

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

October 18, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Pastor	Jay Petrella
Greeter	Melanie Espenschied
Nursery	Available if needed by a parent & child
Scripture Reader	Pamela Duncan
Usher	Michael Russell
Director of Music	G. Randall Gibbs
Director of Faith Formation	Carolyn Menapace
Custodian	Sam Paden
Administrative Assistant	Karen Baker
Web Site	www.doverfirstmoravianchurch.org

Call to Worship: *Chimes*

Watchword for the Week: In Unison *The Moravian Daily Texts*
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Psalm 96:2

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 "Ein' feste Burg" *Marpurg*

* **Hymn** "Jesus, Master, Whose I Am" **H. 614**

* **Liturgy ~ Peace and Justice** **Page 148**

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

Scripture Lessons:
Old Testament: Isaiah 45:1-7 **Page 748**
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 **Page 217**

Hymn "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"
H. 581, Vs. 1-3, 5-6

Scripture Lesson:
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22 **Page 25**

Children's Moment & Prayground *Carolyn Menapace*
During the singing, children are invited up for the Children's Moment.

Hymn "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" **H. 723, vs. 1**

*I am Jesus' little lamb; ever glad at heart I am;
for my Shepherd gently guides me,
knows my need and well provides me,
loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name.*

Message: "We are Other, too"

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** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" **H. 460**

* **Benediction**

Anthem "By the Gentle Waters" *Berry*
Chancel Choir

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.

Prayground Sunday

Today, October 18, during 10 a.m. worship:

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

After the Children's Moment they are invited to the Prayground to participate in a quiet activity related to the day's message.



Flowers

The flowers are in memory of Stephen Rinderknecht,
Alan Rinderknecht, Deborah Rinderknecht, and
Margaret and Herbert Zollar,
given by Suzanne Rinderknecht and family.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

George and Jen Wilson are sponsoring
our One Call Now this week.

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 25

Worship ~ 10 AM 76

Prayers for the People

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. 18	Melanie Espenschied, Lin Sidel, John Walter Anniv: Seth & Jennifer Corder
Oct. 19	Becky Kutcher, Alex Swartzentruber, Paula Hale Anniv: Bob & Mary Lou Keener
Oct. 20	Lee Elliott, Emma Stanley Anniv: Justin & Erin Perkowski
Oct. 21	Jennifer Wasseem
Oct. 22	Sue Henriksen
Oct. 23	Stephanie Levensgood
Oct. 24	Doyle Martin, Maelin Gennert Burke Anniv: Russ & Amy Korn



The Dover Moravian Messenger

Today	10:00 AM	Worship i Sanctuary
Monday	8:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:30 PM 6-7:30 PM	Sugar Cake Prep. i Kit. & S. Hall Sugar Cake Mixing i Kit. & S. Hall Counting i Living Room Trunk or Treat @ St. John's UCC
Tuesday	All Day 2:00 PM	All Day Sugar Cake Baking & Sales i Kit. & S. Hall Zoom Bible Study
Buckeye Adult Classes: T & Th – ESOL 6-9 PM – Basement		
	6:00 PM 7:15 PM	CEC Meeting i Social Hall Reeves Bell Rehearsal i Room 211
Wednesday	10:00 AM 6:30 PM	Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompson's Chancel Choir i Choir Loft
Thursday	6-7:30 PM	The Chosen i Room 215
Saturday	5:00 PM	Manna Dinner Church with The Rev. Bymese Craig @ Sharon Mor. Ch.
Sunday	9-9:45 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School Worship & Change Can Make a Difference Offering will be collected
		11:15 AM Annual Membership Meeting for Minister's Aid Society for all church members i Sanctuary

Make A Difference Offering



Save your change and dollar bills and
bring it with you to church **next Sunday, Oct. 25.**
Our quarterly collection will go to **Ray of Hope** this
time. **Change Can Make A Difference** cans are
available at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you.

Our Worship Opportunities



Worship at 10:00 A.M. Each Sunday

Oct. 18 ~ Worship

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Saturday, Oct. 24 - Manna Dinner Church
with the Rev. Byrnes Craig bringing the
message at Sharon Moravian Church.
Plan to attend.

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Oct. 25 ~ Worship - We will collect our
Change Can Make A Difference Offering
for **Ray of Hope**.

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!

*You're invited to join the Ohio Moravian
Congregations in partnership with Manna
and Pastor Byrnes Craig
at*



Dinner Church

Worship together around the table as we
enjoy pizza from Park Street! All are
welcome, and activities will be available for kids.

For more information, please visit

mannabethlehem.com/newphilly

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Sharon Moravian Church

Saturday, October 24 ~ 5 PM

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We are happy to accommodate
any dietary needs – to RSVP
or share dietary restrictions,
scan this QR code or call:

740-254-4374



Free-will donations to support
Manna will be accepted
with gratitude.



Our Mission, Outreach & Fellowship Opportunities



Sugar Cake Baking

Tuesday, October 20

Price \$7.00 each



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

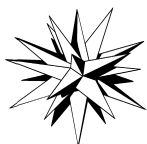
Help the Moravian Women increase their sales, and by doing that, they can continue their mission of reaching out to others in need at home and around the world. Place an order by calling **Susan Paden**. Order early!

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.

Puzzle Library in the Lobby



Autumn has arrived and the leaves are changing colors along with cooler weather. Daylight savings time will soon end which means more time inside...and **more time for puzzles!!**

Stop by the church's Puzzle Library, located in the lobby, to the left of the Social Hall doors, and pick out your next puzzle.

If you live in the New Philadelphia or Dover area and would like one dropped off to you because you are home bound, sick, or the weather prevents you from venturing out, call Susan Paden.

Our Christian Education Opportunities



Trunk or Treat

St. John's UCC has invited us to their community Trunk-or-Treat! **Monday, October 19, 6-7:30 p.m.**

Decorate your trunk or hatchback and bring some candy to pass out. You can set up at 5:00 p.m. or later in St. John's UCC parking lot (409 N. Wooster Ave.).

Your decorations can be as simple or elaborate as you like. Bible stories, fall themes, Halloween decorations (just not too scary!). Any theme you choose is fine.

**Come watch the
Dover Lions Club Halloween Parade!**

Wed., Oct. 28, 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 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 November 1.

Additional information at

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

Upcoming Concert



Zollikon Music Concert

Zollikon is a choral group made up of 68 singers under the direction of Franklin Miller. They will be singing in the sanctuary at

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on

Friday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Come join us for an evening of music!

Thank You Notes!

A heartfelt thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, calls, texts, and cards after the loss of my mother, Connie Minor. She and my father had attended church with Sharyn and I on several occasions. She was made to feel welcome every time. Her passing was very sudden and unexpected. Having a church family supporting me has made a big difference as I am walking the path of grief. I appreciate all of you.



Scott Minor and Family

THANKS FOR GIVING!!

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Luke 6:38 NRSV



To all of you (You know who you are!) who have donated the snacks, drinks, and even money towards the **Social Hour** after worship this past year...Many, many thanks! AND to those of you who hosted or helped host...we are so grateful!

Because, honestly, who doesn't love snacks? And for some folks, the socializing is the highlight of the day!

Be sure and find the sign-up sheet to get in on the 'love-feasting' in 2027!

Thanks again, and have a very Blessed holiday season,

The Social Hour Committee