

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

March 1, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Licensed Lay Pastor	Marie Coutts (330-401-1212 cell)
Greeters	Josh & Tessa Compton
Nursery	Cheryl Stephens & Stacy Stubbins
Liturgist	Leslie Seats
Usher	Larry Kutcher
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 God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16

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 "Be Still My Soul" *Sibelius-Bonam*
Julia Kandel, Flute

* Hymn "Sun of Righteousness" **H. 521**

* Liturgy – Lent 2 **Page 78**

Prayers of the People

"The Lord's Prayer" **H. 828**

Scriptures: Numbers 21:4-9 **Page 154**
John 3:1-17 **Page 96**

Children Sing "Deep and Wide" *Sidney Cox*

Children's Moment *Carolyn Menapace*

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

* **Offertory Response** **T. St. Anne**

*Help us, O God, to use our gifts
in service day by day,
that what you give us we may share,
and work as well as pray.*

Offertory Prayer

Anthem "All Things Work Together for Good" *Carter*
Chancel Choir

Message:

"Look Up"

* Hymn

"Lift High the Cross"

H. 623, vs. 1-4

Prayer

* **Benediction**

Postlude

"Jesus Still Lead On"

arr. Margaret Sandresky

Margaret Vardell Sandresky has strong connections to the Moravians. Her father Dr. Charles Vardell was professor at the Moravian Female School, Salem College, in Winston-Salem, NC. She has a long and distinguished musical career as teacher, performer and composer. The Moravian Music Foundation currently holds all of her compositions. She currently resides in Winston-Salem, still composes, and will be 105 years young in April. A life well lived!

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.



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.

Unity Prayer Day Offering 2026

Today, an offering will be collected during the worship service to support the

Moravian Unity Heritage Foundation. This offering will support preservation projects of historical buildings and other structures belonging to the Moravian Church around the Unity.

From the beginning, our Moravian forefathers erected buildings for worship and settlements and mission stations, in which Moravians dwelled and developed the Moravian way of life. The structures, many dating back to the 18th century, were tangible signs of the Moravian Church witness to the world. The Moravian building culture and Moravian architecture are part of the heritage of our faith.

This offering will assist in financially supporting the preservation of these historical structures.





Don't Forget...Turn your clock ahead 1-hour before going to bed on **Saturday night, March 7.**

Flowers

The flowers are in appreciation of our DFM sheepdogs (aka doormen) who so kindly provide us with a measure of security, safety and welcome for all, given by Jean Richardson.

Flowers: If you desire to provide flowers for one of these **Sundays, April 12 & 19**, please contact Karen in the church office, 330-364-8831. Thank you.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Gary and Sandy Martin are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Stewardship Moment

You can't have a perfect day without doing something for someone who'll never be able to repay you.
ó John Wooden (1910 – 2010), basketball player and coach

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 23 Worship 10 AM 85 Mid-Week Study 25

REMINDER: When members are hospitalized or need a special visit, please contact Pastor Marie Coutts at 330-401-1212 or by email: mcoutts@sbcglobal.net or call the church office, **330-364-8831**. Thank you.

Prayers for the People

Amberwood: Laura Colvin; **Hennis** (Dover): Bonnie Auman; **Northwood:** Etta Grimm; **Park Village** (Dover): Joyce Brewer, Bill Cozart, Suzanne Rinderknecht; (New Phila.): Richard & Zoe Ann Kelley, Ron & Bette Kohl.

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

- Mar. 2 LaReine Smith, Leslie Seats
- Mar. 3 Steve Brown; Anniv: Don & Jean Richardson
- Mar. 4 Anniv: Ray & Sarah Kosmala
- Mar. 5 Ann Kirkbride
- Mar. 6 Matthew Peveto
- Mar. 7 Barb Wilson
- Mar. 8 Larry Kutcher; Anniv: Aaron & Erin Coutts

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship ó Sanctuary Sensory Space CE óTeamö Mtg. - Nursery
	1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry ó Living Room
	1:00 PM	T-County Mor. Mission Team Mtg. ó S. H.
Monday	7:45 AM	Counting ó Living Room
	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting ó Church Office
	6:00 PM	Moravian Women Adv. Bd. ó Living Room

Buckeye Adult Classes: M & W – ESOL 6-9 PM – Basement

Tuesday	10:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Elders Meeting ó Social Hall
	6:30 PM	Reeves Bell Rehearsal ó Room 211

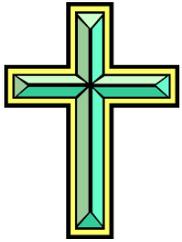
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Praying In Color @ Shirley Thompsonø
	5:15-5:45 PM	Lenten Meal ó Social Hall
	5:45-6:45 PM	Lent Study & Prayground ó Social Hall
	6:00 PM	Menø Bible Study ó Room 215
	6:45 PM	Chancel Choir ó Choir Loft

Thursday	8-8:00 PM	Luncheon Prep. ó Kit/S. Hall/Lobby/L. Rm.
	6:30 PM	Reeves Bell Rehearsal ó Room 211

Friday 11-1:00 PM Community Luncheon – Kit/S.Hall/Lobby/L.Rm.
Noon Bible Study ó Room 215

Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday School ó C.S. Rooms
	10:00 AM	Worship ó Sanctuary

Our Worship Opportunities



*Join Us for Worship
Sundays at 10:00 A.M.*

Sundays in Lent

Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 ~ Marie Coutts will bring the message.

Mar. 29 ~ *Palm Sunday Worship & Confirmation*

Students confirming their faith will be: Adelyne (Addey) Erickson, Landon Kutcher, Anja Seats, and Trevor Shuss.

Wednesdays in Lent ~ in the Social Hall **5:15 p.m. Supper / 5:45-6:45 p.m. Study**

The Rt. Rev. Dan Edwards, a member of the congregation, will lead our study: **“Four Gospels, Four Christs?”**

Carolyn Menapace will host a **“prayerground”** for kids during the study time.

Sign up in the lobby now to help provide a meal. We are requesting donations of soup and bread. Thank you!

Bring your family and friends!

Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities



Prayer Shawl Ministry

What a great way to reach out to others by making colorful **Prayer Shawls!** This small group will meet **today, March 1**, in the church living room at **1 p.m.**

Contact Edie Santee, Susan Paden, or Pamela Schmitzer if you have any questions.



T-County Moravian Mission Trip

Do you feel the call to do some mission work this summer?

Who: Anyone in the 11th grade and up can come on this mission trip.

Dates: **July 3-12, 2026**

Lodging & Meals: Laurel Ridge Camp & Retreat Conference Center in North Carolina, with most meals being provided by Laurel Ridge.

Work: We will work in nearby mountainous terrain communities and at Laurel Ridge.

Our first meeting is Today, at 1:00 p.m. in the First Moravian Church of Dover, Social Hall Corner.

We will start the planning process. More information will be posted after the team meets.

If interested, contact Sam Paden at 330-987-1769 or psampaden@roadrunner.com or come to the meeting.

Reminder: Items for Community Luncheons



If you donated items for the fall luncheons, please have your items for the spring luncheons



to the church by **Wednesday, March 4, and April 8**. Pies need to be at the church on **Friday, March 6 and April 10**, by 9:00 a.m. If you do not remember what you brought, please contact Marcia at 330-204-2252. Thanks again for all your support.

Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

Dine-in or Carry-out available

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



Friday, March 6

from 11:00-1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

Spring is almost here, 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 6th and then April 10.



Sugar Cake Baking
Tues., March 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 to continue their mission of reaching out to others in need at home and around the world.

Place your Easter order early by calling
Susan Paden, 330-364-7101.

Men's Community Fellowship Breakfast



Saturday, March 21

from 9-11 AM



Ragersville Zion United Church of Christ
8831 Crooked Run Road SW, Sugarcreek

This ecumenical breakfast is for all men in the community. Bring your appetite and enjoy a delicious breakfast! There will be great food and fellowship!

Our Christian Education Opportunities

Lent Supper & Study

Join us in the Social Hall Wednesday evenings in Lent for a soup supper and church-wide study.

The Right Reverend Dan Edwards will lead our study:
“Four Gospels, Four Christs?”



We will look at Jesus’ birth, teachings, death, resurrection, and the Great Commission through the perspective of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Supper will be served at **5:15 p.m.**
The Study will be **5:45-6:45 p.m.**

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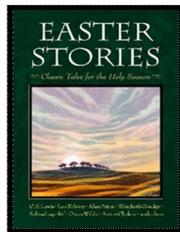


Breakfast Book Club

Saturday, March 21, at 8:00 a.m. at Missions Café.

Easter Stories: Classic Tales for the Holy Season
(compiled by Miriam LeBanc)

A treasury of read-aloud tales selected for their spiritual value and literary integrity. A wonderful reminder of the great Easter themes of transformation, reconciliation, and the triumph of life over death.



Upcoming CEC Events – Save the Dates!

- **Saturday, March 21**
Breakfast Book Club at Missions Café (8:00 a.m.)
(Easter Stories: Classic Tales for the Holy Season)
- **Sunday, March 22**
Prayground for children during worship
- **Saturday, April 4**
Easter Egg-Stravaganza in the Social Hall (9:30 a.m.)
- **Sunday, April 5**
No Sunday School classes on Easter
- **Friday-Sunday, April 10-12**
Spring Rally (msymc.weebly.com for registration)
- **Sunday, April 12**
Sunrise Sunday School resumes (8:00 a.m.)
- **Saturday, April 18**
OMMC Racial Justice Pilgrimage (**sign up by March 22**)
- **Saturday, April 18 (date subject to change)**
Breakfast Book Club at Missions Café (8:00 a.m.)
(The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom)
- **Sunday, April 19**
Prayground for children during worship

Prayground Sunday

March 22, 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 we will move to the Prayground for a quiet activity. Then we will present our creation as part of our offering.

