

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

Sept. 27, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Pastor	Jay Petrella
Greeters	Terry & Susan Corder
Nursery	Available if needed by a parent & child
Scripture Reader	Scott Minor
Usher	Trevor Shuss
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*
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:5

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 "Fantasie in C Minor" J. S. Bach

* **Hymn** "Gather Together, Sing as One" H. 536

* **Liturgy – The Church Litany** Page 5

Children's Moment Pastor Jay

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

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

*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.*

Anthem "Come, Bless the Lord" Lau
 Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People

"The Lord's Prayer" H. 828

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

* **Offertory Response – Hymn 454, vs. 3**

*Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer as our gift;
 young and old, your praise expressing, our glad songs to you we lift.*

*All the saints in heav'n adore you; we would join their glad acclaim;
 as your angels serve before you, so on earth we praise your name.*

* Offertory Prayer

Scripture Readings:

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

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Philippians 2:1-13

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Hymn "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" H. 797

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 21:23-32

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Message: "Seeking Truth or Confirmation"

* **Hymn** "O Worship the King" H. 566

Congregation ~ Vs. 1, 2 & 4 Chancel Choir ~ Vs. 3

* Benediction

Postlude "Largo on Hayn" Arranged

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.

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.



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

Jud and Dawna Compton are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 27

Worship ~ 10 AM 70

Prayers for the People

We extend our **sympathy and prayers...**

...to **Scott and Sharyn Minor and family** on the death of Scott's mother, Constance Minor, of Michigan, last week.

...to the **Gloria Warner family**. Gloria passed away on Wednesday, September 23, 2026.

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

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Sept. 27	Steve Rondinella
Sept. 28	Jon C. Stingel; Anniv: Cole & Kendal Craddoc
Sept. 29	Pamela Duncan
Sept. 30	David Angel
Oct. 1	Eli DeHoff
Oct. 2	Brody Burrell, Aaron Coutts, Alyson McCarthy Anniv: Justin & Bryn Maurer
Oct. 3	Steve Mastin
Oct. 4	Leah Kutcher, Dave Yoder, Karl Hoop

A Note of Thanks!



Two little words that mean a lot...
Thank you!

...to **Leah Kutcher, and Larry & Becky Kutcher** for checking the star boxes this year making sure all the parts are in each box and for assembling stars for the Christmas season. Thank you for being church volunteers.

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Today

11:30-2:30 PM

Rain Location for Fall Festival ñ Soc. Hall

Fall Festival

The Christian Education Committee and Randy and Nancy Gibbs invite all Tuscarawas County Moravians to a Fall Festival on the Farm!



Today, September 27, from 4-7:00 p.m.

We will gather at the **Gibbs' home** for an evening of fun for all ages. There will be food and drinks, fun and games, and fantastic fellowship! *(parking is limited ~ carpooling is appreciated)*

Rain location: *Same day, but right after worship in the Social Hall – 11:30-2:30 p.m.*

Monday 4:30 PM Counting ñ Living Room

Tuesday 9-10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study

Buckeye Adult Classes: T & Th – GED 9-Noon; ESOL 6-9 PM – Basement

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

Thursday 8-8:00 PM Prep for Luncheon ñ Kit/S.H./Lobby/L.Rm.
6-7:30 PM The Chosen ñ Room 215

Friday 11-1:00 PM Community Luncheon ñ Kit/SH/Lobby/L. Rm

Sunday 9-9:45 AM Sunday School ñ C.S. Rooms
10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion ñ Sanctuary

11:30-1:00 PM Tessa Compton Cong. Walking Tour ñ Outside & Rm. 213



Prayer Shawl Ministry – 1:00 PM
Church Living Room

Questions: Contact Edie Santee, Susan Paden or Pamela Schmitzer.



Change Can Make A Difference Offering

Start saving your change and dollar bills and bring it with you to church on **Oct. 25**. Additional information will be in future bulletins.

Our Worship Opportunities



Worship
Each Sunday
at 10:00 A.M.



Oct. 4 ~ World Communion Sunday ~ All are invited.

Oct. 11 ~ Worship

11:30 – Prayer Walk @ Johnson Woods



Oct. 18 ~ Worship

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Saturday, Oct. 24 ~ 5:00 PM ~ 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 & Change Can Make A Difference Offering

Bring your family and friends!

Our Christian Education Opportunities

The Chosen

Thursday evenings October 1 through November 19, we will watch an episode of The Chosen: season 5 each week.

Join us in the first floor living room from **6:00-7:30 p.m.** to watch an episode and read the scripture that inspired it. All ages are welcome!

All episodes are free to watch online if you miss a week or would like to enjoy them at home:

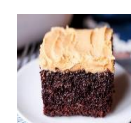
<https://watch.thechosen.tv>

Note: **October 1 and November 5**, we will gather in the **second floor living room.**



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. 2, 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** or **Julie Williams**. Plan to attend and bring your friends! We hope to see you on the 2nd.