

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

March 8, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Licensed Lay Pastor	Marie Coutts (330-401-1212 cell)
Greeters	Bev Antonelli & Chevelle Swartz
Nursery	Dylan & Leslie Seats
Liturgist	Leslie Seats
Usher	Matthew Peveto
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*

**O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel
before the Lord, our Maker!** Psalm 95:6

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 "Amazing Grace" *arr. Wallace-Head*
Jessica Makepeace, Soprano Saxophone

* **Hymn** "Sing with Humble Hearts Your Praises" **H. 560**

* **General Liturgy 1** **Page 1**

Prayers of the People

Anthem "Walk in Light" *Karen Marrolli*
Chancel Choir
Jessica Makepeace, Soprano Saxophone

Holy Scriptures: **Exodus 17:1-7** **Page 70**
Romans 5:1-11 **Page 162**
John 4:5-42 **Page 97**

Hymn "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" **H. 606**

Children's Moment Carolyn Menapace

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

Hymn "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" **H. 723, vs 2**

*Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
into pleasant pastures leads me;
when I thirst, he bids me go
where the quiet waters flow.*

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

* **Offertory Response**

T. Eisenach

*Jesus, what offering shall I give
to you, the Lord of earth and skies?
My soul and body now receive,
a holy, living sacrifice;
small as it is, it's all my store;
more should you have, if I had more.*

Offertory Prayer

Message: "I'm Thirsty"

Prayer

* **Hymn** "Crashing Waters at Creation" **T. Nettleton**
Sylvia Dunstan (1955-1993)

*Crashing waters at creation,
ordered by the Spirit's breath,
first to witness day's beginning
from the brightness of night's death.
Parting water stood and trembled
as the captives passed on through,
washing off the chains of bondage –
channel to a life made new.*

*Cleansing water once at Jordan
closed around the one foretold,
opened to reveal the glory
ever new and ever old.
Living water, never ending,
quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Well-spring, source of life eternal,
drench our dryness, make us whole.*

* **Benediction**

Postlude "Improvisation on Nettleton"

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.

Flowers

The flowers are in memory of Rick Staley, given by Carol Staley and family.

Flowers: If you desire to provide flowers for one of these **Sundays, April 12 & 19**, please contact Karen in the church office, 330-364-8831. Thank you.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Sandy and Gary Martin are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Stewardship Moment

Money is but one venue for generosity. Kindness is an even more valuable currency. ó Alan Cohen (1950 ó), author

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 22 Worship ~ 10 AM 94 Mid-Week Study 32
*Change Can Make A Difference Offering ~ **Final Total ~ \$1,891.51***
 for Michael & Ceci Tesh family to help with the building of a new school

REMINDER:

When members are hospitalized or need a special visit, please contact Pastor Marie Coutts at 330-401-1212 or by email: mcouts@sbcglobal.net or call the church office, 330-364-8831. Thank you.

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.): Richard & Zoe Ann Kelley, Ron & Bette Kohl.

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Mar. 8 Larry Kutcher
 Mar. 10 Theron Everett, Jeremy Compton, Sydney Zimmerman
 Mar. 11 Nancy Gibbs, Janet Shanklin
 Mar. 13 Winnie Gessner
 Mar. 14 Jerica Shuss
 Mar. 15 Todd Handrich

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Monday 7:45 AM Counting ó Living Room
 9:00 AM Staff Meeting ó Church Office
 10:30 AM Action Now ó Kitchen & Social Hall
 4:00 PM CEC óTeamö Mtg. Easter Egg-Stravaganza ó S. H.

Buckeye Adult Classes: M & W – ESOL 6-9 PM – Basement

6:30 PM Sole Purpose Review ó Social Hall
 7:15 PM Reeves Bells Rehearsal ó Room 211
 Tuesday 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study
 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting ó Social Hall
 Wednesday 10:30 AM Praying In Color @ Shirley Thompson

5:15 PM Lent Supper – Social Hall
5:45-6:45 PM Lent Study – Social Hall

6:45 PM Chancel Choir ó Choir Loft
 Men's Bible Study ó Living Room 215
 Bible Study ó Living Room
 Friday Noon

Saturday 11:00 AM Larry Sears Memorial Service ó Sanctuary and Reception & Fellowship ó Social Hall

Sunday 8:00 AM NO Sunrise Sunday School ó Room 215
 9:00 AM Sunday School ó C.S. Rooms
 10:00 AM Worship ó Sanctuary



Prayer & Lay Leadership:

Deepen your prayer life. Strengthen your leadership. Enrich your community.

Join us for 90-minute live webinar via Zoom exploring how prayer shapes personal faith and congregational life. This session offers a unique perspective—its theology, creativity, and role in leadership—led by gifted Moravian educators.

Hosted by: The Eastern District Executive Board

Session 3: Prayers for Worship

Led by the Rev. Dr. Riddick Weber

Date: March 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Note date change!

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.

NEW Session 4: Praying on the Spot – Details next week

Scan the QR Code to Learn More & Register

Visit our website at www.moravian.org/equip

For questions email amy@mcnp.org



Our Worship Opportunities



Let's Worship Together Each

Sunday at 10:00 A.M.

Sundays in Lent

Mar. 15, 22 & 29 ~ Marie Coutts will bring the message.

Mar. 29 ~ Palm Sunday Worship & Confirmation

Students confirming their faith will be: Adelyne (Addey) Erickson, Landon Kutcher, Anja Seats, and Trevor Shuss.

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Wednesdays in Lent ~ in the Social Hall *5:15 p.m. Supper / 5:45-6:45 p.m. Study*

The Rt. Rev. Dan Edwards, a member of the congregation, will lead our study: **"Four Gospels, Four Christs?"**

Carolyn Menapace will host a **"prayground"** for kids during the study time.

Sign up in the lobby now to help provide a meal. We are requesting donations of soup and bread. Thank you!

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Bring your family and friends!

Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities



Sugar Cake Baking

Tues., March 17
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 to continue their mission of reaching out to others in need at home and around the world.

Place your Easter order early by calling

Susan Paden, 330-364-7101.

Men's Community Fellowship Breakfast



Saturday, March 21
from 9-11 AM



Ragersville Zion United Church of Christ

8831 Crooked Run Road SW, Sugarcreek

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!

T-County Moravian Mission Trip: July 3-12

We are still looking for missionaries to come on the Journey!! **Contact Sam Paden, 330-987-1769**, if you are interested.

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 12, at 1 p.m.
at First Moravian Church, Dover, in the basement



Fundraiser: April 26, 11:15-1 p.m.
Spaghetti Dinner with a
Pie Auction and Quilt Silent Auction



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Our Christian Education Opportunities

Lent Supper & Study

Join us in the Social Hall Wednesday evenings in Lent for a soup supper and church-wide study.

The Right Reverend Dan Edwards will lead our study:
“Four Gospels, Four Christs?”



We will look at Jesus' birth, teachings, death, resurrection, and the Great Commission through the perspective of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

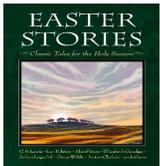
Supper will be served at **5:15 p.m.**
The **Study** will be **5:45-6:45 p.m.**

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Breakfast Book Club



March: Easter Stories: Classic Tales for the Holy Season (compiled by Miriam LeBlanc)
Saturday, March 21, at 8:00 a.m. at Missions Café

This thoughtfully curated collection of 27 short stories is perfect for the Easter season. Read one story, or read them all, and join us for breakfast and conversation!

Prayground Sunday

March 22, during 10:00 a.m. worship:

Children of all ages are encouraged to join us in the sanctuary for worship.



After the Children's Moment we will move to the Prayground for a quiet activity. Then we will present our creation as part of our offering.

OMMC Pilgrimage Toward Racial Justice & Healing

Join other Ohio Moravians on a one-day trip to the National Afro-American Museum & Cultural Center in Wilberforce, Ohio on **Saturday, April 18.**

We will meet at Schoenbrunn Moravian at 7 a.m. and return at approximately 5:00 p.m.



Sign up in the lobby by March 22.

Please contact Carolyn Menapace with questions.

Van travel and museum admission will be paid for through a Northern Province Racial Justice Team pilgrimage grant.
Your only cost will be lunch on the way home.

Spring Rally: April 10-12

Spring Rally will be held at the FFA Leadership Center in Trafalgar, IN. Youth in 6th grade through age 21 are invited!



Visit <https://msync.weebly.com> for registration and more details.
Registration will be due by Tuesday, March 31.

To reserve a seat on the van leaving from Dover First, contact Carolyn Menapace at christian.edu@doverfirstmoravianchurch or 330-204-7089. **Cost is \$20 per rider**, payable to First Moravian Church.

News from the

Ohio Moravian Ministries Commission

OMMC . . . *Strengthening our local congregations and engaging in cooperative ministries for the upbuilding of the Body of Christ.*

OMMC met on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at Schoenbrunn Community Moravian Church.

The **Bowling Bash** event in January was well-attended and we plan to hold it again in 2027.

The Racial Justice & Healing Advent Bible study (in-person and on Zoom) had low attendance but there were some good small-group discussions. The **February movie night** was canceled due to high cost/low interest. The next opportunity is a **one-day pilgrimage to the National Afro-American Museum & Cultural Center near Dayton, OH** on **Saturday, April 18**. This will be paid for with a grant from the Northern Province. Signups are open now through March 22.

A van has been rented for Spring Rally. It will leave from Dover First and Dan Yeager will be the driver.

There was discussion on what non-clergy leadership will be needed to continue holding the **Advent Communion worship at Sharon Moravian** and the **Advent Lovefeast at Schoenbrunn Village.**

Conversation is ongoing with Schoenbrunn Village regarding partnering with local Moravian churches on a summer event for the **250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.**

The next meeting date is **Tuesday, May 26, 2026.**

A Note of Thanks!



Many Thanks
to our Kitchen Cleaning & Painting Crew

Spring is just around the corner and our volunteers got a jump on cleaning the church kitchen and doing some painting last week. Thanks to our church volunteers who did a fantastic job! Volunteers who helped Sam Paden included **Don Richardson, Larry Kutcher, Jud Compton, Dave Yoder, Becky Mastin, Bev Antonelli, Susan Corder, Chevelle Swartz, and Jen Wilson.** Many hands made light work! Thank you so much!