

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

Licensed Pastor	Marie Coutts (330-401-1212 cell)
Greeters	Gary & Sandy Martin
Nursery	Available if needed by a parent & child
Usher	Scott Minor
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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April 5, 2026 *Easter Worship* 10:00 A.M.

Call to Worship: Chimes

Prelude “Nun Danket Alle Gott” Karg-Elert
 Jack Radcliffe, Mindy Limbacher, Trumpet
 Evan Dorenkott, Michael Warner, Trombone
 David Cole, Tuba

*** Easter Liturgy** **Pages 90-92**

*** Hymn** **“Jesus Christ Is Ris’n Today”**
 Reeves Handbell Choir, Brass, Congregation

*Christ the Lord is ris’n today! Alleluia!
 All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
 Raise your joys and triumphs high; alleluia!
 Sing, O heav’ns, and earth, reply: Alleluia!*

*Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; alleluia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell! Alleluia!
 Death in vain forbids his rise; alleluia!
 Christ has opened Paradise. Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious king; alleluia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; alleluia!
 Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

Interlude

*Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!
 Foll’wing our exalted Head; alleluia!
 Made like him, like him we rise; alleluia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!*

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.

Scripture Lessons: Colossians 3:1-4 **Page 215**
John 20:1-18 **Page 119**

*** Hymn** **“Sing Alleluia, Christ Does Live”** **H. 364**

Prayers of the People

Children’s Moment Carolyn Menapace

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!*

*** Hymn** **“Now the Green Blade Riseth”**



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Refrain
 Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring-eth green.

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958), alt.
 Music: Noël nouvelet, medieval French carol

The Dover Moravian Messenger

He Is Risen



10:00 AM *Easter Worship - Sanctuary*

Easter Monday

9:00 AM
6:00 PM

Church Office Closed

Counting ó Living Room
Mor. Women Ex. Bd. Mtg. ó Living Room

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

Tuesday	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting ó Church Office
	9:00 AM	May/June Newsletter Deadline
	10:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Elders Meeting ó Social Hall
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompson
	6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study ó Living Room
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir ó Choir Loft
Thursday	8 AM-8 PM	Luncheon Prep ó Kit/SH/LRm/Lobby
Friday	11-1:00 PM	Community Luncheon
	1:00 PM	Van departs from Dover for Spring Rally in Indiana
Saturday		Rehearsal for Sunday Recital ó Sanct. Spring Rally continues in IN
Sunday	8:00 AM	Sunrise Sunday School ó Rm. 215
	9:00 AM	Sunday School ó C.S. Rooms
	10:00 AM	Worship ó Social Hall
		Spring Rally concludes in IN
	1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry ó Living Room
	1-2:00 PM	T-County Mission Trip Meeting ó Basement
	1:30 PM	Music Teachers Arrive



3:00 PM Ohio Music Teachers' Recital – Sanct.
Mary Cooper/GR Gibbs
followed by refreshments in Social Hall
All are invited!

Our Worship Opportunities



Worship with Us



Sundays at 10:00 A.M.

April 12 Marie Coutts will bring the message.

April 19 Marie Coutts will bring the message.



Invite a friend or neighbor to worship!

An Afternoon of Inspirational Music!

Ohio Music Teachers Recital



Sunday, April 12

3:00 P.M. in our sanctuary

Looking for an opportunity to listen to some great music selections? Come join us for an afternoon of beautiful music.

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Dover, Ohio

Bring your family and friends!



New Educational Opportunities for Lay Leaders

Considering an online course? Two 6-week courses begin in April and are especially helpful for those serving in congregational ministry. These classes are taught by Moravian pastors and are open to anyone interested in deepening their learning.

Each district will contribute \$300 toward course, leaving only a small fee for the student. Before registering, please email your district executive board president (listed below) to let them know you plan to take one or more classes.

Individual and Congregational Care

Taught by the Rev. Tammie Rinker

Dates: Wednesdays, April 15—May 20 • **Time:** 7–8:30pm

Develop skills for ministering to others through attentive listening, compassionate presence, appropriate referrals, and self-awareness. Explore practical ministry approaches for situations such as grief, illness, and addiction, with attention to healthy boundaries and trauma-informed, culturally aware care.

Faith Formation and Education

Taught by the Rev. Desna Henry Goulbourne

Dates: Thursdays, April 11—May 21 • **Time:** 7–8:30pm

Learn how to nurture lifelong faith formation through theological reflection, developmental insight, and practical ministry tools. Gain ideas for creating inclusive, intergenerational learning experiences that support spiritual growth in educational and ministry settings.

Register for Classes Today!

<https://www.moravian.edu/school-theology/academics/compass>

District Executive Board Presidents

- Canadian District – Dave Jones, davejones@mcnp.org
- Eastern District – Melissa Johnson, melissa@mcnp.org
- Western District – Jason Andersen, jason@mcnp.org



Prayer & Lay Leadership:

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

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

Hosted by: The Eastern District Executive Board

NEW Session 4: *Praying on the Spot*

Led by the Eastern District Executive Board

Date: April 27, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Have you ever been asked to pray in public without any warning? What goes through your mind in that moment? Are there tips that can help you offer a meaningful prayer? Yes! Come and explore with us as we share practical guidance and encouragement for praying confidently and faithfully when called upon.

Recordings of Sessions 1 and 2 are coming soon and will be posted on our website.

Scan the QR Code to Learn More & Register

Visit our website at www.moravian.org/equip

For questions email amy@mcnp.org



Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities

Reminder: Items for the April Community Luncheon



If you donated items for the fall luncheons, please have your items for the spring luncheon to the church by **Wednesday, April 8**. Pies need to be at the church on Friday, 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, April 10
from 11:00-1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

Spring is 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 10th and then in the Fall.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Do you enjoy crocheting and/or knitting? Would you be interested in helping to make colorful **Prayer Shawls** for other people? If you answered "Yes", then come join this small group when they meet **Sunday, April 12**, in the church living room at 1 p.m. Please contact Edie Santee, Susan Paden, or Pamela Schmitzer if you have any questions.

T-County Moravian Mission Trip: July 3-12

We are still looking for missionaries to come on the Journey! **Contact Sam Paden, 330-987-1769**, if you are interested.

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 12, at 1 p.m.

at First Moravian Church, Dover, in the basement

Fundraiser:
April 26, 11:15-1 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner with a Pie Auction
and Quilt Silent Auction

First Moravian Church Social Hall
319 N. Walnut Street, Dover



The Replacements



Spring Lunch

at Grinder's

Friday, April 17

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 P.M.



If you have had a hip, knee, shoulder, or any kind of a replacement, come join us.

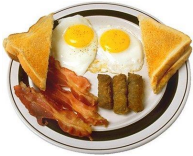
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What's coming up!

Ecumenical Men's Fellowship Breakfast

by Tom Armstrong

Calling all Men...Mark your calendars for



**Saturday, April 18,
from 9-11:00 a.m.**

at the

Salvation Army

809 Emmett Avenue NW, New Philadelphia



Plan to attend . . . you don't want to miss the good food and fellowship! Bring a friend!



Sugar Cake Baking

Tues., April 21 ~ 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 order early by calling
Susan Paden, 330-364-7101.



Annual Chalk Walk

by Steve Rondinella

Thursday, May 7
(Rain date: Fri., May 8)
from 9:15 – 11 a.m.

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Dover students in 4th & 5th grade will be participating in our church sponsored **Chalk Walk**. They will use their artistic talent to create unique designs on the sidewalks of downtown Dover.

We are in need of cookies or cookie dough. Also, we need volunteers to help the day of the event and to bake cookies on May 5. (Please **no nuts or peanut butter in the cookies.**) Please deliver cookies or dough to the church kitchen **by 9 a.m. on May 5.**

Thanks to all for helping continue this outreach program.

Our Christian Education Opportunities

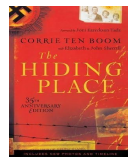
Breakfast Book Club

Please note the change of date and location.

Sat., April 25, at 8 a.m. ~ Social Hall

The Hiding Place (by Corrie Ten Boom)

The author and her family sheltered Jews from the Nazis in her home during World War II. Arrested in 1944, she survived Ravensbrück concentration camp after her father and sister died. This memoir recounts her courage and faith.



Dutch Valley Dinner and a Show

Elijah ~ Prophet of Fire

Come with us to dinner and a show!

Mark your calendar now. **Thursday, September 17**

Dinner at 5:00 pm ~ Show at 7:00 pm

Reservations and payments will be due in August.

Cost for **family-style** meal and show is \$68. (\$47 for show only)