

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

October 26, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Part-time Pastor	Denny Rohn (610-216-7467 cell)
Greeters	Jane Newland & Melanie Espenschied
Nursery	Josh and Tessa Compton
Worship Leader	John Stubbins
Usher	Elizabeth Snider
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*
Jesus said, “All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.” Luke 18:14

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.

Honoring G. Randall Gibbs

Prelude “Christkindleins Wiegenlied” J. S. Bach
 “Gentle Child Jesus”

* **Hymn** “What Brought Us Together” **H. 675**

* **General Liturgy 3 – Adoration** **Page 18**

Special Music “Thank You” Boltz
 David Hayman, Bass
 Rebekah Gibbs Cole, Interpreter

Prayers of the People

“The Lord’s Prayer” **H. 828**

Holy Scriptures

Epistle Lesson: Romans 12:3-8 **Page 169**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:9-14 **Page 83**

Children’s Moment

Pamela Duncan

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!*

Anthem “Halle, Halle, Halle” arr. Hopson
 Chancel Choir

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

* **Offertory Response – Hymn 652, vs. 3**

*Treasure too you have entrusted, gain through pow’rs your
 grace conferred,
 ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel
 word.
 Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless
 call,
 healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.*

Offertory Prayer

Hymn “God, Our Father, Since Creation”

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Message: “How We Use What We’ve Been Given.”

The Rev. Dennis G. Rohn

Prayer

* **Hymn** “Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice”

H. 662

* **Benediction**

Silent Meditation

Postlude “Toccata und Recitativo in d moll” J. S. Bach

Chimes

The prelude and postlude have significance for me. This prelude is one of the two pieces played for my organist audition in 1975. The postlude was played following the installation of the Bunn-Minnick renovation of 1996. – G. R. Gibbs

* *Please stand if you are able.*

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Please note: Please turn off devices during the worship service. You may recycle your bulletin in the box near the ushers’ table.

Today we honor **G. Randall Gibbs**, our Director of Music and Pipe Organist for 50 years of service here at the First Moravian Church of Dover. We thank Randy and Nancy and their family for sharing his musical talent the last 50 years. Randy played his first service here on October 19, 1975. How many people do you know who have played an instrument for that many years?

Our **thanks** to **all who helped with the service** by sharing their talent for the Lord and God’s people.



The Offering Plate is located on the stand as you enter the sanctuary. Scan the QR code for online giving.



“God, Our Father, Since Creation”

*God, our Father, since creation T. Hyfrydol
You have given gifts to man,
Blessings wide and without number
Have been seen in your great plan.
All receive them, daily, richly,
Great and small, in every place;
On this day of dedication
We now praise you for your grace.*

*Faith was given to your people; T. Nettleton
Abram, David, Dorcas, too,
All responded to your leading
Through them others came to you.
Talents given, used and nurtured
Helped your church in every age.
Now, O God, we give of our gifts
As we move in pilgrimage.*

*For your blessings in our church life,
For your gifts to us this day,
We respond with gifts that have grown
As for you we work and pray.
Make us servants, ever faithful,
Always willing, Lord, to be,
Talent growers in your service
Ever living faithfully.*

*Alleluia to the Father, T. Hymn to Joy
Alleluia to the Son,
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Ever-blessed Three in One.
Giver of all good and perfect
Gifts from heaven's bounteous store;
We return our gifts in homage,
Bless us now and evermore.*

- The Rev. Dr. Albert H. Frank, 1990

Elder: John Stubbins, 330.987.0144, is available after the service or call during the week if you have a joy, a concern, need prayer, or have a question.

Music Legacy – 50 Years of Service

at First Moravian Church of Dover, Ohio



G. Randall Gibbs

Our very own **Director of Music, G. Randall Gibbs, is celebrating an extraordinary milestone: 50 years of faithful service to our church and community.** Randy began his musical ministry with us as organist playing for his first worship service on October 19, 1975. He soon became director of the Chancel Choir. Randy started the Handbell program with the beginning of the Reeves Handbell Choir in the late 70s. This began a music legacy that continues to this day.

Randy has helped vocalists in and outside the church to understand the beauty and scriptural understanding of sacred music, and nurtured a long line of vocal choirs, ranging from cherubs to adult. And, he has been an inspiration and help for many pastors and church leaders.

For half a century, Randy has graced us with his dedication, talent, and passion for enriching our worship services through music. His commitment has been a testament to his love for Jesus Christ and has touched countless lives within our congregation and beyond.

Please join us for light refreshments in the church social hall following our worship service, continuing until 2:00 PM.

Thank you, Randy, for 50 years of music ministry.

Flowers

The flowers are in honor of Randy and Nancy Gibbs for their 50 years of music ministry, from the Women's Executive Board.

Additional flowers are in honor of our beloved President, Randy Gibbs, as he celebrates 50 years (55!) in music ministry! With gratitude and celebration, your MMF staff: Chris, Kyle, Darla and Erik.

Arriving in the mail should also be a framed copy of Psalm 95 from the 1615 Czech Unity Hymnal in our Moravian Music Foundation Rare Book Collection for Randy in honor of this special day.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Barbara Gennert is sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Stewardship Moment

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first-fruits of all your crops.

Proverbs 3:9

Living is giving. We live life best as we give our strengths, gifts, and competencies in the service of God's mission. - *Dr. Kennon Callahan (1936 -), author and teacher, congregational development*

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School ~ 21 Worship ~ 10 AM 78

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.): Linda Earley,
Ron & Bette Kohl.

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Oct. 27 Sharyn Dusenberry; Anniv: Steve & Julie Williams
Oct. 28 Ruth Anne Dingwell

Anniversary Congratulations!

Roger & Mary Spies ~ 69 Years

Oct. 29 Jane Newland
Oct. 30 Doreen Ley, Andrew Burrell
Oct. 31 Aubrie Smith
Nov. 1 Sue Canfield, Erin Coutts
Nov. 2 Sue Ellen Hoffman; Anniv: Jake & Mia Armstrong



The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday 10:00 AM Worship ñ Sanctuary

11-2:00 PM Celebrating G. Randall Gibbs ~ 50 yrs. of Service
Light refreshments following worship ñ Social Hall & Kitchen

Monday 9:00 AM Staff Meeting ñ Church Office

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

Counting ñ Living Room

Monday, Oct. 27 – Fall Clean-up of the Church Grounds
Attention all Volunteers...We need your help starting at 10 AM to remove all the expired flowers, fallen leaves, etc. from our flower beds around the church building. **If you can help, contact Sam Paden, 330-987-1769, or Julie Williams, 330-933-9707. Rain date** will be **Tuesday, October 28.**

6:30 PM Reeves Bells ñ Room 211

Tuesday 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday 10:30 AM Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompson's
5:30-7:30 PM Dover Lions Halloween Parade ñ Use Parking Lots
6-7:15 PM NO Chancel Choir ñ Loft
Men's Bible Study ñ Living Room

Sunday 8:00 AM Sunrise Sunday School ñ Room 215



Sunrise Sunday School

Our first session of Sunrise Sunday School will be the first four Sundays in November from **8-8:45 a.m.** Join Carolyn Menapace in the second floor living room **November 2, 9, 16, and 23** as we study the lectionary texts for those weeks.

All are welcome. Those who are rehearsing or preparing in the hour before worship are especially encouraged to attend. Watch for additional sessions in January and April 2026.

9:00 AM Sunday School ñ C.S. Rooms

10:00 AM Worship ñ Sanctuary

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry ñ Living Room

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Our Worship Opportunities



*Worship with Us In-person
Each Sunday at 10:00 A.M.
Bring your family and
friends! Help fill our pews!*

Oct. 26 ~ The Rev. Dennis G. Rohn will bring the message. Also, special recognition will be given to **G. Randall Gibbs** on his **50th anniversary** as our **Church Organist & Director of Music**.

Nov. 2 ~ Lorrigan Booth will bring the message.

Nov. 9 ~ Worship & Holy Communion
Meditation by the Rev. Dennis G. Rohn

Nov. 16 ~ Jud Compton will bring the message.

Nov. 23 ~ Youth Sunday

Nov. 30 ~ The Rev. Dennis G. Rohn will bring the message.

Our Music Opportunities

Zollikon Institute Choral Group



The Zollikon choral group practices weekly preparing music to share in a worship setting. This group of **68 singers** will present a **concert** in our sanctuary on **Friday evening, November 14, at 7:00 p.m.** The group is under the direction of Franklin Miller, choral director at Legacy Christian School at Sugarcreek, Ohio.

Mark your calendar and come for an evening of sacred music on the 14th.

Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities

Moravian Disaster Response to Typhoon Halong in Alaska – 10/17/25 UPDATE



The Board of World Mission (BWM) is the agency that coordinates the North American Moravian response to disasters worldwide. BWM is closely monitoring the situation in western Alaska following Typhoon Halong, which reached Alaska on October 12. The storm brought hurricane-force winds, widespread flooding, and severe damage to coastal villages across the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region.

Through news outlets and Moravians in Alaska, we know that several communities with Moravian congregations have been directly impacted, including but not limited to: Kongiganak, Bethel, Napakiak, Kwigillingok, Napaskiak, Kipnuk, Quinhagak, and Tuntutuliak. Damage resulting from wind and flooding is widespread. Hundreds of people from Kipnuk, Kwigillingok, and perhaps other villages were evacuated by the National Guard to Bethel and Anchorage because nearly all homes sustained severe damage. Moravian facilities, such as Bethel Moravian Church and the Moravian Seminary in Bethel, have begun helping those displaced by the storm.

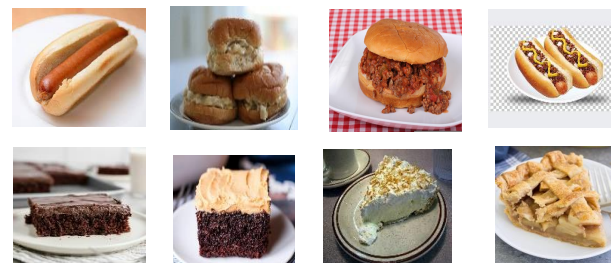
With the guidance of Moravians in Alaska, BWM's Moravian Disaster Response (MDR) has contributed an initial \$10,000 to the Western Alaska Disaster Relief 2025 Fund, which was established by local community organizations and regional partners, many of whom were recommended by Moravian contacts. According to the Alaska Community Foundation, which houses the fund, "distribution decisions will be guided by advisors including regional leaders and stakeholders, ensuring resources reach affected communities based on locally identified needs." Further donations are greatly appreciated to help us continue this response.

We ask for your prayers for all affected individuals, families, and communities, and for those working tirelessly to bring aid and relief in the aftermath of the storm. The BWM stands ready to offer additional support in the weeks and months to come as we continue to communicate with the Alaskan Moravian Province. Your gifts make it possible for us to respond quickly to urgent needs, provide resources for rebuilding, and accompany our partners through the long recovery ahead.

100% of donations to our MDR Fund go toward providing relief for these disasters. **You can assist us with our disaster response efforts at MoravianMission.org/Give (scan QR code). Please designate your gift to "MDR" to ensure funds are directed to the disaster relief efforts with the greatest need. Please make checks payable to "Board of World Mission" and send to: Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018**



Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheon



Dine-in or Carry-out available

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



Friday, November 7, from 11:00-1:00 p.m.
in the **Social Hall**

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 7th.

Christmas is just around the corner...
Advent begins November 30...

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

Trunk or Treat

St. John's UCC has invited us to their community Trunk-or-Treat!
Monday, October 27, 6-7:30 p.m.

Decorate your trunk or hatchback and bring some candy to pass out. You can set up at 5:00 p.m. or later in St. John's UCC parking lot (409 N. Wooster Ave.).

Your decorations can be as simple or elaborate as you like. Bible stories, fall themes, Halloween decorations (just not too scary!).

Need inspiration? Search Google or Pinterest for "Trunk or Treat" for an endless supply of ideas!

Come watch the
Dover Lions Club Halloween Parade!
Wednesday, October 29, 5:30-7:30 p.m.



Bring a lawn chair and grab a spot along 4th Street. We will enjoy popcorn and caramel apples while we wait for the **parade to step off at 6:45 p.m.**



Both parking lots will be available for parking.



Fall Retreat: November 14-16

Please note:

Change of Location

Camp Zimmerman
10397 Williams Rd. SW
Gnadenhutzen, Ohio

Program Leader: Rev. Ben Lippert
"Walk the Talk"

Registration time will be on **Friday, November 14**, from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** **Dinner will be provided.** This is a great opportunity to experience a retreat close to home!

All youth in 6th grade through age 21 are invited!

Thank You Notes!

Thank you so much for all the prayer and support given to us through Andy's health issues and passing. We greatly appreciated the use of the social hall and the Women's Fellowship for providing the meal after the service. There are not enough words of gratitude to express.

In Christ's Love,
Patty Gintz & family

Dear Friends,

"Many hands make light work." How often we heard these words repeated at the Reeves Home on Sun., Oct. 12, the Moravian Day of Service!

Thanks to hard-working volunteers from your congregation these words proved true, and now several jobs that would have taken us many hours to complete are done and crossed off our "to-do" list!

With grateful hearts we are sending this sincere **Thank You** for the support of your congregation and the generous help of your parishioners: Becky Mastin, Julie Williams, Dave Trustdorf, Jean Richardson, John Wallace, Courtney Wallace, Greg & Janie Miller, and Leslie, Anja & Emma Seats.

Most Sincerely,
Susan Corder, Sam Peach and
the Staff & Board Members of the Reeves Home & Museum

News from Sharon Moravian



Pastor Lloyd Gooden to Retire

Thank You for Your Ministry.

Dear Church Family,

It is with both joy and a touch of bittersweet emotion that we announce Pastor Lloyd will retire from active ministry today, October 26, 2025. Over the past eight years, Pastor Lloyd has shepherded our Sharon congregation with wisdom, compassion, and unwavering faith.

We invite you to join us in a special Farewell luncheon **today, October 26**, following the 10:30 service, in the fellowship hall to celebrate his legacy here at Sharon and share stories of how God has worked through his ministry.

As we enter this season of transition, the Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees will meet as a Joint Board to guide the church in its transition period, in partnership with the Eastern District Board. We ask for your prayers. Thank you for your faithfulness and trust as we step into God's new season for all of us here at Sharon.

We have as a Joint Board joined in a contract with Pastor John Wallace. Pastor Wallace will be an interim pastor serving the congregation on a part-time basis, beginning November 1, 2025. More information and schedules will be announced in the near future.

With gratitude and hope,

Francis Picchetti, Vice-President of the Board of Elders
Bill Westbrook, President of the Board of Trustee's

Music Concert Coming in December

to First Moravian Church of Dover!



Harmony Ringers

Coming soon to Dover, Ohio, Harmony Ringers will present a concert in our sanctuary on **Saturday afternoon, December 13, at 3:00 p.m.**



Born in the summer of 2011, in Canton, Ohio, Harmony Ringers is **a powerhouse handbell choir** that's been captivating audiences ever since.

Led by the talented Christine Allison, the ensemble is made up of hand-picked ringers who bring their passion and skill to every performance.

They are proud to be Stark County's premier auditioned community handbell choir. To learn more go to their website: harmonyringersofoh.org

Mark your calendars, tell your friends, and plan to attend this concert on the 13th!

Email Addresses

We had an issue with some email addresses bouncing back when we emailed the Nov./Dec. Newsletter this past week. Several attempts were made to email this issue to you. If you normally receive the newsletter via email and have not received the latest issue, please contact the church office, 330-364-8831. Thank you.