

# First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

February 22, 2026

10:00 A.M.

<b>Licensed Lay Pastor</b>	Marie Coutts (330-401-1212 cell)
<b>Greeters</b>	Brian & Melanie Cronebach
<b>Nursery</b>	Seth and Jennifer Corder
<b>Liturgist</b>	Matthew Peveto
<b>Elder Serving</b>	Scott Minor
<b>Usher</b>	Ruth Anne Dingwell
<b>Organist/Pianist Today</b>	Mary Lou Keener
<b>Director of Music</b>	G. Randall Gibbs
<b>Director of Faith Formation</b>	Carolyn Menapace
<b>Custodian</b>	Sam Paden
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Karen Baker <b>Office:</b> 330-364-8831
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## Call to Worship: Chimes

**Watchword for the Week: In Unison** *The Moravian Daily Texts*  
**Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.** Psalm 32:11

**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* "The Savior Is Waiting" Carmichael

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

\* **Liturgy – Lent 1** **Page 72**

## Prayers of the People

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

## Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

\* **Offertory Response – Hymn 657, vs. 1**

*We give you but your own  
in any gifts we bring;  
all that we have is yours alone,  
a trust from you, our King.*

## Offertory Prayer

## Scripture Lessons

**Romans 5:12-19**  
**Matthew 4:1-11**

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## Children's Moment

Carolyn Menapace

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

**Hymn** "Jesus Loves Me! This I Know" **H. 726**

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

*Special Music* "He" Mullan/Richards  
Courtney Wallace, Soprano

**Message:** "No Turning Back"

**Hymn** "Shepherd of Souls" **H. 411**

**Service of Holy Communion**  
**In Celebration of the Atonement** **Page 196**

*Postlude* "Jesus Paid It All" Grape

## 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.

## Flowers

The **two vases of flowers** are in loving memory of  
Vicky Antonelli and David "Spike" Antonelli,  
given by Joe and Bev Antonelli and family.

### One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Bev and Joe Antonelli are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

### One Call Now

Dover First uses the "One Call Now" phone system as one way to communicate with members and friends.

If you would like to sign up to receive these automated phone messages, please contact Sue Henriksen at [sue.henriksen@yahoo.com](mailto:sue.henriksen@yahoo.com) or 330-447-6952.

**You may choose to sign up for any or all of these:**

- **Messages for the entire congregation** (*occasional important updates such as worship updates or church closure due to weather*)
- **Wednesday updates** (*weekly update with upcoming events and info for the following week*)
- **The Moravian Daily Texts** (*our daily Moravian devotional first printed in 1731*)
- **Prayer Chain Calls** (*as needed to share the concerns of members and friends*)

## Stewardship Moment

Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices.  
*Martin Rinkart (1586 – 1649), clergyman, hymnist*

### Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 26 Worship 10 AM 81 Ash Wednesday 41

**Change Can Make A Difference Offering 2/15/26 ~ \$1,791.51**  
*for Michael & Ceci Tesh family to help with the building of a new school*

### 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.

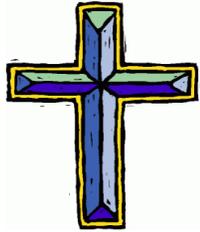
## Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Feb. 23	Joan Hayward, Kalee Williams
Feb. 24	Pat Williams, Barrett Moser, Braxton Moser, Adrian Hambleton
Feb. 26	Ben Corder; Anniv: Jerry & Cindy Hisrich

## *The Dover Moravian Messenger*

Sunday	10:00 AM 11:00 AM 11-2:00 PM	Worship & Holy Communion ó Sanctuary Counting ó Living Room Confirmation Class ó Basement
Monday	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting ó Church Office
<b>Buckeye Adult Classes: M &amp; W – ESOL 6-9 PM – Basement</b>		
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday	10:30 AM 5:15-5:45 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 6:00 PM	Praying In Color @ Shirley Thompsonø Lenten Meal ó Social Hall Lent Study & Prayground ó Social Hall Menø Bible Study ó Living Room 215
Thursday	9-4:00 PM 6-7:30 PM	Kitchen Closed for Deep Cleaning The Chosen ó Living Room
Friday	9-4:00 PM Noon	Kitchen Closed for Deep Cleaning Bible Study ó Living Room
Sunday	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM  1:00 PM 1:00 PM	<u>NO</u> Sunrise Sunday School Sunday School ó C.S. Rooms Worship & S. S. Choir Sings ó Sanctuary CEC øTeamø Mtg. Sensory Space ó Nursery Prayer Shawl Ministry ó Living Room T-County Mor. Mission Team Mtg. ó S. H.

## Our Worship Opportunities



*Worship*  
*Sundays at 10 A.M.*

### *Sundays in Lent*

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

**Mar. 29 ~ Palm Sunday Worship & Confirmation**

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**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 “playground” 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!***

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### **Unity Prayer Day Offering 2026**

**On March 1, 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Prayer & Lay Leadership:**

*Deepen your prayer life. Strengthen your leadership. Enrich your community.*

Join us for 90-minute live webinars via Zoom exploring how prayer shapes personal faith and congregational life. Each session offers a unique perspective—its theology, creativity, and role in leadership—led by gifted Moravian educators.

**Each webinar stands alone** while contributing to a richer understanding of prayer.

**Who Should Attend:** Lay leaders, worship assistants, educators, musicians, and anyone seeking to deepen their understanding and practice of prayer.

**Hosted by:** The Eastern District Executive Board

### **Session 2: Preparing Meaningful Devotions**

*Becky Lepore & the Rev. Mikayla Sauerbrey*

**Date:** February 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Asked to offer devotions at a gathering? Looking to provide spiritual grounding for your group? Learn practical tools for creating meaningful moments of prayer and connection.

### **Session 3: Prayers for Worship**

*Led by the Rev. Dr. Riddick Weber*

**Date:** March 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. **Note date change!**

Wondering how pastoral, intercessory, and invocation prayers differ or what to say in an offertory prayer? Learn the purpose of key worship prayers & simple ways to craft them.

**Scan the QR Code to Learn More & Register**

Visit our website at [www.moravian.org/equip](http://www.moravian.org/equip)

For questions email [amy@mcnp.org](mailto:amy@mcnp.org)



**Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> and then April 10.



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

What a great way to reach out to others by making colorful **Prayer Shawls!** This small group will meet **next Sunday, 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**Our first meeting is Sun., March 1, at 1:00 p.m. in the First Moravian Church of Dover, Social Hall Corner.**  
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We will start the planning process. More information will be posted after the team meets.

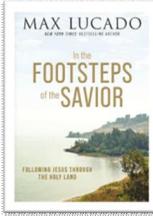
If interested, contact Sam Paden at 330-987-1769 or [psampaden@roadrunner.com](mailto:psampaden@roadrunner.com) or come to the meeting.

## Our Christian Education Opportunities

### **Zoom Bible Study**

Join us on Zoom for Lent!

**Tuesdays, February 24 through March 24, at 10:00 a.m.** we will follow ***“In the Footsteps of the Savior.”*** Each week includes a video set in the Holy Land exploring places where Jesus walked: Capernaum, Galilee, Jerusalem, and more.



### **Prayground Sunday**

***March 15, during 10:00 a.m. worship:***

Children of all ages are encouraged to join us in the sanctuary.

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.



### **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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