

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

November 9, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Part-time Pastor	Denny Rohn (610-216-7467 cell)
Greeter	Terry & Susan Corder
Nursery	Erin & Justin Perkowski
Elder Serving	Steve Rondinella
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*

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. Job 19:25

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.

Celebrating Music

Prelude "Look up, My Soul, to Christ Thy Joy"
c. 1740, Hermhut
Robert Elmore

* **Hymn** "God Is Here" **H. 564**

* **Liturgy Preparatory to Holy Communion** **See Insert**

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

Holy Scriptures
Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 4:14-16 **Page 236**
Gospel Lesson: John 10:1-10 **Page 107**

Anthem "He Shall Feed His Flock" *North*
Chancel Choir

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!*

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

* **Offertory Response – H. 650, v 2**

*A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering that others too may live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.*

Offertory Prayer

Hymn "All Hail, Our Church's Elder Dear" **H. 399**

Meditation The Rev. Dennis G. Rohn

* **Service of Holy Communion in Celebration of**
Christ as Chief Elder *Blue Booklet, Page 3*

Silent Meditation

Postlude "The Lord's My Shepherd" *Nielson-Young*
Ruth Anne Dingwell & G. R. Gibbs

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.

Our **thanks** to **all who helped with the service** by sharing their talent 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.



Don't forget to complete your One Call Now Update. Forms are available on the Offering stand as you enter the sanctuary. Completed forms can be placed in the basket or dropped off in the church office. **The deadline is Nov. 23.**

Flowers

The flowers are in memory of my parents, Bill and Loretta Grove, and my great-grandson, Avory, given by Phyllis Miller and family.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Barbara Gennert is sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

One Call Now Sponsors are needed for the following weeks: **Jan. 4, 18 & 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22; and Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.** If you desire to sponsor one week or more, please call Karen Baker in the church office, 330-364-8831. **Cost: \$15 per week.**

Stewardship Moment

When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around.

Willie Nelson (1933 -), musician, author, activist

Be generous in giving and grateful in receiving. – *Unknown*

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 23 Worship ~ 10 AM 72

Prayers for the People

We extend our **belated sympathy and prayers** to **Karen and Tom Armstrong and family** on the death of Karen's sister, Jill Wallace, who passed away on October 19, in Valencia, PA. A celebration of her life will be scheduled at a later date.

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

Nov. 10	Louisa Compton, Abby Yackey
Nov. 11	Joe Compton, Bob Keener
Nov. 12	Bonnie Auman, Eric McGlumphy
Nov. 13	Rick Prince
Nov. 15	Kipp Macaulay, Chevelle Swartz

\$ Financial Giving \$

As we approach another year end, the Trustees would like to remind the congregation of some tips around church finances.

We are blessed to be able to support so many missions and projects in the life of our congregation and beyond. Some of these require separate bank accounts and reporting. Any support for **Sole Purpose, Memorial Fund, Music Memorial Fund, Helping Hand and Minister's Aid Society** should be given in a separate check if at all possible. Checks can be made out to "First Moravian Church" with the fund noted in the Memo line of the check. This allows more streamlined processing for the Trustees and Cooper Accounting.

During 2024 and 2025, we were able to complete the church flooring replacement, along with the parsonage upgrade. These projects were funded through Capital investment funds, Memorial investment funds, and congregational gifts. We thank you and those who came before us for these gifts.

We do want to report that envelope giving for 2025 as of October is currently 12% less versus 2024 envelope giving during the same period. While we are meeting our obligations, operational expenses continue to rise and we will soon be looking at the 2026 operational budget. We expect to have discussions around budget cuts that will be required. We ask that you prayerfully consider whether you can provide additional financial assistance.

The Trustees would also like to remind you of the opportunities for electronic giving. This not only ensures stability for the church finances, but it reduces costs and time required in preparing financial records. We partner with Vanco for a safe and reliable service for electronic church giving.

Thank you for your continued support at Dover First!

The Board of Trustees

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday **Deadline:** Fall Retreat Registration Paperwork & Payment
3:00 PM Reeves Bell Practice ñ Room 211

Monday 10:30-11 AM Action Now ñ Kit. & S. Hall
7:00 PM CEC Meeting ñ Living Room

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

Tuesday 9:00 AM Staff Meeting ñ Church Office
10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study
4:30 PM Counting ñ Living Room
6:00 PM Trustees Meeting ñ Social Hall
6:00 PM Elders Meeting ñ Room 215
6:30 PM Reeves Bell Practice ñ Room 211

Wednesday 10:30 AM Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompson
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study ñ Living Room
6:30 PM Chancel Choir ñ Choir Loft

Friday Noon Bible Study ñ Living Room
6:30-8:00 PM **Fall Retreat** ñ Grade 6 ñ Age 21
at Camp Zimmerman ñ Registration

Music Concert

Zollikon Institute Choral Group



The Zollikon choral group practices weekly preparing music to share in a worship setting. This group of **68 singers** will present a concert in our sanctuary on **Friday evening, November 14, at 7:00 p.m.** The group is under the direction of Franklin Miller, choral director at Legacy Christian School at Sugarcreek, Ohio. Bring your family and friends and enjoy an evening of music!

Saturday 8:00 AM Book Club @ Missions Café

Sat., Nov. 15 ~ 9-11:00 AM
Ecumenical Men's Breakfast @ Christian
Missionary Alliance Church
228 E. Third Street in Dover
All men are invited ~ Bring a friend!



5-7:00 PM Family Game Night ñ Social Hall

Sunday 8:00 AM NO Sunrise Sunday School
9:00 AM Sunday School ñ C.S. Rooms
10:00 AM Worship & Helping Hand Envelope Sunday
ñ Sanctuary
11:15-12:30 PM Youth Sunday Practice - Sanctuary

Our Worship Opportunities



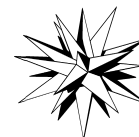
*Give Thanks with
a grateful heart!*



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

Nov. 16 ~ Jud Compton will bring the message.

Nov. 23 ~ Youth Sunday ~ The Youth will lead the service.



Advent Begins

Nov. 30 ~ Worship & Advent Lovefeast ~ 10 A.M.



6:00 p.m. Advent Communion service @ Sharon Moravian Church.

This is our gathering of six Moravian Churches in the Valley coming together for worship and communion. What a real blessing. Don't miss this opportunity. Let's have a great turnout for this event as we praise the Lord and enhance your Advent walk, you will be enriched in the spirit.

Bring your family and friends each week!

Our Christian Education Opportunities

CEC Game Night

All ages are invited for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun! Invite your friends and family and join a Euchre tournament or learn to play Boomwhackers!



Bring a pizza or other food to share for dinner and **bring your favorite game** on **Sat., Nov. 15, 5-7 p.m.** CEC will provide drinks and paper products.

OMMC Advent Study

"I Give You a New Commandment...Love One Another"

The Northern Province Racial Justice Team's Advent Study Series. Each session includes scripture, theological reflection, a guest speaker/video presentation, and time for conversation.

Mondays on Zoom: 10:00-11:15 a.m. on Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22

Tuesdays at Schoenbrunn Moravian: 6:30-7:45 p.m.
December 2, 9, 16 & 23

Monday and Tuesday content each week will be the same – attend either session each week.

Sign up in the lobby to receive the Zoom link.



TUFF Bags Packing

Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m.



Sign up in the lobby to help pack bags of food for kids in Tuscarawas County. All ages are welcome to help. We will meet at the TUFF Bags warehouse and packing will take approximately one hour.

Our Mission, Fellowship & Outreach Opportunities

Helping Hand Sunday

Nov. 16 ~ Monetary donations only

The Board of Elders decided at their meeting on Aug. 5, 2025, **to end the Church Food Pantry.** We will continue our **Helping Hand Fund** where we can give a grocery card if a member of the congregation needs any help. Consider giving to the Helping Hand Fund on Nov. 16.

REMINDER: Monetary donations only – You can place a **special offering** in the offering plate for Helping Hands. Your special offering will add to the Helping Hand Fund which is used to give assistance to members in need throughout the year.

Ecumenical Men's Breakfast



Don't miss our next **Men's Breakfast!**

The fellowship will be enjoyable and the food will be fabulous!



Bring your friends! Mark your calendars for

Saturday, November 15, from 9-11:00 a.m.
at Dover Alliance Church.



Sugar Cake Baking

Tuesday, November 18

Price \$7.00 each

Free delivery is available

with the purchase of

four (4) or more cakes,

if ordered prior to Tuesday's baking.

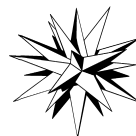


Help the Moravian Women increase their sales, and by doing that, they can continue their mission of reaching out to others in need at home and around the world.

Please place your order early by calling

Susan Paden, 330-364-7101.

Special Thanks... to all our **Luncheon and Sugar Cake Baking Volunteers** throughout the year. We appreciate all our volunteers, from those who donate items for the luncheon, and to those who come and help; and to all the helpers who do prep work for Sugar Cake Baking and again to all those who show up to help on baking day. Thank you so much for your dedication.



Advent begins November 30...

**Christmas is just
around the corner...**



**Get your shopping done early by purchasing
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. **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.

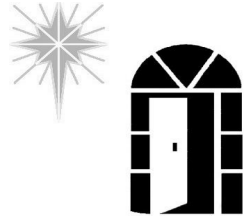


Decorating the Church

for the Christmas Season

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season, please contact Susan Corder, 330-204-0931. We will decorate on **Sunday, November 23**, from **Noon-5:00 p.m.** Extra hands would be appreciated.

There will be a **light lunch served at 11:00 a.m.** followed by decorating the church. Parents with small children are encouraged to bring your children for the **holiday movie** which runs until **2:00 p.m.** Children may attend the movie, while the parents help to decorate the church.



There was no room at the inn...

Since 1987, **MORAVIAN OPEN DOOR** (MOD) has provided a temporary home for homeless adults in Manhattan, NYC.

This ministry provides safe and affordable transitional housing for 40 homeless adults. MOD provides a healthful breakfast and supportive social services to rebuild our residents' lives. MOD helps them to obtain jobs and benefits, with the goal of finding permanent affordable housing and learning the life skills to maintain it.

Residents at Moravian Open Door pay a small monthly fee for their room and services (often much of their limited income); this covers only about 50% of the operating costs for the facility and its full-time staff of three.

Moravian Open Door receives *no government funds*. Donations from individuals, congregations, and other private sources must cover the rest of operating expenses.

Your gift this Advent season can help the vital ministry of MOD, the only transitional housing ministry of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church.

Please consider a generous financial gift to MOD.

Moravian Open Door
347 E. 18th Street, New York, N.Y. 10003
www.moravianhouse.org

**Board of World Mission Moravian Disaster Response
Hurricane Melissa (Jamaica and the Caribbean)
November 4, 2025**

The Board of World Mission (BWM) has received a detailed report from the Provincial Board of the Jamaica and Cayman Islands Province of the Moravian Church following Hurricane Melissa's devastating impact on the island. The report included photos and brief initial assessments of several church-owned properties, the vast majority of which are located in the western parishes of Westmoreland and St. Elizabeth, which experienced some of the most severe damage. While the report is extensive, it notes that some churches and church properties have not yet been assessed for potential damage.

According to the report, five church buildings have been destroyed: Carmel, Salem, Beaufort, Springfield, and Faith Moravian Church. In addition, 20 church-owned facilities – churches, as well as manses and schools – have sustained severe damage, with roofs torn away and major structural losses. Damage to homes and community buildings is also extensive. The report noted: "It is feared that most, if not all, of the 36 congregations at the Central and Western District Conferences have sustained some level of damage."

The Provincial Board has outlined a multi-step plan for the coming months, which includes addressing people's immediate needs, offering pastoral and psychological care, continuing to coordinate assessments across affected areas, mobilizing local volunteer groups for cleanup and repair, and establishing the Moravian Church Jamaica and Cayman Islands Disaster Response Fund. The BWM has contributed an initial \$10,000 to this fund. Additional support is greatly needed to meet the scale of destruction and to help our partners rebuild and build anew their places of worship, ministry, and community life.

We are aware of several fundraisers across the Worldwide Moravian Unity and ask that Moravians in North America respond to this disaster through BWM channels to help us facilitate a coordinated response. This also enables us to prepare for North American mission teams to assist with recovery efforts when the Moravian Church in Jamaica is ready to receive us.

We are also maintaining contact with partners and leaders in Cuba and Haiti, who were also impacted by this storm.

100% of donations to our MDR Fund go toward providing relief for these disasters. You can assist us with our disaster response efforts at MoravianMission.org/Give. Please designate your gift to "MDR" to ensure funds are directed to the disaster relief efforts with the greatest need. Make checks payable to "Board of World Mission" and send to:

Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018

**Board of World Mission Moravian Disaster Response
Typhoon Halong (Alaska)
November 6, 2025**



The Board of World Mission continues to closely monitor the situation in western Alaska following Typhoon Halong, which reached Alaska on October 12. The storm brought hurricane-force winds, widespread flooding, and severe damage to coastal

villages across the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region.

Several communities with Moravian congregations have been directly impacted and hundreds of people, including some Moravians, from villages in the region have been displaced. Displaced individuals are currently being housed in several Moravian facilities in Bethel including two parsonages, the Moravian Seminary, and possibly soon, the old seminary building. To help offset the cost of utilities for these buildings serving as temporary housing, the BWM's Moravian Disaster Response Fund has provided the Alaska Province with \$10,000 in additional support. This funding is in addition to the \$10,000 previously contributed to the Western Alaska Disaster Relief 2025 Fund, which is a collaboration of local community organizations and regional partners and was recommended by Moravian contacts.

We continue to hold all affected individuals, families, and communities in prayer, and we stand ready to offer additional support as we communicate with the Alaskan Moravian Province. Your gifts make it possible for us to respond quickly as needs change, to faithfully partner with our Alaskan siblings in the weeks and months ahead.

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