

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

January 18, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Licensed Lay Pastor	Marie Couts (330-401-1212)
Greeter	Julie Williams
Nursery	Available if needed by a parent and child
Worship Leader	Leslie Seats
Scripture Reader	Becky Mastin
Usher	Karol Jones
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*

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:9

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 "Ellacombe" arr. Travis

Scripture – Psalm 40:1-3

* **Hymn of the Month** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" H. 263
T. Ellacombe, 151R
T. Webb, 151T

Prayers of the People

"The Lord's Prayer"

H. 828

Anthem "Immanuel" Card-Purifoy
Chancel Choir

Holy Scriptures

1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-34

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Children's Moment and Playground

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.*

Hymn "What Star Is This" See insert

Message:

"Something New"

Tessa Compton

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response – T. Azmon

*All glory be to God on high,
begin and never cease
our gifts to him forever blest
we lift with thankful hearts.*

Offertory Prayer

* Liturgy – Evangelism

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* Benediction

Postlude

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Vandall

Rebecca Kucher & G. R. Gibbs, piano

Chimes

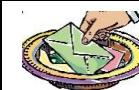
Hymn of the Month:

The hymns of Moravian, James Montgomery (1771-1854) have provided poetic expressions to the Moravian Church for over 200 years. Born in Scotland, he was educated in Moravian Schools when his parents went to Barbados and Tobago as missionaries. His creation of 400 hymns has had a lasting influence in worship. *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*, written in 1821 and based on Psalm 72, reflects his devotion to the mission of the church.

* 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.



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.

Elder Connection: Leslie Seats, 937.479.4028, is available after the service or call during the week if you have a joy, a concern, need prayer, or have a question.



2026 Offering Envelopes: If you did not receive envelopes for this year and would like to use offering envelopes, please contact the church office. We have extras available. If you have any questions, please contact **Julie Williams, 330-933-9707 or juliewill1411@gmail.com**

Change Can Make A Difference Offering



Next Sunday, January 25, we will collect our quarterly **"Change Can Make A Difference Offering"**. This time the offering will go to the **Michael and Ceci Tesh family to help with the building of a new school.**

Save your change and dollar bills and bring them with you to church on the 25th. Thank you.

Flowers

The flowers are in memory of Earl and Lois Johnson, given by their family.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Don and Jean Richardson are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Stewardship Moment

A good steward understands money, not for the money, but for the possibilities. *Steve Garnaas-Holmes, poet, songwriter and retired minister*

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 26 Worship ~ 10 AM 84

Prayers for the People

We extend our **sympathy and prayers** to the **William Hunter family**. Bill, age 71, passed away on Jan. 9. He is the father of Erin (Aaron) Couts. His family will celebrate his life privately at a future date. Memorials may be made to First Moravian Church of Dover, Ohio, or Ohio's Hospice Foundation at New Philadelphia, OH.

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

Jan. 19 Jennifer Brown, Katy Duncan
Jan. 20 Danielle Rinderknecht, Pat Woodward, Dan Edwards
Jan. 24 Hunter Armstrong
Jan. 25 Tonya Miller, Mattie Walter

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship ó Sanctuary
		Soup Orders Taken in Lobby
		Counting ó Living Room



Moravian Bowling Bash

All Moravians, families, and friends are invited to Wabash Lanes in New Philadelphia for an evening of fun, food and fellowship!

Date: Today, January 18 **Time:** 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Cost: \$10.00 per person – Shoe rental, unlimited games and snacks included.

Wabash Lanes, 655 Wabash Ave. NW, New Philadelphia
Call or text Carolyn Menapace at 330-204-7089 to receive updates in case of inclement weather, or check the Dover First Moravian Facebook page.

Monday	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting ó Church Office
Tuesday	10:00 AM	<u>NO</u> Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompsons
	6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study ó Living Room
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir ó Choir Loft
Thursday	6:7:30 PM	<u>NO</u> The Chosen ó Living Room
Friday		Social Hall set-up for Church Council
	Noon	Bible Study ó Living Room
Saturday		Social Hall set-up for Church Council
	11-4:00 PM	(1-3) Birthday Party ó Basement
Sunday	8:00 AM	Sunrise Sunday School ó Room 215
	9:00 AM	Sunday School ó C.S. Rooms
	10:00 AM	Worship ó Sanctuary
	11:15 AM	Light Lunch followed by Church Council ó Social Hall

Church Council Packets (One per family) are available today. Please remember to bring your packet with you next Sunday, January 25, for the Church Council Meeting immediately following the light lunch after worship.

Our Worship Opportunities



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

Jan. 25 ~ **Pastor John Kelly** will bring the message, followed by a light lunch and **Church Council** in the Social Hall.

Feb. 1 ~ **Installation service of Marie Couts and Prayer**  **Lovefeast**

Please bring your family and friends!

VISION 2026:

The **annual Church Council** for all communicant members of First Moravian Church of Dover will be held after the 10 A.M. Worship service on **Sunday, January 25**.

The Church Council will give direction for Vision 2026 and beyond by:

- Electing three (3 yr. term) Elders to the Board of Elders
- Electing one (2 yr. term) Elder to the Board of Elders
- Electing three (3 yr. term) Trustees to the Board of Trustees
- Electing one (1 yr. term) Trustee to the Board of Trustees
- Electing a member to the Christian Education Committee
- Electing a representative to the Sperling-Zimmerman Home Committee
- Receiving reports from all ministries
- Approving the ministry budget for 2026

2026 Watchwords for Elders and Trustees

Elders: In Jesus Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:14

Trustees: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities

 **SOUP'S ON!** Sunday, February 1, you will once again have the opportunity to purchase quarts of homemade soup prepared by the Moravian Women following the worship service. Soup choices are **Cheesy Broccoli, Chicken Noodle, Stuffed Pepper and Vegetable Beef**. **Preorders will be taken in the lobby Today and Jan. 25**. The cost will be **\$8.00 per quart**. Proceeds from the soup sale will be used to support the ongoing funding of projects within our congregation, community and the world. Nothing tastes better than a warm bowl of soup on a cold wintry day!



Do you enjoy making a difference in the community? **Sole Purpose** is looking for a new leader. Julie Pfeiffer is moving to Louisville, Kentucky, and is no longer able to lead the group. Any interest in leading Sole Purpose? If so, please contact Steve Rondinella, 330-827-4513; Becky Mastin, 330-204-9520; or Karen at the church office, 330-364-8831.

Our Christian Education Opportunities

Prayer Heart Lovefeast



On **February 1**, our youth will serve a lovefeast during worship. You will be invited to take a "Prayer Heart" with the name of a young member of the congregation. Keep this heart and pray for them all month long.

Upcoming CEC Events – Save the Dates!

- **Sun., Feb. 15, after worship** **Soup-er Sunday in the S. Hall**
Potluck, chili cookoff, games, Boomwhackers, fleece blanket project, and more! All members and friends are encouraged to stay for lunch and fellowship.
- **Wed., Feb. 25, from 5:15-6:45 p.m.**
Lent supper and study begins. (Five Weds: Feb. 25-Mar. 25)