

**The Installation of
The Rev. Jay Petrella**
as pastor of
FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCH
Dover, OH
August 30, 2026 ~ 10:00 A.M.

Call to Worship: Chimes

Watchword for the Week: In Unison *The Moravian Daily Texts*
Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them
deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."
Matthew 16:24

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 "Toccata in D Minor" *Nevin*

* **Hymn** **"Join We All with One Accord"** **H. 525**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good:

Congregation: God's steadfast love endures forever!

L: This is the day which the Lord has made:

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

C: God's mercy endures forever!

L: We have been called to be the Body of Christ.

C: Christ made us a priesthood of believers.

L: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you are called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, who is above all and through all and in all.

C: But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

L: The gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.

C: These gifts were given for the equipping of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for building up the body of Christ.

L: Together, we pray:

C: We offer you our thanks, O God, for all those blessings that have brought us together and that have made us a congregation in Jesus Christ. We thank you for the many saints of time past and for those who have worked in the present to make possible this special day in the life of our congregation, for the planning and discussions that have occurred, for the work of the Joint Board and the Eastern District Executive Board, and for the direction and leadership of the Provincial Elders' Conference. May your guiding hand and your holy will be manifest to us in the events that have led up to this moment. Amen.

Hymn **"Praise the Lord! You Heav'ns, Adore Him"** **H. 454**

The Reading of the Scriptures:

Jeremiah 15:15-21

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Romans 12:9-21

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Matthew 16:21-28

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Anthem "Sing a New Song to the Lord" *Sleeth*
Chancel Choir

Reception Liturgy

Pages 170-171, 173-174

(As we receive our new pastoral family)

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

* **Offertory Response – Hymn**

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; O praise God! Alleluia!
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! O praise God! Alleluia!
O praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

* **Offertory Prayer**

The Installation – Brother Seth Angel, Eastern District Executive Board

Members and friends of the First Moravian congregation, we are gathered today to install the Rev. Jay Petrella as pastor of this congregation, an office to which he has been called, in consultation of the Joint Board of this congregation with the Eastern District Executive Board, and with the approval of the Provincial Elders' Conference.

(Brother Petrella shall rise.)

Brother Petrella, do you now promise, in the presence of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, and of this people, that by the grace of God, you will endeavor to discharge all the duties of your calling; being careful at all times to conduct yourself as becomes a servant of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

I do.

(The Members of the Joint Board shall rise.)

You, the elected officers of this congregation, have been chosen to act on behalf of the congregation in issuing a call through the District Executive Board and the Provincial Elders' Conference to Brother Petrella, who has accepted the call and is now being installed in this congregation. Do you promise to support him as he carries out his duties among you, sustaining him with your love and prayers, and upholding with him the doctrine and discipline of the church?

We do.

(The congregation shall rise.)

Will you, the members and friends of this congregation, now receive Brother Petrella in due love and honor, as your pastor? Will you encourage him in all he endeavors among you, joining him in prayer and work for the extension of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in this community? Will you participate with him in the struggle to know the truth and to follow the will of God as he shares in directing the life of this congregation?

We will.

I charge you, then, members and friends of the Dover First Moravian congregation, to remember the biblical definition of the Church: The Church is the body of Christ, and we are members of it with Christ as our Head. All of us have been baptized into the one body by the same Spirit. While each of us has an individual identity and purpose, the fulfillment of our lives is found in being a part of the Body. All of you, together, are Christ's Body, and each one a member of it, and of one another.

(Joint Board members, EDEB and PEC members, and all ordained clergy present are invited to come forward for the "laying on of hands" surrounding Brother Petrella.)

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, and by the authority of the Provincial Elders' Conference, I declare the Rev. Jay Petrella to be duly installed as pastor of the First Moravian Church of Dover. Let us pray.

Prayer

(The Right Hand of Fellowship is extended to Brother Petrella as the following hymn is sung.)

Hymn **"We Bid You Welcome in the Name"** **H. 432**

*We bid you welcome in the name
Of Jesus, our exalted Head.
Come as a servant; so He came,
And we receive you in His stead.*

*Come as a shepherd; guard and keep
Your fold from all that fosters sin,
And nourish lambs, and feed the sheep,
The wounded heal, the lost bring in.*

*Come as a teacher, send from God,
Charged his whole counsel to declare;
Lift o'er our ranks the prophet's rod,
While we uphold your hands with prayer.*

*Come as a messenger of peace,
Filled with the Spirit, fired with love;
Live to behold our large increase,
And die to meet us all above.*

Children's Moment

Pastor Jay Petrella

Hymn **"Little Children, Welcome!"** **H. 679, vs 1**

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

*Little children, welcome! Earth is yours to live in;
arms of love protect you, little children, welcome!*

The Sermon: **"Faith Along the Way"** **The Rev. Jay Petrella**

Prayer

* Closing Hymn **"With Your Presence, Lord"** **H. 447**

*With your presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,
Bless us all, we humbly pray;
Our dear heavenly Father's love and favor
Be our comfort every day.
May God's Spirit now in each proceeding
Favor us with His most gracious leading;
Thus shall we be truly blessed
Both in labor and in rest. Amen.*

* Benediction

Postlude

*"Our Great Savior"
Julia Kandel, Pamela Schmitzer, Flute*

Scarlatti-Shipley

Chimes

** Please stand if you are able.*

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Usher	Anja Seats
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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.



Name Tags: As a courtesy, please wear your name tag on Sunday morning, so Pastor Jay, Erin, and Aiden Petrella can learn your name. If you do not have a name tag, please contact Karen in the church office and a name tag will be made available for you. Thank you.

Flowers

Welcome Petrella family from the Joint Board.

Flowers are needed for Sept. 20. If you desire to provide flowers for this Sunday, please contact Karen in the church office.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Terry and Susan Corder are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Attendance from Last Sunday ~ 97

Prayers for the People

Amberwood: Laura Colvin; **Country Club:** John & Cinda Pixler; **Hennis** (Dover): Bonnie Auman; **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. 1	Callie Smith
Sept. 3	Holly Espenschied; Anniv: Ken & Anna Egler
Sept. 4	<i>Anniversary Congratulations!</i> <i>Jim & Cindy Bowsheer ~ 50 years</i>
Sept. 5	Denny Rohn <i>Anniversary Congratulations!</i> <i>Rick & Jeannie Michel ~ 55 years</i>
Sept. 6	Susan Corder, Fiana Burke



The Dover Moravian Messenger

Today	10:00 AM	Installation Service of The Rev. Jay Petrella i Sanctuary
Monday	4:30 PM	Counting i Living Room
Buckeye Adult Classes: T & Th – GED 9-Noon; ESOL 6-9 PM – Basement		
	6:00 PM	Mor. Women Executive Bd. Mtg. i L. Rm.
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting i Church Office
	6:00 PM	Elders Meeting i Social Hall
Thursday	8-8:00 PM	Luncheon Prep i Kit/S.H./L.Rm./Lobby
Friday	11-1:00 PM	Community Luncheon i Kit/SH/LRm/Lobby
Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship i Sanctuary



Prayer Shawl Ministry

This small group will meet **Sunday, Sept. 6**, in the church living room at **1:00 p.m.** If you knit or crochet, come join us and make beautiful prayer shawls. Questions: Contact Edie Santee, Susan Paden or Pamela Schmitzer.

Our Worship Opportunities



*Worship Each Sunday at
10:00 A.M.*

Sept. 6 ~ Worship: Message by Pastor Jay Petrella

Sept. 13 ~ Worship: Message by Pastor Petrella

Following worship ~ Rally Day Brunch ~ Social Hall

Bring your family and friends!

Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities



what's back . . .



Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheon



Dine-in or Carry-out available



**Delivery is available to businesses
with a minimum order of \$25.**



Friday, Sept. 4, from 11:00-1:00 p.m.

in the **Social Hall**

September is just around the corner tomorrow, and so is our community luncheon. 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, 330-343-2104**, or **Julie Williams, 330-933-9707**. Plan to attend and bring your friends! We hope to see you on the 4th and then on Oct. 2nd.

Ecumenical Men's Breakfast



Men...don't miss our Fall Kick-off Breakfast!

The fellowship will be enjoyable and the food will be fabulous!

Bring your friends!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 19,**
from **9-11:00 a.m.** in the social hall at the
First Moravian Church of Dover.

Sugar Cake Baking & Sales



Tuesday ~ October 20

Additional information is in the Sept./Oct. Newsletter.

Our Christian Education Opportunities



Praying in Color Bible Study

Wednesday, September 9

Come join us on **Wednesdays** at the **home of Shirley Thompson** (342 S. Reeves Avenue, Dover). This small group meets at **10:30 a.m.** each week. Bring your lunch for after the hour-long session. We hope to see you there! Bring a friend!



Elijah Bible Study



You're invited to a one-session Bible study on the prophet Elijah. He performed miracles, confronted King Ahab and Queen Jezebel and challenged 450 prophets of Baal.

If you're coming to our evening at Dutch Valley/Ohio Star Theater this will be a great preview of some parts of the musical. If you're not, it will still be a great refresher on this major Old Testament prophet.

Thursday, September 10,
from **6-7:30 p.m.** in the Social Hall.
Ice cream will be served!



Congregational Rally Day Brunch



The church family gathers to celebrate a new Sunday School year!

All members and friends are invited to the brunch. Come enjoy pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage and fellowship as we learn about the new classes being offered for all ages this fall.

Sunday, September 13, in the Social Hall
(immediately following worship)

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 **beginning Tuesday, September 15.** **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.**



Breakfast Book Club is Back!

Our faith-based book club returns this fall. We will meet one Saturday morning each month at **Missions Café at 8:00 a.m.** Check out our first fall selection:

September 19: The First Phone Call from Heaven (Mitch Albom)

This novel is set in Coldwater, Michigan, where several townspeople suddenly receive phone calls from individuals who have died. These calls claim to come from heaven, prompting media attention, pilgrimages, and widespread debate about whether the phenomenon is a miracle or a hoax.