

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

Sept. 20, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Pastor	Jay Petrella
Greeters	Jodi and Blair Hillyer
Nursery	Available if needed by a parent & child
Usher	David Yoder
Organist Today	Mary Lou Keener
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*
For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. Philippians 1:21

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 “Hymnus” Fielitz

*** Hymn** **“Holy, Holy, Holy”** **H. 381**

*** Liturgy – Faith Formation Leaders Commissioning**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge God, and God will direct your paths. We are called into a Christian fellowship by the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the eternal purpose of God the Father, by the Holy Spirit, and as members of Christ's Body, the Church, to serve all people by proclaiming the Gospel and witnessing to our faith by word and deed.

With God's help, we offer ourselves to proclaiming the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior, and witnessing to our faith by word and deed. We acknowledge our need for lifelong learning that equips us to be good stewards of the gospel entrusted to our care.

Hymn “You Are the Way” H. 661, vs. 2, 4

*You are the truth; your word alone
true wisdom can impart;
you only can inform the mind
and purity the heart.*

The Triune God as revealed in the Holy Scripture of the Old and New Testament is the only source of our life and salvation; and this Scripture is the sole standard of the doctrine and faith of the Moravian Church and therefore shapes our life. We realize that our Christian faith must continuously be nourished if it is to remain living and vital. Therefore, we desire to grow in our Christian lives through family devotions, personal prayer and study, and the opportunities for spiritual development offered by the Church.

With God's help, we offer ourselves to grow in our Christian lives through the study of the Holy Scriptures, regular attendance at worship, daily devotions, and participation in Sunday School classes, small groups, Christian fellowship and service.

As parents, remembering that our children belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, we will bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and will take all possible care to preserve them from every evil influence. For this reason, we will seek to prove ourselves as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, setting an example for our children, both in the home and in the church.

God of truth, bless all your children as they seek to grow in faith, inspire and encourage them; give them faithful teachers, mentors and leaders; and grant them the guidance and wisdom of your Holy Spirit. Through your word, direct their way and lead them safely to a mature Christian faith.

We pray for all expressions and forms of Christian Education, for all who teach and all who learn, that through the faithful use of their gifts all may grow in love and gratitude to God and in relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for and give thanks for those in our congregation who have been called to teach and serve, and we call upon them to offer themselves to their special calling.

Hymn *“Bless All Those Who Nurture Children”* **H. 665, vs. 1**

*Bless all those who nurture children,
sharing knowledge, showing love;
who by faithful words and actions
lead young lives to God above!
Bless all those whose voice and presence,
deep devotion, dignity,
motivate the church to reverence,
guiding Christ's community!*

(Please stand)

Parents, those assisting with the raising of children, and members of this faith community where God's little ones reside, will you offer yourselves to fulfill your calling to teach by word and deed?

We offer ourselves to this calling we have received. With God's help, we promise to set an example for our children, and to encourage them in their Christian development.

We promise to provide for their attendance at worship and Sunday School, and for their participation in other opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship.

Since we are all called to be teachers and leaders in our own ways, will you offer yourselves to fulfill this calling to care for others?

We offer ourselves to the special calling we have received.

With God's help, we ourselves promise to participate regularly in worship and study, to prepare for our classes, meetings, service opportunities, and to encourage and show Christian love to each other, recognizing everyone as a unique child of God, our siblings in the family of God.

Members and friends of the congregation, will you offer yourselves to fulfill God's call to you for discipleship, ministry, and service?

We present and offer ourselves to the calling we have received, as a member of the body of Christ, to proclaim the Gospel and witness to our faith by word and deed. We acknowledge and accept our responsibility for our own spiritual nurture and the spiritual nurture of others in our congregation, especially the young. With God's help, we promise to be faithful in worship, prayer and study, to encourage, nurture, and set an example for others, and to support those called to Christian Education leadership in our congregation through prayer, participation, and the sharing of gifts.

We have offered ourselves to God. Help us now, O God, to fulfill our calling and grow in wisdom and knowledge and grace through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn "Bless All Those Who Nurture Children" H. 665, vs. 2, 3

Jesus taught both by example
and with words of lasting worth;
Christ has given ways to sample
hints of heaven here on earth!
In the same way Christian teachers
model true humanity,
demonstrating in their witness
glimpses of eternity!

Bless these lives of dedication –
days and seasons, weeks and years,
spent in serving congregations,
spreading joys and soothing tears!
Bless these lives so firmly planted
in the grace the Savior brings,
flourishing as God has granted,
soaring high on Spirit wings!

Prayers of the People

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Jonah 3:10-4:11

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Epistle: Philippians 1:21-30

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Hymn "Christ for the World We Sing!"

H. 640

Scripture Reading:

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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Children's Moment & Playground

Carolyn Menapace

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.

Message: "You Are Not Alone"

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**

* **Hymn** "To God Whose Mercy Knows No Bounds" H. 541

* **Benediction**

Postlude "With Trumpet and Horns"

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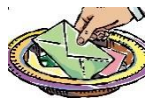
Chimes

* 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.



Prayground Sunday

Today, 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 they are invited to the Prayground to participate in a quiet activity related to the day's message.



Flowers

Birthday Wishes to Rich Cappell, who played football for Ohio State, given by his sister-in-law, Marla Cappell.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Barbara Gennert is sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Attendance from Last Sunday

Worship ~ 10 AM 110

Prayers for the People

Our **sympathy and prayers** are extended to the **David Trustdorf family**.

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. 21	Jeannie Michel
Sept. 25	Ken Egler, Julianna Korn, Jake Armstrong
Sept. 26	Annette Graef
Sept. 27	Steve Rondinella

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Today	10:00 AM	Worship, Prayground & Faith Formation Leaders Commissioning ñ Sanctuary
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Monday	4:30 PM	Counting ñ Living Room
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Tuesday 8 AM – Wed. 10 PM	Paint Living Room – First-Floor
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Buckeye Adult Classes: Th – GED 9-Noon; T & Th – ESOL 6-9 PM – Basement
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9-10:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
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10:00 AM	Test Kitchen Suppression System
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Wednesday	10:00 AM	Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompson's
	6:30 PM	Joint Board meet with MMFA reps. ñ S. Hall
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir ñ Choir Loft

Sunday	9-9:45 AM	Sunday School ñ C.S. Rooms
	10:00 AM	Worship ñ Sanctuary
	11:30-2:30 PM	<u>Rain Location</u> for Fall Festival ñ Social Hall
	4-7:00 PM	Fall Festival @ Gibbs' Farm

Fall Festival

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



Sunday, 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, a cider press, wagon rides, a "fry pie" cake walk, fun and games, and fantastic fellowship! Bring a lawn chair or blanket and your family and friends. *(parking is limited ~ carpooling is appreciated)*

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

Our Worship Opportunities



Worship
Each Sunday
at 10:00 A.M.



*Sept. 20 ~ Worship, Prayground & Faith Formation
Leaders Commissioning*

Sept. 27 ~ Worship
4-7:00 PM Fall Festival @ Gibbs Farm
Rain location: 11:30-2:30 PM in the Social Hall

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 - 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

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

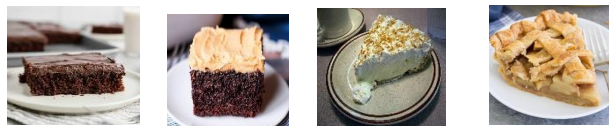


Free-will donations to support
Manna will be accepted
with gratitude.



Our Mission, Outreach & Fellowship Opportunities

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.

Ecumenical Men's Fellowship Breakfast



When: Saturday, October 17

Time: 9-11:00 a.m.

**Where: Sacred Heart Church
New Philadelphia**

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 17th.



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!

Our Christian Education Opportunities

Zoom Bible Study



A Bible Study that you can join from anywhere! This is a great chance to connect with members and friends near and far, from the comfort of your home.

Tuesdays from 9-10:00 a.m. (note the new time)

Join Carolyn Menapace for a study of the Minor Prophets.

Contact Carolyn for help getting set up on Zoom, or for a one-on-one Zoom session so you can get comfortable with the technology.

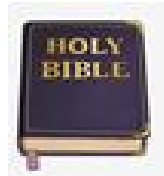


Praying in Color

Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Come join us each **Wednesday** at the **home of Shirley Thompson.**



Please note our new meeting time.