at 4 PM

Take-out Only

While supplies last – No advance tickets or reservations;
all sales at the door

Dinners include: Turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy,
corn, applesauce & dessert

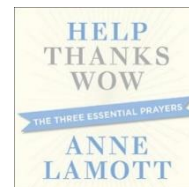
Adult Dinners: \$12

Kids Dinners: \$6

Our Christian Education Opportunities

Breakfast Book Club!

Our faith-based book club will meet **Saturday morning, October 18, at Missions Café at 8:00 a.m.**
Check out our fall selection:



October 18: Help, Thanks, Wow
(Anne Lamott)

These three prayers – asking for assistance from a higher power, appreciating what we have that is good, and feeling awe at the world around us – can get us through the day and can show us the way forward.



Come watch the Dover Lions Club Halloween Parade!

Wednesday, October 29, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Bring a lawn chair and grab a spot along 4th 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.

Fall Retreat: November 14-16

Please Note: New Location ~ Camp Zimmerman
in Gnadenhutten, Ohio

Registration will be on **Friday, November 14, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** **Dinner will be provided.**

This is a great opportunity to experience a retreat close to home!
All youth in 6th grade through age 21 are invited!

THE 8TH ANNUAL 2025 | HOPE SUNDAY

TOGETHER, TUSCARAWAS & CARROLL COUNTY
CHURCHES WILL BRING **HOPE** TO OUR COMMUNITIES

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
- Jeremiah 29:11



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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for individuals in our community who are struggling with depression, anxiety, hopelessness, or suicidal thoughts.
- Lift up those who have lost a loved one to suicide.
- Pray that churches and communities will become safe, compassionate spaces where people can talk openly about mental health without fear of judgment or shame.
- Ask God to equip His people to be present, empathetic, and proactive in supporting those who are struggling. May the Church be a refuge of hope, healing, and love.
- Pray for doctors, counselors, pastors, teachers, and all those who walk alongside individuals in crisis. May they be strengthened, guided by wisdom, and filled with compassion.
- Pray for protection over the mental health of our younger generation. Ask God to help them build resilience, find purpose, and know how deeply they are loved and valued.
- Pray that as a body of believers, we will choose words that bring life, offer hope, and reflect the grace and truth of Jesus Christ.

SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES



COUNSELING SERVICES

(Faith-based services available upon request with all treatment providers)

Chrysalis Counseling Center
chrysaliscounseling.com | 330.364.9360

Guiding Grace Counseling
guidinggracecounseling.com | 330.343.7400

New Life Counseling
newlifedover.com | 330.343.6600

Ohio Guidestone
ohioguidestone.org | 330.343.8171

SpringVale Health Centers
springvalehealth.org | 330.343.6631

Village Network
thevillagenetwork.org | 740.922.2144

PREVENTION RESOURCES

Empower Tusc
empowertusc.com | 330.440.7320

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