First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

November 15, 2026 *10:00 A.M.*

Pastor	Jay Petrella
Greeter	Karol Jones
Nursery	Available if needed by a parent & child
Usher	Sandy Martin
Elder Serving	Cheryl Stephens
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*
So teach us, O Lord, to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Psalm 90:12

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 *"Jesus, Still Lead On"* *arr. Sandresky*

**** Hymn*** ***"Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing"*** ***H. 782***

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

Children's Moment Pastor Jay
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!

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

Scripture Readings: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 **Pg. 978**
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 **Pg. 219**

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

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 25:14-30** **Pg. 29**

Message: **"Interest or Justice"**

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**

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

Anthem *"And Can It Be?"* *arr. Forrest*
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.

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.

Flowers

The flowers are in memory of my grandparents, Bryan and Elsie Haas, my mother, Mary Kay Mizer, and my husband, Vic Gessner, given by Winnie Gessner.

Poinsettia order forms are available at the back of the sanctuary. If you desire to place an order, please complete the order form and fill in the quantity and color preference: red or white. **The deadline is Today, Nov. 15, to place an order.** Please include payment with your order form and place it in the offering plate.



One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

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

One Call Now Sponsors are needed for the following weeks: **Mar. 7, 21 & 28, and Apr. 11 & 18.** If you desire to sponsor one week or more, please call Karen Baker in the church office, 330-364-8831. **Cost: $20 per week.**

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 24

Worship ~ 10 AM 83

Prayers for the People

CC: 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

Nov. 15	Chevelle Swartz, Kipp Macaulay
Nov. 17	Matt Spies, Mary Ann Angel, Colt Crilow
Nov. 18	Sandy Martin
Nov. 19	Anniv: John & Cheryl Wallace
Nov. 20	Sarah Kosmala, Joyce Brewer

Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship & Holy Communion ï Sanctuary
	11-Noon	Youth Sun. Rehearsal ï Sanctuary
Monday	8:00 AM	Sugar Cake Prep. ï Kitchen & Social Hall
	10:30 AM	Action Now ï Kit. & Social Hall
	4:00 PM	Sugar Cake Mixing ï Kitchen & S. Hall
	5:00 PM	Counting ï Living Room
	6:30 PM	Reeves Bells Rehearsal ï Room 211
Tuesday	All Day	Sugar Cake Baking & Sales ï Kitchen & Social Hall
Buckeye Adult Classes: T & Th – ESOL 6-9 PM – Basement		
	9:00 AM	Prep. Room ï Work on Cabinet
	2:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study
	6:00 PM	CEC Meeting ï Social Hall
	7:00 PM	Reeves Bells Rehearsal ï Room 211
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Praying In Color @ Shirley Thompsonôs
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir ï Choir Loft
Thursday	6-7:30 PM	The Chosen ï Room 215
Saturday	8:00 AM	Breakfast Book Club @ Missions Café
	9-11:00 AM	Menôs Breakfast @ Dover Alliance Church
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday School ï C.S. Rooms
	9:00 AM	Youth Rehearse for Worship in Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Youth Sunday ï Sanctuary
	11-2:00 PM	Potluck Lunch followed by Decorating the Church for Advent & Christmas



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 22**, from **Noon-2:00 p.m.** Extra hands would be appreciated.

There will be a **Potluck Lunch** on this day, so **bring a dish to share at 11:00 a.m.** followed by decorating the church.

Our Worship Opportunities





Come Worship with Us!

Nov. 22 ~ Youth Sunday ~ The Youth will lead the service.



Advent Begins



Nov. 29 ~ 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.



2027 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE to pick up Dec. 6.



If your name is on a check or on a plain envelope, you are given credit for your giving. If you would like to give electronically, or update your electronic giving through our service with Vanco, or using your bank, which can save time and expenses that we incur, a form is available in the church office. If you are not receiving giving envelopes and would like them for 2027, please let Julie Williams know. Also, if you currently have envelopes and do not need them, please let Julie know. If you have any questions, (regarding electronic giving, envelopes or statements) please call or text Julie Williams at 330-933-9707 or email at juliewill1411@gmail.com **All giving must be received by 9 AM on Wed., Dec. 30,** to be counted toward your 2026 contributions.

Our Mission, Outreach & Fellowship Opportunities





Sugar Cake Baking



Tuesday, November 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, 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**.



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 21,** from **9-11:00 a.m.** at **Dover Alliance Church, 228 E. Third Street**.



Advent begins November 29…

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.

Our Christian Education Opportunities

2027 Fellowship Committee



Fellowship is an important part of life in the church!

A committee is forming to plan a few events in 2027.
Today is the last day to sign up in the lobby, to be a part of this new and exciting ministry!

(A meeting will be scheduled for late 2026 to begin planning.)

Advent Potluck Lunch



Let's begin the Advent season with some church family fellowship!
All members and friends are invited to bring a dish to share and stay after worship on Sunday, November 22, for lunch.

The Christian Education Committee will provide drinks and paper products. Food can be dropped off in the social hall before worship.

Then consider staying after lunch to help decorate the church building for the season. Contact Susan Corder if you are able to help.

Advent Youth Sunday School



All youth through 12th grade are invited to this last combined class as we get ready for Advent and Christmas. We will share in a short lesson and a fun craft to decorate your home this season. Come join us!

November 29 at 9:00 a.m.

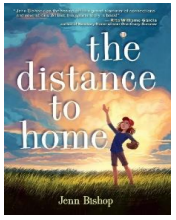
Breakfast Book Club

Join us for breakfast and faith-based book discussion! We meet one Saturday morning each month at Missions Café at 8:00 a.m. Check out our November selection:

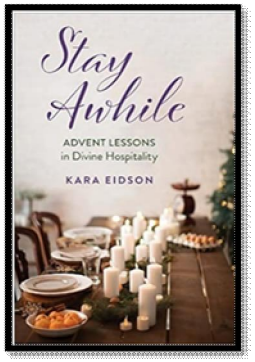
November 21

The Distance to Home by Jenn Bishop

A celebration of sisterhood and summertime, and of finding the courage to get back in the game.



Stay Awhile Study



This Advent . . . "Stay Awhile". You are invited to afternoon Advent devotions and discussion.

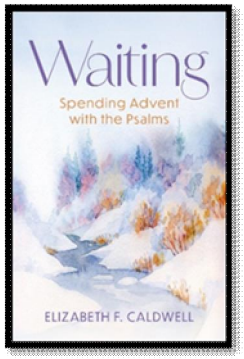
We will gather in the social hall over a cup of tea and focus on a different aspect of divine hospitality each week: invite, plan, prepare, welcome.

Let's find out how these themes can help us prepare to welcome Jesus at Christmas.

November 30, December 7, 14, and 21

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Advent Zoom Bible Study



Join us for a special Advent series: "Waiting: Spending Advent with the Psalms," **December 1, 8, 15 and 22**. Each **Tuesday morning** of Advent from **9-10:00 a.m.**

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.

Advent Study with the Northern Province Racial Justice Team

The MCNP Racial Justice Team's *New Way of Being* Advent Series returns. Gather virtually and experience this year's theme of "Being Ready: What Does it Mean to Live the Advent Love of Christ."

Zoom link will be available at www.moravian.org

December 2, 9 and 16

7:30-8:30 p.m.

